



# The *Blurb*

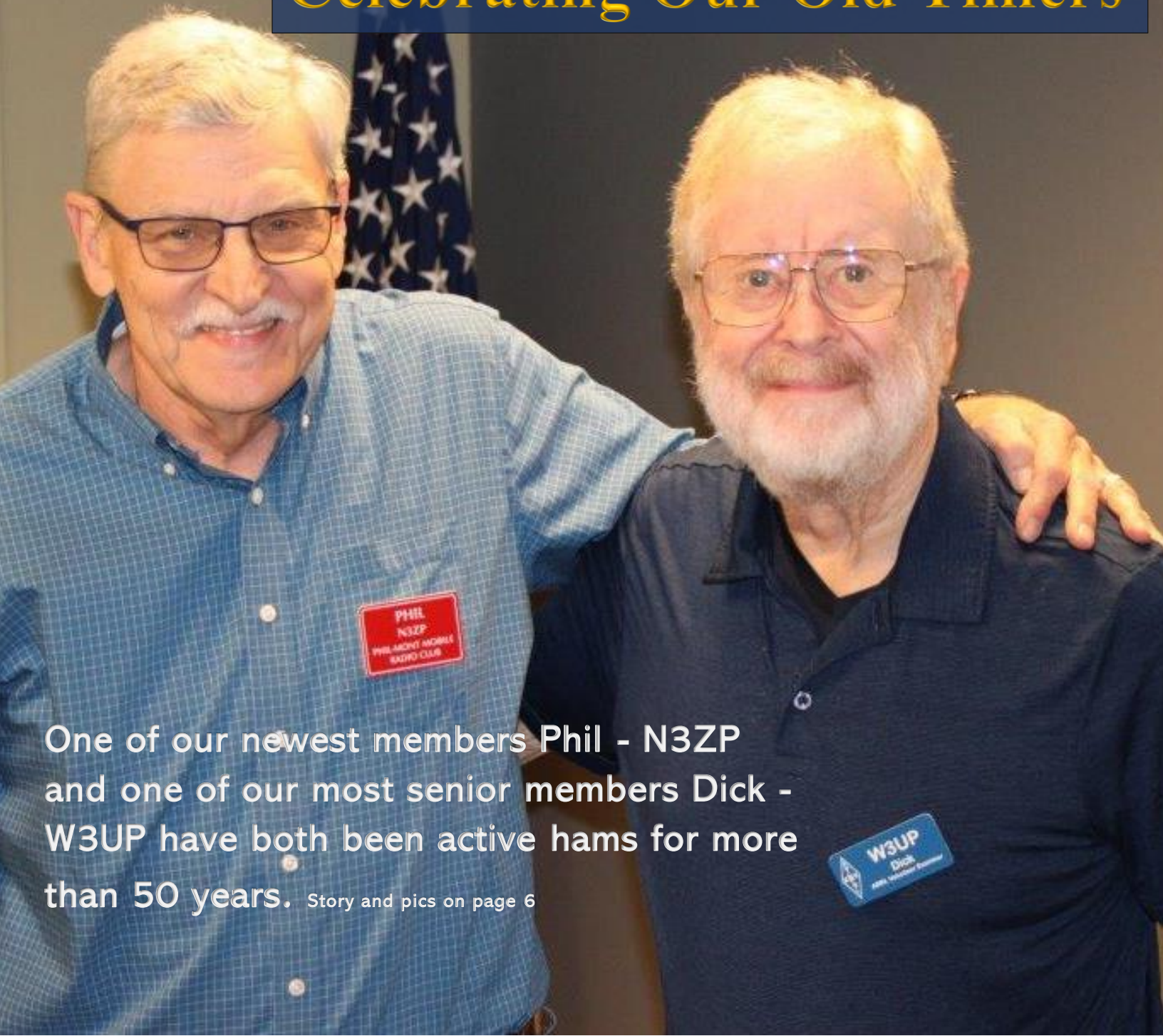


*Newsletter of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club  
Public Service Since 1949*

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## Celebrating Our Old Timers



One of our newest members Phil - N3ZP and one of our most senior members Dick - W3UP have both been active hams for more than 50 years. Story and pics on page 6

