



The *Blurb*



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

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In It for the Long Haul



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MS150 in the Log!

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W4GMN

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)

October Net Control Schedule

10/03 W3MHP
10/10 KB3IV
10/17 K2RSJ
10/24 WU3I
10/31 N3QV

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, October 13th

At the [Willow Grove Super Giant, 315 Old York Rd in Willow Grove PA 19090](#)

Room Occupancy 30 or less

Vaccination preferred

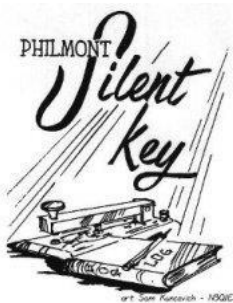
Masks *required* for non-vaccinated

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 01 Ed Masarsky – KB3IV
- 02 Donna Stevenson (XYL K3HWE)
Susan Lamont (XYL N3SHM)
Jessica Furlong (XYL KC2PMW)
- 04 John Egoville – KA3BBU
- 05 Domenic Cantarella K3DTC
- 06 Robert Thomas – W3NE
- 08 Frank Kohn – W3MHP
- 11 Charlye Johnson, Jr – K3CJ
- 14 Chris McBaine – KC3PWD
- 19 Patricia Kane – AC3CN
- 29 Bob Harcarik WA2POW
- 31 Dick Klein – W3UP
David Gilbert – K3DFG



In Memorium...



Ted Hassell, KB3HAQ passed away recently. He was a long time member of Phil-Mont and had been in a nursing home for the past two decades.

Those of you who remember Ted from the days when he had his vehicles running (barely) saw an unforgettable radio setup. (bottom left)



A view from the cabin of one of Ted's cars. And you thought you had too many radios.

"Ted, you were one of a kind and I know you are now at peace." said Ed Masarsky, KB3IV.

There are no arrangements as Ted did not have any living relatives and no legal directive.

MEMBERSHIP STATS

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

- 114** Full paid members
- 10** Family members
- 1** Youth members

Honorary Members:

Elaine Spencer
Richard Moll - W3RM

New Members Pending:

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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!

Rider Support for 40th Annual Covered Bridge Ride

Sunday October 10th, 2021

Volunteers needed... This is a rather well-known bicycle ride through multiple covered bridges in Bucks County. The ride starts and finishes at Tinicum Park (Tinicum above New Hope - not down by the airport). This year the cycle club has just over a thousand riders but not as many volunteers as they've had in past years. Volunteer support needs both ham radio operators and non-hams who work the rest stops.

The ride is looking for volunteers for all rolls, especially SAG riders to operate w/ mobile and mag mounts, ideally w/ your own battery.

*Contact Dean Hedin – KC3JXT for more info:
267-760-3114*

M.A.R.C. Seeks Volunteers

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

- 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.

Philadelphia County



ARES

Join the A.R.E.S. Training Net

Every Sunday evening at 2100 (9:00 PM)

147.030 MHz (+offset 91.5 PL)

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.



MS150 2021



Another Successful MS 150!

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped make this year's ride a success!

The alarm goes off. The sun isn't even above the horizon. You roll over and plant your feet on the floor, review your checklist again, grab your gear and head out. Maybe you've been assigned to a SAG vehicle. You might be heading to your GPS coordinates as a route coordinator. Maybe you're headed to repeater HQ for a full day of traffic handling. You check your watch. It's time.

Out before the rooster crows, radio and coffee in hand, you make your way to your position in the field. There's still dew on the ground but the radio traffic has already started. The event repeaters



are already lit up and traffic is constant. It's going to be a busy day. Nearly 150 amateur operators came out this year to offer their skills and equipment to support the many, many cyclists riding to raise money for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. Taking your spot, the sun is just above the horizon as you hear the first riders are already at mile 7. Won't be long now. The day has begun.

