



The

Blurb



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TIME TO GO

HAM

ON

WINTERHEAT

2023

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)

January Net Control Schedule

01/01/23 AJ3DI
01/08/23 N3QV
01/15/23 W3AFV
01/22/23 KB3SJS
01/29/23 W3UP

CQ! CQ! CQ!



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

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

Club Business

NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 8th

IN PERSON *ONLY*

At [Giant Supermarket 315 York Rd.](#)
[Willow Grove, PA 19090](#)

7PM Start
(6PM Yack & Snack)

No meeting in January!

See you at *AuctionFest!*

B-DAY HAM (or SPOUSE)

1/10 KC3TUY Linus

1/15 W2NKJ Paul

1/12 N8BLK Art

Don't see your birthday?

No problem!

Update your birthday on

[HamClubOnline](#)

and be announced in the

Blurb!

New Members

Lawrence Di Egidio, KB3MDB - General **Anthony Zagame, AA3VZ - Extra**

Richard Freeman, N3FV - Extra

Roger Naylor, KC3VHN - Technician
(callsign change pending)

Antonio Serrano, KC3VGP -Technician



The Winter Field Association Presents

Winter Field Day 2023

January 28th - 29th

Starts 1900 UTC Saturday January 28th

Ends 18:59 UTC Sunday January 29th

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PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC's
26th ANNUAL HAM RADIO

“AUCTION-FEST”

JANUARY 11 (Wed.) 2023

7PM Start - (6PM Seller Setup)

Ben Wilson Senior Activity Center

580 Delmont Avenue

Warminster, PA 18974

[DIRECTIONS](#)

[FLYER](#)

[ITEM SALE SHEET](#)

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!!

COME OUT & HAVE SOME FUN!



WINTERHEAT

AMATEUR RADIO SIMPLEX EVENT

IT'S TIME! CLICK TO REGISTER TODAY!

OPERATING FREQUENCIES

ANALOG

2M	70cm	OTHER
147.570 IL2-Charlie	446.700 ILUHF-Charlie	52.540 6M-Xray
147.525 IL2-Bravo	446.400 ILUHF-Bravo	223.400 1.25M-Xray
		927.100 33cm-XRay

DIGITAL

147.555 C4FM-V	446.600 C4FM-U	
145.790 DMR-V TG:99 TS:1 CC:1	446.0750 DMR-U TG:99 TS:1 CC:1	
145.670 D-STAR-V	446.225 D-STAR-U	

- All participants must be registered with the automated logging system for contacts to be credited
- All contacts must be made on the designated amateur radio frequencies.
- Contacts must be via FM voice and can be either analog or digital (DMR, Fusion, D-Star).
- All contacts must be made during the event period. (00:01 January 1, 2022 to 23:59 January 31, 2022)
- Stations may only make contact with each other once per day on each designated frequency.

DMR, C4FM and D-STAR Simplex Frequencies are simply recommendations. Since some areas have pre-designated digital voice simplex frequencies, they may use those frequencies as long as no external repeaters or other infrastructure is used. Simply select the frequency/mode that closely matches your method.

SCORING:

- **When making a QSO, only one station will enter the information into the system.** Usually the station calling CQ would enter the initial QSO information. Does not matter who submits the initial QSO info as long as the QSO does not get logged twice.
 - The other station will be responsible for confirming the QSO.
- Unconfirmed QSO will be credited with 1 contact point where a confirmed QSO will be awarded a value of 10 contact points.
- A QSO can be made with a station that has not signed up as a participant. However that QSO will only be award a single contact point. Should the non-participant sign up for the event after the QSO is made. The QSO made prior to their sign up will still be credited as a single contact point until the participant confirms the contact..

An Antenna Saved is an Antenna Earned!

It all started with a tree trimming in early fall that forced Peg to take half of her dipole down. Apparently there may have been issues with the antenna before this unscheduled removal. Anyway, on a very cold (28°F, with the emphasis on the F), very windy day (20+ MPH on 11/20, to be exact) Steve, K3FZT and I went to raise the antenna back up.

