



FEEDBACK



Web Site k3dn.org

Warminster Amateur Radio Club

August 2026

Next meeting August 6th - No Program

President's Message

- Upcoming Programs: Please contact any member of the board if you have any ideas or requests
HamClubOnline: If you have not already done so, please log onto <https://www.hamclubonline.com/>
- Good and Welfare: We are looking for a member or members to help run the good and welfare club outreach. If you are interested, please contact the board
- Volunteers:
We are looking for a vice president: Time commitment - about 2-4 hours or more per week. There is also some behind-the-scenes work as well helping securing presentations for the club meetings.
Our club cannot be successful, function, or grow without your help and input. There are a number of opportunities to volunteer within our club. If you are interested in helping with one of these activities please contact a member of the board, many people together make for a lighter load and more enjoyable experience.
Board of Directors,
License Class Instructor,
Field Day,
Good and Welfare
Public Service,
Elmer,
Subject Matter Expert,
Ham Fest,
Holiday Dinner,
Club Auction,
Meeting Presentations,
VE License Testing,
and many more.
- VE Session: There is NO VE session in August, the next session will be the last Monday in September (9/29)
- Field Day 2026:
 - o May thanks to Herb
 - o Field Day 2026 was a success! The new location suited our needs very well, Jessica from Parks and Rec. allowed us to use the restroom in the Rec building so it was very convenient to the site. The only thing lacking was exposure to pedestrians. There was plenty of activity in the parking lot but few wandered over to see us.
 - o Karl, Bill Telford, Dean and Tim Stockman set up a great GOTA station along with a MESH set up. We had a few home schoolers with children check out the GTOA station
 - o Chris Trotter, Tom Kuntz, Mark Kempisty, Jonathan Becker also had stations operating during both days.
 - o Marianne Ferrara, Tony Simek and Kathy Acker made sure we did not go hungry!
 - o Echo, Tom Kuntz and Jacek were instrumental in getting the gear to and from the shed. Echo also provided a grill for Saturday's dinner.

FOR SALE

Astron AS-50 M power supply for sale \$400.00. Sells for \$592.00 at DX Engineering. Box opened to verify contents only. This was given to me by the XYL of a silent key and I have no use for it.

Herb, KB3VMN

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- O Jonathan Rook- a new member came out on Sunday to help with dismantling the gear, Mucstar came out and helped with set up and tear down.
- O Many other members came out to show support and for general camaraderie (Dave, Tom Newman, Ray, etc.)
- O We are still tabulating the total contacts made,
- O We did have a visit from our new section manager.

License Classes: there is a [Beginner workshop: Ham Radio – TECHNICIAN](#) - This ONLINE ham radio class will get you ready to take the TECHNICIAN license exam, the FIRST of three certification levels. For adults, students 4th grade and up, and home-school. FREE for students. This ONLINE ham radio class will get you ready to take the Ham Radio TECHNICIAN license exam, the FIRST of three certification levels. Geared toward adults, but suitable for junior high, high school, and home-school students offered by New England Sci-Tech club. There is a \$55 cost associated with the class.

Link is - [https://nescitech.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=508616&module_id=612099Ham Radio – TECHNICIAN \(Beginner\)](https://nescitech.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=508616&module_id=612099Ham%20Radio%20-%20TECHNICIAN%20(Beginner)) - New England Sci-Tech Inc

There are three upcoming sessions

[Four Sundays AUG 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026, 6:00-9:00 pm Eastern \(Zoom only\)](#)

[Four Sundays SEP 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2026, 6:00-9:00 pm Eastern \(Zoom only\)](#)

[Four Sundays OCT 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 2026, 6:00-9:00 pm Eastern \(Zoom only\)](#)

(skipping 4 weeks in December for a [General course](#) - check it out!)

This is a FULL course taught live via Zoom by a 40-yr veteran teacher, Bob Phinney, not a video or discussion group. You will learn much more than with other methods. This class will be taught using the new technician question pool.

Dave
K3FTD

Upcoming: 2026 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

The annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be held October 3 – 4, 2026. The September 2026 issue of QST will include a one-page announcement for this year's test. As always, local and Section SET teams are encouraged to conduct their exercises on another date throughout the autumn season (or practically any date throughout the calendar year) if those dates happen to be better for their group, groups, or Section and served agencies with which they are working.

This nationwide exercise is the chance to test your personal emergency operating skills and the readiness of your communications equipment and accessories in a simulated emergency deployment.

