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**HARRISBURG RADIO AMATEUR'S
 CLUB NEWSLETTER**



HRAC meets the second
 Wednesday of each month
 at 7:00 pm at the
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 MONTHLY MEETING April 8, 7:00 PM**

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope to see you all at this month's meeting in the Colonial Country Club. This will be our first joint meeting with CPRA and features guest speaker Riley Hollingsworth. The dress code requires that you do not dress in jeans and wear a shirt with a collar. Dinner at 6:00 pm, if you wish, and meeting at 7:00 pm on April 8, 2009.

I have been beating the drum about the TMI drill and other emergency drills for the past several months. Some of you have stepped up and taken the required courses, and I thank you for your efforts. You must think in new terms today when it comes to your involvement. We no longer are divided by club affiliation, or RACES vs. ARES. We are just one big community of communications volunteers. If you are still holding onto that old idea that one club does ARES and one club does RACES, you do not belong here.

Having stated that, most people are thinking that the TMI drill is only Tuesday April 14th. The event is actually a two day event and we are involved both days. Tuesday we will be working in the EOCs within the ten mile radius of TMI. Wednesday we will be working in evacuation centers in northern Dauphin County. If you do not have your assignments and will be part of the event, please contact me by phone at 717-979-9515, or by email at wb3bkn@DJTerry.com.

Field day and our hamfest/convention are quickly approaching. Field day is the weekend of June 27th, and the Eastern Pa Section Convention and Firecracker Hamfest will be on Saturday July 4th. Plan to volunteer your help for both events, and support your club.

See you at the meeting.

73,

Terry Snyder WB3BKN

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Meeting Minutes

The March meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club was opened at 7:05 P. M. by President Terry (WB3BKN).

Secretary Report

There were no minutes for the February meeting as the Hamfeast was held that night.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer's report was read by Joe (KQ3F), Motion to accept was made by Lee (K3JJK) and seconded by Doug (K3DRE). Motion passed unanimously.

Laurel VE Committee

Bill (KE3YC) reported that a test session had been held, however, Bill did not have the exact numbers.

Membership Committee

Tim (KB3OZA) reported we had 54 paid members.

ARES Committee

Terry (WB3BKN) talked about the Weather Drill that was held. He also talked about the need for taking the FEMA courses and knowing how to handle messages. He and Lee (K3JJK) talked about the TMI Drill to be held on April 14th and 15th. PEMA now requires all in house messages to be typed. A computer and printer have been provided.

DXCC Committee

Glenn (K3SWZ) said he will be making a QSL card mailing after the 1st of April.

Entertainment Committee

Nick (AA3T) said that Joe (K3SZH) will be talking about Ham Satellite Communications. The April meeting will be a social meeting with CPRA and will be held at the Colonial Country Club, where the guest speaker will be Riley Hollingsworth. The May speaker will be John (W3HMS) talking about Moon Bounce.

Hamfest Committee

Terry (WB3BKN) will talk with the Paxtang Fire Dept. auxiliary about food for the Hamfest.

Old Business

Glenn (K3SWZ) has reserved January 16th, 2010 for the Winterfest. There was some discussion about raising the fees.

Motion to adjourn was made by Glenn (K3SWZ) and seconded by Ezell (K3ELJ).

Chuck Greiner, N3WL
Secretary

Weekly HRAC Net

The weekly information net is held every Wednesday at 8:00 PM on the 146.76– repeater, except for the second Wednesday of the month which is club meeting night. No PL is required for the net.

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Editor's QSO

W3UU.org is here! The club has registered the domain name W3UU.org, and visitors to the site are automatically forwarded to the club web site. The 'old' address hrac.tripod.com will continue to work, so existing links to the site will not break.

Severe weather season is approaching. On March 29 I followed the progress of a storm capable of producing tornadoes as it passed through central York County and into Lancaster County. I heard the National Weather Service tornado warning on regular broadcast FM, and turned on the 2 meter rig in the shack. There was already Skywarn activity on the York 146.97 repeater. Due to the speed of the storm a formal net wasn't called, but several hams did report pea-sized hail and high winds. Activity quickly moved to the 147.015 machine in Lancaster County. I believe the greatest damage from that storm occurred in the Lancaster area. If you haven't had Skywarn training, it's painless and the Weather Service does utilize ground observations from trained observers.

