



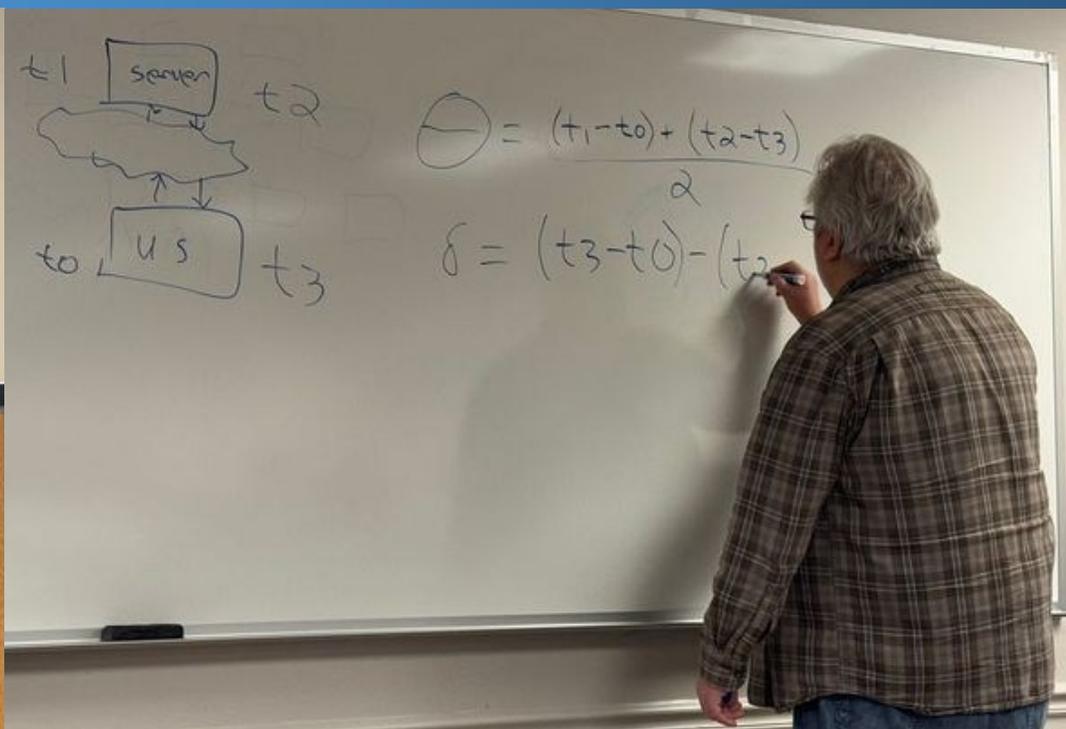
# The Blurb

Newsletter of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club  
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## Keeping Time with NTP Network Time Protocol



# The Prez Sez...

## Fellow Phil-Monters,

They say February is the "slow month" of the amateur radio calendar (unless you went to HamCation!), but looking back at our logs, I'd have to disagree. While the weather outside has been predictably grey, snowy and downright cold, the activity across our repeater and at our meetings has been anything but slow.



## Time, Tools, and Training

A huge thank you to Walt, KC3WHU, for his fantastic presentation at our last general meeting. His deep dive into NTP (Network Time Protocol) was a perfect reminder of how critical "the right time" is to our hobby—especially for those of us venturing into digital modes where a fraction of a second makes the difference between a contact and a missed opportunity.

On the air, the PATSA Net continues to be a resounding success, and the Digital Education Net for newbies (DENn) continues to crank along (thanks KC3SMW and NY3J). I was particularly impressed to see the progress and popularity of the CW learning segments. Additionally, the recent session on setting up FLDIGI weather macros was a great example of the practical, hands-on learning that makes this club so valuable. Join up and learn!

## Remembering a Friend: N2KPC

On a more somber note, the club lost a true friend and dedicated member with the passing of Lloyd Price, N2KPC. Lloyd was a constant presence, trekking from Mount Holly to Willow Grove to be with us. Personally, I always appreciated how he looked out for the club's infrastructure; just recently, he was the one to alert me that our EchoLink connection was down. He was always watching the "health" of our hobby, from space weather to our local links. He will be greatly missed.

## Looking Ahead: Spring is Coming!

As we shake off the last of the winter chill, it's time to start prepping your portable kits. Our Spring POTA-Fest is scheduled for March 28–29. Whether you're a seasoned activator or someone who just wants to see what the "Parks on the Air" hype is all about, I hope to see you there. It's the perfect way to kick off the spring season.