After three shots with a W3AOK built ball launcher, I was happy that we got the antenna leg as high as it could be in the tree. The antenna is up 40'- 50' so it should play



Up on the housetop... Rich AA3RC & Peg N3PEG take a moment to honor Peg's 1st dipole and celebrate the birth of her new antenna: an OCF Windom (courtesy of Bill W3AOK).

well. That part was a success, but after testing it was determined that the antenna was bad. It pegged (no pun intended) the needles on my MFJ-259B on all bands/frequencies. So W3AOK to the rescue with a replacement OCF Windom antenna. Now to wait for the weather to cooperate. After two failed dates due to the weather, the forecast was looking good.

Well this weekend between Christmas and New Year's was indeed a Christmas miracle with 50 degrees, sun and no wind. Down right warm; perfect antenna weather. With some extra rope and Peg's and Bill's assistance we hoisted and tied off the new antenna successfully. On the antenna analyzer I saw dips and resistance where they were expected.

Now it is up to Peg to relearn her rig and antenna tuner. Hoping to hear about many successful HF contacts from N3PEG as she starts to fill up her log.

- Rich, AA3RC.

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

The Prez Sez...

Hello Phil-Mont,

I hope everyone had happy and safe holidays. At our December meeting we reviewed the amazing year YOU have had as a Club. We welcomed all the 2023 Management and are really excited to have new folks on board.

We honored the ROOKIES. Those folks in attendance who were licensed in the past 3 years. The FUTURE. THE PASSION.

I also outlined some things that WE CAN DO BETTER to keep the club moving forward.

ACKNOWLEDGE any and all DOING

Blurb submissions

New accomplishments

New volunteering (Net Controls)

*Personal comment: I'd rather hear **WRONG DOING** than **PROPER THEORY** undone.*

Please try to remember to pass on FIRST HAND experience only.

If you don't have any, THAT's a great time/reason to go on the journey with others! Remember to talk about the journey on the air. Create the conversation...the mentoring...the elmering...a sked.

PRESENTATION BEHAVIOR

We want to ENCOURAGE folks, non technical folks, to feel safe to present their journey(s).

QUAKER RULES → SILENCE

USE SIMPLEX ROOM to CHAT

USE the pre-meeting and post meeting for chat

Presentations are a **DIRECTED NET** by the
P R E S E N T E R

We need to foster a SAFE SPACE for folks to NOT feel intimidated to present.

ARE YOU READY?

Sitting in the AUDIENCE, I don't care how much you think YOU KNOW.

Of course, you can ask questions when the presenter asks for them...but it's THEIR presentation.

Don't try to interject your brilliance.

We don't want to have folks think they can't share THEIR JOURNEY and their WINS with us. If we DO, we WILL ALL LOSE.

A M A T E U R Radio

Look how much we all can gain by joining them on their JOURNEYS.

We get to JOIN their journey OR relive and revisit a prior journey of our own.

MAYBE even see something we missed, or that has changed since we were last there.

THE NEW FOLKS BRING PASSION, and in a hobby that has more value than EXACT TERMS.

The Prez Sez...

ROOKIES / NEW Presenters THIS IS YOUR YEAR

I am thrilled to report that we have presentations from NEW presenters for almost EVERY meeting in the works!

Dil - Muggs - Drew & James - Bill

January....here already.

EVERYDAY - [WINTERHEAT](#) ←read about it and REGISTER

A natural time for us to play Winterheat is AFTER the Drive Time Net. Hang on the repeater and coordinate the SIMPLEX GAMES.

ANYONE can be the Heat Miser <- *the one to coordinate*



AUCTIONFEST JANUARY 11th

^^^ READ ALL ABOUT IT ^^

SNEAK PEEK of items.....

Winter Field Day - play individually from anywhere but submit results as a Club!
<https://www.winterfieldday.com/> January 28th & 29th.

After January, we have PMRC Radio Labs scheduled for March and June....
More info will be provided.

The Prez Sez...

