



The *Blurb*



Newsletter of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club

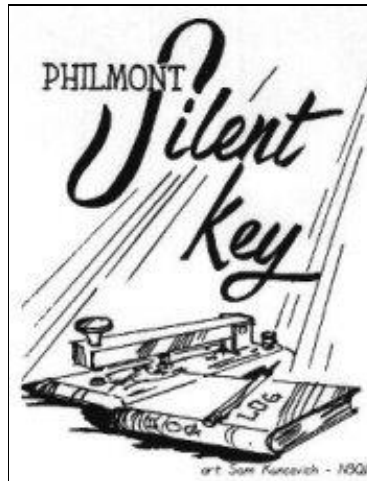
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General Club Meeting on the 8th



KB3SFY Bob Fort Jr

We are saddened to share the news that Bob Fort, Jr. left us today January 28, at 11:00 AM.

Much appreciation for your kindness, caring and love during this time.

The world won't be the same without him.

Julie Marie Fort

Dwayne Day

Linda Stiefel

Only 48 Days 'til ... Spring!

C'mon Phil! Make it good news!



Members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle read Phil's Prediction

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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</p> <p>Blurb folding: KB3IV & N3GLU Directory: KB3IV Field Day: KC2PMW Fusion Coord: NC3U</p>	<p>Internet: N3QV & KC2PMW Membership: K3HWG Net Control: KB3IV</p>	<p>Program: W3AOK Publicity: W3RM Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK</p>	<p>Scholarship: W3RM 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
W3AA Trustee: WU3I
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3OV

The Officers

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The Prez Sez ...

Hello Phil-Mont Radio Club members. It's the middle of January and the weather continues to feel like spring. While some of us have migrated to Florida or on their way soon I wish them safe journeys and great weather.

The Auction-fest is over and it went very well. I would like to thank everyone who helped out for a job well done. If I miss anyone please forgive me. Jack (W3BXH) for being our auctioneer. Steve (WU3I) and Bob (KB2ERL) for being our cashiers.

It's never too soon to plan for Field Day 2017. I would hope all our new members will get out to the park and enjoy a great Phil-Mont activity. We always need help setting up and operating stations.

Now that the Holidays are past, we can get some radio business taken care of at home and at the club. We can use a few volunteers to help do some repeater maintenance on the building. If you have the time we have the desire to have YOU help the club. Please contact me or Bill (W3AOK)

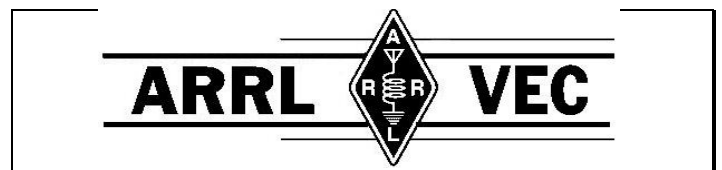
Phil-Mont is always looking for speakers and programs for our meetings so if you know anyone please have them contact WA3GM and get them/you onto our meeting list.

Don't forget that Phil-Mont has a Yahoo mailing list. This is one of the best ways to get some up to date news on things going on at the club. Look up philmontmobileradioclub in the Yahoo list and you will find us.

I hope to see everyone at a meeting and have the opportunity to shake your hand. If anyone has an idea on club projects or events please send me an email at nc3u@arrl.net or at nc3u@verizon.net.

Remember we are not a club without YOU

73, Sal NC3U



The Thursday evening session is on the 23rd this month.

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Barry Feierman K3EUI
 03 James Weiler AB3OM
- 05 Michael Concordia WB3KAC
 10 Sharon Masarsky N3GLU
- 12 Tracey Thomas (XYL KC3DRE)
 17 Samuel Smith K3GBA
 James Fisher AJ3DI
- 21 Thomas Knight KC3BIW
 23 Stephen Victor WA2DTW
 Gene Dinardi N3XKE
 24 Larry Pollack N3VLC
 24 Carmen Decicco KE3QB

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. has:
 109 FULL PAID MEMBERS
 11 FAMILY MEMBERS
 3 YOUTH MEMBERS
 1 HONORARY MEMBER

From the Secretary

1/4/2017 Board Meeting

NC3U opened the meeting at 7:12 PM. In attendance were KB2ERL, KB3IV, AJEDI, WA3DSP, WA3KIO, K3HWG, WA3GM, WU3I and W3AOK.

OLD BUSINESS:

K3HWG brought up the schedule of Board Meetings. After discussion it was agreed to leave it at every other month. K3HWG will chair committee to write rules of election.

NEW BUSINESS:

KB3IV reported that the treasury is doing fine and keep those dues payments and Scholarship Donations coming.

K3HWG made the motion to accept the report. KB2ERL seconded. Motion carried K3HWG for membership Proposed applicant Norm AB3ZZ for membership. The vote was unanimous.

WA3GM reported on the program schedule for 2017: Jan Auction, FEB/MAR TBA in Negotiations, April NC3U on Software Defined Radio(SDR), May K3ITH on RACES, June WA#PZO on 13 Colonies special Event. More to follow.

W3AOK on the repeater. Main 2M amp Quit, Spare 2m amp Quit running on amp that came with 2m repeater bought for 147.165 before Yaesu fusion repeaters. WA3DSP will look at bad amps. Investigation into purchase of Brand New AMP for repeater. There are 2 fans on repeater one has quit bad bearings it is on top. WA3DSP to consult has a box of fans. Second fan is a birdcage type and is attached via ductwork in the cabinet. this has to be addressed as the equipment is all over the shack. We also need to add circulators on 444.8 and 147.03 to protect amps (147.165 has one). There was discussion on adding our own WIRES X to the repeater (currently our connection if from AJ3DI) this project s on hold until the shack can be cleaned up and all installed in the repeater Cabinet.

KB3IV made a proposal that the CLUB invest in a cable crimping set and stock of PL259 and N connectors and install by appointment, connectors for club members on their cable. KB3IV is investigating prices and will get back to the board.

NC3U appointed W3STW director for 2017 as incoming President. NC3U opened discussion on the updating of the Website he has a volunteer will and excited to do the work on a regular basis. This is a daunting task for most of us but for those with the skill are welcome. He will be put in touch with N3QV.

AJ3DI made the motion to close the meeting K3HWG seconded. Meeting closed 8:28 PM

1/12/17 Auctionfest and meeting

No minutes were formally taken. The auction was a rousing success we raised \$414.00 for the Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to all who participated and all who helped out. The helpers were W3AOK, WA3BXH, KB2ERL and WU3I. AJ3DI brought some boxes of bread and put out a donation box which was added to the total. Many thanks Jim. WA3DSP brought a lot of stuff from several sources and it all went to PMRC. Thanks to all who donated proceeds to the Club.

Respectfully Submitted Steve, WU3I

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Your 2017 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 2017 P.M.R.C. Directory.

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to KC3DRE, Mark and Tracey Thomas on the birth of their son and future Phil-Mont Member, Christopher Allen Thomas born Wednesday, January 11th at 10:04PM. He is 6lb 10oz. Both baby and mom are doing well.



*Christopher Allen Thomas
(Future PMRC member)*

February at Phil-Mont

- 2 Thur Groundhog Day
- 5 Sun K3XS
- 12 Sun W3MHP
- 14 Tues Valentine's Day
- 19 Sun KB3IV
- 20 Mon President's Day
- 23 Thur Evening VE Session
- 26 Sun KB3SJS

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

DAIWA CS 201 Two position SO239 Coax Switch
 \$25.00 each. I have 5.
 Bill K3HWG K3hgw@arrl.net

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

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