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No Meetings or VE Tests Due to Coronavirus — OK, this is getting tedious.



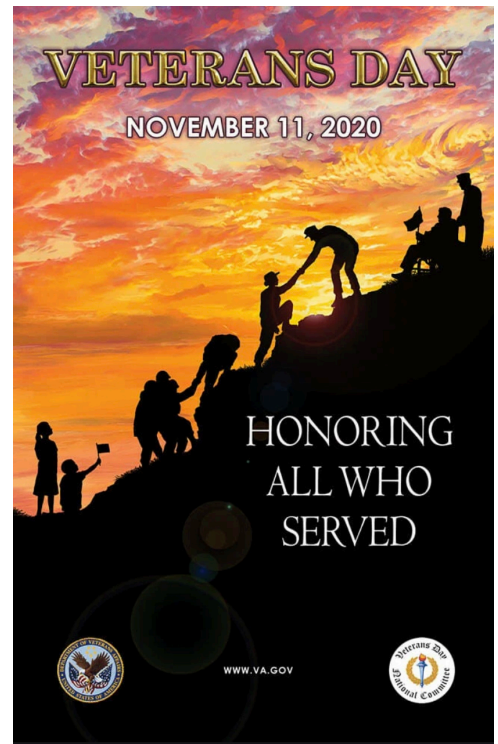
Thanksgiving's going to be a little different this year ...

Credit: National Geographic

... but we'll still take time to honor our veterans.

This month's *Blurb* brought to you by Eileen Kerrigan, XYL of ND3B, whose computer hard drive crashed at the last moment and replacement hasn't arrived. This was created on a Mac, which baffles me. -ND3B

REMINDER: November is Old Timers' Night, which this year will be held on the Repeater. See "The Prez Sez ..." on p. 3 for more information.



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 K2RSJ (22)
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<http://www.phil-mont.org>
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 Andrew KC2PMW

For club information: Contact any club officer, or the repeaters listed below. Address or club directory changes and articles for the membership e-mail list should be sent to: KB3IV

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

Committees:

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Directory: KB3IV

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Program: W3AOK

Refreshments: W3AOK

Repeater: W3AOK

Scholarship:
 KB3IV

Sunshine: N3GLU

VE Program:
 NS3K

Welcome: N3UBY

Youth: KC2PMW

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

The Officers

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The Prez Sez ...



Hello Phil-Mont!

Well, here we are almost at the end of the year coming to you from beautiful Cocoa Beach, Fla., where I will be for the next three weeks for a short vacation, and then my winter stay will begin in January. Usually at this time I am busy getting ready to get ready to work at HAMCATION, but unfortunately that is cancelled this year due to the virus. Hopefully next year will be a better year.

Keep in mind that Old Timers' Night will be coming up in November. If you are in touch with an Old Phil-Monter whom you don't usually see at a meeting or hear on the repeater, try to entice them to come to Old Timers' Night. Of course, this year Old Timers' Night will be held on the Repeater. We encourage all the Old Timers to check in and give us a rundown of what your first station actually consisted of and what equipment and antenna you used.

Pending New Members:

Steven Davidson • K3ZFT
Philadelphia • General Class

Ben Pak • KA3BEN
Quakertown • General Class

It is also that time of the year again for **ELECTION of OFFICERS** and board members. George WB3DZZ is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Please let George know if you would like to run for office. You must be a member in good standing and a Phil-Mont member for at least one year. Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is the December meeting. Let's make this a fun election with some competition this year. This is your chance to give back to Phil-Mont and make a difference.

I know it's early, but coming up in January will be our Annual Auction. I am not sure how we are going to handle that at this time, so stand by for more information to come in the near future.

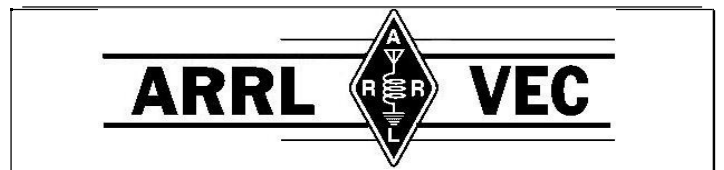
If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker or would like to speak at one of our meetings please let any of the club officers or board members know. Your input is vital and we welcome all suggestions.

