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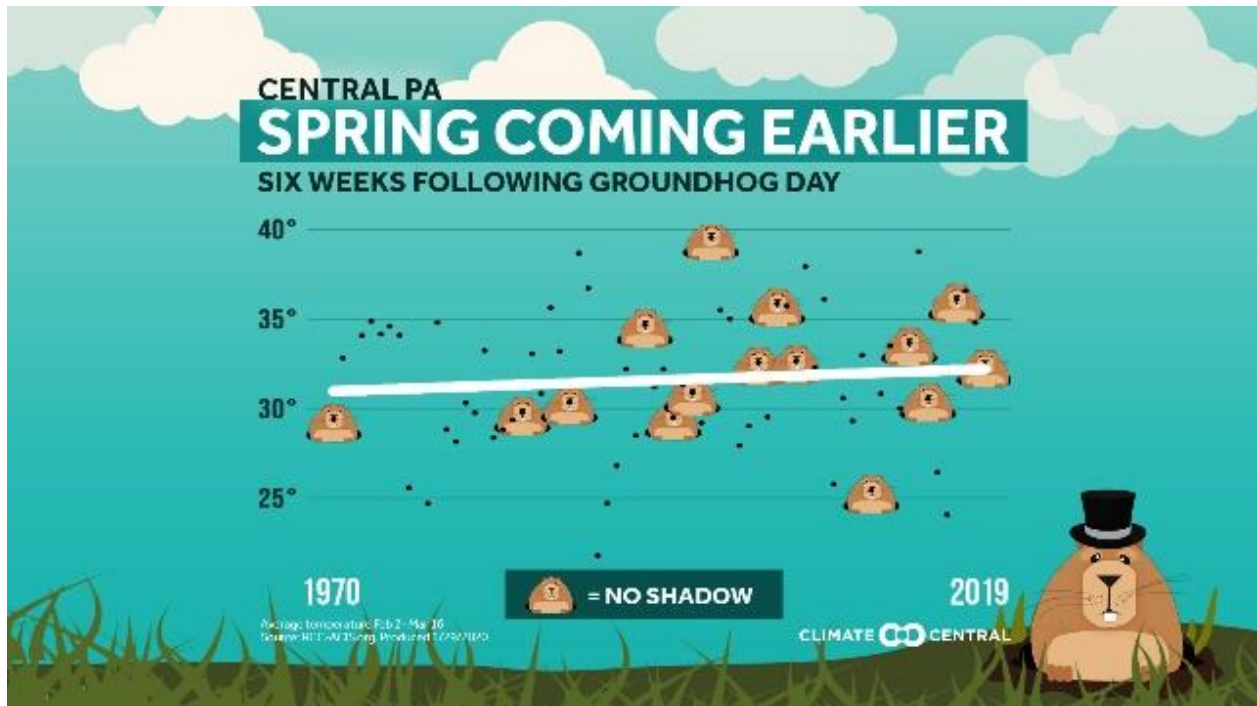
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Members Meeting on the 12th

It's Leap year, Give a Cheer!



Will Punxsutawny Phil See His Shadow?

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<p>Sunday Morning Net Schedules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Meter/ 70cm Net..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater • 10-on-10 Net at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM) • 75 meter Net at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB • ARES at 2100L on the W3QV repeater 			
<p>Committees Blurb folding: KB3IV & N3GLU Directory: KB3IV Field Day: KC2PMW Fusion Coord: NC3U</p>	<p>Internet: N3QV & KC2PMW Membership: KB3IV Net Control: KB3IV</p>	<p>Program: W3AOK Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK</p>	<p>Scholarship: KB3IV Sunshine: N3GLU VE Program: NS3K Welcome: N3UBY Youth: KC2PMW</p>

All visitors are welcome!
The club meets at 7:00 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at Giant Supermarket, 315 York Rd, Willow Grove, PA
Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org.

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**
Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmccloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System
Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**
147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz C4FM Fusion digital
Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R AllStar Node 41624
W3AA Trustee: WU3I
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

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The Prez Sez ...

Hello and Happy Winter Phil-Mont.

I have finally made it to the Sunny Winter home here in Cocoa Beach, FL just in time to enjoy some bad weather. We have had rain and cold (four us) weather all week until today....When iguanas fall out of the tree and can't move then you know it's cold. I actually put them to sleep and when the WX warms up they wake up.

AS I write this article Winter Field Day is this weekend. I attended WFD again this year with the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club operating W4OT from Round Island park. We had a great time and the WX was perfect. I will send pictures and video to the editor.

The Annual Phil-Mont Auction was held on January 7. It was nice to see some of our regulars as well as some new faces which I hope we will continue to see in the months ahead. I would like to thank the following members, "Auction Team," for the GREAT JOB they did to make the evening a success. Our Auctioneer Jack Coupe, WA3BXH assisted by Ed, KB3IV. They did a great job behind the mic and keeping the evening moving and entertaining as well as Doug WA3DSP, Bob KB2ERL and George WB3DZZ for keeping all the paperwork and finances straight. And of course we can't forget Bill W3AOK for all the refreshments and Jedi Jim AJ3DI for all the bread cake products. Great job by all.

As President I have the responsibility to appoint a Board Member and I have asked my past president Sal, NC3U to fill that position on the board and he has graciously accepted. Thank you Sal and we will all benefit from your knowledge and wisdom.

Jim, AJ3DI will be assuming my duties while I am away. I will have some radios with me as well as my remote set up so I should be able to check into some of the nets and actually run some from here as Net Control.

