



# The *Blurb*



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# IT'S OVER!



# 2022 FIELD DAY

# June 25 & 26

# 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:**

147.030 MHz (+offset 91.5 PL)

Bucks County and North PL 88.5 (147.030)

[Echolink W3QV-R](#)

[ALLSTAR 47970](#)

## 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:**

147.030 MHz (+offset 91.5 PL)

Bucks County and North PL 88.5 (147.030)

2m, [Echolink W3QV-R](#)

[ALLSTAR 47970](#)

**1000 EDT:**

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

**1030 EDT:**

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



[August Net Control Schedule](#)

8/7 - WA3GM  
8/14 - WU3I  
8/21 - KB3SJS  
8/28 - K3XS

**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

International Lighthouse Lightship  
Weekend – ILLW

**WE WILL be OPERATING**  
Turtle Rock Lighthouse

Saturday and Sunday August 20-21  
7am to 3pm

[MORE INFO/SIGNUP](#)



Bike MS: City to Shore is  
scheduled for September 24-25,  
2022.

Our On-Line Sign up form:

[SIGN UP!](#)

## **NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:**

**Wednesday  
Sept 14th**

**IN PERSON \*ONLY\***  
At [Giant Supermarket 315 York Rd.  
Willow Grove, PA 19090](#)

**7PM Start  
(6PM Yack & Snack)**

**Packet Radio  
BY  
DEPN  
Delaware Packet Network  
folks**

## **August 2022**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

-  
K3FXR Ralfy 8/1  
WA3KLR Tom 8/2  
KU3H Mark 8/3  
Jackie Spouse of W3GQD 8/4  
KA3VLJ Carolyn 8/9  
WA2UAR Jay 8/9  
NS9G Steve 8/14  
W3AFV Chuck 8/16  
Norma Spouse of WA3BXH 8/18  
Donna Lynn Spouse of KA2FFP 8/19  
KB3SJT Keiko 8/20  
K3RIZ Ray 8/23  
Heidi Schmid Spouse of W3MHP 8/25  
Linda Ulrich Spouse of K3DTC 8/25  
N3SHM Jim 8/27  
WA3ADI Vince 8/30

# Membership Stats

## Member Types Distribution (PMRC)

Stats via HamClubOnline

^^ THIS IS WHY IT'S ABOUT YOU! ^^

Board Member	7
Honorary Member	2
<b>Member</b>	<b>127</b>
Non-Member Affiliates	1
Officer	4

**Total 141**

## License Class Distribution (PMRC)

License Class	Count	Percent
E	72	51%
G	34	24%
T	21	15%
A	11	8%
None	3	2%

**Total: 141**

## We have moved the Club's Membership & Administration to \* HamClubOnline\*

You may access the private club roster, calendar and other member only information by visiting [www.hamclubonline.com](http://www.hamclubonline.com). **USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS** that received this email/is registered with the club.

**If it is your first time using HamClubOnline, click on the forgot password link to receive a password.**

You can update and add your membership info directly. Add your birthday for announcement on the Nets. Add ARRL skill if you are a member. Don't hesitate to ask on repeater or email the groups.io if you have any issues.

# The Prez Sez...

Hello Phil-Mont,

W3AOK Bill KNOWS HOW TO THROW A PARTY!

A good party requires good food. Thanks Steve for the FINAL WU3I Field Day Kitchen.

I am so glad the new folks got a chance to experience it before it became just a legend!

3 Days of AWESOME. Fellowship. Radio. Food. Rinse. Repeat.

What am I babbling about? Phil-Mont Phield Day, of course!

Soooo, first-timers, LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT. Thanks for coming out! If it was as awesome an experience as WE TOLD YOU it would be, IT IS NOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to do the same for next year and beyond. TELL others to come out.

