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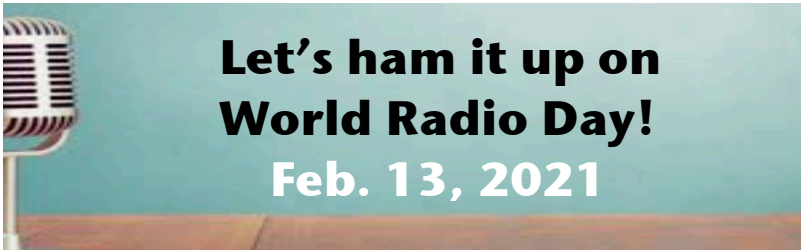
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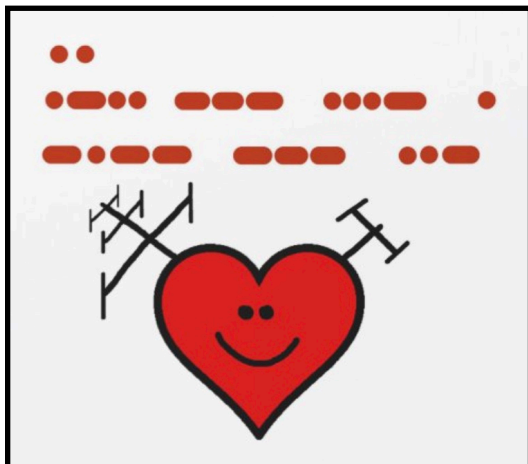
No Meetings or VE Tests Due to Coronavirus ... Again



Presidents' Day – Feb. 15



Valentine's Day – Feb. 14



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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

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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 ...



Hello, Phil-Mont!

We are off to a great start in 2021. Thank you. At the General Meeting

January 2021 Ham Radio Bootcamp: “Got your license, now what?!?” our KILO YEARS of experienced hams provided valuable information for new hams, such as:

- 1) HT may not be the *best* communication tool for *every* situation.
- 2) The OEM antennas are rarely any good.
- 3) An external antenna for mobile or home use will help.
- 4) Mobile radio will yield even better results.
- 5) Listen **but** key up early, get over that mic fright.
- 6) **KEY UP!**
- 7) Signal/Audio reports are given to HELP and CONGRATULATE you. **DO NOT** be intimidated by them.
- 8) Join a club.
- 9) Ask questions. Take ACTION.
- 10) YouTube, mailing lists, Facebook, Twitter — all sources of information.
- 11) Join the ARRL.

If you missed it, you can listen to it via the website. (Direct link: <http://phil-mont.org/presos/pmrcJan2021.mp3>)

- We were visited by [KC3EWK](#), Zachary Martin, our Claude H. Haring, Jr., W3IIM Memorial Scholarship winner from 55 miles away! RF(abulous)!
- We had an Allstar checkin from Matt, checking his Allstar node and saying hello from out west.

- Our own WA2UAR, Jay dropped another video podcast: “What Hams Do, Episode #3 – Amateur Radio Emergency Mobile Communications,” featuring video from our Vice President, K2RSJ Rich. Always check out what Jay and the EPA folks are doing at: <https://epa-arrrl.org/> (Link is also on our website.)
- Dick, W3UP, announced the trial of a new Drive Time/Remote Day End Net. Kickoff was Monday, January 18 at 5 PM local time.

PMRC Equipment LOAN Program: Rich, K2RSJ is at the ready to deliver your new toy. We have an FTM-400 and an FT-1D to loan out to Club members. These are both Fusion- and APRS-enabled devices. <https://philmontmobileradioclub.groups.io/g/main/message/574>

My fellow Phil-Mont Members,

As promised during the net two weeks ago, the loan of the club's FTM-400 and FT-1D is now available. See the attached form. Submit this form to Rich, K2RSJ at rothjr66@gmail.com OR go to <https://philmontmobileradioclub.groups.io/g/main/database> and fill out the request directly.

• *These radio loans are available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

• *In the interest of the most Club members having the opportunity to try out these radios, the loans will be limited to three (3) months from the date of the loan.*

• *If you are done with the radio before the loan term is over or when the loan term is over, please contact Rich, K2RSJ at 609-502-0460 or rothjr66@gmail.com to arrange for the radio to be transferred to the next Club member requesting the use of the radio.*

I will administer/facilitate this program to get these radios into as many of the members' hands as we can.



Loaner on the way!

Try before you buy. This is a great opportunity to experiment with Yaesu's System Fusion.

73,
Rich, K2RSJ

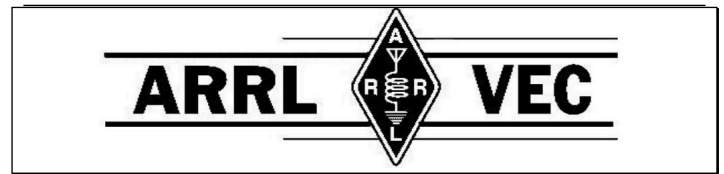
- The ARRL VHF Contest was held. Hope some folks played!
- North American QSO Party was the same weekend.
- It's winter and what are you dreaming of? Well, this was in January, too: WINTER FIELD DAY!
- The fine folks at Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club (<http://harcnet.org/>) invited us to their ZOOM meeting on State QSO Parties.
- PHILLY VEs had a remote session on January 28. This group is headed by our own Lamonte, N1LC. Check <https://hamstudy.org/sessions> for upcoming sessions. Want to help out as a Remote VE? Get onboard. Follow these instructions: [Philly Remote VE GUIDE](#)
- The Club now gets donations from AMAZON SMILE when you elect the Club as your charity and shop on [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Support the



CLUB with your Amazon purchases! The banner is also on the website at: <http://phil-mont.org/> (You do buy from Amazon right? Now you can relieve 0.5% of the guilt!) Thanks to our Treasurer, KB3IV, Ed for setting this up.

WOW.

Setting the bar pretty high in January, but up to the task!



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

For February:

February General Meeting – February 10, 7 p.m. local time on ZOOM and [2M repeater](#) (147.030), Allstar NODE [47970](#), and Echolink W3QV-R, featuring K3EUI, Barry “Nano VNA: A Stethoscope for your Antenna System.” (You said you wanted more technical presentations and video meetings — both have been provided!)

Upcoming Radio Games:

- PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint – 0000Z-2359Z, Feb. 14 ... and many more at: <https://www.contestcalendar.com/>
- Feb. 8-12 – [School Club Roundup](#)
- Feb. 20-21 – [International DX – CW](#) (from: <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>)
- Last full weekend in Feb. – CQ WW 160 Meter / SSB (from: https://cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/cq_annual_contest_calendar/cq_annual_contest_calendar.html)

EVERY DAY remember, this is YOUR Club, YOUR repeaters. USE them. MONITOR them. BE A REPEATER GREETER. Answer calls when you can. Let's try to leave **NO CALL UNANSWERED.**

73, Jim AJ3DI
*Play*Break*Learn*