ARRL Field Organization leaders at the Section and local levels, and many other volunteers who are active in public service and emergency communications, are developing scenarios in consultation with a variety of served agencies and organizations.

Station readiness, personal training, and practice are tenets of the Amateur Radio Service. Any time we spend on the air contributes to developing and practicing our personal radio communication capability.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®), the National Traffic System® (NTS®; see also the NTS 2.0 Project), the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), SKYWARN™, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN), and other allied groups and public service-oriented radio amateurs are among those who are eligible to participate in the simulated exercise and to practice emergency operation plans, nets, and procedures.

More information is available at www.arrl.org/simulated-emergency-test.

Thanks to the The ARES Letter® Editor Rick Palm, K1CE, for his update.



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The New ARRL 10-Band DXCC Award.

ARRL has introduced the new 10-Band DXCC Award plaque, recognizing radio amateurs who have achieved DXCC on all ten HF amateur bands from 160 through 6 meters.

The new award celebrates the accomplishment of having confirmed at least 100 DXCC entities on each of the following bands: 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, and 6 meters (excludes 60 meters). Eligibility is based on the total QSLs reflected in your ARRL Logbook of The World® (LoTW®) account. No additional contacts are required beyond those needed to qualify for DXCC on each individual band. If your DXCC credits are not already visible in LoTW, you must first link your DXCC and LoTW profiles by requesting a credit merge from the ARRL Awards Desk.

Applicants simply complete and submit a DXCC Item Order Form to order the 10-Band DXCC plaque after self-verifying the qualification requirements in LoTW. Complete details are available at www.arrl.org/10-band-dxcc.

The 10-Band DXCC Award challenges participants in the DXCC program to establish station capabilities and operator skills for dealing with myriad band conditions in pursuing DXCC across all 10 bands. "Completing DXCC on every HF band is an extraordinary achievement that reflects dedication, skill, and years of commitment to amateur radio," said ARRL Radiosport and Regulatory Affairs Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ.

During last week's ARRL Board of Directors meeting, Second Vice President Rick Niswander, K7GM, learned that he is among the few Board members who qualify for the new award. "I never set out to earn an award like this," said Niswander. "I simply enjoy the challenge of working DX, no matter the band. Perseverance can result in an accomplishment that represents years of operating."

Like the 5-Band DXCC plaque, the new 10-Band DXCC plaque comes as a handsome wooden frame with a ceramic, blue-embellished tile inlay. The plaque is USD \$95 plus shipping and handling.

The new award complements ARRL's family of DXCC recognitions, which celebrate accomplishments by band, mode, and overall DXCC totals.

More information about eligibility and award ordering is available on the ARRL 10-Band DXCC Award web page.

Last year, ARRL introduced the DXCC Trident Award, recognizing operators who have confirmed 100 or more DXCC Award countries (entities) on all three operating modes—phone, CW, and digital. Like the new 10-Band DXCC Award, the Trident Award celebrates a significant operating milestone and offers another way for DXers to commemorate their accomplishments within the prestigious DX Century Club – DXCC.

Courtesy ARES Newsletter



The new ARRL 10-Band DXCC Award.

CQ, CQ, CQ Cats and Dogs!

During August, QSOs could sound like cats and dogs!

An international group of operators from Latvia, the United Kingdom, the United States, Netherlands, India, and Germany, will be on the air throughout the month in a mutual celebration of International Cat Day and International Dog Day. Officially, International Dog Day (in the US, National Dog Day) is August 26 every year. International Cat Day is August 8.

The combined special event stations will be active August 1 – 31, 2026 to call attention to the needs of abandoned, abused and homeless pets around the world.

In the United States, a team of operators will be on the air as KØDOG, operating through-



out the country at different times. Additional dog-station call signs will include YL1DOG, GB4DOG, VU2MGS, DLØDOG and PDØØDOG. Cat stations will be calling CQ as DLØCAT, GB4CAT and DAØCAT. All operators will be on the HF bands using CW and SSB.

Two websites with additional information are dogdayradio.org and catdayradio.org and the main landing page, hamlog.online/iddicd2026, will give hunters for both events a chance to claim their awards as they earn them and to see who is currently on the air.

KØDOG also plans to make downloadable eQSL cards available.

Courtesy ARRL Newsletter

AHOY! Amateur Radio at the Locks

Soo Locks Engineers Day was held on June 25, 2026, at the locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and amateur radio was woven into it.

