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**HARRISBURG RADIO AMATEUR'S**  
**CLUB NEWSLETTER**



HRAC meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Red Cross Building 1804 North 6th Street Harrisburg, PA

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**MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 11, 7:00 PM**

**THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

We are gearing up for the TMI drill which will occur on Tuesday April 12th and Wednesday April 13th. You should have been at the training sessions to be prepared for this and future events. FEMA's IS-100a and IS-700a certificates are a must. You may want to get the IS-800 and ARRL EMCOM 1 and 2 as well.

In the past little was expected from the amateur radio community in the form of education. Since 9-11, that has all changed. For amateur radio to be taken seriously, you, as an amateur, must take your training seriously. If you do not, don't even bother to come to an event. It is that simple. There is no room for un-trained radio operators in the real world.

My thanks to all who came out for the weather drill at PEMA. We had a little work party to build an antenna. Thanks to Glenn (K3SWZ), Jerry (KB3HAJ), Mike (W3TS), Charlie (W3CWT), Doug (K3DRE), Lee (K3JJK), and Andrew (My Son), for all of the efforts. For the drill, we had Henry (KB3LOT) from Pike County, Lee (K3JJK), Doug (K3DRE), and me in PEMA conducting the nets. There were two nets, one on 147.075, and one on 75 meters. Net control was from PEMA in Harrisburg, where messages were handled in and out through amateur radio.

For the TMI drill we will also need operators at PEMA as well as the EOCs within the 10 mile radius of TMI. This works best when two people are present at all locations. If you have not been to any training, and would like to be part of the drills, please contact me at wb3bkn@djterry.com or on the phone at 717-979-9515. I will talk with you about what training you need and how to get it.

April's meeting will be the first of many joint meetings for CPRA and HRAC. We will be meeting at our regular meeting date, which is the second Wednesday of the month. This joint meeting will be Wednesday April 8th at the Colonial Country Club, on RT-39 north of Harrisburg. Dinner and drinks will be at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. The dinner and meeting will be in separate rooms. The dress code is business casual. That means NO JEANS!!! A shirt with a collar and nice pants and shoes is a requirement. You will be turned away if you are not appropriately dressed. (Continued on Page 2)

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## President's Letter, cont.

You may come for dinner or just the meeting, but the dress code still applies.

The keynote speaker for this meeting will be Riley Hollingsworth.

Remember our regularly scheduled meeting this month is at the Red cross building in Harrisburg.

73, Terry Snyder (WB3BKN)

## Editor's QSO

Please note there are no meeting minutes this month, as the annual Hamfeast took the place of the regular February meeting and all business was held over until March.

Speaking of the Hamfeast, there were 25 attendees, including hams and guests. A very nice Yaesu handheld was won by Joe Spandler, K3SZH. Bill Rawlings, KE3YC was chosen for the 2008 Ham of The Year award. Congratulations Bill! There were numerous door prizes given out, and nobody went away empty handed.

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,

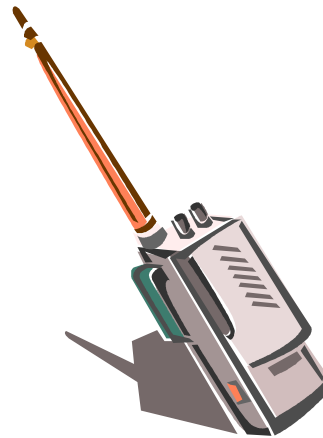
Matt Kiner, N3SOZ

## VE Report—February 21

The HRAC VE Team including KE3YC "Ham of the Year 2008", KB3MCK, KB3OZA, N3HLK, KA3PDQ and new VE N3QLB administered 7 elements to 6 applicants with the following results: 1 new General, 2 new Technicians and 1 new Extra. Two applicants did not upgrade.

Thanks to all who helped. Next session April 18. Also we have agreed to provide a special test session for the Lawton Fire Co. when they are ready.

Steven Gobat, KA3PDQ



## 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

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## PEMA Weather Drill



Here is Jerry (KB3HAJ) and Mike (W3TS) building a dipole on the PEMA building in Harrisburg.

## PEMA drill photos courtesy of Henry, KB3LOT



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## PEMA Weather Drill



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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

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