



# The Blurb

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## May Is for Radio!



The Blurb

# The Prez Sez...

## Fellow Phil-Monters,

May was another packed month, and May is looking like more of the same. That's the way we like it.

### May Meeting Recap: Seeing the Signal

Jeremy, N2ZLQ — MARC president and Villanova University physics professor — delivered a terrific presentation on Fourier waves and visualizing radio signals at our May general meeting. If you weren't there, you missed some genuinely eye-opening stuff. Seeing SSB and sideband suppression rendered visually makes concepts that can feel abstract on the page suddenly click into place. Jeremy's slides will be posted to our groups.io list, and he also recommended checking out the phyphox app for running acoustic and physics experiments right from your smartphone. Worth downloading.



### VCF East: Old Tech, Old Friends

Walt, KC3WHU, paid a visit to the Vintage Computer Festival East in Wall, NJ last month and sent in a great report. The event features an incredible collection of historic hardware and software, and it's held on a campus that also houses a computer museum, a radio museum, and military tech exhibits. Walt ran into our own Jeff, KC3GJX, who was in the ham radio room demonstrating live SSTV on 1990s hardware — which is exactly the kind of thing that makes our hobby great. Nice work representing, Jeff.

### Liberty Jam: Scouts on the Air

This weekend, PMRC heads out to Green Lane Park for the Boy Scout Liberty Jam 2026. AA3RC, KC3SMW, KC3UKC, and KC3GJX will be setting up multiple stations to give demonstrations and get scouts on the air. If you've never watched a young person make their first radio contact, you're missing something special. We look forward to getting some future hams inspired and maybe planting a seed or two. Come find us if you're in the area.

### May Meeting: Port-a-Node with Sam, N3SAM

Our May presentation is going to be a fun one. Sam, N3SAM, will be talking about his journey into AllStar with a portable node setup he calls the Port-a-Node. No base station, no external antenna — just cell service or WiFi and a surprisingly minimal kit. Sam will walk through the why, the how, and the what, and this one is hands-on, so you'll be able to get your own hands on it. If you've been curious about AllStar or wondered whether you could get into it without a major installation project, come to the meeting.



# The Prez Sez...

## **POTA-Mania Keeps Rolling**

Our May 11th POTA-Mania was another great success — the crew played radio until sundown, which tells you everything you need to know. Our next one is coming up May 9th. Get out there, make some contacts, and enjoy the parks while the weather is on our side.

## **DENn Update: New Time!**

Quick but important note — the Digital Education Net for Newbies is moving to 7:00 PM on Tuesdays, an hour earlier than before. Same great content, same great instructors, same great frequency. Update your calendars and spread the word. All are welcome, newcomers and experienced ops alike.

## **Lighthouse Weekend: August 15–16**

Mark your calendars — Lighthouse Weekend is confirmed for August 15th and 16th. More details to follow, but it's a GO.

## **Hamvention Season**

May means Dayton Hamvention, and I'll be there. If you're making the trip, let's connect on the air or in person. It's always one of the highlights of the amateur radio year — wall-to-wall gear, old friends, new ideas, and enough radio enthusiasm to power a kilowatt amp.

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 online help. 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*

## **May** Sunday Net Control Schedule

3-May KE3QB  
10-May KB3SJS  
17-May W3UP  
24-May WA3GM  
31-May W3MHP

# Club Business

## NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday, May 13th

Giant Supermarket 315 York Rd.

Willow Grove, PA 19090

**5:30PM Yack & Snack**

**6:30PM Meeting Starts**

**7PM Presentation**

May

Presentation:

Sam-N3SAM, Port-A-Node

## This Month's Birthdays

N3PP Paul P Policarpo 5-May

K3NIE Bob Swayne 7-May

KD3AIP Jon Klenk 11-May

KD3BJK Larry G Wapnitsky 14-May

N3VIP Tony Serrano Jr 28-May

K3XS Maggie Leber 29-May

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

## New Club Members

**Marc "Marco" Fink, WA3QWA**

**A A "Art" Fanelli, KD3CXU, Technician**

**Matthew Smith, KC3IYY, Technician**



welcomes you!

# Phil-Mont Membership Statistics

May 2026

## Member Types Statistics: (Active Members)

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| REGULAR Membership | 193        |
| Honorary           | 3          |
| Board Member       | 7          |
| Officer            | 4          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>207</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 @7:00pm 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, May's topics TBD.

