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No Meetings or VE tests Due to Coronavirus

Field Day June 27 & 28 - See Prez Sez inside

Global COVID-19 Radio Event Set for June 6 – 7

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Stations bearing call signs that promote the “stay-at-home” message and the value of social distancing and isolation have sprung up during the COVID-19 pandemic, with some 150,000 messages of support shared around the world. An [on-air gathering](#) over the June 6 – 7 weekend will offer a further opportunity for stay-at-home stations and radio amateurs to share greetings in a contest-like framework, looking toward the day that restrictions will ease, eventually making the stay-at-home injunction obsolete. The patron of the STAYHOME radio [campaign](#) is Finland’s Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto, and the worldwide activity has the endorsement of International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, and the United Nations Amateur Radio Club.

“Amateur radio operators across the world are experiencing something we have never seen before, with the current COVID-19 pandemic,” Ellam said. “In times like this, on-the-air activities can benefit our communities and ourselves. Events such as this are important to improve operating skills. It is also encouraging us to get on the air and keep active, as well as promoting social distancing.” Ellam expressed thanks to the national regulators in more than three dozen countries that made special stay-at-home-suffix call signs available for amateur use.

Sponsoring the event and campaign are the Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL), in cooperation with Araucaria DX Group (ADXG) of Brazil, and Radio Arcala (OH8X) in Finland.

UN Amateur Radio Club President James Sarte, K2QI, has said that 4U1UN will be on the air to support of the global STAY HOME movement, as will sister stations 4U1GSC (operated as 4U9STAYHOME) and 4U1A (operated as 4U2STAYHOME).

Headed by Ria Jairam, N2RJ, and Peter Dougherty, W2IRT, special event station W2I/STAYHOME also will be on the air, operating CW, SSB, and FT8 simultaneously. (Jairam is ARRL Hudson Division Director.)

The STAYHOME event is set to get under way at 1000 UTC on Saturday, June 6, concluding 24 hours later. Bands involved will be 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters, with CW, SSB, and digital (FT4/FT8 only) stations invited. Exchange a signal report and operator age, except for FT4/FT8 reports. Awards and certificates in the various operating categories will be available. [Email](#) for more information

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Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net** at 1030L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net** at 1000L 3.993 MHz LSB
- **ARES** at 2100L on the W3QV repeater

All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:00 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at Giant Supermarket, 315 York Rd, Willow Grove, PA
 Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org.

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**

Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmccloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System
 Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: N3QV**
 147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz C4FM Fusion digital
 Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R AllStar Node 47970
W3AA Trustee: N3QV
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

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The Prez Sez ...



Hello Phil-Mont

AS our website says all Phil-Mont Activities are cancelled until further notice due to this horrible pandemic.

Not much to report on this month. Field Day is just around the corner. June 27TH & 28TH will be the dates this year. We will again be at Ft. Washington State Park 420 Militia Hill Rd, Fort Washington, PA 19034 should the State give us the Green Light to go. **AS OF THIS WRITING THE PARK IS CLOSED UNTIL JUNE 15 AND WE WILL NOT KNOW UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE IF WE WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE PARK.**

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE CLUB WEB SITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST UPDATES!!!

If the park does open we will set up at the park but on a limited basis because not everyone is ready to meet in groups. If this occurs we will run field day from the site and report to the ARRL. Those who do are not ready to venture out will do field day from home and follow the plan of our EPA Section manager W3GWM and we will send our scores to him.

Just a reminder if we go to the park you must bring your own food...No Cooking station will be available.

Here are some guidelines from OUR EPA SECTION MANAGER W3GWM.

EPA Field Day Competition

Posted in: Announcements, Field Day, News Articles |

As Field Day 2020 (June 27 and 28) approaches it appears likely that we will be unable to hold our traditional events.

I'd like to propose a friendly competition within the Eastern Pennsylvania Section. This is strictly for fun with a little rivalry between clubs and individuals in the EPA Section.

We will follow the ARRL Field Day Rules for 2020 (http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2020/1_61-2020%20Rules.pdf), with one exception. Since most of us will be operating from home or a portable location as Single Operator Stations each club will combine total scores from all participating club members.

All scores must be tabulated and send them to W3GWM for tabulation by Friday, July 31st.

For our EPA Section Competition, we will award certificates for three Divisions in the club category and 3 Divisions in the individual category. This part is slightly different than the ARRL Field Day but should work for our purpose.

Club divisions will be divided into the following divisions:

Clubs with greater than 50 participants

Clubs with greater than 25 but less than 50 participants

Clubs with less than 25 participants

We don't want to leave out people operating as individuals and not reporting scores to clubs, we will include a category for single operator stations.

Individual Divisions will be divided as follows:

Stations running greater than 100 Watts

Stations with less than 100 Watts but greater than 10 watts

Stations running QRP, less than 10 Watts

All bonus points will be the same as in the ARRL Rules.