# The Prez Sez...

**It's time to renew your membership!** Everyone should have gotten a reminder from Hamclubonline. If you need any help renewing, just let me know directly (rrothjr66@gmail.com). We're down to 46 members of our 230 who haven't renewed. Non-renewals will be removed from the member roster in March. See the following list.

Abraham Shaw Jr.	AC3G	Kevin Jones	KC3VPY
Adam M Huffnagle	K3JCP	Lamonte D Cuff	N1LC
Andrew Chen	W3AWC	Lori Eger	KC3WHO
Anthony Pace	WO3I	Mark Donaghey	AC3GX
Anthony J Zagame	AA3VZ	Mark P Dean	KD3BLR
Benjamin Leace	KC3TWM	Martin N Loesch Jr	KC3UXP
Bryan D Kobe	KB3WHR	Michael J Treacy	KC3YRD
Carolyn R Popovic	KA3VLJ	Nicholas J Feliccia	N3FKS
Charles R Wright	KD3HAM	Nicholas T Wambold	N3SMC
Chris Kaczmarczyk	K2KAZ	Peter A Lacey	KC3VDM
Derrick Weaver	KC3SBX	Ramsey H Chew Jr	KC3RHL
Dorian Murray	W3KAZ	Robert D Demola Sr	KD2GFL
Emmanoah Perez	KC3VDL	Robert M Ciotti Jr	KC3ZFT
Erkan Tuzel	KC3UUI	Samuel R Shelenberger	KC3WIE
Evan M Bradley	KD3IAK	Sangram S Bajwa	KC3VQI
Frank M Gallo	KC3SBP	Scott Vogin	KB3ALX
Gregory J Malone	WA3GM	Scudder G Stevens II	AC3NB
Harris L Pepper	KC3JUD	Steven F Frederick	K3KIC
Henry A "Hank" Bucci	K2HB	Steven Kirk Thompson	KB3IQK
Jacquelyn "Purpledragon" Loesch	KC3UFO	Wayne Macdowell	KC3WCV
Jeffrey Golas	KC3GJX		
John E Livezey	KC3EOO		
John H Bates	KC3CEW		
John W Sullivan Jr	W2INF		
Joseph D Jardine	KC3TER		
Kayla D Adams	KD3CBL		

# The Prez Sez...

We're always looking for submissions to The Blurb, so if you have an idea for an article, write it up and send it in. There's some great ones this month, keep them coming.

This is the best hobby ever with unlimited possibilities. It is always there whether you play daily, weekly, or monthly. We're all busy but have our club to keep us together through radio. So don't stress it and keep having fun playing radio. We play radio; that's what we do. Play, Break, Learn. See you at a club event soon.

See you on the nets!

73, Rich, AA3RC

Remember, this is **YOUR HOBBY, YOUR Club, YOUR repeaters.**  
**USE them. MONITOR them.**

**BE A REPEATER GREETER.**  
Answer calls when you can.  
Let's leave **NO CALL UNANSWERED.**

**FAIL = First Attempt In Learning**



# 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.*

# 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 every Monday-Friday 5 to 6pm on our VHF Repeater, Allstar or Echolink

## DENn-Digital Education Net for newbies

Every Tuesday 2000-2130 on our VHF repeater with Zoom back channel for video only. Watch our Groups.io for posts tagged #DENn for details.

## Philadelphia ARES

Sundays 8 PM ET on our VHF Repeater, Allstar or Echolink  
OMIK Net Sat. 11am

## KC3BVL VHF and UP Nets

All nets upper sideband but CW ok

Fridays are to get your VHF station running smoothly and find out who you can work.

7:30pm 144.160 8pm 50.160  
8:30pm 222.150 9pm 432.160

Microwave Wednesdays are to get your microwave station up and running smoothly.

7:30pm 903.100 8pm 1296.100  
8:30pm 2304.100 9pm 5760.100

## CLUB REPEATERS

VHF: 147.030 MHz  
(+offset 91.5 PL)

### REMOTE VHF INPUTS:

Bucks Co/Lawrenceville Input  
North and East PL 88.5 (147.030)  
Delaware County West and South  
PL 100.0 (147.030)

UHF: 444.80 MHz Yaesu  
System Fusion WiresX

[ECHOLINK W3QV-R](#) &

[ALLSTAR Node# 47970](#)

Phil-Mont Simplex Frequency  
147.510MHz PL91.5 TSQL

## Sunday Morning Nets

Tune in on any or all for a Sunday morning 'Hello!'