# 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)

## 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  
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)

## December Net Control Schedule

12/5 W3UP  
12/12 KB3IV  
12/19 NC3U  
12/26 W3MHP

**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, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Nominations for 2022 Now CLOSED**

Election Committee Co-Chairs: Sal NC3U & Bill W3AOK

<u>Officer Nominations:</u>	<u>3 Board Position Nominations:</u>
<b>President:</b> Jim AJ3DI	N3QV Eric
<b>Vice President:</b> Rich K2RSJ	K3RON Ron
<b>Treasurer:</b> Jim NS3K	KC3GJX Jeff
<b>Secretary:</b> Jim K3YO	<u>President's Board Nomination</u>
	WA3GM Greg

Election will be held during our December General Meeting

[Rules of Election](#)

## November Board Meeting Minutes

Called to Order at 7:05 PM

**President's Statement:** Thank you Chuck for your service to the Club as Secretary. Thank you Ed for your service as Treasurer. Welcome back Phil-Mont VE sessions! Thank you Lamonte N1LC for staying up to date and assisting AND ALWAYS, the repeater GANG - W3AOK K2RSJ WU3I KB3IV who are ALWAYS on demand.

**Committee Reports:** Treasurer - Report reviewed and approved.

**Membership:** KC3PTC - Tim Dati, N8BLK - Art Clemmons, KC3QPB - Abraham Shaw\_ Motion to accept all 3; Seconded; Approved.

**Repeater / Technical:** Henry amp failed; Sent in for repair; Used old Motorola amp in the interim; Henry amp fixed and back in operation; New Duplexers installed; Scheduling another tower climb.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Repeater Internet - Status Quo. ARCC Membership - Renewing our membership\_ Will have a GOTA station at the VE Sessions – KC3GJX. Nominations to close at November General Meeting; Will enable e-voting. *Scholarships 2021* – Two scholarships awarded, Expanded area for candidates. *Scholarships 2022* – Four scholarships to be awarded. Email Distribution Lists being migrated to new system.

**NEW BUSINESS:** CLUB LIABILITY INSURANCE - Insurance info placed in MGT area of groups.io. *AUCTIONFEST: 2nd Wed 4 hours 6-10 pm 1/12/2022.* Roxboro Memorial Hospital room not available. *Book Ben Wilson Senior Center?* Yes Conference room is too small room (24 max) 6 tables 4 per. Meeting Room is regularly \$100 per hour; They will give us MEETING ROOM for 4 hours for \$340: \$50 per hour, \$100 Covid Cleanup charge (now added), \$10 per hour CASH to attendant. *VOIP Check-ins on Sunday Morning Net?* Move VOIP to regular check-in rotation after Mobile / QRP. *Breakfast Meetings:* Jim to check with Andy's for availability.

Meeting Adjourned 8:13

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Eric Marano - N3QV  
07 Ben Pak - K3GG  
08 Jules Stein - KB3AFH  
09 Barbara Bennett - (XYL NJ3Z)  
10 David Spangler - W3DSS  
14 Steven Davidson - K3FZT  
16 James Day - WA3QED  
18 Tim Dati - KC3PTC  
19 Larry Stevenson - K3HWE  
Thomas Derivera - KA3ZMO  
21 Rick Spencer - N3FD  
25 Jim McCloskey - NS3K  
27 William Bruno - W3KBS  
30 Adam Huffnagle - K3JCP  
31 Albert Hotchkiss - KC3PGT



## Phil-Mont Launches New Coders Corner

Like to code? Sure you do! Join up with fellow hams who like to bite into the bits. Come early to the monthly meeting and talk shop with the group. Check out the [repositories on GitHub](#). Let's get geeky!

## MEMBERSHIP STATS

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

118 Full paid members

10 Family members

1 Youth members

## Honorary Members:

Elaine Spencer  
Richard Moll - W3RM

## New Members Pending:

Gregory Cheng - KC3SMW - Technician

Robert Burgess - KC3DEX - Technician

Robert Magee - AC3IC - Extra

# 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!

## M.O.R.E. Seeks Trainers and VEs

**TRAINERS and VEs:** We have an ongoing need for FCC-licensed amateur radio operators at the General level or above, in the U.S.A. or territories, who are certified as Volunteer Examiners (or who want to earn this certificate), to assist with training, testing, GOTA activities and outreach. If you would like to be involved, please provide your full name and callsign in an email, with the subject line —MORE Project— to Rebecca K3RPM at [rtmercuri@ieee.org](mailto:rtmercuri@ieee.org).

