



# The Blurb



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***TAKIN' IT to the STREETS***



## The Radio Amateur's Code

*The Radio Amateur is:*

**CONSIDERATE...** They never knowingly operate in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

**LOYAL...** They offer loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in their country, through which Amateur Radio in their country is represented nationally and internationally.

**PROGRESSIVE...** They keep their station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. Their operating practice is above reproach.

**FRIENDLY...** They operate slowly and patiently when requested; offer friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

**BALANCED...** Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

**PATRIOTIC...** Their station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

*- adapted from the original Amateur's Code, written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928*

# Get the Net!

There's no ham radio without YOU!

Get on the air and share! Operate, cooperate, & celebrate ham radio!

## CLUB REPEATERS

### 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](#)

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)

### May Sunday Net Control Schedule

05/07/23 W3UP

05/14/23 WA3GM

05/21/23 W3MHP

05/28/23 AJ3DI

Join IN!

**CQ! CQ! CQ!**



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

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

# Club Business

## NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

**Wednesday  
May 10th**

**IN PERSON \*ONLY\***

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

**5:30 Snack    6:30 Business    7:00 Presentation**

**Presentation**

**Takin' IT to the STREETS**

**DREW KC3UKF  
with James KC3NVS  
and Falls Library**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 05	N3PP	Paul
May 07	K3NIE	Bob
May 12	AC3GX	Mark
May 21	KB3CXM	Al
May 25	KN1CKC	Nick
May 28	N3VIP	Tony
May 29	K3XS	Maggie

*Want your Birthday read on  
the Net? Update your info at*

[hamclubonline.com](http://hamclubonline.com)

## New Pending Club Members

**ROBERT E NEMORE N1BIV**

**John D DelMargio N3FO**

**Jonathan E Caicedo N3JEC**



welcomes you!

# Phil-Mont Membership Stats April 2023

## Member Types Statistics: (Active Members)

REGULAR Membership	137
Honorary	2
Additional Family Member (EACH	7
Student Membership	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>

## 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,**

“Jim you are OUT OF YOUR MIND”.

Yep. I get this often AND I THANK THIS HOBBY for getting me OUT.

I hope YOU have the opportunity to GET OUT OF YOUR MIND as well.

What is this hobby supposed to do?

What say you GOOGLE?

hob·by<sup>1</sup>

*noun*

noun: **hobby**; plural noun: **hobbies**

1.

an activity done regularly in one's leisure time for pleasure.

Ok. That works. In my mind daily is family, work and all the other things that are part of daily life. It's all good. Sometimes not as good as we would like, but that is out of our control.

What we can control is our hobby and how much PLEASURE we get out of it.

You often hear me say/type PLAY RADIO. I don't say work radio.....PLAY radio.

PLAY IS FUN. Playing here is PHUN. Phil-Mont FUN.

# The Prez Sez..

Don't worry about where you are in the hobby. IT'S YOURS. You got the license, and as long as you stay within Part 97.....HAVE AT IT.

There are NO PLAYGROUND monitors other than Part 97. Get as PHUN and CRAZY as you would like.

NEW HAM, LONGTIME HAM it doesn't matter. PLAY. PLAY HARD. PLAY SOFT. Whatever floats your boat.

PRINCIPLES (RF) over PERSONALITIES. Keep it simple.

You folks played hard in April. POTA. Solar Panels. OUR FIRST TinkerNet. GREAT WORK!

Thanks again to Mugs for his presentation on 3D printing.....I think we sold a few printers! (And K3ALA even borrowed a work one!)

Thanks to Greg (Grogu) and the TinkerNet, the extension of his PMRC Radio Labs, which is the extension of his (and Ron's) DENn. WOW. That's a lot of extensions and PLAY. Might have to braid all those extensions!

What's next?

Our next General Meeting, May 10th is by KC3UKF Drew telling us about his and James' (KC3NVS) Falls Library Presentation on Amateur Radio.

# The Prez Sez...

Now that's TAKIN' IT to the STREETS! Our own Doobie Brothers!

Lot of KC3s in there. So happy that the new folks are sharing their WIDE EYED experiences in this hobby with ALL OF US. It's truly inspiring. Sometimes us longer hammed folks need our eyes REOPENED. Don't be afraid to revisit some things from a different perspective.....you may see something that you missed, OR WASN'T even there or possible when you played the first time.

In less than 2 months this CLUB will be TAKIN' it to THE STREETS at Field Day.

Ham radio's biggest Public Relations outing. YEP. Public Relations.

We get to share our amazing hobby and ALL THE PLEASURE THAT IT BRINGS US with anyone and everyone.

Charlie K3NOP (KC3 originally) will be our Field Day Captain. He needs all of our support for this event.

All the information about Field Day will be on our website and on the GROUPS.IO

We have a PMRC Radio Lab coming up in June that will support Field Day PLAY. If you were at the last meeting you saw in the back of the room what we will be building at that Lab in June right before Field Day.



# The Prez Sez....

Bill KE3YW will be leading us through the build of his MacGyver Magnetic Loop Antenna.

I imagine many of us will be LOOPY(ier) at Field Day!

Now...back to the OUT OF YOUR MIND stuff.

**YES. THE INMATES ARE RUNNING THE ASYLUM. That is BY DESIGN. THIS IS YOUR CLUB. YOU DO. We SUPPORT YOU. Whoever...Whatever....S I M P L E**

**Fight me.**

I go this email the other day and well, here it is:

*Gd Morn-*

*Heard via the Rooster Net that there is 'an out with the old and in with new' recruitment. Old established members are leaving under the push for newer blood.*

*Interesting*

**THERE IS NO “OUT”** in our equation. There is no push for newer blood. The only PUSH is for FLOWING BLOOD.

If by making NEW folks in a hobby or group MORE COMFORTABLE. **YEAH. WE'RE GUILTY.**

If by asserting those that WANT TO DO THINGS in this hobby. **YEAH. WE'RE GUILTY.**

# The Prez Sez.....

If you are feeling this way, **I HAVE THE CURE:**

**COME PLAY WITH US.** Doesn't matter how long (or short) you have been in the hobby. Doesn't matter WHO YOU are.

As I stated above: **PRINCIPLES (RF) over PERSONALITIES.**  
Keep it simple.

I am one way in this hobby as stated above. In and out of this "role" that this club has trusted me with.

**GUILTY AS CHARGED.**

I would only hope that if anyone hears this drivel anywhere...on the air, in public that you would set them straight about our intentions.

Back to Google for a second:

Dictionary  
Definitions from Oxford Languages · Learn more  
driv·el

noun

noun: drivel

nonsense.

"don't talk such drivel!"

**YEAH DRIVEL.**

# The Prez Sez...

## 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

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

-- Jedi Master Yoda

chibird



There can be a lot of pressure to make your hobby into "something". But your hobby doesn't have to be anything but a hobby! Do things because you enjoy it, and don't worry about having to make it more than that.

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

*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



**TinkerNet - Every 3rd Saturday (non LABS months)**

9:00am to 10:30am on the repeater  
and Z O O M video backchannel

**NEXT TINKERNET MAY 20th**

# From the PMRC Archive...

The CLUB is once again providing the ARCHIVE  
TO ALL NEW MEMBERS.

**If you don't have the original archive DVD**

**please ask** and we will get you  
the NEW usb thumbdrive with  
photos, The Blurb and documents  
from the club's history.

Review the archive and  
FIND your own items of interest.

Share any with us on the  
GROUPS.IO

**BE LIKE DAN.**

# 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!***

## **PMRC Officers for 2023**

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