



# The Blurbs



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## ARRL Field Day

June 26th and 27th 2021

Setup Friday 25th at 12 Noon

[Temporary Rule Waivers for ARRL Field Day 2021](#)

[ARRL Field Day 2021 FAQ](#)

Field Day is part educational event, part operating event, part public relations event – and ALL about FUN!

**Main Call: W3EM**

**GOTA call: W3AA**

Band Captain Fort Washington State Park: Bob KB2ERL

[EMAIL](#) to reserve a band

**Bands may be reserved as \*public\* or \*private\* due to COVID - identify in email**

Want to eat? BRING YOUR OWN FOOD!

**Due to the pandemic, last year's rule change of allowing home stations to participate, count for points, and choose a Club to have their scores reflected in, will still be in effect.**

**And exactly like last year, the Club will have a slimmed down, COVID aware, outdoor event at Fort Washington State Park. All precautions and warnings as determined by the Commonwealth of PA will be in effect.**

PLEASE make smart personal choices based on your own personal situation.

(There will be future Field Days to participate in.)

<http://phil-mont.org/FD2021/fieldday2021.html>



# Get The Net!



There's no ham radio without YOU! Get on the air and share! Operate, cooperate, & celebrate ham radio!

## Sunday Morning Nets

**0930:**

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

**1000:**

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

**1030:**

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

[BECOME A NET CONTROL STATION](#)

## Drive Time Net

**When:**

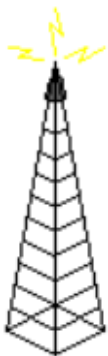
Monday - Friday 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. EST

**Where:**

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

[BECOME A NET CONTROL STATION](#)

## June Net Control Schedule



06 – K3XS

13 – W3AFV

20 – W3UP

27 – KB3IV



Hey there. It's me, mic.  
Listen, we need to talk...

# Club Business

## NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm EST**

**SEE THE ACTION ON [ZOOM](#)**

**OR LISTEN LIVE:**

**[2M repeater](#)  
147.030 (+91.5 PL)**

Bucks and North 147.030 (+88.5 PL)  
ALLSTAR NODE [47970](#) or Echolink W3QV-R

### This Month's Topic

**Gwen NG3P Presents:**

**A Different Power Source for Field Ham  
Radio Operating**



## REPEATERS

VHF: **147.030 MHz (+offset 91.5 PL)**  
[ECHOLINK W3QV-R](#) & [ALLSTAR 47970](#)  
Bucks County and North PL 88.5 (147.030)

UHF: **444.80 MHz Yaesu System Fusion  
WiresX**

[EMAIL REPEATER COMMITTEE](#)

## MEMBERSHIP STATS

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

**122** Full paid members  
**9** Family members  
**2** Youth members

### Honorary Members:

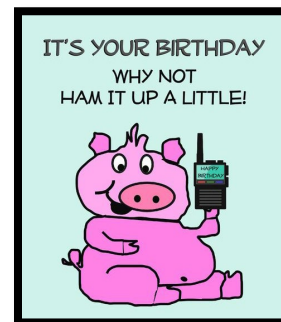
Elaine Spencer  
Richard Moll - W3RM

### New Members Pending:

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

- 03 Daniel Wagaman
- 06 Jane Lamb - KC3DDP
- 08 James Lanigan - WA3ERQ
- 13 Ronald Rubin - K3RON
- 15 John Coupe - WA3BXH
- 17 Kathleen Johns-(XYL K3JQH)
- 18 Sal Marandola-NC3U  
Megan Malone-KC3HUE
- 20 Robert Witmer-W3RW
- 21 Susan Roth (XYL K2RSJ)
- 22 Richard Roth- K2RSJ
- 23 Craig McNeill - KC3MVF  
Susan Hammonds - (XYL W3JAH)
- 25 Nicholas Cornaglia
- 27 Walter Beattie-AA3WB
- 28 William Kennedy - K3KC
- 30 Fred Rice - WA3KIO



## May General Meeting Minutes

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Farrell – W3AFV

- **Called to order** by K2RSJ at 7:00 PM
- **Secretary's report** in the Blurb
- **Repeater Report** - K2RSJ
  - New Duplexers are being shipped
  - Switching to hardline internet
- **Treasurer's Report** - KB3IV
  - Looking Good
- **Membership Report** - KB3IV
  - New members listed in the April & May Blurbs
- **Announcements** - K2RSJ
  - Bucks County input to Repeater down until at least Sunday
- **Field Day**
  - Band Captain KB2ERL
  - See the website for current info
- **Presentation** – Soundcard Modes – K3EUI
  - 20 on Zoom
  - 4 check-ins on Repeater
  - 0 on Allstar / EchoLink
- **Club Business Session closed** by AJ3DI at 7:13