[M.O.R.E Project Description](#)

### 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.

**Join the A.R.E.S.  
Training Net  
Every Sunday  
evening at 2100 (9:00  
PM)  
147.030 MHz (+offset  
91.5 PL)**

< --- Have an event coming up? Tell us about it! We'd love to get the word out! [EMAIL THE BLURB!](#) --- >

# Meet a 2021 Scholarship Winner

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club offers two scholarships to any student pursuing a bachelor or graduate degree: the Claude H. Haring, Jr. W3IIM Memorial Scholarship and the Bryan Hoch N3VJE Memorial Scholarship. This year two of the chosen applicants wanted to express their gratitude and share a little about themselves with the club. We'll be featuring one of the winners in the November and December editions of The Blurb.

To: Ed Masarsky, Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club

Greetings! It is a great honor and privilege to be named as a recipient of the 2021 Phil-Mont scholarship. I write to thank you for your generous \$1000 scholarship through the Foundation for Amateur Radio. This scholarship is of invaluable assistance in helping me obtain my degree in Electrical Engineering at Penn State.

I have just begun my Junior year as an electrical engineering student at Penn State. As we have returned to in-person learning, my living expenses have increased, so this scholarship will be of great aid in helping me to pay for tuition, materials, and logistics expenses.

Many things have happened in the past year both in amateur radio and in my education. Previously, I was attending the Berks campus of Penn State, mostly via online school because of the pandemic. This semester, we have returned to campus just in time for my transition to the Harrisburg campus of Penn State, where I will spend my junior and senior years of school. This return to in-person learning has been a welcome improvement to the learning environment and the networking opportunities at school.



Now that we are back on campus, I have worked to revitalize the Penn State Harrisburg amateur radio station KC3BSN. We have a fan dipole on the roof of one of our buildings and a handful of HF radios at our disposal there. Since the beginning of Covid, this club station has been disassembled and moved, but now that we are back at in-person learning, we have been able to reroute the coax and begin reinstalling the club station equipment. As this club is affiliated with the student chapter of the IEEE, I hope to present to the IEEE chapter after the station has been completed and perhaps build more interest in the club and amateur radio as a whole.

Thank you again for your generosity! If not for the generous support of the amateur radio community, I genuinely do not think I would be doing what I am doing now. Obtaining an education in this field has been a dream to me for years, and I am grateful and honored that the Phil-

Mont group supports this endeavor by entrusting me with this scholarship. It is my sincere hope that I will be able to in some way give back to the community that has supported my interest in electronics and radio for so many years.

73 and good DX,  
Zachary Martin, KC3EWK

# The Prez Sez...

## Hello Phil-Mont,

### January: New Board

New Net - Dick, W3UP, announced the trial of a new Drive Time Net. Kickoff was Monday, January 18 at 5 PM local time.

General Meeting: **January 2021 Ham Radio Bootcamp**  
[LISTEN](#)

**February:** [PMRC Equipment LOAN Program](#) started.

New Members: Chris Norton, W2PDN – General Class  
David Gilbert, WA2JMU – General Class

General Meeting: **Nano-VNA by Barry K3EUI** [QUIZ](#), [PDF](#) and [Video](#)

### March: New Members: (WOW)

James Foster, W3JNF - General

James Goldman, W3JG - Extra

Daniel Wagaman, KC3QZE - General

Chris McBaine, KC3PWD - Technician

Bobbie Phengvath, KC3OZH - Technician

James Prumachuk, KZ4JIM - General

General Meeting: Rick W2JAZ **EME How I**

**Became a Lunatic** ( [March EME Presentation VIDEO](#) )



Passing of ND3B Rick Blurb Editor. March 22.