Looking forward to a great 2023 with you and 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

jim fisher

AJ3DI

www.aj3di.com

HamshackHotline ext: 14423

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

-- Jedi Master Yoda

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

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!***

NET CONTROLS KC3SMW Greg NY3J Ron

Claude H. Haring, Jr., W3IIM Memorial Scholarship \$1000.00

By formal resolution adopted by our board on October 10, 2001, PMRC established Scholarship Fund and authorized the first annual award of the Claude H. Haring, Jr., W3IIM, Memorial Scholarship.

Mr. Masarsky,

I am reaching out today to thank you for awarding me the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club's Claude H. Haring Jr., W3IIM Memorial Scholarship. I am very thankful for your generosity and this scholarship will help me be able to accomplish my dream of graduating college with a bachelor's degree. I am a business student at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland and my major is Business Management, and I am double minoring in Entrepreneurship and Finance. I am not very active in ham radio currently because I am focusing on my studies, however I am looking forward to getting more involved in ham radio once I graduate from college. I have attached a photograph of myself. Thank you very much for awarding me this scholarship, I greatly appreciate it.

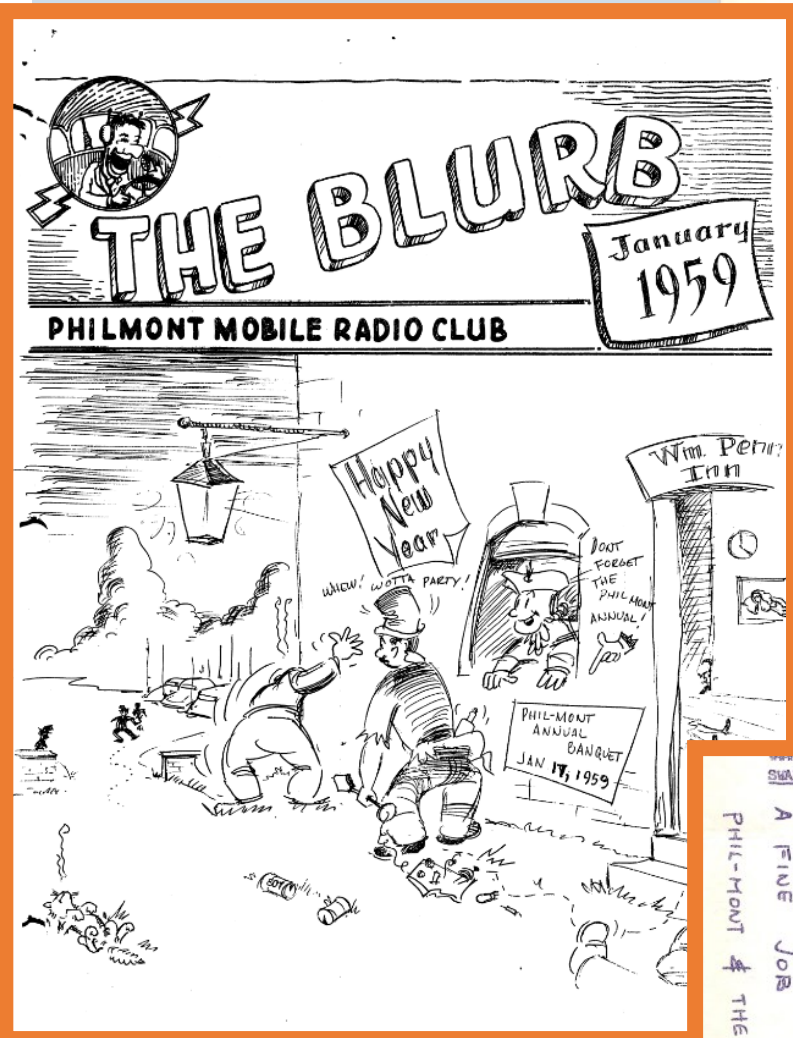
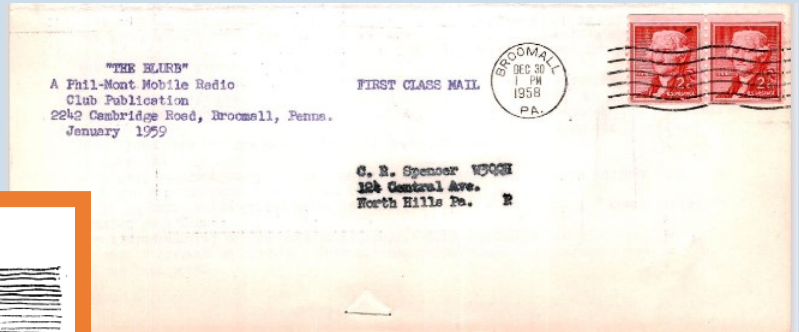
Thank you,

Trey Lodge



From the PMRC Archive...