### 0930 ET:

VHF Repeater, Allstar or Echolink

### 1000 ET:

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

**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!](#)

*The Blurb*

## **March** Sunday Net Control Schedule

1-Mar KB3IV

8-Mar N3QV

15-Mar KE3QB

22-Mar KB3SJS

29-Mar W3UP

# Club Business

## NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday, March 11th

Giant Supermarket 315 York Rd.

Willow Grove, PA 19090

5:30PM Yack & Snack

6:30PM Meeting Starts

7PM Presentation

March

Presentation: QRPLabs

QM Devices Mike KC3UKC

## This Month's Birthdays

KC3VDL Emmanoah Perez 1-Mar

KT3H Paul Keener 1-Mar

KC3WHU Walt Mankowski 4-Mar

W3FRB Bill Hewitt 8-Mar

K3FZT Steve Davidson 9-Mar

KA2SAM Sam Guirguis 13-Mar

KZ4P Mark Francis 14-Mar

N3CGT Shawn Conahan 17-Mar

KB2AYS Frank Meo 21-Mar

K3PCT Don Rees 28-Mar

KC3NVS James Walston 29-Mar

N3TWO Robert Rose 30-Mar

*Want your Birthday read on the Nets?  
Update your info at [hamclubonline.com](http://hamclubonline.com)*

## New Club Members

**Terry Rossi, N2LQH, General**

**Jeff Depolo, WN3A, Extra**

**Paul Molinari, KE2HOV, Technician**



welcomes you!

# Phil-Mont Membership Statistics

March 2026

## Member Types Statistics: (Active Members)

REGULAR Membership	218
Honorary	3
Board Member	7
Officer	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</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 learn more join our [Groups.io](#) and visit [PHLARES.org](http://PHLARES.org).

**Join the A.R.E.S.  
Training Net**

**Every Sunday  
evening at 2000  
(8:00 PM)**

**147.030 MHz**

# Ham Radio Challenge

Here's a fun checklist you may have seen in the group messages, but here it is again.  
GO PLAY RADIO. Let's see who can check all the boxes!

Band Worked	Mode Worked	Activity (or mode of op)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 2,200 M (135 kHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - SSB	<input type="checkbox"/> - Repeater QSO (2 M and up)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 630 M (472 kHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - CW	<input type="checkbox"/> - Repeater QSO (10 or 6 M)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 160 M (1.8 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - AM	<input type="checkbox"/> - Simplex FM QSO (VHF/UHF)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 80/75 M (3.5/3.8 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FM	<input type="checkbox"/> - SSB QSO (VHF/UHF)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 60 M (5.3 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - PSK (31, 63)	<input type="checkbox"/> - CW Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 40 M (7 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FT4	<input type="checkbox"/> - Contest Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 30 M (10.1 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FT8	<input type="checkbox"/> - Satellite and/or EME Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 20 M (14 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Other WSJT- X Modes (FSK441, JT6M, JT65, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Fox Hunt (ARDF)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 17 M (18 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - JS8call	<input type="checkbox"/> - WinLink Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 15 M (21 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Packet (AX25)/APRS	<input type="checkbox"/> - EchoLink Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 12 M (24.9 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - SSTV or Fast Scan ATV	<input type="checkbox"/> - WAS (work all 50 states)
<input type="checkbox"/> - 10 M (28 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Digital FM- DMR, D-Star, Fusion, etc.) or Hotspots	<input type="checkbox"/> - Work <u>50</u> countries
<input type="checkbox"/> - 6 M (50 MHz)		<input type="checkbox"/> - Work <u>100</u> countries
<input type="checkbox"/> - 2 M (144 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - Pactor, Clover, Olivia, Throb, DominoEX, MT63, Thor, AMTOR, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> - WAC- Work All Continents
<input type="checkbox"/> - 1.25 M (222 MHz)		<input type="checkbox"/> - POTA (Parks On The Air) or SOTA (Summits On The Air) Chaser Contact
<input type="checkbox"/> - 75 cm (440 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> - FAX or Hellschreiber	<input type="checkbox"/> - POTA or SOTA Activation
<input type="checkbox"/> - 33 cm (902 MHz)	<b>Club</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> - Higher Microwave Bands	<input type="checkbox"/> - Attend an ARC meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> - POTA Activator
<b>Build or Install</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> - Present at ARC meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> - <u>Work</u> your State QSO party
<input type="checkbox"/> - New VHF/UHF Antenna	<input type="checkbox"/> - Head a committee	<b>Build/Test/Repair</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> - New HF Antenna	<input type="checkbox"/> - Attend a Hamfest	<input type="checkbox"/> - Electronics Kit or Homebrew
<input type="checkbox"/> - New Mobile Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> - Teach a Licensing Class or be a VE	<input type="checkbox"/> - Use an Antenna Analyzer or nano-VNA to measure
<input type="checkbox"/> - New Mobile Antenna	<input type="checkbox"/> - Mentor a new ham	<input type="checkbox"/> - Fix non-working Radio
<input type="checkbox"/> - Computer/Radio Interface	<input type="checkbox"/> - Write a newsletter article	<input type="checkbox"/> - Arduino, Rasp Pi microprocessor project or Program
<input type="checkbox"/> - New Operating Desk	<input type="checkbox"/> - Volunteer for Public Serv	