Hamfest season is also ramping up. The York Hamfest Foundation Springfest is April 18th. Look for their flyer on Page 5, and visit <http://www.yorkhamfest.org/>. As Terry mentioned in the President's Letter, the HRAC Firecracker Hamfest/Eastern PA Convention will be here before you know it (actually it will be here on July 4th).

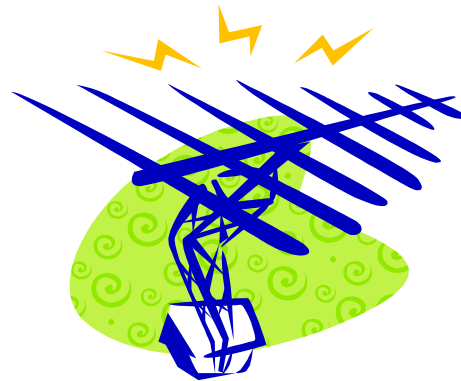
Please check out the HRAC Yahoo Group. Most of our active membership has already joined the group, so please stop by and sign up if you haven't already.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hrac/>

73,
Matt Kiner, N3SOZ

HRAC Members Do Well in 2008 PA QSO Party

W3KB won Cumberland County Single OP and the plaque for EPA. Medium Power WB3BKN was high score among HRAC members. K3SWZ won York County Single OP. The mobile team of KB3CO and our own KQ3F won the Mobile Plaque, plus county wins in Clinton, Montour and Northumberland.



Monthly Ham Radio Lunch

At the Old Country Buffet in east Harrisburg the last Thursday of each month at noon unless it is a major holiday. This restaurant is located on Route 22 in Colonial Park in the vicinity of Value City Furniture, K-Mart and Home Depot. Good way to meet some new people!

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Riley Hollingsworth to Speak in April

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, who recently retired from the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, will speak to a combined meeting of CPRA and HRAC on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will take the place of the regular CPRA monthly meeting that is usually held on the third Thursday of each month. Food and beverage service will be available at 6:00 PM at the Colonial Country Club, 4901 Lingelstown Road, Harrisburg, Pa. No jeans and please wear a shirt with a collar. This club will accept cash and credit cards. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and should conclude by 9:00 PM.

An invitation has been extended to Riley and his wife to be our guest at the club. The meeting is open to the ARWG and other interested hams and clubs in Central Pennsylvania.

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH

<http://www.arri.org/news/stories/2008/07/03/10198>

Colonial Country Club

<http://www.colonialcc.com/index.html>

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ANNOUNCING THE 2009

YORK SPRING HAMFEST

SPONSORED BY THE YORK HAMFEST FOUNDATION
THE AREAS OLDEST CONTINUOUS HAMFEST, OUR 54th. YEAR

SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2009

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

NEW BETTER LOCATION

BROOKSIDE PARK
4054 FOX RUN ROAD
DOVER, PA 17315

- INDOOR VENDOR TABLES, SET-UP 6AM.
- TAILGATING SET UP AT 6AM. \$5.00 PER SPACE PLUS ADMISSION.
- ADMISSION AT 8 AM. DONATION \$5.00
- OVERNIGHT PARKING.
- RAIN OR SHINE. 4 BUILDINGS.
- FREE VE TESTS AT 1:00 PM WALK-INS OKAY.
- GOOD FOOD, REASONABLE PRICES.
- A CHILD UNDER 16 AND XYL'S FREE.
- PRIZE DRAWINGS. FIRST PRIZE TO BE ANNOUNCED.
- TALK-IN 147.33 +.600 (ctcss123. hz.)
- INDOOR TABLE SALES EMAIL w3axc@arrl.net
- QCWA REGISTRATION BOOTH.
- SEMINARS (See menu at top of page)
- ARRL TABLE OF PUBLICATIONS AND FORMS
- CARD CHECKING FOR DXCC/WAS/VUCC BY GLENN KURZENKNABLE, K3SWZ

York Hamfest Foundation 2331 Locust Rd., Dover, PA 17315

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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PO Box 453
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0543
717-982-8550

Make checks payable to HRAC—Membership is \$15.00 (\$7.50 if over 62) per year.
Dues end December 31st.

NAME _____ CALL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ARRL Member: Y _____ N _____

SIGNATURE _____

I agree to abide by the guidelines of the membership and
The Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc.