



# The *Blurb*



*Newsletter of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club*  
*Public Service Since 1949*

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## A Call to Serve



**Hurricanes. Floods. Electrical Failure. When Standard Comms Fall  
Amateur Radio Rises to Keep Information Flowing. Find Out How  
You Can Be a Part of the Solution in Times of Crisis.**

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# Get the Net!

There's no ham radio without YOU!

Get on the air and share! Operate, cooperate, & celebrate ham radio!

## Phil-Mont's Drive Time Net

*Join us on the air every  
Monday to Friday 1700  
to 1800 EDT on:*

- 2m, [Echolink W3QV-R](#)
- [ALLSTAR](#) 47970
- 147.030 MHz (+offset 91.5 PL)
- Bucks County and North PL 88.5 (147.030)

## September Net Control Schedule

9/05 W3AFV  
09/12 W3UP  
09/19 K3BIV  
09/26 NC3U

## CLUB REPEATERS

VHF: 147.030 MHz (+offset 91.5 PL)  
Bucks County and North PL 88.5  
(147.030)

UHF: 444.80 MHz Yaesu System  
Fusion WiresX

[ECHOLINK W3QV-R](#) & [ALLSTAR](#)  
[47970](#)

[EMAIL REPEATER COMMITTEE](#)

## Sunday Morning Nets

*Three Nets on three  
bands, all in a Row!  
Tune in on any or all for  
a quick Sunday morning  
'hello!'*

**0930 EDT:**

- 2m, [Echolink W3QV-R](#)
- [ALLSTAR](#) 47970
- 147.030 MHz (+offset 91.5 PL)
- Bucks County and North PL 88.5 (147.030)

**1000 EDT:**

- 75 meter Net (3.993 MHz LSB +/-QRM)

**1030 EDT:**

- 10 meter Net (28.393 MHz USB +/-QRM)

**CQ! CQ! CQ!**

**Calling CQ for New  
Net Control  
Operators!**

[Click Here and Sign Up  
Today! It's a Fun Way to  
Meet Our Members!](#)

# Club Business

## NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

**Wednesday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**

**@7:00pm (1900 EDT) on ZOOM**

*Or listen to the meeting on any of our club's repeaters*

## September 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Called to order by AJ3DI at 7:03 PM

Attending: AJ3DI, NC3U, K2RSJ, W3UP, W3AFV, KB3IV, K3RON, WA2UAR, KC3GFX, N3QV

President's Statement:

**Field Day:** SUCCESS

**Club EVENT** by Dan W4GMN: Great Example of Do-Ocracy. We will support the event fully. Let's keep riding and build upon the momentum and passion of the new folks.

**Other Amateur Activities:** Lead by example. Anything done in and around the hobby benefits us all. Lead by attraction rather than promotion. Support the endeavors of others.

**OMIK Saturday Net connection:** Extend the reach of that Club and have activity on the repeater.

**Education Alliance for Amateur Radio:** Make Public Service events in the AREA part of our website and Club Meeting Template, as well as the Net announcements.

Committee Reports:

**SECRETARY:** May - June - July - August, May 2021 Board Meeting, May General Meeting

**TREASURER:** Report published to the board

**MEMBERSHIP:** As published in July Blurb: *Margaret (Peg) Daly - N3PEG - General, Phillip Zminda - N3ZP - Extra.* As published in August Blurb: *Laura Wohlford KC3QFB General.* All three new members approved.

**REPEATER/TECHNICAL :** Everything ordered has arrived; Install planned for first or second week of October. Experiencing noise on the repeater again.

Old Business:

**Repeater Internet:** Comcast still a possibility, need / cost of construction needs to be resolved. Will also contact Verizon FIOS; lots of options.

**ARCC Membership:** <http://www.arcc-inc.org/>

New Business:

**Field Day RECAP/Suggestions:** 1) Better map to camp site on web, 2) Signs to site at Park, 3) Signs at Site - goto/bands/kitchen etc, 4) Welcome Team at site - sign in - tour, 5) Entry/Exit times after dark 10-12-2?, 6) Limit gate runs - not fair for other campers.

**Alternate Meeting Location (Covid):** No evening times available at Giant presently.

Ben Wilson Center? Other suggestions?

