



# The *Blurb*



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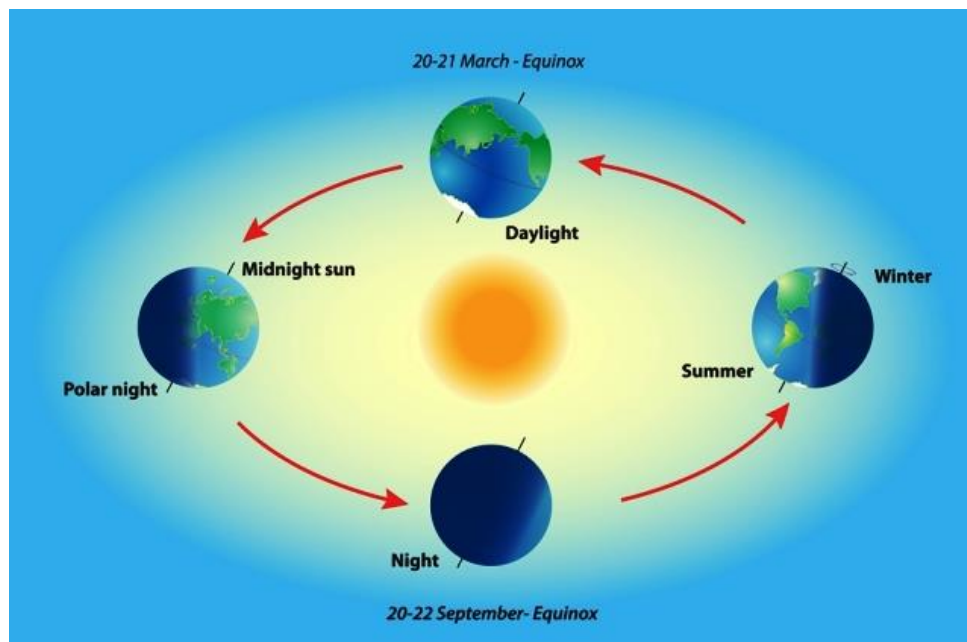
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***Board Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>, General Club Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>***

***Daylight Savings Begins on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Begins on the 20<sup>th</sup>***



March Equinox in Universal Coordinated Time is on  
**Monday, March 20, 2017 at 10:29 UTC**

*ND3B's Excellent European Adventure continues...*

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**Sunday Morning Net Schedules**

- **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

**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](http://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](mailto: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 Philmont,

It's time to dust off the radio gear and start making some contacts. On March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the ARRL is having its International DX-Phone contest. I would love to see a Phil-Monter be up near the top of the list. Any member who partakes in the contest please forward your score so we can track it, and post in the newsletter. Why not have friendly competitions between club members?

If you have a unique operating setup that may benefit other club members please forward it to me and I will make sure it gets posted on the website, Facebook and the newsletter. I will start that off by directing everyone to YouTube and view my crazy End fed wire that I use for HF. Here is the link [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKfg786i\\_Cg&t=10s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKfg786i_Cg&t=10s).

March Meeting will feature Walt KB3SBC. He will do a presentation on his yearlong NPOTA adventure. Walt is a good friend of the club and you will be sad if you miss it. I want to challenge all club members to try and participate in the nets on Sunday morning. There is a 2 meter and EchoLink net on the repeater at 09:30 and at 10:00 AM a 10 meter net followed by our 75 Meter Net at 10:20. Don't forget our DEN our digital net on Tuesday nights at 7:00PM. If your antenna has fallen to weather and need help putting it back in service please let us know and maybe we can find a rescue team willing to take on the project.

Hopefully please listen to the nets and read the emails from the Philmontmobileradio newsgroup. We are working on our tentative first Phil-Mont Radio Club lunch/breakfast on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Times and locations will follow.

