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General Meeting on the 10th


In Loving Memory



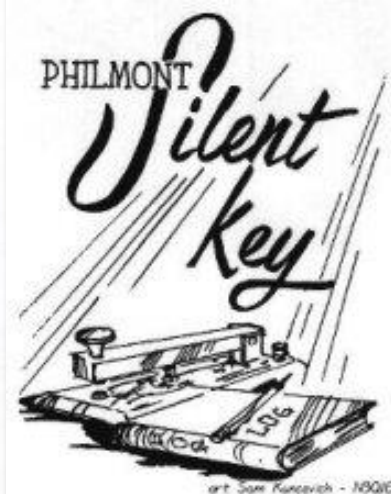
LIFE'S JOURNEY IS NOT TO ARRIVE AT THE GRAVE SAFELY - IN A WELL PRESERVED BODY, BUT RATHER TO SKID IN SIDWAYS, TOTALLY WORN OUT, SHOUTING -

"HOLY S---T... WHAT A RIDE!"

- HUNTER S. THOMPSON -



HARRISON W. GIFT, III
"BILL"
April 20, 1946 - September 7, 2018



It is with extreme sadness to report the passing of Bill Gift, K3HWG. Bill was a past officer of Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club and Philadelphia Digital Radio Association. Will pass along additional information as it becomes available.

Our sincerest sympathies to Delores and family members.

In October... Columbus Day, Halloween

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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 Blurbing: 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 AllStar Node 41624
W3AA Trustee: WU3I
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

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The Prez Sez ...



Hello Phil-Monters,

Guess what it's October again and the fall is here. Has anyone put any new antennas? If you did we would love to hear what you did. The next Phil-Mont Breakfast will be this Saturday coming on October 6th at Andy's restaurant in Spring House. I hope I see many of you there!

Our repeaters have been up and running very well thanks to all the work of the Tech Team Thanks Bill W3AOK. The fusion repeater has seen some heavier use at night. If anyone is having any repeaters issues please let us know right away.

Elections are coming up in a few months and I would love to see some new people step up and feel what's its like to give something back to the club. It's a fun job and it gives you a different look at what the club looks like from the inside out.

I have been very busy with work and my absence on the repeater reflects nothing of how I feel about Phil-mont. I'm sure everyone understands.

This report will be short this month, and I hope to see you soon.

I would like to thank everyone who helps make Phil-Mont the club that it is, from the officers to the people who update web sites and face book and our all important repeater

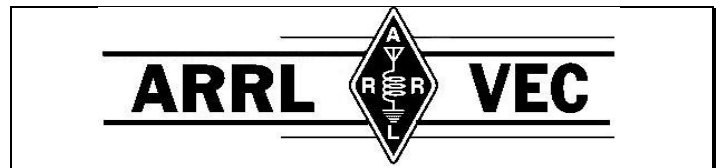
gurus and system operators. Everything helps us be the best Radio Club in the area.

Hopefully please listen to the nets and read the emails from the Philmontmobileradio newsgroup

If anyone has an idea please send me an email at 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.

73, Sal NC3U



Thursday evening session is on the 25th this month.

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Ed Masarsky - KB3IV
- 02 Donna Stevenson (XYL K3HWE)
- 03 Lisa Brady – KA3VIL(XYL N3CB)
Susan Lamont (XYL N3SHM)
John Egoville - KA3BBU
- 05 Domenic Cantarella K3DTC
- 06 Chris Brady – N3CB
Joan Freer (XYL W3YLT)

- 08 Frank Kohn - W3MHP
- 09 Griffin Timm - W3HIA
- 10 Patricia Dinardi (XYL N3XKE)
- 11 Charlye Johnson, Jr. - K3CJ
- 20 Rita Ruhl (XYL N3GBJ)
- 29 Bob Harcarik WA2POW
- 31 Dick Klein - W3WXC

MEMBERSHIP STATS

- At press time P.M.R.C. has:
- 110 FULL PAID MEMBERS
 - 10 FAMILY MEMBERS
 - 2 YOUTH MEMBERS
 - 1 HONORARY MEMBERS

More net controls are needed as some will be out of the area for the winter.

WA3GM spoke about the work(right) of the Nominating Committee. Be careful how you answer your phone you might be the newest PMRC Officer

KB3IV removing one of his many hats passed the club database to N3QV

AJ3DI made the motion to close the meeting at 8:10PM WB3DZZ seconded. We all ran for the door.

9/12/2018

NC3U opened the General Meeting at 7:05PM there were 21 in attendance.