# Ham Radio Challenge

Here's a fun game.

GO PLAY RADIO. Let's see who can get BINGO first!

## BIN-G - POTA Edition

activated in rain or snow	has hunted 1,000+ parks	owns an Icom 7300	N1CC activator or hunter	activated or hunted CW
hunted or activator 6 pack	activated between midnight and dawn	owns something with the POTA logo on it.	activated or hunted digital modes	completed a 5 park rove
activated or hunted on a Leap Day	activated 100 unique parks		activated or hunted an ATNO	found a tick during/after activating
activated in more than one country	hunted 15+ parks in a day	has activated or hunted QRP	questioned by police, sheriff or, park ranger	has hunted or activated all parks in a state
owns more than two POTA radios	driven 100+ miles on a rove	hunted or activated all 50 states	is a part of facebook / discord group	activator with a kilo at a park

# Upcoming Club Events

Won't You Join Us...

## in *The DENn!*

Phil-Mont's *Digital Education Net for newbies!*

**Tuesday Evenings @8:00pm Zoom Backchannel @7:00pm**

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—W3ZO, Rob

## Upcoming DENn Topics

- Stay tuned to the groups.io group, March's topics TBD.

# Lloyd, N2KPC, SK

## In Memoriam: Lloyd T. Price, N2KPC, SK

### A True Pillar of Amateur Radio

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the sudden passing of Lloyd T. Price, N2KPC, on Sunday, March 15, 2026. A dedicated ham, mentor, and fixture in the South Jersey and Greater Philadelphia radio communities, Lloyd's absence leaves a void that will be deeply felt across the bands.

Lloyd was a true "Renaissance Man" of amateur radio. While many knew him as the tireless Net Manager for the Ten-Tec Amateur Radio Net, our members knew him as the club's primary eye on the sky. He was incredibly active in Space Weather and ISS reporting, ensuring our groups.io community was always informed of solar flares, propagation shifts, and the latest station passes.

Despite the distance, Lloyd was a stalwart supporter of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club. He regularly made the trek from his home in Mount Holly, NJ, to our meetings in Willow Grove, proving that his commitment to the hobby and his fellow members knew no borders. His presence at our gatherings and his consistent voice on the air served as a bridge between the South Jersey and Pennsylvania ham communities.

Beyond the shack, Lloyd was a man of service and diverse passions. He served his community as a Firefighter and Pump Operator, and when he wasn't on the air, he could often be found bird-watching or train-spotting—hobbies he enjoyed right up until his final day.

He is survived by his wife, Gaye (KB2YOA). The amateur radio community has lost a true "Elmer," a technical expert, and a loyal friend.

73, Lloyd. We will miss your reports, your wisdom, and your friendship.



# New Weekly Net!

## THE PASTA NET!

### Plain and Simple Talk Around Net = PASTA

How the net will operate:

Net Control will open NET LOGGER <https://www.netlogger.org/> and call for check-ins.

As people check in they will be put on net logger and will see their position in the rotation if they too are using Net Logger. It's not necessary for participants to use Net Logger but it can be convenient.

Once all are checked in, Net Control will turn it over to the first check in and start to "Talk About" what they have to say. Once done making their comment they pass to the next person and so on. At any time during the comments a person can contact another check in during their turn for direct communication with the another check-in.

When the bottom of the list is reached, Net Control will take over and call for more check-ins and the process starts over with the new check-ins starting first.

There will be no strict time limit, stations can check out at any time, even in and out. Two hours is recommended as a maximum. When Net Control feels the net is slowing down, a call for final check-ins will be made and if none heard, there will be a call for final comments.