DO NOT BE AFRAID to tell us what WE can improve UPON. This is your CLUB, we are here to facilitate YOUR DESIRES. Facilitate means help you help us achieve.

fa·cil·i·tate

/fə'silə,tāt/

verb: make (an action or process) easy or easier.

Jim...you can't invite the world. Jim...that's not what Field Day is about/for.

SORRY. I CAN'T HELP MYSELF. WON'T CHANGE.

Phield Day will be about whatever the participants want it to be and are willing to do.

It's our annual celebration, public facing, of our hobby. It's history, it's present, and it's future. My biggest \*fear\* is that we leave something unDONE. That's why it's important for both new and old to let us know what you would like to help us with next year, and the coming years.

AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS YEAR. EVERYONE.

Many rolled right into The 13 Colonies Special Event right after Field Day. The Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club operates the WM3PEN Bonus Station for the event.

Many of our members assist them with the Bonus Station. ONE BIG HOBBY. We're all part of the same group.

PLAYING RADIO is the common denominator.

com·mon de·nom·i·na·tor  
/'kämən də'nämə ,nādər,dē'nämə ,nādər/

noun: a feature shared by all members of a group.

Now while we don't have General Meetings in July and August, we do continue with our ACTIVITY. Nets. Mailing list. VE Sessions. PIOTA.

Stay aware. Join in when you can.

In August we will be operating for International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend from the Turtle Rock Lighthouse, Saturday August 20th and Sunday August 21st. Information is available on the website and the mailing list

September we will be back to General Meetings at the Giant in Willow Grove.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday September 14th and the topic will be:

PACKET RADIO by the folks from: [Delaware Packet Network \(DEPN\)](#)

They will be following up on that presentation with a PMRC Radio Lab WORKSHOP on PACKET RADIO, Saturday October 1st at the Giant in Willow Grove.

PMRC LABS  
OPEN TO ALL  
October 1st  
10am to 2pm  
10am Social/Setup  
11am LAB START

Part 97 - Rules of the Amateur Radio Service  
§ 97.1 Basis and purpose.

(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.

Bike MS: City to Shore is  
scheduled for September 24-25, 2022.

Our On-Line Sign up form:  
[SIGN UP!](#)

A link to the Youtube show "What Hams Do" which showcased our event is below.

Please try to take the time to watch it to get a better understanding of the event.

[What Hams DO - MS150](#)

This is service to the public and our license's primary basis and purpose. Watch Jay's video. Get a feel for it. DO IT. I can't adequately explain the event, or the feelings you will get. The ONLY way that can happen is by you doing this event. There will be plenty of folks to support you. Of course, if you have any questions, ask them on the repeater or on the mailing list.

More info will be provided as it becomes available.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer. Hope to see you or hear you  
PLAYING RADIO!

EVERY SINGLE MINUTE remember, this is YOUR HOBBY,  
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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"Do, or do not. There is no 'try.'"

-- Jedi Master Yoda







**ARRL**  
**VEC**

Since 1985, **Amateur Radio License Examinations** were held monthly by Phil-Mont until Covid-19 restrictions

**WE'RE BACK!**

Second Monday of the Month  
IN PERSON VE SESSION  
Monday August 8th 6:30pm  
Giant Willow Grove

**REGISTER/INFO**

Where: Giant Supermarket 315 York Rd. Willow Grove, PA 19090  
in the Community Room. Parking is available at no cost in the store parking lot.

FCC Application Fee Instructions  
MORE FCC Application Fee INFO

**GET A COPY OF LICENSE**

VE Handout



**Won't You Join Us...**

in ***The DENn!***

Phil-Mont's

***Digital Education Net for newbies!***

**Tuesday Evenings @8:00pm**

W3QV Repeater: 147.030 MHz + 91.5  
Allstar Node: 47970  
Echolink: W3QV-R

**NET CONTROLS**

KC3SWM Greg  
NY3J Ron

*Don't let the name fool you!*

All are welcomed to join us and play. It doesn't matter if you are new to Ham Radio, new to digital modes, or are an already experienced ham and digital operator.