## Philadelphia ARES Training Updates

Cliff Hotchkiss  
KC3PGT

Philadelphia County



ARES

### [Philadelphia ARES](#)

**Amateur Radio Emergency Services**

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

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

## I Believe in Amateur Radio

***Ellwood “Woody” Brem – K3YV***

I believe the world would be a more peaceful place if we were all amateur radio operators. I am an amateur radio operator — sometimes called a ham radio operator — and I have been one for 59 years. I delight at talking on my short-wave radio to people all over the world. Regardless of country, we are all friends in the ham-radio world. I was just 12 years old when I happened upon an amateur radio magazine. I was awed that with a small radio and a simple wire antenna, I could talk to people around the world. Soon, adult radio amateurs noted my interest and took me under their wing. They nourished my thirst for this strange and wonderful hobby. Now, I introduce others to amateur radio.

Over the years I have talked with radio amateurs from all corners of the world. Sometimes the other ham does not speak English very well, but through the language of amateur radio, we find understanding, kind words and a sense of belonging. Most of the people I talk to on ham radio are passing acquaintances. But now and then I meet someone I really get along with, like my friend Don. When I first talked with Don, he lived in Indiana with his wife and one child. He was older than me, but we became good friends. We talked every week on our radios. Over the course of our friendship, Don moved and had more kids; I graduated from Penn State and entered the working world. Eventually we both retired. Don retired to Florida, and I stayed in State College. We never lost touch, although our radio chats became less frequent. Don passed away a few years ago, a victim of cancer. I miss my friend, and I miss our chats. But for 40 years amateur radio gave me one of the best friends I have ever had.

Nowadays, I chat every morning with a group of radio amateurs we call the Rooster Net. The Roosters range in location from Vermont to Florida, and as far west as Michigan. Each morning around fifty of us get together at six o'clock. We take turns chatting, drinking coffee, and keeping each other informed on our daily lives. A finer group of individuals would be hard to find.

Amateur radio lets me help others. When I returned from Vietnam many years ago, I spent my Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays operating radio-assisted telephone calls for our overseas military personnel. My specialty was radio phone-patches for ships stationed in the Mediterranean Sea. In those days, worldwide communications were not as easy as today. Without the help of radio amateurs, our sailors would not have been able to speak with their loved ones during the holidays.

I love helping with community activities like bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons or other events where cell phone communication isn't possible. Most of the radio communications I provide are routine, but sometimes they are critical. I have more than once had to guide ambulance responders to the scene of an accident. I enjoy helping others with my hobby.

Amateur radio took me off the street at a time when I needed something higher to aspire to. It has led to a lifelong hobby and to a wonderful career in electrical engineering. It has given me friends at home and around the world. Now, after nearly 60 years, I look forward to each day and wonder, “Who will I meet today?” I believe in amateur radio.

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*Ellwood (Woody) Brem lives in Spring Mills, PA with his wife Sharon, N3SG, and his two cats Rho and Theta, the Gamma sisters.*

# The Prez Sez...

## Hello Phil-Mont,

Field Day. June is all about Field Day. Last year, and again this year, the Covid virus is altering the way Field Day will be operated. While we have made many strides towards normalcy, we are not there yet.

Thankfully, the ARRL has extended the Home Station Rules and Fort Washington State Park is open for our public setup as well.

**I want to stress** that the most important thing for every person is only do what **YOU** are **comfortable** with. Come out and play at Fort Washington State Park or play from home. OR BOTH.

Use Field Day to try something new. Emergency power. Portable setup. Explore modes that you never have used before and just learned about at Barry's presentation.

Emergency power. Reread NG3P Gwen's article on USB C in the [April 2021 Blurb](#). Try solar power. Try operating off that generator you bought. Explore some of the new battery technology.

Portable setup. Portable *\*all\** the things. All the things you are working on at home get more interesting as we try to do them not at home. Field Day is the perfect time to see what works, what doesn't, and what to do in the event these skills are ever required.

Explore modes. W1AW sends out bulletins in various modes. DECODE THEM! Working on cw. Give it a try at Field Day. Ping (APRS) your location or decode mine.

Logging. More difficult than it sounds. More important than it sounds. See what works, and what doesn't for your particular workflow.

All of these things can be done from home (and just outside your home) and/or at Fort Washington State Park.

Talk up **YOUR** plans on the repeaters. More are listening than talking. It may be the thing you said that engages them!

Got to run....packing for Field Day (I always bring more than I use).....It's in that box over there.....

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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14423  
"Do, or do not. There is no  
'try.'"  
-- Jedi Master Yoda

# Notes from the Club



## Club Email List

### 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)