**NOTE: THE DENn WILL NOW START AT**

**7PM EVERY TUESDAY**

# April Meeting

By: Megan, KD3CPY

At April's meeting, Villanova University physics professor Jeremy Carlo N2ZLQ presented on the topic of Fourier waves and visualizing signals.

As someone who's just started studying for the General exam, I found the sideband visualizations particularly useful. It's one thing to read about SSB and suppression of carrier waves and upper or lower sidebands, but seeing the waterfall imagery helped clarify exactly what is going on—and why amateur conventions are so important to good on-air citizenship.



The presentation slides will be available via the PMRC groups.io mailing list. I also recommend downloading the phyphox app. As Jeremy demonstrated, it allows you to run physics experiments (including acoustics) using your smartphone's sensors. It's potentially a useful tool, or at least a fun way to waste some time.

# VCF East 2026

I had a great time visiting the Vintage Computer Festival (VCF East) in Wall, NJ today. There was just an amazing number of old hardware and software on display there. Plus it's on a campus with lots of other old tech, including a computer museum, a radio museum, and tons of old military tech.

In one of the rooms they had a space for ham radio equipment. I ran into Jeff KC3GJX, who was showing off digital mode gear from the 1970s through 1990s and was demonstrating live SSTV on 90s hardware!

73 Walt KC3WHU



# 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**

- May 9th POTAMANIA
- June 20-21st Club QSO Party
- June 26-28th Field Day
- July 11th POTAMANIA
- August 15th-16th 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.**

# April POTA-Mania



# SOTA Activation-Little Flat

## SOTA Activation of Little Flat

### Site details:

Summit Code: W3/PW-004  
Grid: FN10cs  
County: Centre, PA

Elevation: 2431ft  
Lat/Long: 40.7519, -77.7554  
Date: 04 April 2026



This Summits-on-the-Air (SOTA) site is one that is located within Rothrock State Forest, Pennsylvania, called Little Flat. This is another site that took me multiple attempts to activate. The previous try here failed due to equipment problems. There is a cabin here, and an out-of-service fire tower, along with several antenna towers for government agencies, as well as amateur radio repeaters. NARC, the Nittany Amateur Radio Club, has their W3YA repeater here.



Access is via dirt and gravel forest roads, as with many of the other summits. However, with enough ground clearance, a vehicle can make it all the way to the activation zone. Some of the ruts in the road are deep. Remember, that while you are allowed to drive to the activation zone, you must carry your gear to the operating site, and operate completely disconnected from your vehicle.

There is no scenic view from this summit, but it is a pleasant forested location.

Since we were able to drive up, we took along a bit more gear this time, like chairs and a table. I had my FT-8900r and the Arrow yagi, as I often do. However, due to all of the other radio services on the summit, I also brought a 2m band-pass filter. I didn't want any of my harmonics getting into their receivers, and I didn't want their energy getting into mine. The filter is an OCI Model 146-4, a brick-sized filter, rated for 160W, overkill for this application. Definitely not intended for backpacking.



# SOTA Activation-Little Flat



We also had my friend and his FT-891 with us. This radio was connected to an end-fed half-wave antenna. The EFHW was mounted rather low to the ground, basically in an NVIS configuration. But, I did make contacts with it. Contacts made were with W2RES and KD8MIV on 40m, and N3IW, KD3CCO, and KC3SUD on 2m FM.



Interestingly, we made a SOTA to POTA cross-over contact. This was with KD8MIV in US-1812 (Fairfax Stone State Park, WV). Too bad that doesn't count for anything special. He wasn't chasing SOTA, and I wasn't chasing POTA, but we got into each other's logs, which counts for both of us.

Rain was in the forecast, so we didn't linger after getting the required contacts.

In one of those "well duh" moments, I realized later that Rothrock State Forest counts for POTA, as US-5474. I really need to get myself into the mindset for doing these activations in tandem.

-Bill, WS30

# Upcoming Hamfests

## WARMINSTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### 2026 HAMFEST & ARRL EPA SECTION CONVENTION

Sunday, May 3, 2026 (rain or shine)

Gate opens at 7am (6am for vendors)

#### LOCATION:

Bucks County Community College -  
Lower Bucks Campus  
1304 Veteran's Hwy (Route 413)  
Bristol, PA 19007

#### GPS Coordinates:

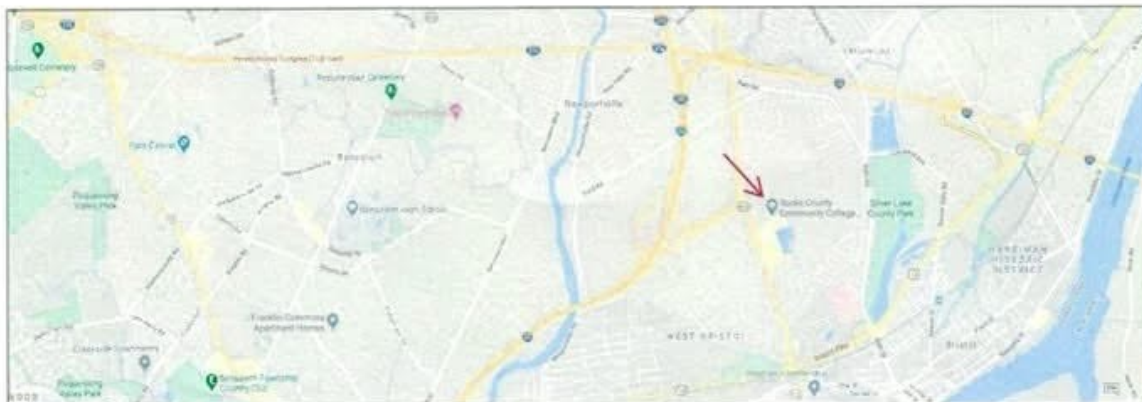
Latitude: 40.112755 | Longitude: -74.876504

Talk-in 147.09+ (131.8) / 443.95+ (131.8)

- New & Used Ham Radio & PC Equipment
  - Equipment check-out table
  - VE Testing at 10:00 am
  - DXCC card checking
  - Door prizes every hour
  - Food service available
  - ARRL Guest Speaker
- (See K3DN website: [www.k3dn.org](http://www.k3dn.org) for announcement of speakers and times)



- Gate admission: \$8/person
- Unlicensed spouses & under 13 free
- Student free with valid ID
- Handicap parking available
- Tailgating: \$10/car-width space (plus admission)
- Indoor tables: \$20/table (plus admission)



For more info:  
Web: [www.k3dn.org](http://www.k3dn.org)  
Contact: [hamfest@k3dn.org](mailto:hamfest@k3dn.org)

**ARRL** SANCTIONED  
HAMFEST

# Upcoming Hamfests



# HAM FEST AT THE SHORE

SATURDAY MAY 9, 2026

SURF CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY  
713 LONG BEACH BLVD SURF CITY, NJ 08008

8:00AM-1:00PM - VENDOR SET UP 7:00AM



**WALLY'S**  
breakfast - lunch - dinner  
**15% OFF**  
With Event Ticket

Admission Fee: \$5

NON-HAM SPOUSES AND KIDS FREE!

Indoor Vendor Table - \$15 - Includes table and 1 Admission

Outside Vendor - \$10 - 1 Parking Space Area, No Tables Provided

Vendor space limited - first come, first serve.

Food and Drink Available \* Benefits Surf City Vol. Fire Company

**DOOR PRIZES!**

TALK IN FREQUENCY  
146.835  
127.3 PL

QUESTIONS? Contact Ira, N2WAA  
hamfest@obarc.org - 201.741.5330



# Upcoming Hamfests

## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA HAMFEST

Presented by Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club

[www.clearfieldcountyar.com/hamfest](http://www.clearfieldcountyar.com/hamfest)

Swap Meet | Meet n Greet | Rag Chew | Exam Session



### WHEN

Sunday September 13 2026

8AM to 12 PM

### WHERE

**DOOR PRIZES**

Clearfield County Fair Grounds

Community Hall Building and surrounding grounds

Use Weaver Street Exit on US 322 at Clearfield

### FEES

Parking: FREE

General Admission: \$5\*

Inside Vendor Table: \$10

Tailgate Spaces: \$5

\*Active Duty Military/Emergency in uniform/ under 12 free.

Reserve and pay for your table ahead of time: [hamfest@clearfieldcountyar.com](mailto:hamfest@clearfieldcountyar.com)

### EXAM SESSION

~~NO FEE FOR EXAM~~

Begins at 11 AM

(Reservations preferred but not required)

Contact: Mary Lewis N3UDN

E-mail: [jlms@windstream.net](mailto:jlms@windstream.net)

Sponsor: Ridgeway ARC/Laurel VEC

You will need:

- Your FRN
  - Photo ID or student ID
  - Email address
  - Non-programable calculator (optional)
- \*\*\*If testing for General or Extra bring your current license card issued by the FCC\*\*\*
- NOTE: Reasonable accommodations honored. Advance notice is appreciated.

