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No Meetings or VE Tests Due to Coronavirus ... again



*Whether
"Yule" be
celebrating
Christmas ...*



*or Winter Solstice,
the longest night of
the year ...*

*or Hanukkah, the
Festival of Lights,
may the season bring
joy to you and yours.*



It's that time again: Annual dues are due!

You will be receiving your renewal invoice this month. Please follow the instructions shown to submit your dues.

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For club information: Contact any club officer, or the repeaters listed below. Address or club directory changes and articles for the membership e-mail list should be sent to: KB3IV

Sunday Morning Net Schedules:

- **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

Committees:

Blurb folding: KB3IV & N3GLU

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Membership: KB3IV

Net Control: KB3IV

Program: W3AOK

Refreshments: W3AOK

Repeater: W3AOK

Scholarship:
 KB3IV

Sunshine: N3GLU

VE Program:
 NS3K

Welcome: N3UBY

Youth: KC2PMW

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 each month on the **fourth non-holiday Thursday** 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.

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Club Stations

W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System,
 Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

Trustee: N3QV

147.030 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 1 Hz C4FM

Fusion Digital

Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R AllStar Node 47970

W3AA Trustee: N3QV

W3EM: Field Day/special event station

Trustee: N3QV

The Prez Sez ...



Hello, Phil-Mont!

Happy Thanksgiving, Phil-Mont. I am sure celebrating this year was a little different for most of us due to COVID-19 and the recent recommendations by the CDC. However you celebrated, I hope you enjoyed what time you could spend with the ones you love.

Old Timer's Night was at our last meeting on the repeater. A big thanks to Doug WA3DSP for being the MC of the event, as he did a great job. Most importantly, thanks to all the PMRC members who attended to give their stories of their early days in the hobby.

At our last BOD meeting, the Board approved the one-time scholarship award for 2020 in memory of longtime PMRC founding member Dick Moll W3RM.

It is also that time of the year again for **ELECTION of OFFICERS** and board members. George WB3DZZ and myself are Co-Chairmen of the nominating and election committee this year. Due to the current pandemic, elections will be held online. All members were sent an email with a link to vote for the current slate of candidates. This link will be good up until the day before the next club meeting on Wednesday, December 9. At that time, George and I will tally the votes and I will announce the

winners of the election at the December meeting on the repeater. If you did not get an email to cast your vote, please contact me by email and I will see that you get a ballot. *[Note: You can search your email Inbox for the subject line: "Your Invitation to Vote in the Election: PMRC Annual Elections."]*

Your next Pres Sez article will be from your **NEW PRESIDENT**. I am not running for office next year nor am I running for any board position. I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be your president again and again and again as well as other officer and board positions over the years, but I feel that it is time for other members of the club to step up and take over the reins. I am sure they will have many new and fresh ideas that will make the club even better than what it is today.

Usually in January we have our annual Club Auction. As of this date, we are not sure how we are going to proceed. Please check the club web page frequently for the latest up-to-date info.

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.

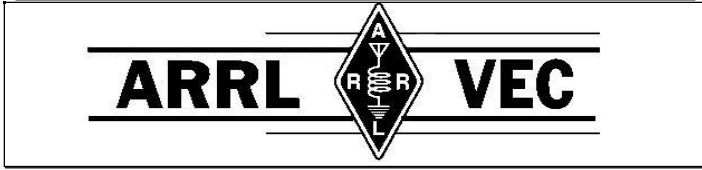
On a sad note, our heartfelt condolences go out to Rick Spencer N3FD on the passing of his mother and longtime PMRC supporter Elaine Spencer. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Rick.

I will be heading to Florida (I hope) soon for my annual winter pilgrimage, but we will still see you on the various Sunday nets and club meetings on the repeater.

Thank you for your support.

See or hear you all at the next meeting on the repeater.





Dear Ed Masarsky,

It is an honor to receive the Alfred Tribble W3STW Memorial Scholarship. I would like to sincerely thank you and the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club for your generous contribution to my college tuition. This scholarship greatly helps me achieve my goal of excelling in college and reducing my loans after graduation. I appreciate your faith in me. Being a member of the amateur radio community has led to many friendships and amazing experiences that have shaped who I am. It has given me countless skills, confidence, and great happiness. Thank you very much for your support.



I have been interested in electronics and radios my whole life. When I heard about Amateur Radio when I was 13 years old, it was like a dream come true. I became licensed in 2015 and

upgraded to General Class a year later. I am a member of the South Jersey Radio Association, Gloucester County ARC, and South Jersey Mountain Toppers. In the SJRA, I am on the board of directors and am the webmaster of our website. My favorite enjoyments of the hobby are digital radio modes (DMR, YSF), contesting and HF operating, networking, electronics, and Field Day.

Sincerely,

Holden Correia-Fisher, KD2JPV
Rowan University Class of 2024

The VE session is canceled this month.

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

From the Secretary ...

Virtual meeting on the Repeater:

Called to order by WA3GM at 7:00 p.m. local

Secretary's Report – W3AFV

Treasurer's Report – WA3GM

Few minor expenditures in last month

Scholarships – WA3GM

Added one for 2021 to honor Richard Moll

Membership – KB3IV

Two new members approved by the Board

Repeater Report – WA3DSP

Vendor received amplifier for repair

Ethernet switch installed at site

Election – WA3GM

December voting will be online

Nominations closed

Link for voting sent 11/11/20

Check-ins – 23 check-ins to the meeting net

Kudos to WA2UAR for his latest video on “What Hams Do”

Business portion of meeting adjourned at

7:23 p.m. local

Old Timer's Night – Conducted by WA3DSP

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck W3AFV

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

01 Eric Marano – N3QV
 02 Patricia Katz – (XYL N3OWM)
 07 Ben Pak – KA3BEN
 08 Jules Stein – KB3AFH
 09 Barbara Bennett – (XYL NJ3Z)
 10 David Spangler – W3DSS
 14 Steven Davidson – K3FZT
 16 James Day – WA3QED
 19 Larry Stevenson – K3HWE
 Thomas Derivera – KA3ZMO
 20 Harvey Kolodner – WA3GTL
 21 Rick Spencer – N3FD
 24 Richard DeVirgiliis – ND3B
 25 Jim McCloskey – NS3K
 27 William Bruno – W3KBS
 30 Adam Huffnagle – K3JCP
 31 Albert Hotchkiss – KC3PGT

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. has:

- 110 Full Paid Members
- 10 Family Members
- 1 Youth Member
- 2 Honorary Members

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.

Antennas for sale:

- Hustler 4BTV vertical antenna with a 75m super resonator on top.
 - 3 element Beam with extra traps; I believe it's a Mosley.
 - Diamond Dual band vhf uhf base antenna.
- I have the paperwork for the Hustler and Mosley Asking \$50.00 each, but no reasonable offer will be refused. Contact Carmen KE3QB at my3gumbas@gmail.com.

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, Frank W3MHP

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December at Phil-Mont

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

6 Sun – NC3U
 7 Mon – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 10 Thurs – First Night of Hanukkah
 13 Sun – WA3GTL
 20 Sun – KB3IV
 21 Mon – Winter Solstice
 25 Fri – Christmas Day
 27 Sun – W3MHP
 31 Thurs – New Year's Eve

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