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Harvey D. Kolodner
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Happy New Year!



“The time is always right to do what is right.”
— Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Submissions deadline: All copy must be in the hands of the Editor by the 20th of the previous month.

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

Internet: N3QV & KC2PMW

Refreshments: W3AOK

VE Program: NS3K

Directory: KB3IV

Membership: KB3IV

Repeater: W3AOK

Welcome:

Field Day: KC2PMW

Net Control: KB3IV

Scholarship: KB3IV

N3UBY

Fusion Coord: NC3U

Program: W3AOK

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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 ...



Happy New Year, Phil-Mont!

Hope everyone had a great holiday season, and is

looking forward to a more normal 2021. I want to thank the Club and all of its previous officers for allowing me, and this amazing team, to lead the Club for 2021. I would like to introduce the team for 2021 as I see them:

Rich, K2RSJ – Passionate. Driven. Will get the job done. TALL. Great for Field Day and all the high things!

Ed, KB3IV – Ed loves the Club. The Club loves Ed. Repeater and Net Controls are his passion. Mocha. Contemplative. Always has the Club's best interest in mind. Open minded.

Chuck, W3AFV – STEADY. Consistent. Pen and paper always at the ready. Tasks always completed.

Eric, N3QV – Grew up in and with the Club. Steady. Contemplative. Technical. Proper.

Ron, K3RON – Informed. Stays current on Amateur games and interests, and brings them to the attention of the Club. Attentive. Idea man.

Bobby, KB2ERL – Club's best interest always comes first. Open minded.

Doug, WA3DSP – Hard working. Dedicated. Historian. Builder. Rebuilder. ELMER.

Dick, W3UP – Most open-minded, friendly person you will ever meet. Loves radio and nets. Loves the hobby and growing it, WITHOUT worrying about personalities and affiliations.

Jay, WA2UAR – Media savvy. Open minded. Informative. Connected with the pulse of the ARRL.

Jeff, KC3GJX – Electronics ENTHUSIAST. Old soul. Hands on. TINKERER of all the things.

ALL OF YOU!

I hope that you are as excited as I am at the possibilities of 2021. EVERYONE in the Club is invited to participate in any way they can. There is much to do. We can use your help. Don't be shy, don't worry about any skills required, we just want your willingness, and we will find something you can assist with.

EVERYONE is an ambassador of the Club. Think of what made you want to become a member, emulate that, and expand upon it.

PARTICIPATE. Participate in Club events AND non-Club events and then TELL US WHAT YOU DID.

PLAY RADIO. Use the repeater. Read the Groups dot IO info so you can stay up to date with the Club and amateur radio happenings and let others know what is going on. Follow us on Facebook.

CHECK THE WEBSITE. <http://phil-mont.org/>

Things that I want to work on for 2021:

- 1) Restore the repeater to complete area coverage. Get it working to its full potential.
- 2) Renew activity on the repeater.
- 3) Radio GAMES – us playing RADIO. EVERY KIND.
- 4) Members sharing their RADIO ACTIVITIES with all of us. On the air. In the *Blurb*. Email. Facebook.
- 5) When SAFE, get back to Club activities outside of the General Meetings and nets.

Heck, isn't everyone ready for that? I am looking forward to the time (very soon) when we can have "activities" again. Over the air is great. Aren't we lucky as hams that we have radio during these quarantine times? But hopefully folks will realize the value of real-life events and activities once they are again safely allowed.

Speaking of over the air, it has NOT been as active as I thought it would be, on the Phil-Mont repeater and other local repeaters. LET'S ALL WORK ON THAT.

73, Jim AJ3DI
Play*Break*LEARN

P.S. – Share all of your ISS SSTV captures. I know you played December 24 to December 31

In Memoriam: Harvey D. Kolodner

Harvey D. Kolodner died of COVID-19 on December 27, 2020, at age 69. He was a lifelong resident of Philadelphia and is survived by his dear wife Elinore O'Neill Kolodner, daughter Elizabeth DiPietrantonio, son-in-law Paul, granddaughter Lucy, sister Amy Juffe (the late Melvin), sister-in-law Anne McCormick, brother-in-law Joseph O'Neill (Eileen), brother-in-law Thomas O'Neill, and loving nieces Lori McCormick and Andrea Casabianca (Gus) and nephews Michael McCormick, Wayne Drueding, Scott Juffe, Michael Medeiros and Kevin Medeiros (Cary). Harvey was particularly fond of his great-nieces and -nephew, his "Units," Emily McCormick, Sarah Drueding, E., Ava and Olivia McCormick, and Ava and Sal Casabianca.

Harvey graduated from Overbrook High and the University of Pennsylvania and earned his MBA from Drexel University. Prior to his retirement from his own firm, Kolodner2, he was the CEO and Managing Partner of a local architectural and planning firm, Kise Straw and Kolodner. He served on the Board of the Germantown Cricket Club for several years including serving as President. He enjoyed many years as a member of the Sproat table and 12:30 table at the Union League before retiring.

Harvey was an enthusiastic ham radio operator with the call sign WA3GTL from the age of 15. He participated in several local radio clubs and was particularly interested in emergency preparedness and in introducing young people to the hobby.