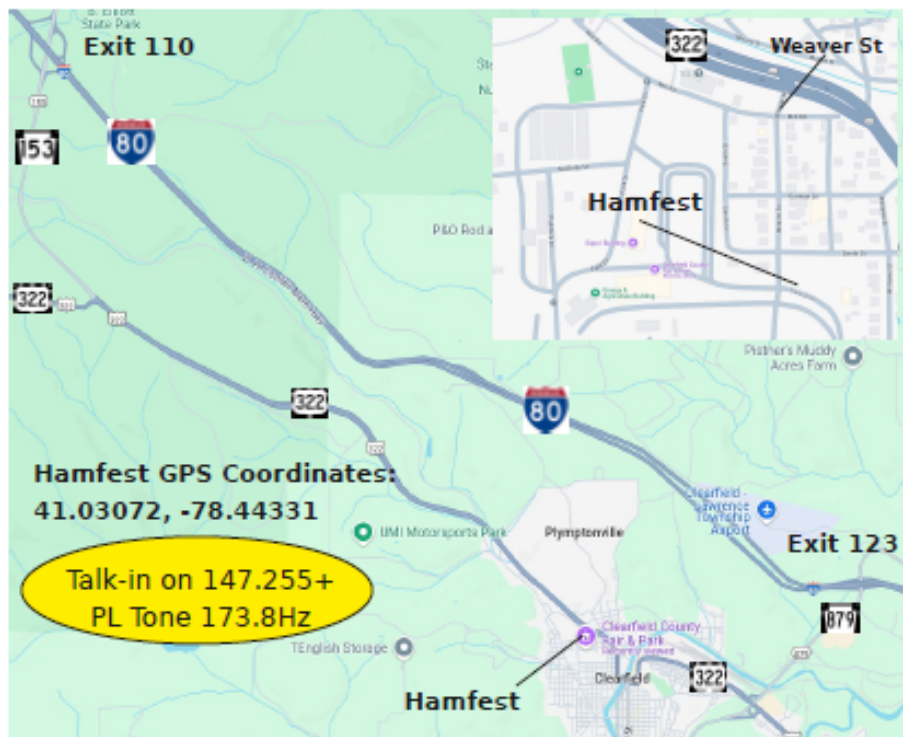


### EVENT SCHEDULE

- 6 AM Set-up Dealers & Tailgating
- 8 AM Hamfest opens
- 8 AM ARES® Meeting
- 9 AM SKYWARN Spotter Training
- 10 AM ARRL Atlantic Division Director & Section Manager
- 11AM VE Testing
- 11:30AM Prize Drawings
- 12 PM Close

### CONCESSIONS

Food - Drinks - Snacks



### CLEARFIELD COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAMFEST COMMITTEE

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### OUR SPONSORS



The Blurb

# N3ZP's Contest Corner

Here is the contest calendar report for May. The season is slowing down but there are some QSO parties and a DX contest.

## May 2 - May 3

7th Call Area QSO Party - 1300Z May 2 - 0700Z May 3. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, Phone, Digital (except FT8/FT4). Rules: <http://7qp.org>. Work stations in some of those less populated Western states (AZ, NV, UT, WY, OR, WA, ID and MT).

New England QSO Party - 2000Z May 2 - 0500 May 3, 1300Z - 2400Z May 3. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, Phone, Digital. Rules: <https://neqp.org/rules/>. This one is 4 those New England states which can also be hard to get.

Delaware QSO Party - 1700Z May 2 - 2359Z May 3. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 Meters and VHF. CW, RTTY, Phone, Digital. Rules: <https://www.fsarc.org/>. Delaware is closeby but not easy to work on some bands. This is a chance to pick up DE even using VHF. Some operators may choose to go there as a POTA or just to be the rare one.

Indiana QSO Party - 1500Z May 2 - 0300 May 3. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. Phone, CW. Rules: <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html>. Work 92 Indiana counties for multipliers with some stations on county lines, roving or mobile.

## May 9 - May 10

VOLTA WW RTTY Contest - 1200Z May 9 - 1200Z May 10. Worldwide. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. RTTY. Rules: <http://www.contestvolta.it/rules.pdf>. Work some RTTY stations worldwide in this Italian sponsored contest celebrating scientist Alessandro Volta.

Canadian Prairies QSO Party - 1700Z May 9 - 0300Z May 10. 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, Phone. Rules: <https://cpqp.ve6hams.ca/>. Work some Canadians in AB, MB and SK provinces. Manitoba can be a rare one.