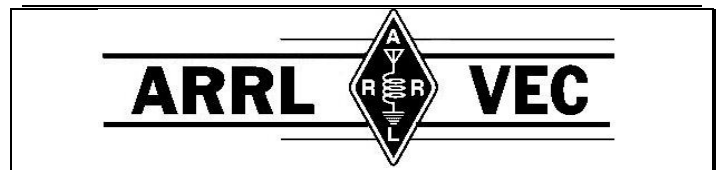
Our speaker for the February meeting will be Charlie W3QJD on Young Amateur Radio Operators Attracting, Engaging and Keeping them. Please come out and listen to one of our younger members and see what's on their minds in our ever changing hobby.

If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker or would like to speak at one of our meetings please let our VP Jim, AJ3DI know and he will place you on the schedule. Your input is vital and we welcome all suggestions.

Don't forget to sign up for the IO Group. This is a good way to share ideas amongst the membership. Sal NC3U is the moderator the group. For more info and to join the group contact Sal.

Everybody stay warm and we will talk to you from Florida...

73, Greg WA3GM



***The Thursday evening session is
On the 27th this month.***

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 James Weiler AB3OM
 04 Perry Pepper KC3JUD
 05 Michael Concordia WB3KAC
 10 Sharon Masarsky N3GLU
 12 Tracey Thomas KC3DRE
 17 James Fisher AJ3DI
 22 Harry Jelesiewicz KD2RXL
 23 Stephen Victor WA2DTW
 Gene Dinardi N3XKE
 24 Larry Pollack N3VLC

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Your 2020 Dues Invoice/Directory Information Sheet was sent to you in a separate mailing.

Please verify the information and return it with your dues & optional P.M.R.C. SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

to: PMRC PO Box 404 Warminster, Pa 18974..Your early reply will save the club additional expenses and will speed-up the publishing of the 2020 P.M.R.C. Directory.

MEMBERSHIP STATS

119 Full paid Members
 10 Family Members
 2 Youth members
 2 Honorary Members

From the Secretary

Tuesday 1/7/2020 was the Auction Fest. A short business meeting was held beforehand.

Called to order by Greg, WA3GM at 7:10 PM
 Secretary's Report - "December was election of officers and Board"

Treasurer's Report - "We have money"

Repeater Report - "Everything working"
 VE Report - "Next VE Session 1/23"
 Membership Report - "No new members"
 Winter Field Day - See Phil-Mont website
 Business meeting adjourned 7:24 and Auction Commenced

Wed Jan 15 meeting

Attending: WA3GM, AJ3DI, WB3DZZ, W3AFV, K2RSJ, K3RON, KB2ERL, KB3IV, NC3U, WA3DSP

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by WA3GM

Treasurer's Report WB3DZZ

Reviewed membership list. 131 members listed, 90 have paid their dues

WB3DZZ to determine if a more detailed report is available from PayPal in order to differentiate club donations from scholarship donations.

AJ3DI will change the PayPal dropdown on our website for donations to an entry field

KB3IV will be contacting all members who have not paid their dues yet

KB3IV will change the Dues Invoice so members can designate donations to either the club or the scholarship fund

Technical Committee WA3DSP

All repeaters fully functional

Noticing some wind-driven static. Will monitor We have backup equipment for everything except the amplifier. Discussed and will defer any decision until later in the year

K3RON suggested we start broadcasting the Amateur Radio Newline program at 9 AM each Sunday. Motion to approved, seconded and approved. Will start Sunday 1/19

K3RON asked for ideas to make better use of the 440 repeater. Some discussion, but no conclusions

Membership KB3IV

New member George Walsh KB3WAQ. Voted and approved

Old Business

None

New Business

Issues on the 2 meter net this past Sunday. Net Manager KB3IV to address
K2RSJ suggested we add a Roll Call to the agenda for the general meeting to introduce everyone. Motion to approve, seconded and approved.
K2RSJ suggested that we suspend the 10 meter net for the foreseeable future and move the 75 meter net to 10 AM. Motion to approve, seconded and approved. KB3IV will notify everyone via the listserv

AJ3DI noted that programs are in place for the Feb, March and April meetings. Suggestions for future meetings are welcome.

Discussion about setting up a recognition award, both for the "Amateur of the Year" and for specific accomplishments. Discussions will continue at the next board meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 PM

Chuck Farrell W3AFV



Here is a picture of my 8 band DXCC award ALL CW AND 5 BAND W.A.S.

Congratulations Mr. President!

February at Phil-Mont

Don't forget the ARES net on Sunday nights and the Digital net on Tuesday nights.

- 2 Sun W3MHP
Groundhog Day
- 9 Sun KC3DII
- 12 Wed PMRC Meeting
- 14 Fri Valentine's Day
- 16 Sun K2RSJ
- 17 Mon President's Day
- 23 Sun WU3I
- 26 Ash Wednesday
- 27 Thurs VE Session
- 29 Sat Leap Day

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First Class Mail

For Sale

1/8" (290#) & 3/16" (380#) Dark Olive Drab Braided Cord · 100% Polyester/Dacron Knit Braided. Nice stuff! Tough and long lasting · UV Resistant and Low Stretch Proudly Made in the U.S.A.! Contact Steve WU3I at wu3i@arrl.net or 215-605-6074

Yaesu Ft 2000 completely stock, hand microphone, internal power supply, manuals. From the estate of W3UY Larry. Contact Steve WU3I at wu3i@arrl.net or 2156056074 cell

\$1500.00. Fully tested and working flawlessly.

Stephen Hoch WU3I

Yaesu FT-100D Transceiver 160-6 100w VHF 50w/UHF 20w
Includes 25 amp power supply
Very good condition. Works well as base or mobile.
\$425.
Contact Ed KB3IV kb3iv@arrl.net or 215-520-5166

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