No logs or score sheets are required. This is simply a fun contest to make Field Day a little more interesting this year.

Credit for this idea must be given to Penn Wireless. They are running a similar competition with clubs in their local area. I "borrowed" this idea after attending one of their meetings via Zoom.

Collect the scores for club entries and people participating as an individual station not reporting scores to a club can send totals to me at W3GWM. I don't need anything except an email with your score. Since this is a fun event, everyone is on the Honor System.

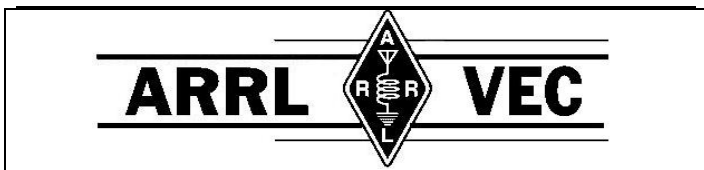
Get on the air, have fun and report your scores.

73, George Miller W3GWM
Eastern Pennsylvania Section Manager

As a reminder there will not be a Phil Mont Club meeting until at least September as we always break for July & August.

Everyone please stay safe and keep up to date on the latest guidelines from local and state officials.

73, Greg WA3GM



*The VE session is
Canceled this month*

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06 Andrew Neustadter - AB3XT
08 James Lanigan - WA3ERQ
13 Ronald Rubin - K3RON
15 John Coupe - WA3BXH
17 Kathleen Johns-(XYL K3JQH)
18 Sal Marandola-NC3U
Megan Malone-KC3HUE
20 Robert Witmer-W3RW
21 Sharon Roth (XYL K2RSJ)
22 Richard Roth- K2RSJ
23 Susan Hammonds (XYL W3JAH)
27 Walter Beattie-AA3WB
28 William Kennedy K3KC
30 Mike Lenczynski - KA3EIP
Fred Rice - WA3KIO

MEMBERSHIP STATS

111 FULL PAID MEMBERS
10 FAMILY MEMBERS
2 YOUTH MEMBERS
1 HONORARY MEMBER

Pending New Members

Craig McNeill KC3MVF
Philadelphia, Pa. General Class

Fred Lamberti KE3NP
Philadelphia, Pa. Extra Class
Former Member rejoining

From the Secretary

NO Board Meeting

NO General Meeting

NO Secretary's Report

Chuck Farrell, W3AFV

Hi fellow Phil-Monters,

If any of you have a multi-band dipole (including 80 meters) and/or 30-50' of low-loss coax that you aren't using, I would be interested in borrowing or buying/trading for it after the Covid-19 crisis is over.

By the way, I am also interested in acquiring a deep cycle battery and trickle charger.

I also have the following to sell or trade:

- AmComm Clear Speech base noise reduction unit.
- Icom IC-V82, 2 Meter handi-talkie with two hand mikes, AC charger, extra battery, & battery case.
- Radio Shack Pro-2050, VHF/UHF, 300 channel programmable scanner.
- Icom AT-500 HF Auto Tuner - untested.
- Vintage Kenwood KR-3130 Analog Stereo Receiver. Works well; needs two replacement light bulbs.
- Vintage Sansui AU-101 Solid State Stereo Amplified. Low Power, works great, some veneer missing on trim.
- Vintage Pair Bose 2.2 Bookshelf speakers.
- Pair Sound Lab bookshelf stereo speakers.
- Pair JBL Northridge Series N26 stereo speakers.

73,

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June at Phil-Mont

Don't forget the ARES net on Sunday nights and the Digital net on Tuesday night

7 Sun K3XS

14 Sun W3AFV

Flag Day

20 Sat Summer Solstice

21 Sun NC3U

Father's Day

27/28 Sat/Sun Field Day

28 Sun KB3IV

What is ARRL Field Day?

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN! It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar. The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions. We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities. But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations. What is the ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA, representing over 170,000 FCC-licensed Amateurs. The ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members. What is Amateur Radio Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it’s grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems. The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where you as an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Hams not only can make and modify their equipment, but can create whole new ways to do things. For More Information visit: www.arrl.org Updated 2/



For Sale

*1/8" (290#) & 3/16" (380#) Dark Olive Drab
Braided Cord · 100% Polyester/Dacron Knit
Braided. Nice stuff! Tough and long lasting · UV
Resistant and Low Stretch Proudly Made in the
U.S.A.! Contact Steve WU3I at wu3i@arrl.net or
215-605-6074*

If anyone can fix my antenna please contact me. It's a simple OFC dipole and one end has come down. Not very high up but more than I can handle with my portable oxygen machine. Rick 215 908 7225 or ND3B@ARRL.net. Thanks.