The idea is for a directed "rag chew" type of net. Just something different. This idea is borrowed from the Rochester net that is held on 3.972 on Tuesday and Thursday night.

Join in. Have fun. It's what we do.

Dave, K3DFG  
PMRC Secretary  
PMRC Net Control Coordinator

# 2026 Soccer Tournament Host City Amateur Radio Special Event Stations

Looking for operators during the World Soccer Championship (update 1: February 25, 2026)

2026 Soccer Tournament Host City Amateur Radio Special Event Stations. This group is not affiliated with FIFA and does not intend to provide any marketing opportunities for any organization or individual. This is a non-profit effort intended to foster the world-wide profile and enjoyment of the amateur radio hobby and celebrate the quadrennial soccer tournament of 48 teams representing countries around the world.

June 11 – July 19: Games being played in 11 US cities, 3 in Mexico, and 2 in Canada.

US Cities include Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Miami, Kansas City, Seattle, Philadelphia, New York/New Jersey, Los Angeles, San Francisco

Plans are in the works to have Special Event stations on the air during games (or nearby weekend) in their city. The complete schedule can be [found here](#). WM3PEN will represent Philadelphia.

The games in Philadelphia are:

- Côte d'Ivoire v Ecuador | Group E | Sunday, 14 June 7P (Operation could be that weekend)
- Brazil v Haiti | Group C | Friday, 19 June 9P (Operation could be the weekend after)
- France v Bolivia/Iraq/Suriname | Group I | Monday, 22 June 5P (Operation could be the weekend before)
- Curaçao v Côte d'Ivoire | Group E | Thursday, 25 June 4P (Operation could be the weekend before)
- Croatia v Ghana | Group L | Saturday, 27 June 5P (Field Day)
- Match 89 | Round of 16 | Saturday, 4 July 5P (13 Colonies)

The Goal is to NOT interfere with anyone participating with PHLARES/Red Cross operations on the day of the game. Looking to operate either the day that the game is being held and/or the closest weekend to the event so as not to interfere with ARES/Red Cross activity. Operating schedule is subject to operator availability. The week of July 1 -7 will have the 13 Colonies operators.

Bands: All bands except 60 Meters. SSB, CW, Digital. No repeaters, VOIP, Digital Voice.

Operate from home or portable. POTA style operation may be possible from a soccer field. Introduce soccer fans to ham radio.

Certificate: Downloadable national certificate will be available. Website in progress.

QSL Cards: There will be special event QSL cards for each callsign. Details being worked out.

How can you participate? A club may want to operate for a weekend or selected game. An individual may want to be part of a multi club/multi date operator event. Discuss the actual operating dates with WA3PZO.

For further information contact Bob, WA3PZO [wa3pzo@aol.com](mailto:wa3pzo@aol.com).

# Club QSO Party 6/20-21/26

## CLUB QSO Party

[www.clubqsoparty.org](http://www.clubqsoparty.org)

The June 2026 Club QSO Party is Co-Sponsored By the Following

Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club - South Jersey Radio Assn- Kent Amateur Radio Society

**Period: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 00:00 UTC to June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 23:59 UTC (48 Hours)**

Objective: Work as many Amateur Radio Club members as possible and Listed Amateur Radio Club Stations

**Bands: All Amateur radio bands with the exception of 60m, 30m, 17, & 12m, and all modes including repeater contacts, satellite and EME QSOs will be accepted.**



Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club

<https://www.phil-mont.org/>



South Jersey Radio Assn

<https://sjra.club/sjraclub/>



Kent Amateur Radio Society

<https://k3ars.org/kars/>

# Upcoming Club Events

**MARK YOUR 2026 CALENDARS!**

**Upcoming Club Radio Activities**

- March 27th Spring POTA FEST  
(MARCH 27-28- Leave by 3/29 11am)
- April 11th POTAMANIA
- May 9th POTAMANIA
- June 20-21st Club QSO Party
- June 26-28th Field Day
- July 11th POTAMANIA
- August Lighthouse Weekend
- September 12th POTAMANIA
- October 2nd OCTPOTAFEST (OCT 2-3, leave 4th-11am)

**What an amazing 2026 lineup.  
Get ready for some serious fun.**

# Upcoming Hamfests



## Sussex Amateur Radio Association

### - APRIL 18, 2026 -

## Delmarva Amateur Radio & Electronics EXPO



### Perfectly Positioned for Regional Access

Just 2–3 hours from Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Washington, D.C., Virginia Beach, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Southern New Jersey. Tax-Free Shopping • Free Parking • More Value for Vendors & Guests

Make It a Family Weekend at the Beach!

