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HARRISBURG RADIO AMATEUR'S
CLUB NEWSLETTER



HRAC meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross Building 1804 North 6th Street Harrisburg, PA

HRAC ANSWER LINE

717-232-6087

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

There is a phrase that runs through my goofy black lab's mind every time she stands over a tennis ball and stares at me... "It ain't gonna throw itself". The same can be said about amateur radio. We all talk about how to get new people interested and involved, but ask yourself what you have done to this end. One of the biggest things against us is both no publicity and bad perception.

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The latest Mountain Dew commercial shows a young lady "playing with her ham radio" in the rain. Cool looking stuff to us, as vintage equipment, but this is what most people think of ham radio. You know, big old WWII boat anchors with sparks everywhere. Field day and our hamfest are great opportunities to involve and educate the public, but there is more. In any given area there is a big news paper along with smaller local papers that are weekly publications. These papers are starving for articles. I submitted an article to the Upper Dauphin Sentinel about a year ago and covered our emergency involvement along with pictures, which they published. I was approached by the same paper last week to do a more in-depth article on amateur radio. A reporter contacted me, and after all of the questions that I was asked, I don't know what the article will actually cover, but it is publicity.

I can't contact every newspaper but you all can help in that. There are people all over who are the types who would really enjoy, and be an asset to the craft. They just need a little nudge, and you could provide that nudge. Contact the editor of a paper, or write your own article and submit it. Don't worry about the grammar; the editor is usually pretty good at cleaning up just about anything.

Another way to get involved is with field day and the hamfest... Yes we still are building our list of volunteers for the hamfest / convention. Contact me via email at wb3bkn@djterry.com or at 717-979-9515.

Like Puppy said, (Yes, her name is Puppy) "That ball ain't gonna throw itself".

73,
 Terry Snyder
 WB3BKN

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HRAC Club Meeting Minutes—February 13, 2008

The February meeting of the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club was opened at 8:00 P. M. at the Fire Mountain Buffet by President Terry (WB3BKN). After each member had introduced themselves, Chuck (N3WL) made a motion that all further business be deferred to the March meeting. Motion was seconded by most of the room and passed unanimously.

Chuck Greiner, N3WL
Secretary

Note for record: Joe (KQ3F) was awarded the Ham of the Year plaque by the club.



Terry WB3BKN with Joe KQ3F

2008 HRAC Hamfeast



Dave, N3PRO, winner of the Yaesu HT!



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Editor's Note

I want to pass along the program schedule for the next two months.

The March meeting program will be a short technical presentation on nickel metal hydride batteries based on Eveready's application manual.

The April program looks very interesting. Ron Small, WB2OOB, will present a program on search and rescue (SAR). He is a member of Middle Creek SAR in Lancaster County and will speak on SAR in general and ham radio involvement with SAR in particular.

A brief resume for WB2OOB:

Amateur Radio

1977 Licensed as WB2OOB
2006 Upgraded to Extra
2006 W5YI VE

Positions held:

Lancaster County ARES Coordinator
Lancaster County Races Coordinator
ARES District Emergency Coordinator - Lancaster, Lebanon and Dauphin counties

Emergency Services

Lifeguard
Volunteer Firefighter
EMT
Paramedic crew drivers (EMT)
YMCA Aquatic instructor Trainer
Grid Search
Managing search operations MSO
Rope 1 High Angle Rescue
Scuba Diver
YMCA Scuba Accident Management
YMCA Scuba Diver Asst. Instructor

Come out for this presentation so you'll know who'll be looking for you next time you get lost!

Thanks to Nick Rylatt, AA3T, for getting our April speaker and for serving as Entertainment Committee chair.

Be sure to check the club Yahoo group and post your ideas and feedback:

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

73,
Matt Kiner, N3SOZ
n3soz@arrl.net

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VE TESTING

The VE Team Comprised of KE3YC, N3HLK,KB3MCK,KB3OZA and KA3PDQ tested 8 applicants for a total of 10 elements on February 16th. Four new Tech's and two new Generals. We had a very large area from which the applicants came from. They came from Reading, PA to Frederick MD. We had no problems whatsoever at Dauphin County...All doors were open and ready for our use.

Thank you very much to all who helped.

Steve Gobat, KA3PDQ

TECH CLASS OFFERED

We are offering a technician class April 5 and 6, 2008 at the Lebanon Career and Technical Center, Lebanon PA. The details are on the attached poster. Please pass the word to your organizations accordingly. Thanks in advance. (see flyer, back of newsletter)

73,
Ron Small WB2OOB
Lancaster County EC
ARRL Technical Instructor

MORE HELP WANTED!