The event is the annual celebration of engineering marvels, maritime heritage, and community spirit at one of the world's busiest lock systems. Michigan's amateur radio operators were on air with special event station W8S to showcase ham radio to visitors from across the region, but hams also played a public service role.

Led by Auxiliary Communicator (AUXC) and Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) volunteers from Chippewa, Luce, and Delta Counties, plus hams from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, the team delivered strong communications support throughout the day. Three staffers from the National Weather Service Office in Gaylord, Michigan, attended and helped provide a great training opportunity while demonstrating how agencies can work together at these types of events.

Setup began early on June 25, with full operations running from an early-morning briefing through late-afternoon shutdown. Hams also managed radio distributions, MyMich Hospital trailer operations, Michigan State Police Command Vehicle rotations, reliable links using local repeaters, the county simplex frequency 146.54, a mix of VHF and HF, and even a mini Starlink deployment for backup connectivity.

Key highlights from the field included smooth setup and testing of radios, coordinated personnel movements between the special events tent, command vehicles, and hospital trailer, and strong participation from both experienced AUXC operators and eager newcomers.

The Eastern Upper Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, an ARRL Affiliated Club, operated W8S and gave the public a firsthand look at amateur radio in action, connecting with hams worldwide while highlighting how the hobby supports community events and emergency preparedness.

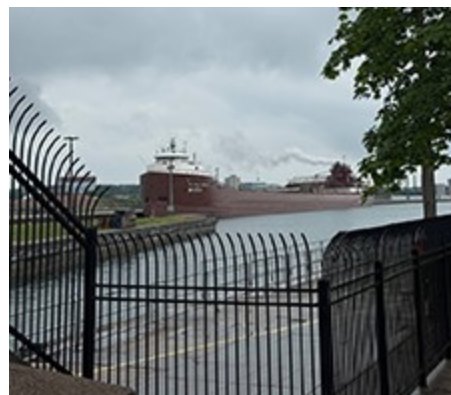
This annual tradition continues to build strong partnerships between local clubs, AUXC teams, and event organizers including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," said Bob Sterner, KBØBS, ARRL Chippewa County Emergency Coordinator.

Volunteers who were instrumental in making the event happen included: Cody Ames, KJ7SYX; Robert Donaldson, W8SSM; Dave Erickson, W9TRC; Kay Erickson, N8ØFF; Brent MacMillan, K8OTL/VE3ØTL; Tanya Procknow, W8TON; Lou Stempek, N8LØU; Bob Sterner, KBØBS; Roger VanDamme, KB8PLR; and many more from both sides of the border.

Courtesy ARRL Newsletter



Command tent at Soo Special Station, W8S.



**Freighter enters a lock at Sault Ste. Marie
[Photos courtesy of Bob Sterner,**

2026 Contest Calendar

August

8-9 [EME - 2.3 GHz & Up](#)

0000 UTC on Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday

15-17 [10 GHz & Up – Round 1](#)

0900 UTC Saturday and runs through 0759 UTC Monday

16 [Rookie Roundup RTTY](#)

1800 to 2359 UTC

September

5-6 [EME - 2.3 GHz & Up](#)

0000 UTC on Saturday through 2359 UTC Sunday

12-14 [September VHF](#)

1800 UTC Saturday, ends 0259 UTC Monday

19-21 [10 GHz & Up - Round 2](#)

0900 UTC Saturday and runs through 0759 UTC Monday

QSO Parties

Maryland-DC	1400Z, Aug 8 to 0400Z, Aug 9
Hawaii	1600Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 24
Ohio	1600Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 23
Kansas	1400Z, Aug 29 to 0200Z, Aug 30
	1400Z-2000Z, Aug 30

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must bring two forms of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC'S 2026 test fee is **\$15.00**.

Warminster Amateur Radio Club, Monthly, Last Mon. 7:00 pm at the Wilson Senior Community Center 580 Delmont Avenue Warminster, PA 18974 George Brechmann (215) 443-5656.

Atco, NJ, The fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. Winslow Township Senior Center, 33 Cooper Folly Road, 08004-2603.
Mark (K2AX) jtra@comcast.net

Levittown, PA, Monthly, 1st Wednesday at 6:30. Levittown Library

Telford, PA, RF Hill ARC. Indian Valley Library. Held the third Monday of odd months (January, March, May, July, September, November)
Contact: Jim Soete 215-723-7294
wa3ylq@arrl.net.

Philadelphia, PA, Testing is done on the 3rd, non holiday Monday of the month at the Giant Supermarket, 315 York Rd., Willow Grove, 19090 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room. For further information contact James McCloskey at jmccloskey@msn.com and by phone 215-275-2979.

Lansdale, PA Testing on the fourth non-holiday Thursday of the month starting at 7:00 PM. The Lansdale Library Community Room Vine St. and Susquehanna Ave. Lansdale, Pa. Registration is required 48 hrs. or more before the scheduled exam date. If there are no registrations the scheduled exam date will be canceled. NO WALK-INS. You can register by contacting:
Olaf N. Markert - Phone (610) 517-5074, E-mail w3pa@arrl.net
Alt Contact: Jim, 610-287-5630

➤ ATLANTIC DIV. HAMFESTS ➤ 2026

August 9 - [Valley Forge Hamfest](#)

Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds 762 Pike Springs Road Phoenixville, PA 19460

<https://www.marc-radio.org/hamfest2.htm>

August 28-29 - [Reading Radio Club Hamfest](#)

Heritage Park 992 Clematis St. Sinking Spring, PA

<http://www.w3bn.org>

September 20 - [EPARA Hamfest 2026](#)

Moose Lodge 1336 705 Stokes Mill Rd. East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

<http://www.qsl.net/n3is>

October 4 - [CARA Fest 2026](#)

Howard County Fairgrounds 2210 Fairgrounds Road West Friendship, MD 21794

<http://www.carafest.org>

October 10 - [Hagerstown TailgateFest](#)

Maugansville Church 17904 Binkley Ave. Maugansville, MD 21767

<https://antietamradio.org/>

CLUB INFO

PUBLIC SERVICE

CLUB STATION

The WARC club station is open to anyone with an interest, on the first Thursday of the month (meeting night) between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 pm. with the exception of the December dinner meeting For further information, call George Brechmann N3HBT at 215-443-5656.

WARC ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

An Alumni membership category is available for WARC members who are unable to attend meetings and club activities on a regular basis because of health considerations, travel impediments, or other hardships. Dues for the Alumni membership are \$12.50 annually and are approved by the Board. Please contact the Membership Committee for more information if interested."

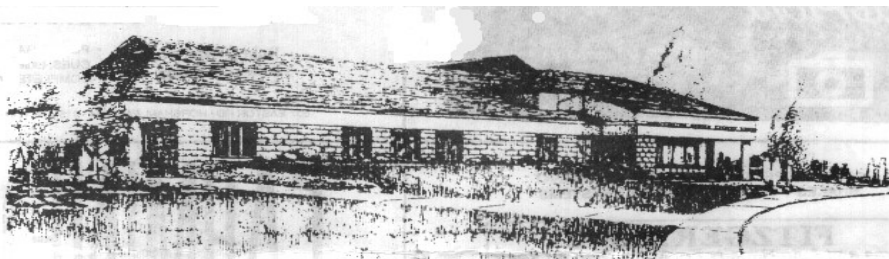
ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Membership Committee can provide Club badges. Two types are available: an engraved plastic callsign and name badge for \$8 or a free, laminated plastic, photo ID badge/card. The photo id badge is included with your membership. Pictures for the club badge will be taken before club meetings on even numbered months. If you do not have at least a Warminster Amateur Radio Club badge with your picture on it, please contact your Membership Chairs at the WARC monthly meetings. Otherwise, please contact Membership by email at: membership@k3dn.org.

If you want to have your picture taken to be placed on the 'Members' Photos' section of the www.k3dn.org website, please contact Membership with your interest. When we get enough people who are interested we will post a notice in Feedback and have a camera ready at the following club meeting.

PROGRAMS 2026

The Club Station - K3DN - is located at the Benjamin Wilson Senior Center, Delmont Avenue, Warminster, PA. The station is open for club members and the interested general public on the first Thursday of the month (meeting night) between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 pm. with the exception of the December dinner meeting . The station is fully operational on HF (80 meters through 10 meters) both phone and CW. There is an assortment of amateur radio shareware which may be copied under the shareware licensing agreement.



For additional information on the Club Station please call the Station Manager N3HBT - George at 215-443-5656.

➤ WARC Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Benjamin Wilson Senior Center, Delmont Avenue, Warminster, PA. Talk in is available on the 147.09 & 443.950 repeaters.