### Speakers & Forums

#### Tower Safety

Jon Zaimes AA1K

#### DMR Basics & Interstate System

Nick Fedirko N3YMS

#### Balun Basics: How To Build Your Own 4:1 and 1:1

Eric Hudson WG3J

#### Parks On The Air (POTA) Demo

Kerri Wright KB3WAV

Del Delfish N2NWK

#### ARRL Meeting & Update

### Events & Attractions

ARRL State Convention Tailgating

Silent Auction Great Raffle Prizes

Free FCC Testing Guest Speakers

Forums QSL Card Checking

Lots of PAVED Parking Vendors

Food Trucks Satellite Mobile Bus

Operate W1AW/3 Station

Guests Pay \$10 To Enter!  
(Under 18 FREE!)

Inside spaces \$20.00 - 1st Table  
Tailgaters : \$10.00 - Each Space

### For Information

Contact Jamie, W3UC

(410) 202-7690

hamfestdelaware@gmail.com

### NEW HAMFEST LOCATION:



**Sussex Academy**  
21150 Airport Rd.  
Georgetown, DE 19954

**Gates open at 6:00 A.M.**  
**Expo begins at 8:00 A.M.**

### Event Schedule

6:00 AM	Gates Open
7:30 AM	Tailgating
8:00 AM	Indoor Venue Opens
9:00 AM	FCC Testing - No Walk-ins/No Test Fee See <a href="http://www.radioelectronicsEXPO.com">www.radioelectronicsEXPO.com</a> for pre-registration link and other event information

### TALK-IN: SARA Repeater

147.090 MHz PL 156.7

Schedule subject to change

### Local Hotels

Tru by Hilton Georgetown  
(3.4 Miles)  
302.515.2100

Microtel by Wyndham  
(2.9 Miles)  
302.396.9719

Quality Inn & Suites  
(3.3 Miles)  
302.339.8506

JOIN US IN TAX FREE DELAWARE!

The Delmarva Radio and Electronics EXPO is sponsored by The Sussex Amateur Radio Association  
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# N3ZP's Contest Corner

Here is the contest calendar report for March. It's a busy contest month with QSO Parties, ARRL DX, CQ WPX, RTTY, PSK31 and some international contests.

March 7 - March 8

ARRL International DX Contest, SSB - 0000Z Mar. 7 - 2400Z Mar. 8. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. SSB. Rules:<https://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>. The phone portion of the ARRL DX Contest with DX stations looking for US and Canada stations. Expect lots of DX stations on the HF bands calling CQ.

Novice Rig Roundup - 0000Z Mar. 7 - 2359Z Mar. 15. Worldwide. 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 2 Meters. CW. Rules:<http://www.novicerigroundup.org/>. An event celebrating the 75 Watt input, crystal controlled radios from the original Novice license days. You don't need an old fashioned rig to operate. All stations are welcome. Expect to hear some interesting CW notes from older gear. Note this event lasts for 8 days.

March 14 - March 16

South America 10 Meter Contest - 1200 Mar. 14 - 1200Z Mar. 15. Worldwide. 10 Meters, CW, SSB. Rules: <http://sa10m.com.ar/wp/rules/>. Work DX stations on the 10 Meter band with higher points for South America stations.

Stew Perry Topband Challenge - 1500Z Mar. 14 - 1500Z Mar. 15. Worldwide. 160 Meters. CW. Rules: <https://www.kkn.net/stew/>. A contest where scoring is based on distance between stations. If you can tune your antenna on 160, work a few stations in less crowded band conditions.

Oklahoma QSO Party - 1500Z Mar. 14 - 0200Z Mar. 15, 1500Z - 2200Z Mar. 15. 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 Meters. CW, Phone, Digital (except FT4/FT8). Rules:<http://k5cm.com/okqp.htm>. Work the 77 OK counties. Expect some OK stations be mobile or roving stations going to multiple counties.

Idaho QSO Party - 1600Z Mar. 14 - 0400Z Mar. 15, 1400Z Mar. 15 - 0200Z Mar-16. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, Phone, Digital (except FT4/FT8). Rules:<https://www.idahoqsoparty.org/>. This is a chance for that rare ID contact. Idaho was the last state I needed for Worked All States on Phone and I got it in this contest. Expect to work mobiles and rovers in multiple counties.