Here are some highlights from this month in Blurb history, January 1959...



A Christmas Carol - Florida Style

Twas two weeks before Christmas
and throughout all of Florida
Hardly nothing was stirring 'cept some bugs in the corrido.
Pointsetters and oranges turned up their toes
'Cause the cold winds had come, and everything froze.
There was screaming and wailing and a few natives cried
For it looked like to them that their profits had died.
Orange ices in skins could be seen on the ground
But in one place alone there was joy to be found.
There was chuckles and snickers and laughter and glee
Coming out of the building marked "Florida C. of C."
They said "Do not despair, fellow native and friend
For this little set-back does not mean the end!"
Soon you will see (and be of good cheer)
Thousands of Sam-yenkee tourists down here!
They ain't got much sense, but they bring lots of dollars
(Some even wear shirts what needs ties and collars!)
So remember, You All, your Florida duty,
Overcharge them real good, get your share of the booty!
Remember to smile, don't act like a crank,
And soon you can laugh all the way to the bank.
Now, let's all get together, and fight the good fight
Merry Christmas to Y'awl, and to y'awl a good-night.

by: A. Fink

SWAP AND SHOP

For Sale: Elmac AF-67	\$120.00
PMR-7 & Par Supply 12V-DC	\$115.00
W3GSS	
For Sale: 1-HQ 120K Receiver with unmounted 12" speaker	\$100.00
1-EX 100 transmitter With key or mike, and an antenna, this makes a complete 150 watt ham station for only \$250.00 total	\$150.00
W3LWQ	
For Sale: 1-Globe Scout 65 B -factory wired	\$ 75.00
W3WUK	

MEET W3 SAA NET CONTROL 10 ON 10
STARTING JAN 4, 1959

THANKS TO ERNIE FOR A FINE JOB
PHIL-MONT & THE "BLURB"

THANK YOU GEORGE FOR A FINE JOB.
PHIL-MONT & THE "BLURB"

THE LATEST and LAST SCOOP FROM THIS ED, (for a while)

Before the ink was dry from last months printing, the wheels were turning to obtain a new ED to continue the spreading of Phil-Mont blarney. ED attended one of the committee meetings last month and casually mentioned that Sam-Bob W3QZQ should be a good man for this job, and he said yes--just like that we obtained a new ED...The condition being for one year but you know how things like that go. Actually the committee occasion was not the first time the subject of W3QZQ as ED was discussed. It has been a softening procedure for some time with some of the discussion behind Sam-Bob's back. Well, as in all good fairy tales it always comes out for the best and this ED considers it is the very best. Sam as you remember has written the rag several times before when the regular ED was piled hi and deep. And it so happens that this comes at a very opportune time since this ED will be about 400 miles from the Artic Circle about the time the next issue of this rag gets under motion. We will give you a run down on what winter is like from K01BS or K01BO if we make the proper connections. Sam-Bob as you may not know has written several papers for national distribution thru such mediums as the RCA Broadcaster so you see your new ED comes to you with considerable experience plus genuine interest in improving the Blurb and expanding the activity of the club. This general move by accident or on purpose will with the new executive members bring a complete new sweep of thinking in the organization of the club. It has been long in coming and needed. If you look back a few years the level of activity has been directly proportional to the specialized activities we have engaged in. Almost every year, you can point to some special project where everyone participated. More of these are needed to continue the excellent interest thru the years. MAY the new Editor take whatever Editorial license he chooses to assist in the promotion of a bigger and better club.

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!](#)



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