Each summer since 1980, Harvey spent two weeks at Eagle Camp in Vermont, enjoying reading, fishing, chatting and avoiding the frigid water of Lake Champlain. He loved his family, his country, his friends. He was quick-witted, funny and kind, and left most people he met with a smile.

Planning Ahead for 2022

If you want to be first in line to ring in the new year, head to Samoa or Kiribati, where January kicks off among the palm trees of Polynesia. Then, for a double celebration, catch a quick flight east to American Samoa, one of the *last* locations to mark the start of the new year, nearly 26 hours after it begins in Samoa.

Contributions in Harvey's memory may be made to:

- Eagle Camp Memorial Fund, 505 West Shore Road, South Hero, VT 05486; or
- National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 12221 Merit Drive, Suite 1950, Dallas, TX 75251.

To virtually attend Harvey's funeral on January 4, 2021, join Zoom Meeting ID #816 7630 3216 by clicking on the following link (enter Passcode: kolodner):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81676303216?pwd=VXN5UWFJOHhibkw2Ui80Q0h2eTlpUT09>.

Directory Update

Your 2021 Dues Invoice/Directory Information Sheet was sent to you in a separate mailing.

Please verify the information and return it with your dues and optional PMRC Scholarship Fund donation to:

**PMRC
PO Box 404
Warminster, PA 18974**

In Memoriam: Elaine Spencer ***“She was always there”***

Elaine Spencer’s life was interwoven with Phil-Mont, especially in the Club’s early decades. Aside from keeping Jim happy and raising three children, she managed office work associated with Jim’s construction company. When a job was completed, anything from a new screen door to an entire house, the customer received a concise account of material and labor costs, all tabulated by Elaine. And in addition to all that, she involved herself in the community with visits to new residents’ homes through the Welcome Wagon program. But wait! That’s not all! For many years, Elaine supplemented the family income by working in the local office of a floor covering manufacturer.



Beyond pursuits for her family, Elaine made continuing major contributions to the social life of all Phil-Monters. That was particularly apparent when we had our annual Dinner/Dances. More than just dining and dancing, when guests entered the dining room they were treated to tables decorated with floral arrangements and favors at each place, generally provided by Elaine and other wives under her leadership. She also was involved, behind the scenes, with the selection of Member of the Year and other awards, such as the dreaded Iduabmug Trophy (Gumbaudi spelled backward), presented to the hapless member unfortunate enough to have made the most embarrassing blunder in the previous year. And when the Club hosted visitors from other clubs, Washington Radio Club in particular, she was front and center greeting the visiting YLs and XYLs. At less auspicious

events, such as monthly “*Blurb Mailing*” sessions held at the Spencers’ home, Elaine always seemed to come up with refreshments for the team that had turned piles of printed pages into *Blurbs* ready for mailing. The collators, staplers, folders, labelers and stamp-lickers were rewarded at the conclusion of their effort with refreshments from Elaine.

Outside of amateur radio, the Spencers were avid bridge players and golfers. Visiting 120 Central Avenue on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, while a golf tournament was in progress, one would find them lounging in their living room, intently watching the game, especially during the phenomenal successes of Tiger Woods. Their love of golf also led Jim and Elaine to become members of LuLu Country Club, where they enjoyed their sporting interests on the golf course at every opportunity.

After we lost Jim, Elaine continued to monitor the .03 repeater. If there was a kerfuffle of some sort, you could always expect a telephone call from Elaine the next morning asking, “What was that all about?” with additional reactions to what was happening on the repeater. Those calls to the writer were supplemented every month or two with a friendly chat about the club, family news, and her advancing health issues. Her calls gradually became less frequent and then stopped entirely, as Elaine’s health failed. Finally, on November 16, 2020, Elaine Spencer passed away, leaving fond memories of a lady who had been a driving force behind Phil-Mont for so many years.

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**The VE session is canceled this month.
As always, many thanks to our VE team!**

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Jon Verlin – K3VU
Dotty Toth (XYL K3CHJ)
- 05 Dorene Weiner (XYL WX3PHI)
- 13 James Leahy – N0VVV
James Toth – K3CHJ
- 14 John Bates – KC3CEW
- 15 Karen Lenczynski (XYL KA3EIP)
- 16 Krista Meo (XYL KB2AYS)
- 23 Clay Owen – AA3JY
Susan Garretson – KB3YQM
- 26 Colleen Moon (XYL KCEDII)
Steven Frederick – K3KIC
- 27 Maureen McCloskey (XYL NS3K)

MEMBERSHIP STATS

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

- 110 Full Paid Members
- 10 Family Members
- 2 Youth MemberS
- 2 Honorary Members
Elaine Spencer
Richard Moll – W3RM

Did You Know ...?



The Eiffel Tower sits atop an underground radio studio (near one of the four legs), and the transmitter tower is still used today for FM radio broadcasts.

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.

January at Phil-Mont

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

- 1 Fri – New Year's Day
- 3 Sun – NC3U
- 10 Sun – KB3IV
- 17 Sun – KB3IV
- 18 Mon – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 24 Sun – W3MHP
- 31 Sun – N3QV

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