**Monthly Tech/Build Meeting (weekend Giant):** Bi-monthly? Alternate with in person VE Test sessions?

**Scholarships 2022:** 2 standard: Haring, Hoch. Motion to add third scholarship for 2022 only. \$2,000 - W3NE Scholarship. *Seconded and Approved.*

Elections:

**Management (ALL)**

**Board:** N3QV Eric(21), K3RON Ron(21), WA2UAR Jay(21)

**Nominating Committee Chair:** Will ask for volunteer at the General Meeting  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 01 Sol Volen - N3UBY
- 02 Gregory Malone - WA3GM
- 04 Eileen Livezey (XYL KC3EEO)
- Phillip Zminda - N3ZP
- 06 Linda Witmer (XYL W3RW)
- 09 Emily Marano (XYL N3QV)
- 13 Marge Concordia (XYL WB3KAC)
- 17 Vikye Swanson (XYL N3GLH)
- 20 Michael Taraborrelli - N3MT
- 21 Susan Bogash - KB1ZNK
- 23 John Simon - KB3SJS
- Patricia Day (XYL WA3QED)
- 24 Virginia Buono (XYL WA3ADI)
- Fred Peifer - KC3QCZ



## MEMBERSHIP STATS

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

- 113 Full paid members
- 10 Family members
- 1 Youth members

## Honorary Members:

Elaine Spencer  
Richard Moll - W3RM

## New Members Pending:

Tim Dati - KC3PTC General

# Public Service Opportunities

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club has been serving our community in times of need great and small since 1949. In times of crisis and times of joy and celebration we are there sharing our time, skills and energy to help make our communities safe and well connected. There are many ways you can volunteer as a licensed operator that make an impact. Anyone with a license and the desire to assist is needed in arenas from emergency service to event communication teams. And we're not alone. Other area clubs have the same goal and welcome our members to assist as we welcome them to join us as amateur operators serving our community. Read on to find out how you can make a difference!

## Philadelphia



## ARES

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service are trained licensed amateur radio operators providing radio communications as a public service in disaster situations. All licensed operators are welcome to join. To get started fill out this [ARES Registration form](#) and [submit it to Cliff Hotchkiss](#) (KC3PGT), the Philadelphia Emergency Coordinator.

### ***A note from Cliff on the latest Philadelphia ARES activity:***

Philadelphia County ARES spent the summer practicing passing formal voice traffic. Now that we are moving into Autumn we are returning to more traditional training, and hope those who took the summer off will return. In September we will be developing our Standard Operating Procedures and testing both local repeaters and simplex to identify who can hear whom in case of an emergency. These are vital to the development of Philadelphia County ARES as a functional service, and everyone is encouraged to join us on the air! You do not have to live in Philly to attend; our served agency is the American Red Cross which serves all 5 SE PA counties.

**Cliff Hotchkiss - KC3PGT**  
**Emergency Coordinator**  
**Philadelphia County ARES**

## Join Cliff for the A.R.E.S. Training Net

**Every Sunday evening at 2100 (9:00 PM)**

**147.030 MHz (+offset 91.5 PL)**

# Public Service Opportunities

## Volunteer for the MS 150!

Saturday and Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>



This year ***we are desperately short on volunteers*** to help guide riders along the route and support event staff keeping riders safe and on course.

Please, if you have the time and are able, come out and help Phil-Mont make a strong showing once again.

**This is our club's longest running and largest service event. Please learn more and sign up using the links to the right. Keep the riders safe and help stamp out MS!**

[SIGN-UP ONLINE NOW](#)

[Download Paper Registration Form](#)

*For more information, please visit:*

[MS-150 Ham Radio Information](#)

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## M.A.R.C. Seeks Volunteers for Public Service Events

[MARC \(Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club\)](#) has five public service events scheduled this fall:

- September 3 - Charles Bender Memorial Swim
- September 18 - French Creek Triathlon
- October 9 - Sole Harvest 5K at the Norristown Farm Park
- October 31 - Radnor 5 Mile Run
- November 6 - Vietnam Vets 5K run, Norristown Farm Park

*If you have questions or would like to sign up for any these public service events, contact Bob N3JIZ on the [MARC nets](#) or call him at 610 420-1535.*

# The Prez Sez...

Hello Phil-Mont,

## §97.1 Basis and purpose.

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.

Normally I mention “PLAY” radio. All of this ‘play’ is to prepare us for when things may be more serious.

Wow. That first principle covers so much that is talked about in the hobby today and may very simply hold many of the answers to the concerns about the hobby moving forward in the future.