Passings mentioned K3HWG Bill and KC3JPI Bob A Moment of Silence was held.

Repeater W3AOK reported repeater all OK need a painting soon on exterior.

From the Secretary

9/5/2018

NC3U opened the Board of Directors meeting at 7:04 PM in attendance were; N3QV, WU3I, KB3IV, NC3U, K3RON, W3AOK, AJ3DI, and WA3GM.

W3AOK reported the repeater was doing fine, The internet service has been increased form 1GB/MO to 10GB/MO there was a great deal involved. AJ3DI made a motion to install cameras at the repeater. WA3GM Seconded.

WB3DZZ reported no activity in the Membership Committee.

NC3U made the suggestion to activate the lighthouse on Kelly drive for Lighthouse Weekend 2019 as well as Winter Field Day 2019(I will do it from Florida).

KB3IV reported the treasury was doing just fine for SeptemberAJ3DI made the motion to accept treasury Report. WB3DZZ seconded.

Digital Education Net Ron NY3J reported FT8 CALL was debuted on the net.

Treasury was reported as all OK KB3IV was not in attendance after a medical Procedure. Now he doesn't walk funny anymore.

Elections WA3GM is the nomination committee Chairperson Be Very Afraid!!!
Net Controls are needed See KB3IV

VE program NS3K was recognized for his 300th VE Session. Way to go Jim and the team.

Winter FD and Lighthouse activation on Kelly drive introduced as upcoming events.

N3UBY took care of the 50-50 AJ3DI won and donated back to club.

WA3GM introduced AB3SV Paul who presented a program on PSK31

Respectfully Submitted Steve WU3I

ARRL president suggests that we “re-brand” amateur radio

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

This Week in Amateur Radio recently reported (<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/this-week-in-amateur-radio/e/51325707>) on a speech given by ARRL president, Rick Roderick, K5UR, at the 60th annual West Virginia State ARRL convention held August 25th at WVU Jackson’s Mill Conference Center. Here are some things that he had to say: “Are we even relevant anymore as ham radio operators? Well, let’s see: We’re world communicators. We provide public service. We help in emergencies and disasters. We help save lives. We talk to the jungles of Africa...to the beaches of the South Pacific. We bounce signals off the moon. We talk to astronauts. We promote technology. We do positive things. So absolutely—we are relevant.

“We’ve got to accept change and we’ve got to adapt if we’re going to bridge that gap to that next generation. So the question that I have here that I have challenged my colleagues at ARRL with is this: is it time to rebrand ham radio? Maybe we need to rebrand the American Radio Relay League. That’s a pretty profound statement.”

Of course, I agree with K5UR on this and said so myself (<https://www.kb6nu.com/are-we-amateurs-or-what/>) several years ago. Unfortunately, according to the report, he retreated to the same old ideas that the ARRL has been spouting for years: “Well I think we ought to get out there and stir things up. That’s what I think we ought to do. I think you ought to go back and rejuvenate your club. Over the next year, get somebody into ham radio. The second thing I want you to do....I want you to help a ham that needs your help. And the third thing I want you to do is—if you’re not a member of the American Radio Relay League, you need to join today...because you know that whether you like us or not, we’re all you’ve got; ain’t nobody else in Washington DC helping us. I want you to ask yourself this question: don’t you think it’s time to give something back? Now I believe as a group, if we all did that we’ll make a difference in this hobby as we go forward. Be a champion of ham

radio. Let’s work together and get it done. Thank you very much.”

I’d like to challenge K5UR and the ARRL to really stir things up. There are lots of us out here giving back by teaching classes, conducting exam sessions, and helping hams get on the air. That’s not the problem.

What we need from the ARRL is real leadership, not just talk. Exhorting the troops is only going to go so far. For most hams, amateur radio is only a hobby, and they do what they can. It’s really up to the ARRL to provide the leadership that ties it all together and provide the framework that will allow us all to be successful.

Saying, “Whether you like us or not, we’re all you’ve got; ain’t nobody else in Washington DC helping us” doesn’t really cut it. You have to show people that you’re really making a difference, not just say you are.

When he's not giving the ARRL the benefit of his opinions, Dan blogs about amateur radio, writes exam study guides (www.kb6nu.com/study-guides), and operates CW on the HF bands. Look for him on 30m, 40m, and 80m. You can email him your thoughts about the ARRL at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

October at Phil-Mont

- 7- Sun W3MHP
- 8 Mon Columbus Day
- 14-Sun KB3SJS
- 21-Sun KB3IV
- 25 Thurs VE Session
- 28-Sun WU3I
- 31 Wed Halloween

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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

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

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