North American Sprint - 0000Z - 0359Z Mar. 15. Worldwide. 80, 40 and 20 Meters. RTTY. Rules:<http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf>. A short RTTY sprint where North America can work anyone and DX needs North America.

Wisconsin QSO Party - 1800Z Mar. 15 - 0100Z Mar. 16. All bands except WARC (30, 17 and 12 Meters). CW, Phone, Digital (except FT4/FT8). Rules:<http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm>. Work 72 WI counties in multiple modes with some being mobile, portable or rovers. Not a rare state but some stations may be POTA activations.

# N3ZP's Contest Corner

March 21 - March 23

BARTG HF RTTY Contest - 0200Z Mar. 21 - 0159 Mar. 23. Worldwide. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. RTTY. Rules:<http://www.bartg.org.uk/>. A British sponsored event promoting use of the RTTY mode

PODXS 070 Club St. Patrick's Day Contest. - 0000Z - 2359Z Mar. 21. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15. 10 and 6 Meters. 100 Watts max. PSK31 Mode. Rules:<https://www.podxs070.com/o7o-club-sponsored-contests/saint-patrick-s-day-contest>. A contest celebrating St. Patrick using PSK31 mode. See the special rules for extra points by spelling "Erin Go Bragh" using suffixes of calls worked.

Virginia QSO Party - 1400Z Mar. 21 - 0400Z Mar. 22, 1200Z - 2400Z Mar. 22. All bands except WARC (30, 17, 12). CW, Phone, Digital. Rules: [https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA\\_QSO\\_Party/2026\\_VQP/2026\\_VQP\\_Main.html](https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2026_VQP/2026_VQP_Main.html). Work VA stations with multipliers for 95 counties and 38 independent cities. There will be several special stations for bonus points.

Popov Memorial Contest - 0500Z - 0859Z Mar. 21. Worldwide. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters, CW, SSB. Rules:<https://www.contest.ru/memorial-popov-eng/>. A short Russian contest honoring physicist Alexandr Popov who designed an early radio receiver. Work some Russian DX in this short contest. They are good ops and many have big signals.

Russian DX Contest. 1200Z Mar. 21 - 1200Z Mar. 22. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, SSB. Rules:[https://www.rdx.org/rules\\_eng](https://www.rdx.org/rules_eng). Yes, another Russian contest. Work non-Russian stations also but highest points for Russia,

March 27 - March 29

CQ Worldwide WPX Contest, SSB - 0000Z Mar, 28 - 2359Z Mar. 29. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. SSB. Rules:<https://www.cqwpw.com/rules.htm>. Another of the CQ Worldwide Contests but this one uses prefixes as the multiplier. Stations will be pleased to work those new KC, KD and KE calls.

