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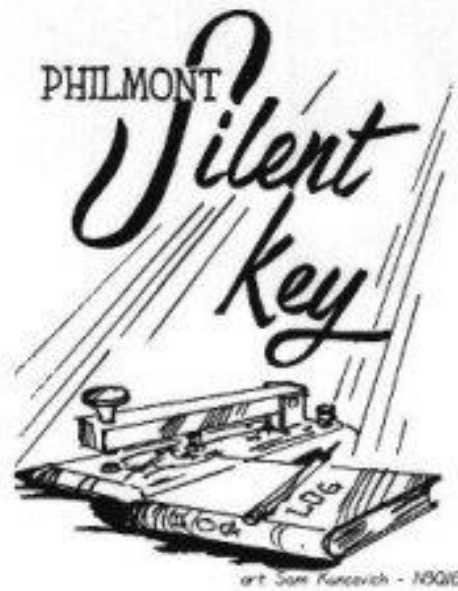
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No Meetings Due to Coronavirus



Herb Scott, N3OLK March 22,2020

***Wash your hands!
Don't touch your face!
Keep the virus at bay!***

What about Field Day?? See Prez Sez page 3 ...

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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 1030L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM) • 75 meter Net at 1000L 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: 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: N3QV**
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 47970
W3AA Trustee: N3QV
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The Prez Sez ...



Hello Phil-Mont

As our website says all Phil-Mont Activities are cancelled until further notice due to this horrible pandemic.

I know you will hear a lot of talk in the media about getting things opened up and going back to normal. I would urge you all to take extreme caution should you decide to do this.

It is no secret that we are an “Older Mature Group” many with some kind of underlying health conditions. Contracting this virus could have serious consequences for us so **PLEASE** use common sense and listen to the **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS** and not some of the politicians/radical groups who want to rush things. **BE SMART AND STAY SAFE.**

With spring time here that means that Field Day is just around the corner. June 27TH & 28TH will be the dates this year. If we have Field Day as we know it we will again be at Ft. Washington State Park 420 Militia Hill Rd, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Should we not have field day as we know it here are some guidelines from the ARRL.

“Due to the unique situation presented this year, this can be an opportunity for you, your club, and/or group to try something new,” ARRL Contest Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE, said. “Field Day isn’t about doing things the same way year after year. Use this year to develop and employ a new

approach that is in line with the current circumstances.”

Social distancing and state and local requirements very likely will impact just how — and even whether — you are able to participate in Field Day this year. ARRL continues monitoring the coronavirus situation, paying close attention to information and guidance offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If social distancing means that Class A with a 30-member team set up in a city park won’t work this year, then it’s time for a Plan B. Part of the Field Day concept has always been adapting your operation to the situation at hand. At its heart, Field Day is an emergency communication demonstration. Field Day rules are flexible enough to allow individuals and groups to adjust their participation and strategies in a way that still addresses their needs while being fun. Some possibilities:

Encourage club members to operate from their home stations on emergency power (Class E). Use the club’s repeater as a means for individual participants to keep in touch during the event. Family members interested in operating Field Day and unable to participate as part of a larger group may want to consider setting up a portable station in the backyard with a temporary antenna.

We can plan as if we are going to do the “REAL THING” but can always revert to PLAN B should the need arise.

Our Field Day Coordinator for this year is Bob KB2ERL. Band Captains please get in touch with Bob KB2ERL ASAP so we can firm up plans. All members are encouraged to come out and visit and more importantly operate during field day. If you can provide any advance notice of the times you can operate that would be much appreciated. This is NOT a fast paced contest type environment. This is a fun family type environment as well as checking our readiness for emergency type operations so come out and join us. This would be a good opportunity to bring the kids and the grand kids so they can operate. As if that was not enough to peak your interest we again have our very own “Bobby Flay” aka Steve” WU3I providing us with meals

throughout the weekend. Come savor whatever delicacies Steve has in store for us this year. Also please let Steve know ASAP by Email, Phone, and Text Etc... which days you will be attending and for what meals so he can plan accordingly.

If we have a June meeting we will finalize everything for Field day and then we will take a short vacation in July & August and then resume or normal schedule of activities in September.

Keep an ear on the repeater and eyes on the Web Site for further up to date information.

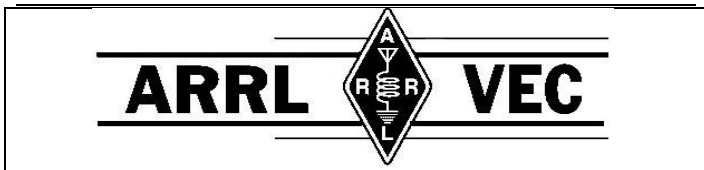
If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker or would like to speak at one of our meetings please let any of the club officers or board members know. Your input is vital and we welcome all suggestions.

Subscribe to Phil-Mont Groups.IO This replaces the Yahoo Group
main+subscribe@Philmontmobileradioclub.groups.io

For more info and to join the group contact Sal.

Everyone please stay safe and if nothing else heed my warnings in the first few paragraphs.

73, Greg WA3GM



***The VE session is
Canceled this month***

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05 Paul Policarpo - N3PP
 Patrick Taylor - W3HVG
 07 Robert Swayne - K3NIE
 George Walsh, Jr - KB3WAQ
 15 Doug Crompton - WA3DSP
 James Kavanagh - WQ3H
 17 Herb Scott - N3OLK
 28 Peggy Kaufmann - KB3DID
 29 Maggie Leber - K3XS
 30 Bill Chedeville - W3GQD
 31 Joyce Mitchell - (XYL KC3CEW)

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. has:
 110 Full paid members
 10 Family members
 2 Youth members
 1 Honorary member
 1 Pending

Pending New Member

W3TTY
 Stanley Dworak
 Perkasio, Pa.
 Extra Class

From the Secretary

NO April Board Meeting
 NO April General Meeting
 NO Secretary's Report

Chuck Farrell
W3AFV

And no meetings for the foreseeable future!

Hi fellow Phil-Monters,

If any of you have a multi-band dipole (including 80 meters) and/or 30-50' of low-loss coax that you aren't using, I would be interested in borrowing or buying/trading for it after the Covid-19 crisis is over.

By the way, I am also interested in acquiring a deep cycle battery and trickle charger.

I also have the following to sell or trade:

- AmComm Clear Speech base noise reduction unit.
- Icom IC-V82, 2 Meter handi-talkie with two hand mikes, AC charger, extra battery, & battery case.
- Radio Shack Pro-2050, VHF/UHF, 300 channel programmable scanner.
- Icom AT-500 HF Auto Tuner - untested.
- Vintage Kenwood KR-3130 Analog Stereo Receiver. Works well; needs two replacement light bulbs.
- Vintage Sansui AU-101 Solid State Stereo Amplified. Low Power, works great, some veneer missing on trim.
- Vintage Pair Bose 2.2 Bookshelf speakers.
- Pair Sound Lab bookshelf stereo speakers.
- Pair JBL Northridge Series N26 stereo speakers.

73,

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May at Phil-Mont

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

3 Sun K2RSJ

10 Sun WA3GM

Mother's Day

17 Sun WU3I

24 Sun KB3SJS

25 Mon Memorial Day

31 Sun N3QV

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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

Thanks to Woody, K3YV