SKYWARN INFORMATION

Bucks County SKYWARN Weather Spotter PRIMARY FREQUENCY: 147.300MHZ (+ 131.8)

Fairless Hills, PA (many remote access locations throughout Bucks County)

Mount Holly NWSFO SKYWARN Homepage:

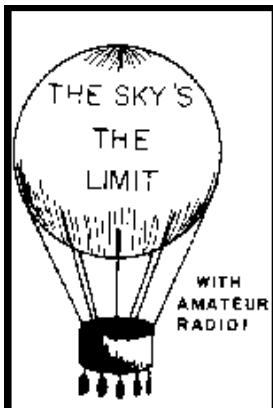
<https://www.weather.gov/phi/Info>

SKYWARN Basic Weather Spotter Educational Programs URL:

<https://www.weather.gov/phi/classes>

➤ CLUB EQUIPMENT

WARC has 2 Baofeng UV-5R dual band HT's and a Yaesu FT-2900 2M mobile that are available for use by members of the club. The radios are available on a month-by-month basis and have been purchased primarily to help new hams get on the air. However, they may also be used by any club member who is in need of a temporary 2-meter radio. They are also available for use by participants in WARC's public service activities. DE,



The Warminster Amateur Radio Club Announces Free Ham Radio Instructional Classes

If you're interested in Ham Radio, or think you might be, this is your opportunity. Perhaps you'd like to learn about digital communications, VHF, UHF, satellite, or perhaps you'd rather sit down and chat with someone in South Africa, Russia, Great Britain or in the space station.

For further information contact George Brechmann, N3HBT at 215-443-5656.

Bucks County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (BCARES)

www.bucksares.org

Bucks County ARES will be on the air Wednesdays, at 9:00 PM. We will be using Warminster Amateur Radio Club's repeater on 147.090, pl 131.8. This net is linked as shown in the Net Schedule box for the Wednesday night net. It may also be linked to 147.300.

Winlink Gateway Stations:

Lower Bucks NY3J-10 145.530 Bensalem

Net Schedules

Sunday	2000	10 Meter Net	28.445 MHz
Wednesday	2000	2 Meter Net	147.09 Rptr.
Wednesday	2000	Linked w/ 2 Meter Net	443.95
Rptr. Wednesday	2000	Linked w/ 2 Meter Net	53.230 Rptr.
Sunday	2030	Informal Net	223.5 Simplex
Thursday	1900	Mont. Cnty RACES Net	146.835 Rptr.

K3DN CONTROL OPERATORS:
GEORGE BRECKMAN N3HBT *
BRUCE FARRINGTON WA3ZPC
BRIAN DIETRICK N3QBZ
*STATION TRUSTEE

CHARLES SCHMELL KS3Z
BRIAN TAYLOR N3EXA

Area Repeaters

VHF

145.310 R.F. Hill
145.350 Doylestown R.C.
146.790 Penn Wireless
145.330 Hilltown
146.670 DVRA
146.685 Holmesburg
146.925 Willingboro
147.000 Ham Buergers
147.030 Phil-Mont
147.090 Warminster
147.270 Frankford
147.300 BEARS
147.390 CBRA

220

224.580 PackRats
223.76 K3NAL

UHF

442.650 DVRA
443.250 TAG
443.050 Metro-Comm
443.950 Warminster
444.200 BEARS
447.475 WR3B
448.225 Penn Wireless
444.759 RF Hill Analog/
Fusion

D-STAR

146.61000 K3PDR DV
445.18125 K3PDR DV
445.01875 AA3E Montco
RACES

6 Mtr

53.030 WA3BXW
53.230 N3DQZ
53.320 K3MFI

Are you submitting an article for the Feedback ?

Contributions of articles to be published are always accepted for consideration. Please follow these guidelines:

- E-Mail to:
wa4ywm@comcast.net
Or via snail mail to:
FEEDBACK EDITOR
Warminster Amateur Radio Club
Box 113
Warminster, Pa 18974
- Use both upper and lower case letters.
- Use your program's spell check.
- If you don't have a computer, then typewritten sheets are o.k., but please use both upper and lower case.
- Put your name and call at the beginning or end of the article, and show credits if you are using material from another source.
- Deadline for articles is the Saturday before the regular meeting.

For general club correspondence:

WARMrinfo@gmail.com

Visit our Home Page at:

<http://www.k3dn.org>

The annual dues rate structure is as follows:

Full Member: \$25.00
Student: \$ 7.50
Alumni: \$12.50

- Are your dues current ?

2026 Officers

Executive Officers

President	Dave McGowan	K3FTD	215-850-5846
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