### April: New Blurb Editor W4GMN Dan comes on board.

#### New Members:

Fred Peifer - KC3QCZ General

John Christopher - KI3J Extra

Austin Seraphin - KA3TTT General

General Meeting: **Walt KB3SBC Portable Operations**  
([April 21 VIDEO](#) [April 21 Preso Links](#) [April 21 Presentation](#))

Repeater updates/repairs started: Thank you Jeff & Rick!  
<https://philmontmobileradioclub.groups.io/g/main/message/730>

### May: New Members:

John Beck KC3RMX

Charles Wright KD3HAM

Benjamin Krevsky WD8RYV

General Meeting: **Barry K3EUI Soundcard Modes**

([May 2021 Presentation VIDEO](#)) ([PRESENTATION PDF](#))

### June: New Members:

Margaret (Peg) Daly - N3PEG – General

Phillip Zminda – N3ZP - Extra

General Meeting: **Power Source for Field Ham Radio**

**Operation GWEN NG3P** ([Power Source PDF](#)) ([JUNE 2021 MEETING VIDEO](#))

### FIELD DAY at Fort Washington State Park

READ about it and see photos at:

<http://phil-mont.org/presos/fd2021.pdf>

### July: New Member: Laura Wohlford, KC3QFB - General

MORE Project: [http://n2re.org/wp-](http://n2re.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/MORE-Project-Description.pdf)

[content/uploads/2021/07/MORE-Project-Description.pdf](http://n2re.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/MORE-Project-Description.pdf)

### August: New Member: Tim Dati, KC3PTC – General

### September: General Meeting: MS150 Radio

**Communications KC2PMW Andrew** [MS150 Presentation](#)

[MS150 Preso VIDEO](#) MS150 Recap: [http://phil-mont.org/presos/ms150\\_2021.pdf](http://phil-mont.org/presos/ms150_2021.pdf)

### October: 2022 Club Management Nominations Open

New Members:

Arthur Clemons – N8BLK – Extra

Abraham Shaw - KC3QPB – Technician

### Antenna Build Workshop led by Dan W4GMN. [Antenna](#)

[Build details. Photos](#) of Antenna Build Project. Antenna

Build RECAP: <http://phil-mont.org/blurb/Nov21.pdf>

IN PERSON General Meeting: NEW TIMERS NIGHT

Scholarships 2021: Haring Scholarship Awarded

<http://phil-mont.org/presos/scholarship2021kd2jpv.pdf>

Hoch Scholarship Awarded in this Blurb

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# Welcome to Old Timer's Night!

WELCOME TO OLD TIMER'S NIGHT!

Phil-Mont mobile radio club loves radio! If you're not already a member you will soon find out that we go to great lengths to make everyone feel welcome, and celebrate the many, many ways anyone can enjoy ham radio.

Last month's general meeting was "New Timers Night". Anyone new to the hobby got a chance to stand up and share their ham radio experience getting involved with radio and what they are most looking forward to experimenting with. It's a great time to find an Elmer or two for that next project and get to know the new members in our ranks. This month we welcomed our veteran operators to share their stories, and if they'd like, to bring some classic gear to share with the club. After all, that old gear is still on the air after all these years, it certainly has some stories to share too. "Old Timer's Night" is a

night to celebrate and hear some stories from operators who have lived through the many changes in our hobby in their decades on the air. Jim – AJ3DI went around the room and asked who has been licensed for more than 50 years and several hands popped up. Two of those hands belonged to Phil – N3ZP and Dick – W3UP.

Phil is one of our newest members, joining up earlier this year, but he has been licensed for over five decades. Phil had lots of stories to share and brought in his vintage top-shelf short wave receiver he pined for as a young man. It was a beauty and



just like Phil, still on the air.

As seen in the two pics above and below, Dick - W3UP also got a turn. Dick joined Phil-Mont as a very young man, just a few years after the club formed.

Dick shared that at that time small radio clubs were popping up all over and slowly merging into larger, better funded clubs (Phil-Mont for example) to share resources more effectively. He has since served as president of the club and on our Board. His most recent contribution to the club was the suggestion to start our popular Drive-Time net which he often



Our guests and members enjoyed these stories and many others from our club's "Old Timers". Two members worth noting could not attend, but surely have some great stories to share are Robert Thomas – W3NE, our longest-time member and Sol Volen, N3UBY, our eldest member at 95 years old.

