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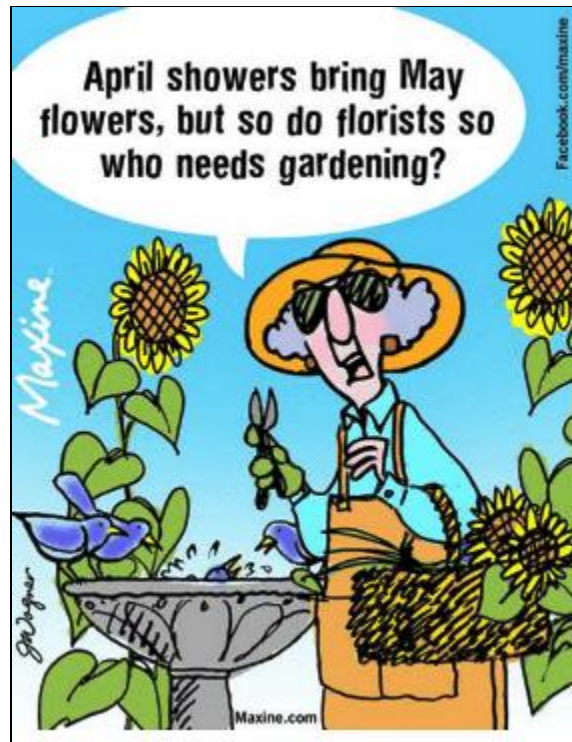
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Aah, Spring at last and
the chirds are burping in the trees!

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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: 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
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W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

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The Prez Sez ...



Hello Phil-Mont

Spring has sprung here in sunny FL as I get ready to head back north in about 5 days.

The WX was beautiful most of the time. Only one or two days of any appreciable rain and this year no storms.

My remote operation worked really great during my stay. I was able to work some DX along with some of the CWOPS mini CWT's on Wednesdays at 1300, 1900 & 0300 hrs. Jump in on Wednesdays they are only an hour long and a lot of fun. Members give their name and CWOPS number while non-members give their name and state/country. I was even able to assume Net Control Duties for a couple of Sundays on the PMRC 75 meter phone net when the XYL was not here

A big PMRC THANK YOU to Our March speaker Harvey WA3GTL for his fine presentation on the Phila ARES/RACES program. Don't forget to also check into the net on Sunday night on the Phil-Mont repeater

Coming up at our April meeting our presenter will be PMRC's own Jim NS3K. Jim will talk to us about the NEW DVMEGA Multi Band/IP Radio which was all the rage at Hamcation this year. I am even thinking about one. Ham Radio Concepts (Eric KJ4YZI in FL) has a nice you tube video on

this from hamcation but watch it only after you hear Jim's presentation.

Our next breakfast will be at Andy's Diner on April 6th at 10:00 AM. Please note the **NEW LOCATION in CONSHOHOCKEN PA.** The diner on Bethlehem Pike in Ambler is now **CLOSED!!!!!!**

Time now to start thinking about Field Day folks. We will start our discussion and planning at the next meeting so bring your thoughts and ideas so we can kick them around.

If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker or would like to speak at one of our meetings please let any of the club officers or board members know. Your input is vital and we welcome all suggestions.

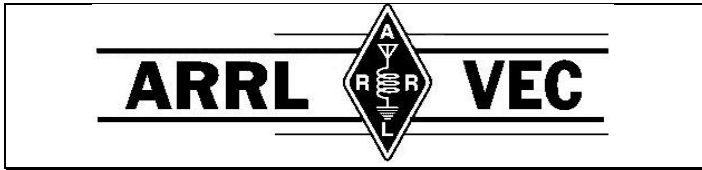
Don't forget to sign up for the Phil-Mont Yahoo Group. This is a good way to share ideas amongst the membership. Sal NC3U is the moderator the group. For more info and to join the group contact Sal.

Well that's all from here for now. A lot of things to get done here before we start our trip home. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Thank you for your support.