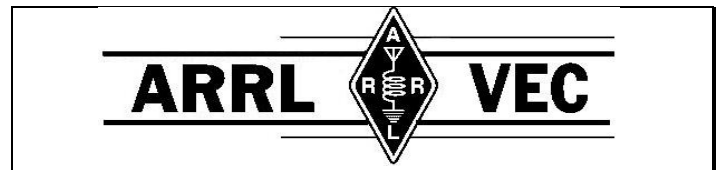
If anyone has an idea please send me an email at [nc3u@arrl.net](mailto:nc3u@arrl.net) or at [nc3u@verizon.net](mailto:nc3u@verizon.net).

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.

Remember we are not a club without YOU

*73, Sal NC3U*



***There is a Saturday session on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the Thursday evening session is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> this month.***

***As always, many thanks to our VE team!***

***Phil-Mont Birthdays  
& Tidbytes***

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 John Furlong – KC2TUT  
 03 Elaine Spencer (Honorary Member)
- 06 Tina Furlong (XYL KC2TUT)  
     Bryan Kobe - KB3WHR
- 08 Bill Hewitt - W3FRB  
 09 Fayette Toren (XYL N2MT)
- 12 Lamonte Cuff - AB3LC  
     Linda Gianios - (XYL WB3DZZ)  
     Tricia King - (XYL WBEBPI)
- 13 Rosemary Canuso (XYL N2ATB)  
     Ben Johns - K3JQH
- 15 Dottie Scialdone-Maresca - K3YPH
- 22 Lee Adams - KB3YFG  
 23 Jane Hewitt - KC3FSR (XYL W3FRB)  
 24 John Wright – K3CHR
- 27 William (Red) MacKenzie - W3RED  
 28 Barbara Stein (XYL KB3AFH)  
     Tony Canuso – N2ATB
- 30 Robert H. Rose – N3TWO  
 31 Chris Ruhl - N3GBJ

**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***

*Membership Meeting 2/8/2017*

NC3U opened the meeting at 720PM. There were 20 members and no guests.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dues are slowing down. KB3IV has stated he will be chasing down the delinquent members. Both scholarships are fully funded for 2017 with some left over. Thanks to all who donated.

**REPEATER REPORT**

W3AOK & WU3I spent 2 hours at the repeater on 2/4 and mounted the 147.165 cans on the wall behind the door. The side cover of the cabinet is now back in place and the PC is inside the cabinet. The only door not fully closed is the rear door. The new shelf mount for the PA fan is too big and needs to be cut. This will be addressed when weather allows. WU3I donated a micro PC to replace the existing PC this will be installed at the same time. Some trees growing behind the Shack were also removed. The rear exterior wall of the shack must be replaced and will be done when the weather allows. This will be a half day job at the minimum. All three repeaters are working just fine.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PMRC is in the process of scheduling a Breakfast somewhere. Any suggestions on location please contact NC3U. One suggestion was a diner in Conshocken.

PMRC will be investing in a Crimper for installing Coax Connectors on RG8, RG213, Belden 9913(all .405 diameter) and RG8X. We will provide the connectors or you can bring your own. This when aquired will be done by appointment only. You will provide the cable. The cost of the connectors will be the actual cost to the club.

Program was a Video of the new Shark RF Openspot which can be used for DMR, System Fusion and Dstar. More info at <https://www.sharkrf.com/products/openspot/>

***Respectfully Submitted Steve, WU3I***



XYL Eileen outside the Radio Society of Great Britain HQ at Bletchley Park. Great station inside...and I can't find the pictures!



The Prime Meridian with worldwide cities and their latitudes.



The Royal Observatory at Greenwich. It's on top of a BIIG hill!



ND3B with a foot in East and West hemispheres

***March at Phil-Mont***

- 5 Sun WU3I
- 11 Sat VE session
- 12 Sun W3AFV  
Set clocks Ahead 1 Hour
- 19 Sun KB3IV
- 20 Mon Spring Begins
- 23 Thur Evening VE session
- 26 Sun W3STW

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

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**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***

***First Class Mail***

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