**We are here to play, learn,  
and test our equipment.**

With the digital modes if you can do it on the repeater you can do it pretty much everywhere, ***including HF.***

So come on out, test your setup, and  
**HAVE SOME FUN!**



**Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:** Do not list GOTA QSOs in this section. i

Band	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m	11	50			39	100
40m	45	50	38	50	342	100
20m	25	50			121	100
15m			16	100		
10m						
6m			62	100	6	100
2m					2	100
222						
432						
Other						
Satellite						

# FIELD DAY PHOTOS

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FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS A REPRINT

# Field Day Report

By Jim KC3BVL

A few months before Field Day, Phil-Mont RC Prez Jim AJ3DI asked if i would like to be VHF band captain for his club.

I would ride the tent on bicycle and take public transportation to the Field Day site: 2 miles to 30th St Station and 2 miles from station to the state park. Bill W3AOK offered to provide a 5 element Yagi and tri-band vertical antenna on a 'rocket launcher' mast, Armstrong rotated and fed with 9913 to a Yaesu FT847 radio.

Packrats President Michael KB1JEY offered to assist in any other way possible from set up to take down; providing laptop, signalink, mobile radio, generator, batteries, inverter and countless other comforts.

Arriving to erect the mast, I found Steve K3FZT had set up a screened gazebo over a picnic table for the VHF station. Shortly after setting up my tent, Clint WB3EHB was running the OMIK club net which Phil-Mont links to their networked club repeater.



As is usually the case in the field, there was trouble. When the squeak for help was sounded, Packrats scurried from their cheesy lairs and arrived as if to the deck of a sinking ship. They came fast and furious like waves of infantrymen onto the beaches of Normandy. There was George, Gus, Pete, Tom by telephone, and Alex on the air. There were others who's contributions will likely remain unknown.

ARRL vice-director Bob K3RF stopped by demonstrating ability to provide more ham related info per sentence than most hams can in a paragraph all while kissing babies and shaking hands.

You may know the Jim AJ3DI theory of operating: try something, have fun and don't be afraid to break (your own) stuff. I tried Field Day, had fun and punctured the front tire of my folding bicycle.

If you want to hear more about it, you will have to check into the Packrats Monday night 222.125 sideband net at 8:30 where I am your humble servant of ceremony.





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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)**

# Bike MS: City to Shore Ride

September 24th and 25th 2022

## About the Event

Bike MS: City to Shore is an event sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Delaware Valley Chapter designed to raise money

for MS research and treatment programs for those affected within the chapter. This event is the chapter's largest and generally brings in over \$5 million every year.

Amateur Radio operators are needed to provide communications along the route at designated intersections, rest stops, and in certain support and staff vehicles. Ususally about 150 hams are needed, but more is always better.

## SEE PRESENTATION for INFO

### MS150 Presentation

### MS150 Motorcycle HamExperience

### Blurb MS150 Article

#### Your Radio Equipment:

Your radio equipment should consist of:

your Mobile Radio with its power cable,microphone,and external speaker if needed,  
the antenna that you will use (Minimum Half Wave Mobile if possible),  
spare fuses just in case, your operators or programming manual or cheat sheet,  
any spare radio if it makes you feel comfortable.

An HT is requested for when you need to be out of your vehicle at your assignment,or for talk around purposes.

Please remember to have an extra fully charged battery forany HT that you have with you.

## How to Volunteer

So you decided that this looks like a worthy cause and would like to help out?

That's wonderful news! [Online sign up form](#)

[Download Paper Registration Form](#)

# The Last Page



*The Blurb*

wants to hear from **YOU!**

Calling all Hams! The Blurb is looking for articles, editorials, and pictures from any and all. Funny, factual, or fascinating we are always looking for stories, essays and pics to share. *Click the big blue envelope and [become a contributor!](#)*

## 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!](#)



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