73, Greg WA3GM
President PMRC

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*The Thursday evening session is
on the 25th this month.*

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 Mark Thomas - KC3DRE
 05 Rob Moore – N2RM
 06 Andrew Furlong KC2PMW
 08 Jackie Chedeville (XYL W3GQD)
 Joe Fitzmyer - KC3ECE
 George Gianios - WB3DZZ
 10 Michael Elmaleh - K3HIJ
 12 Larry Bennett - NJ3Z
 15 Kent Simmons- N3BKR)
 16 Janet Souza - W3JLS
 21 Michael Vincent N3TOX
 Brad King - WB3BPI
 22 Susan Hoch (XYL W3UI)
 Jack Livezy - KC3EOO
 28 Gwen Patton - NG3P
 30 Al Kaufmann - K3ZMJ

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. had:
 110 FULL PAID MEMBERS
 10 FAMILY MEMBERS
 1 YOUTH MEMBERS
 1 HONORARY MEMBER

From the Secretary

- Meeting called to order at 7 PM by AJ3DI
- One visitor
 - John, KC3MIN and son Nathan
- Repeater Report W3AOK
 - Everything working
 - WA3DSP is still shopping for a new repeater. He has 3 quotes so far
 - AJ3DI reported that Fusion is getting busier with the introduction of PDN
- No new members KB3IV
- DEN Report NY3J
 - DEN is practicing APRS using UISS for use with the ISS Digi[eater
- VE Report NS3K
 - 3/9 Saturday session had 7 candidates of which 6 were Drexel students who are building a CubeSat
 - Next session is Thursday, 3/28
- General discussion about satellites
 - SJARC conference on 3/24
- Upcoming Events
 - Field Day is 6/22 and 6/23 at Fort Washington State Park. KB2ERL is Band Captain
 - International Lighthouse activation on 8/17 NC3U leading that activity
- Scholarships
 - K3GBA scholarship is fully funded from the equipment sale. Any excess will go into the general scholarship fund
- Club Breakfast will be at a new location this time. More to come NC3U
- Treasurer's Report WB3DZZ
 - We have money
- Business portion of meeting closed at 7:27
- Presentation on Philadelphia County ARES by Harvey Kolodner WA3GTL

Chuck Farrell W3AFV

Make ham radio a habit

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Every week, I get an email newsletter from Penguin Random House called *Signature*. *Signature* includes links to articles about books and writing. Being a writer, I clicked on the link to "5 Good Writing Habits You Need to Learn Now." As I was reading the article, it occurred to me that the advice could also apply to amateur radio.

So, with apologies to the author, Lorraine Berry, here are five things you can do to make ham radio a habit:

1. **To get on the air more, or to do more building, set up a time to do it.** If you enjoy getting on the air or homebrewing, but never seem to be able to find the time to do it, you need to put it on your schedule. Set aside the time a couple of days, or a week, or even a month in advance, and you'll be more likely to do it. If you set up a regular time every week, pretty soon it will be a habit.
2. **If ham radio is important to you, create an environment that encourages you to do ham radio.** To make ham radio a habit, you really need a place that's set up to do ham radio. If you have to dig out and set up your equipment every time that you want to get on the air, you're just not going to do it. You need a "shack" that makes it easier for you to engage in the hobby. Richards, K8JHR, gave me some great advice back in 2012 on where and how to set up a shack (<https://www.kb6nu.com/building-a-new-shack/>).
3. **Create temptations that reward you for your new habit of ham radio.** For me, being able to make interesting contacts, or building some new gizmo, is reward enough, but you may want to reward yourself with a

beer or some ice cream after an operating session.

4. **Make it easy to do what you like to do.** This is related to #4. Your shack should have everything you need to easily do whatever ham radio activities you enjoy doing. If you enjoy operating, then it should have a nice operating desk. If you enjoy building, then set it up so that all of your tools are readily accessible. The easier it is to do, the more likely it is that you'll do it. If you enjoy operating portable, then build up a kit that has all the stuff you need, and have it ready to go when you're ready to go.
5. **Start with the Two-Minute Rule for new habits and continue from there.** The "two minute rule" (<https://www.lifehack.org/articles/productivity/how-stop-procrastinating-and-stick-good-habits-using-the-2-minute-rule.html>) is a tool to help you overcome procrastination. The idea is to allot just two minutes to a task that you'd like to complete or a skill that you'd like to develop. It's a small commitment, but enough to get you started, and the idea is that once you're started on a particular task or project, continuing work on that task or project becomes a lot easier. Those two minutes could easily become a half hour or an hour once you've gotten the ball rolling.

Armed with this advice, I'm expecting you to be a more active ham in 2019. I'll be listening for you on 40 m.

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April at Phil-Mont

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

7 Sun KB3IV

14 Sun NC3U

19 Fri Good Friday, Passover

21 Sun KB3IV

Easter

28 Sun K3XS

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