As new ham I took some inspiration from the many hams in the club who have spent decades teaching, learning, adapting, and offering their time and skills for community service. Amateur radio operators are a special breed of person as attested to by the many great story's shared at Phil-Mont's 2021 "Old Timer's Night". If we're lucky we'll be the one's called for a future "Old Timer's Night". See you there! -W4GMN

## **FOR SALE**

**"FOR SALE:** An Icom 746 (non-pro) fully functioning with no known difficulties. Includes an Icom desk mic, power cable, a SignalLink sound card with Icom cable, a Bencher paddle for the internal keyer, and original manual. It requires a 12 volt power supply and I do not have the original box or hand mic. This radio model had Icom-typical screen issues originally, but the screen was factory replaced by Icom with an upgraded screen during the original warranty period. Asking \$600.00. Contact KB3RN, Ed, [egtiii@comcast.net](mailto:egtiii@comcast.net)."

Have some gear you'd like to see someone else enjoy? List it here! Write a full description of your gear and your asking price, we'll do the rest. [Email 'The Blurbl'](#) and free up some space in your shack.

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**November:** VE SESSION w/ GOTA station -

<https://philmontmobileradioclub.groups.io/g/main/topic/86931014#1458>

IN PERSON General Meeting Old Timers Night.

2022 Club Management Nominations Closed -

<https://philmontmobileradioclub.groups.io/g/main/message/1480>

2022 Club Elections Slate SET -

<https://philmontmobileradioclub.groups.io/g/main/message/1481>

**Wow. Thank you all for a wonderful year.**

**Coming up in December:** Second 2021 Scholarship recipient info in this Blurb, ANOTHER in person VE Session, ANOTHER in person General Meeting: [WEDNESDAY December 8th - Elections - Annual Meeting - Year End Celebration](#)

**LOOKING forward KICKING OFF 2022 with:** PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB's 25th ANNUAL HAM RADIO "AUCTION-FEST"

Wednesday, JANUARY 12, 2022 - 7PM Start - (6PM Setup)

At the:

Ben Wilson Senior Activity Center

580 Delmont Avenue

Warminster, PA 18974

[DIRECTIONS](#) - [FLYER](#) - [Item Sale Sheet](#)

What is AUCTION-FEST?!?!?!? IT'S AN AUCTION!

Bring items that you wish to sell at auction. Fill out an [Item Sale Sheet](#) for each item. We will auction it off!

IT'S ALSO A DONATION CENTER!

Bring items you no longer want or need. There will be a donation area setup in the room. Other folks will be able to take anything they want from the donation area. There will be a donation box in that area. Feel free to donate whatever you can for the item(s) you choose.

IT'S ALSO A SOCIAL EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Let folks know. Hams and future hams. We have found that between the AUCTION and the DONATION area, (you never know what will be in either) there is a \*great\* opportunity for ELMERING!

Both long time and new hams will find things THAT THEY NEVER KNEW THEY NEEDED!!

THIS AUCTION IS INTENDED TO BE A FUN EVENT HOSTED BY P.M.R.C .AND WILL STAY IN THAT SPIRIT! COME OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!

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

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## Lessons from the Park



Are you interested in the Parks on the Air (POTA) program? Looking for information on how to start? Have you activated some parks and want to learn more about the program? Do you want to start hunting (chasing) parks? The Education Alliance for Amateur Radio is hosting an introduction course to the POTA program.

**When:** December 19, 2021 9:00 Am till Noon

**Where:** The Upper Pottsgrove Twp Building (basement level) 1409 Farmington Ave, Pottstown, Pa 19464

**Cost:** This course is FREE!

Light refreshments will be provided!

*Class size is limited to 25*

**Topics covered:** Activating or Hunting, Rules and FAQs, Activation preparation, Using the POTA website and tools, Equipment selection, and a Show and Tell of local activator's equipment

Sponsored By the Education Alliance for Amateur Radio

Register here <https://tinyurl.com/Parks-on-the-air>



# The Last Page



*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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