And what a fun day it was! The cyclists in their colorful jerseys streamed by for hours. Some in tight pacelines, the lead shouting instructions back like a trained race team. Others were more laid back, with decorated helmets and music playing loudly through powered speakers on their bikes. The radio traffic was constant and professionally handled. Each SAG vehicle was tracked with APRS beacons installed by AJ3DI (top right) so event staff could track their position along the 150 mile route.

Linked repeaters were installed at the north and south ends of the route. Backup frequencies, simplex for chatting and 1-1 qsos were assigned, as well as secondary talk around channels repeated for additional information flow. As a formal radio event we used mile markers as our primary calls, using our station's call at the end of transmission for ID. Medical service vehicles, bike mechanic vehicles and motorcycle support were all tracked by radio, giving central command a clear vision of resource locations throughout the two day event. Offering our skills as a public service is a cornerstone of our club's values, and it's an amazing thing to be a part of. Look at the smile on Phil – N3ZP's face (mid-left) as he stops for a selfie during his day as route coordinator.

It wasn't just Phil who was happy to be outside. This year the weather could not have been better. We and the cyclists were





fortunate enough to have a spectacular Pennsylvania autumn day. Clear skies, low humidity and light breeze made for an ideal weekend all around. Well, at least for Saturday. Sunday the breeze was variable and coming from the west making the ride back to Philadelphia a little more challenging than the ride east to the shore. A few complained as they passed, letting off a little steam before riding on with a smile.

If cyclists got into trouble the ride offered multiple support vehicles to help get them on their way. The most common repair was changing a flat. Sometimes things were a little more involved. That's why bike mechanics were there to help in rolling bike shops keeping riders on the road. This

mechanic replaced a spoke mid-ride (top-left) for an unlucky cyclist. He reportedly made short work of it, finishing up in just a few minutes. Very impressive work to complete that job on the side of the road.

When your shift was over you could head to one of the many rest stops and grab a bite along with the riders. Snacks and drinks were provided to keep everyone on the road, and they were very welcome after long hours roadside.



After the end of the first day everyone was welcomed to the big tent to join in the spaghetti dinner. The tired riders having crossed the state on two wheels dig in to what must have been one of the most welcome and delicious meals of their lives. After hours and hours of exercise every bite tasted like 3 star michelin fare. The smiles and sighs of the cyclists confirmed this as they refilled their tanks for the

next day's ride. An adult male riding at 15mph for eight hours can burn up to 6500 calories. That is a lot of spaghetti.

As all things do, the event comes to an end for all of us. The last person you see on duty is the sweep vehicle (bottom-right) coming to release route coordinators from their shift for the day.



And Sunday afternoon that's just what happened. The last cyclist rode to the finish line, the last operator was released from duty and the 2021 MS 150 came to a close. Thanks to everyone who came out to volunteer. Hope to see even more of us in 2022! -W4GMN

The Prez Sez...

Hello Phil-Mont,

NEW

NEW world

NEW season

NEW net

NEW amateur radio operators

NEW members

NEW volunteers

NEW club management

NEW board members

NEW scholarships

NEW

Tis the season to harvest the prior 9 months. What a wonderful crop we have had this year! Despite everything going on we are still gathering new hams. From the new net this club is gathering new members. From the new amateur radio operators this club is gathering new members. From the new folks Public Service events are gathering new volunteers.

It's Election time at the Club.

New management.

New Board Members.

The new scholarships for 2022 are set.

New you? New modes? New experiments?

Keep it new. RENEW if necessary.

Help a new, as a new.

Relearn what you thought you knew. (← you see what I did there?) (*continued on pg. 7*)

October Meeting will be NEW TIMER'S NIGHT.

New members will have an opportunity to introduce themselves.

New amateurs can tell us what made them take the plunge into the hobby, and how we can help them.

New candidates for Management and Board can announce their intentions to run for Club positions.

Information on *all* of this will be provided at the General Club Meeting October 13th,

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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

AJ3DI

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

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)



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