On Sunday March 16th there will be a 5K run on City Island starting at 10:00 A.M. This is a benefit for Vinny's Kids, Inc. We could use a couple of operators with HT's. I would think we should be done by 2:00 P.M. however since this is the first time for this run/walk I would expect to be done much sooner. If you can help please let KA3PDQ know.

ka3pdq@arri.net

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ANNOUNCING THE 2008

YORK SPRING HAMFEST

SPONSORED BY THE YORK HAMFEST FOUNDATION
THE AREA'S OLDEST CONTINUOUS HAMFEST, OUR 53rd. YEAR

SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2008

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

NEW BETTER LOCATION

BROOKSIDE PARK ,4054 FOX RUN ROAD
DOVER, PA 17315

- ◆ INDOOR VENDOR TABLES, SET-UP 6 AM.
- ◆ TAILGATING SET UP AT 6AM.
- ◆ TAILGATE FEE IS \$5.00 PER SPACE PLUS ADMISSION.
- ◆ GENERAL ADMISSION AT 8 AM.
- ◆ ADMISSION DONATION \$5.00
- ◆ INDOOR TABLE SALES <w3sst @yorkhamfest.org>
- ◆ OVER NIGHT PARKING
- ◆ CHILDREN UNDER 16 AND XYL'S FREE.
- ◆ GOOD FOOD, REASONABLE PRICES.
- ◆ RAIN OR SHINE. 4 BUILDINGS.
- ◆ PRIZE DRAWINGS.
- ◆ FIRST PRIZE: YAESU FT1802M 2 METER MOBILE
- ◆ FREE VE TESTS AT 1:00 PM WALK-INS O.K.
- ◆ CHECK OUR WEB PAGE www.yorkhamfest.org
- ◆ TALK-IN 147.33 +.600 (ctcss123. hz.)
- ◆ SEMINAR "LET'S GET INTO MICROWAVE"
- ◆ ATV CONFERENCE SCHEDULED
- ◆ ARRL TABLE OF PUBLICATIONS AND FORMS
- ◆ QCWA REGISTRATION BOOTH
- ◆ ON GROUNDS 2 M TRANSMITTER HUNT

HAM RADIO CLASS

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

SPONSORED BY:

LEBANON VALLEY SOCIETY of RADIO AMATEURS

WHEN : April 5 & 6, 2008 8-5 SAT 8-? SUN

WHERE : Lebanon Career and Technology Center cafeteria.

HOW:

- 1 ATTEND CLASS FOR TEXT REVIEW AND DEMONSTRATIONS.
- 2 TAKE COMPUTERIZED EXAMINATION.

COST: 25\$ (\$15 FOR CLASS SNACKS + \$10 FOR EXAMINATION)

EXAMS: ONSITE SUNDAY AFTERNOON BY LVSRA EXAM TEAM

From N.E. PA:

Take I-81 South to Rt. 72, Lebanon Exit.
Take Rt. 72 South into Lebanon City.
Take Rt. 422 East (Walnut Street), turn left onto Walnut Street, stay in the right lane, continue several blocks until the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Walnut, continue straight, (bear right) until the stop sign, turn left onto Metro Drive. This road leads to the school.

From Harrisburg Area:

Take I-81 North to Rt. 72, Lebanon Exit
Follow directions above OR
Take Rt. 322 East to Hershey,
Rt. 322 becomes 422.
Take Rt. 422 East into Lebanon City (Walnut Street)

From S.E. PA:

Take PA Turnpike West to Lancaster/Lebanon Exit 20. OR
Rt. 322 West to Junction with Rt. 72.
Take Rt. 72 North into Lebanon City.
Take Rt. 422 East (Walnut Street)
Follow directions above, starting at turn left onto Walnut Street.

From York/Lancaster Area:

Take Rt. 30 East to Rt. 72 (Manheim Pike).
Take Rt. 72 North into Lebanon City.
Take Rt. 422 East (Walnut Street). Turn right onto Walnut Street.
Follow directions above, starting at turn left onto Walnut Street.



CLASS COORDINATOR: RON SMALL WB2OQB 717-481-8589

WEB LINKS:

LEBANON VALLEY SOCIETY OF RADIO AMATEURS: WWW.LVSRA.ORG

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Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Radio Autobiography Template

Many people are interested in how you came to be a radio amateur. You can use this template to get started writing your own radio autobiography. Complete this form, then add more details on other pages as needed. Please feel free to include pictures as well, of you, your rig, your shack, and the like. Send your completed radio autobiography to Bill Moser (KB3IZA) at WMoser183@aol.com, or take it to our next club meeting.

Name _____

Call sign _____

E-mail _____

License class _____

Date first licensed _____

Rig _____

What first interested you in radio _____

Interesting QSOs _____

First QSO _____

Influential person _____

Name one way or an instance in which a ham radio is better than a cell phone

Hobbies _____



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MAIL TO:
Matt Kiner (N3SOZ)
305 Lewisberry Ct.
Lewisberry, PA 17339
717-932-5241

Make checks payable to HRAC—Membership is \$15.00 per year

NAME _____ CALL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____

I agree to abide by the guidelines of the membership and
The Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club, Inc.
Dues end December 31st.