**RECOGNIZE** the value of your license to the PUBLIC.

My equipment and my ability to use it to communicate can provide a service, freely to the community at large, if needed.

**ENHANCE** the value of your license by exploring and extending your communication skills to more aspects of the hobby.

[Look here for ideas.](#)

**TO THE PUBLIC.**

It is often asked ‘How do we get young/new/any folks interested in the hobby?’

I believe the answer is in **attraction** rather than promotion.

Telling people all the wonderfulness of the hobby is so abstract. Of course, it’s not abstract to us.... we’re in it and know.

If we just do our Amateur Radio thing, TO THE PUBLIC, it will attract those who are interested in what they see us accomplishing. IT MAY NOT EVEN BE the radio things we are doing that **attract** them. It may be...

**SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AS A VOLUNTARY NONCOMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION**

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Freely giving our time and skills to the community is an endeavor that will attract many based only on the voluntary service. The RF parts will follow. The value of the service will lead to the RF.

## PROVIDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

For real emergency situations there are groups based on County/Area that coordinate those efforts. They provide training and support. Information on some of the local groups is:

### Area ARES Groups

Philadelphia County ARES: [PHL ARES](#)

Chester County ARES/RACES: [CCAR](#)

Montgomery County ARES: [MCAR](#)

Bucks County ARES: [BCARES](#)

Delaware County ARES: [DelCo ARES](#)

Southern New Jersey [SNJ ARES](#)

Eastern PA Section: [EPA ARES](#)

#### Nets:

Philadelphia ARES	Sunday, 9:00 PM (local)	147.030+ (91.5)
Bucks County ARES	Wednesday, 9:00 PM (local)	147.090+ (131.8)
Chester Cty ARES/RACES	Thursday, 7:30 PM (local)	446.525- (100),
	446.175- (100.0), 448.875- (100) {linked}	
Delaware Cty ARES/RACES	Monday, 7:30 PM (local)	446.775- (88.5)
Montgomery County ARES	Thursday, 7:00 PM (local)	146.835- (88.5), 449.125- (88.5) {linked}

This month, **September 25th and 26th** we have the opportunity to be of

### **SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AS A VOLUNTARY NONCOMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION**

for the **Bike MS: City to Shore 2021**

There are many roles that need to be filled to support the 8,000 riders that *(Cont'd on page 8...)*

will be doing this event. There will be the opportunity to **ENHANCE** your communication abilities.

The MS Society, the riders, and the **PUBLIC** will **RECOGNIZE** your skills and **SERVICE** during this event. More information about the roles and responsibilities, and signup information can be found on our website at: <http://phil-mont.org/ms150/ms150.html>

This Month's General Meeting will be all about:

## **MS 150 Radio Operations by our own Andrew KC2PMW**

An MS150 Communication Staff member and Club member. There will also be other MS150 Communication Staff Members there to answer any questions you may have about the event.

As this event requires many Amateurs to provide the communications necessary, and encompasses the many aspects of the Basis and Purpose of all of our licenses,

**PLEASE** pass on the meeting information to all Amateurs. It's our license's purpose and goes beyond the Club to the whole Amateur Community.

It may even **ATTRACT** some folks to the Club!

EVERY SINGLE MINUTE 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.**

PLAY\*BREAK\*LEARN

jim fisher

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"Do, or do not. There is no 'try.'"

-- Jedi Master Yoda



# Club Notes



*The Blurb* wants to hear from **YOU!**

Got a hot lead on antenna design? Soldering up a special circuit? Digging some new DSP? Reminiscing about some retro receivers? Maybe you have some goodies for sale. Click the big blue envelope and [tell us your tale!](#)

Put a Smile on Everyone's Face!

It's easy: Every purchase you make through our club's Amazon Smile page donates part of that purchase to the club and helps us fund our scholarship, activities, and more. [Click the Amazon smile link and help us help each other!](#)



## **PMRC Officers for 2021**

### **EMAIL THE BOARD**

**President:** AJ3DI Jim  
**Vice President:** K2RSJ Rich  
**Treasurer:** KB3IV Ed  
**Secretary:** W3AFV Chuck

**Board of Directors:**  
N3QV Eric(21)  
K3RON Ron(21)  
WA2UAR Jay(21)  
KB2ERL Bobby(22)  
NC3U Sal(22)  
W3UP Dick(22)  
KC3GJX Jeff(A)



**Club Email List**