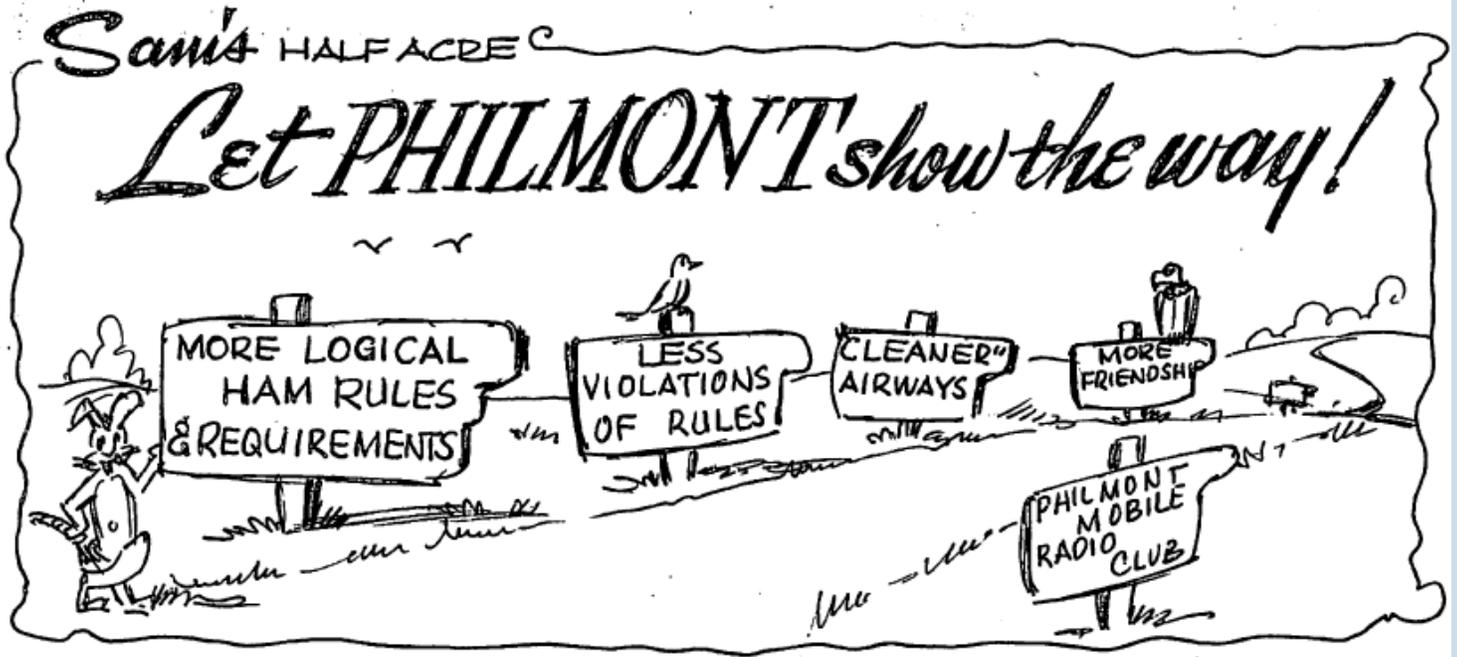
Sasquatch Stomp - 1900Z Mar. 27 - 0300Z Mar. 28. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW. 5 Watts max. Rules: <https://www.pnwqrp.org/sasquatch-stomp>. A fun Pacific North West club sponsored event to get some QRP stations on the air. Not a big high speed CW contest just some silliness on the air with an unusual exchange.

That's my list for March. Not all inclusive but plenty of contest activity. As always, you can reach out to me for assistance or advice in participating in a contest and logging.

Phil N3ZP

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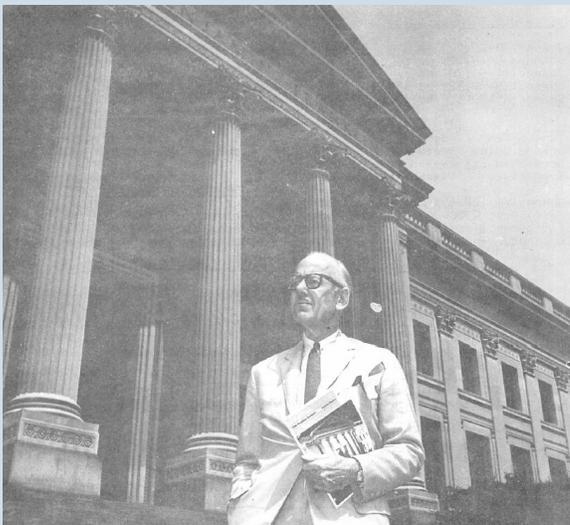
Here are some highlights from this month in Blurb history, March 1966...



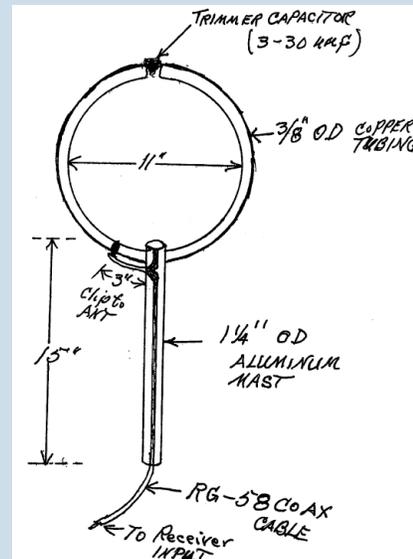
## "SILENT KEY" W3LNQ - by Editor W3CDY

The station of Frank Travers W3LNQ is silent forever. Our stalwart and friendly Phil-Mont member passed away in his sleep Thursday night, February 17, 1966. Frank, was one of Phil-Mont's oldest members, active in the affairs of the club and on the frequencies.

Frank, with Fred Shaw W3ADV, our President, built the 2 meter transmitter and receiver used in the old W3TKQ installation. He was a part of the force in the earlier and the present W3TKQ installations.



From the best I can tell, this may be the first Printed photo in the Blurb. -AA3RC



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