Don't forget to sign up for the Phil-Mont IO Group. This is a good way to share ideas amongst the membership. Sal NC3U is the moderator for the group. For more info and to join the group contact Sal.

Thank you for your support.

See you all in November!

73, Greg WA3GM



***The VE session is
Canceled this month***

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

From the Secretary ...

Virtual meeting on the Repeater:

Net started at 7:00 PM

Check-ins, KB3IV:

27 check-ins

Repeater Report, WA3DSP:

Intermittent internet connection at times

Still waiting for analysis of the antenna issues

Treasurer's Report, WB3DZZ:

Purchase of backup power supply

Steve WU3I donation to the Scholarship Fund

Membership Report, KB3IV:

No new members

VE Report, AJ3DI:

No in-person sessions

Remote sessions available from other sources

Old Business, AJ3DI:

Candidates for election for 2021:

- AJ3DI: Pres candidate
- K2RSJ: VP candidate. Board member last year, wants to be more involved in club
- KB3IV, NS3K: Treasurer candidates
- W3AFV: Secretary candidate

Additional Officer Nominations? None

3 Board Positions available. KC3GJX

New Board Nominations? W3UP, WA3DSP,

WA2UAR

Groups.io and Website reminder, AJ3DI

Move to close business meeting, WA2UAR ;

K2RSJ second.

Discussion: "What do you want from your club in 2021?", WA3DSP:

W3AFV - more technical presentations

W3NE - good to hear we are getting new blood who want to be active in the club

K2RSJ - looking forward to meeting in person again

KB3RN - technical information presentations; electronic access to the meetings, Zoom?

K3ZMJ - very satisfied with the way club is being run

K2SBG - technical presentations, antennas

WB3DZZ - technical presentations, club is great

KC3ORH - Zoom Meetings, technical

WA2UAR - update on what hams do podcasts; don't wait for live meetings, need to do online meetings;

reach out - adopt a Scout troop, adopt a school club, Temple University; has a 100-person Zoom account club can use; online auction using YouTube

W3UP - will need to do online meetings

K3RON - committee to develop programs; Elmer's list on the website; kit building; quarterly Saturday Deep Dive; Club breakfasts, weekly or monthly; mini flea market outdoors

KB1JEY - meetings via Zoom; sponsor license training sessions; virtual breakfast

W3MHP - license classes; on-air swap meet; gabfests on the repeater; tool / equipment loaner program

KC3GJX - buy a Zoom account for online meetings; suggestions for new helping hams; outdoor sessions

KB3IV - if you need help from Steve, call him soon; online auction via Zoom

WA3DSP - need to consider all options versus Zoom

Closing comments - AJ3DI:

Challenge: Need members to log more repeater time than Phil and Phyllis

Old Timer's Meeting: Get on the air with your oldest equipment

Net closed at 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck, W3AFV

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Gage Malone - N3FSC
 03 John Egoville - KA3BBU
 04 Joe Sabach - K3AOB
 07 Jennifer DeVirgiliis (daughter de ND3B)
 15 Edythe Victor (XYL WA2DTW)
 19 Brad Swanson - N3GLH
 22 Bill Popovic - W3AOK
 23 Ted Hassell - KB3HAQ
 24 Delores Policarpo (XYL N3PP)
 27 Ron Wenig - NY3J
 29 Bob Nicotera - KB2ERL
 Lyn Crompton (XYL WA3DSP)
 30 Elinore Kolodnor (XYL WA3GTL)

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. has:
 116 FULL PAID MEMBERS
 10 FAMILY MEMBERS
 1 YOUTH MEMBER
 2 HONORARY MEMBERS

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.

Antennas for sale:

- Hustler 4BTV vertical antenna with a 75m super resonator on top.
- 3 element Beam with extra traps; I believe it's a Mosley.
- Diamond Dual band vhf uhf base antenna.

I have the paperwork for the Hustler and Mosley Asking \$50.00 each, but no reasonable offer will be refused. Contact Carmen KE3QB at my3gumbas@gmail.com.

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, Frank W3MHP
 (267) 303-8819, frank.j.kohn@gmail.com

November at Phil-Mont

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

1 Sun KB3IV
 3 Election Day
 8 Sun KB3SJS
 11 Veterans Day
 15 Sun K3XS
 22 Sun W3AFV
 26 Thanksgiving
 29 Sun N3QV

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