50 MHz Spring Sprint - 2300Z May 9 - 0300 May 10. North America. 50 MHz. Analog, Digital. Rules: <https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/home/2026-information>. Try out Spring propagation on the Magic Band.

# N3ZP's Contest Corner

May 16 - May 17

His Majesty King of Spain Contest - 1200Z May 16 - 1200Z May 17. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW. Rules:<https://concursos.ure.es/en/s-m-el-rey-de-espana-cw/bases/>. Work stations worldwide but higher points for Spanish stations. There will also be a special His Majesty King of Spain station.

Arkansas QSO Party - 1400Z May 16 - 0200Z May 17. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 Meters. CW. Phone, Digital (except FT8). Rules:<http://www.arkqp.com/>. Work 75 Arkansas counties with special categories for mobile and portable stations. Work this one as a POTA or mobile.

May 21 - May 26

Real Time Contest - 1600Z - 2000Z May 26. Worldwide. 40, 20, 15, and 10 Meters. CW, SSB. Rules:<https://blog.contestonlinescore.com/real-time-contest-rtc-rules/>. Here is a short interactive contest where logging is live on-line.

May 30 -May 31

CQ Worldwide WPX Contest - 0000Z May 30 - 2359Z May 31. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW. Rules:<https://www.cqwpw.com/rules.htm>. Another of the CQ WW contests where points are based on prefixes worked. One more chance to work a serious DX contest as the season slows down.

That's my list for May. 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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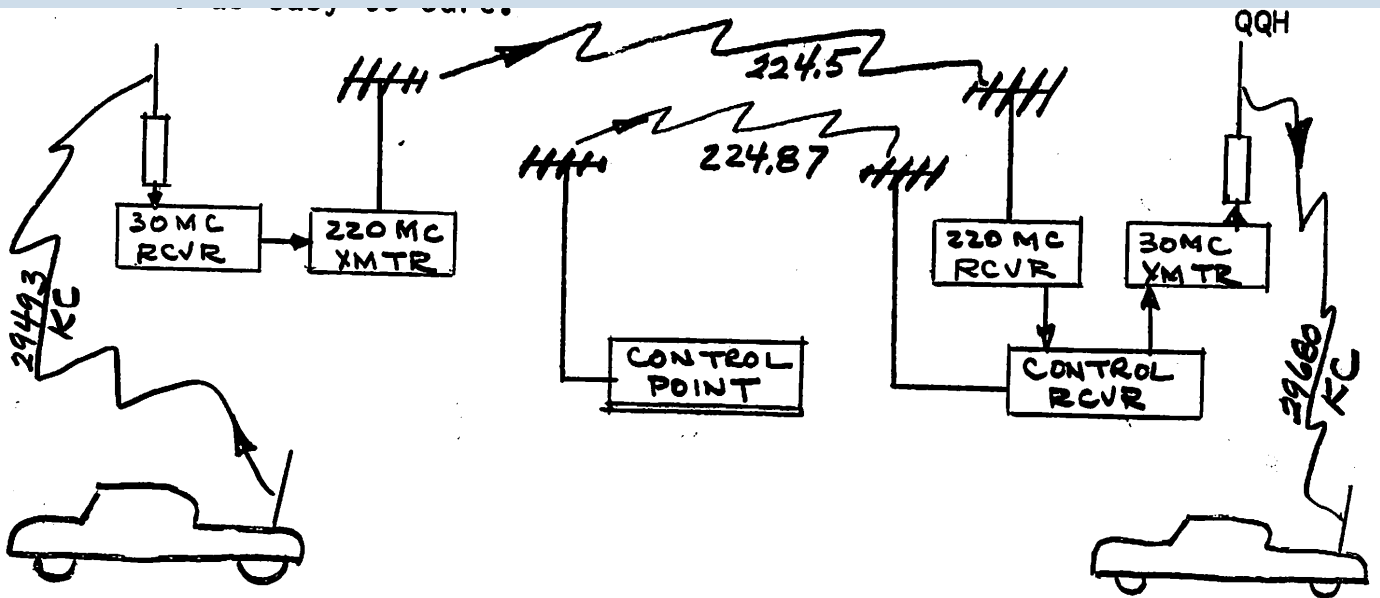
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Hear tell that QV is rebuilding GHE's transmitter on the air on Channel 1.  
 Sorry to report that K'JD's messenger has conked out.

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**THOUGHT FOR TODAY AND TOMMORROW**  
 When you make your mark in the world,  
 watch out for guys with erasers.



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