



# The Blurb

Newsletter of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club  
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## January Radio Games

**PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC's  
27th ANNUAL HAM RADIO**

# "AUCTION-FEST"

Wednesday, JANUARY 8, 2025



## Winter Field Day

January 25th & 26th, 2025

# 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 1700 to 1800 ET 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 County and North 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 47970

Phil-Mont Simplex Frequency  
147.510MHz PL91.5 TSQL

## Sunday Morning Nets

Three Nets on three bands, all in a Row!

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)

### 1020 EDT:

10 meter Net (28.393 MHz USB +/-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!](#)

## *January* Sunday Net Control Schedule

1/5/2025 KB3SJS

1/12/2025 W3UP

1/19/2025 WA3GM

1/26/2025 W3MHP

# Club Business

## NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday, January 8th

NOT AT THE GIANT, at the:

**Ben Wilson Senior Activity Center**

580 Delmont Ave. Warminster, PA 18974

**5:30-6:30 Setup 7PM AUCTION Starts!**

**January Preso:**

**AUCTION-FEST**

## This Month's Birthdays

**N8BLK Art Clemons 1/12**

**KC3CEW John Bates 1/14**

**K3KIC Steven Frederick  
1/26**

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

## New Club Members

**Neil Axler, KD2VEE, Extra**

**Ramsey Chew, KC3RHL, Technician**

**Andrew Kleppinger, K3HYL, Technician**

**Mike "Strollo" Strollo, KD3AEW, Technician**

**Donald "DON" Rees, K3PCT, Extra**



welcomes you!

# Phil-Mont Membership Statistics

January 2025

## Member Types Statistics: (Active Members)

REGULAR Membership	194
Honorary	2
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](https://www.groups.io/g/philares) and visit [PHLARES.org](https://www.phlares.org).

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

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

**147.030 MHz**

# The Prez Sez...

## Fellow Phil-Monters,

A new year with new and more times to play radio. We are stocked up with events for 2025. You just have to come and play. January has Winter Heat, Auction-Fest and wraps up with Winter Field Day. PMRC Labs, POTA-Mania and Spring POTA-Fest are lined up for the spring. Field Day will be here before you know it. All are welcome, member or not.



Although not an official club event, the year kicks off with “Winter Heat;” lots of us play and we have plenty of newbies to get in the game this year. I’m sure we’ll put up big numbers.

AUCTION FEST ‘25 - Always a good time. We have many items from a few estates this year and everyone is looking forward to what you’re going to bring to sell and more importantly, what you’re going to buy! There will be plenty of “you never knew you needed this” items there this year.

POTA-MANIA ’25 - Rinse and Repeat (Thanks Greg, KC3SMW). If you didn’t get your POTA act together last year, or didn’t make it to Okt-POTA Fest, or any of the POTA-Mania events we’re doing more club POTA events this year and adding a Spring-POTA Fest. Get help, try out an antenna, try your kit, try other’s kits, or just come out and have fun.

I would like to thank outgoing board member Dil, KC3SSG for his service to the club. I want to welcome and thank N3VIP (Tony) for stepping up and volunteering for the board, as well as N3PEG (Peg) and N3ZP (Phil) for running for another term. They have already done a lot for the club, as you know, and are giving even more by joining the board of directors. The rest of the current board members and the leadership team are listed on the last page. I thank all of them for their continued support and efforts to help keep the club operating and moving in the right direction. Lots of “behind the scenes” time and effort goes into the monthly operations of the club and we all appreciate the time and dedication of the board and leadership team.

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.

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**

# In The News

In case you didn't see it, our 75th Anniversary made the ARRL Club Newsletter in December and the ARRL Facebook page! Great to have the club get the well deserved recognition.



## Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Celebrates 75 Years

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club (PMRC) of Fort Washington, Pennsylvania is proud to announce its 75th anniversary, marking a significant milestone in the club's history of public service and amateur radio enthusiasm.

A celebratory banquet was held Saturday, November 9, 2024, at the Whitmarsh Valley Event Center in Fort Washington. The keynote address was given by ARRL Atlantic Division Director Robert Famiglio, K3RF. Awards for lifetime contributions were given to Bill Popovic, W3AOK; Ed Masarsky, KB3IV, and Steve Hoch, WU3I. The award for exceptional club service was given to Greg Cheng, KC3SMW. There was a raffle with over \$800 in prizes, including a grand prize of a \$500 gift certificate to Ham Radio Outlet. You can watch the PMRC 75th Anniversary Video Blast (3 min.) at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2m40ST2nmA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2m40ST2nmA)

"We are thrilled to celebrate 75 years of PMRC's contributions to the amateur radio community. Throughout these 75 years, we've hosted countless events, participated in all the Field Days, thousands of nets, and engaged in community service that exemplifies our commitment to outreach and education. The friendships forged in this club have created a family that extends beyond just radio waves; we are united by shared experiences and memories," said club President Richard Roth, AA3RC. "This banquet was an opportunity to honor our shared achievements and enjoy an evening filled with camaraderie and joy."

Formed on December 12, 1949, the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club has been at the forefront of amateur radio operations in the Philadelphia region, providing public service and emergency communications, and fostering a community of radio enthusiasts.

PMRC is an ARRL-affiliated club dedicated to promoting amateur radio, providing public service, and advancing the art and science of radio communication. With 202 members, the club offers various services including a newsletter, daily nets, license test sessions, mentoring, and on-air bulletins. For more information, go to [www.phil-mont.org](http://www.phil-mont.org).

– Thanks to PMRC President Richard Roth, AA3RC



PMRC President Richard Roth, AA3RC, with PMRC member Ek Masarsky, KB3IV, who was honored for lifetime contributions at the club's celebration banquet in November.

# 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

- FLDigi from the very Beginning -  
Connecting your soundcard and Radio 1/7
- FLDigi - Sound card Connecting, Send messages 1/14
- FLDigi - Changed Modes - how fast can we go?  
(Why are there slow modes?) 1/21
- FLDigi - Macros- Why and how 1/28

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Between the AUCTION and the DONATION area,  
(you never know what will be in either)  
there is a \*great\* opportunity for ELMERING!

Both long time and new hams will find things  
THAT THEY NEVER KNEW THEY NEEDED!!

**COME OUT AND HAVE SOME**  
**FUN!**



## PMRC AUCTION RULES AND ITEM LISTING FORM

- P.M.R.C. will retain 10% of the sale price up to a max. of \$30.00 per item.
- All sellers will pay a \$2.00 sellers fee to P.M.R.C.
- Seller must supply a thorough description of each piece offered for sale on a separate listing form. (you may make copies of this form)
- All sales are between the seller and buyer, not P.M.R.C.
- P.M.R.C. will be held harmless in all transactions between buyer and seller.

***THIS AUCTION IS INTENDED TO BE A FUN EVENT HOSTED BY P.M.R.C.***

***AND WILL STAY IN THAT SPIRIT!***

***By completing this form, YOU AGREE TO THE ABOVE RULES.***

***NOTE: LIST ONLY ONE ITEM PER FORM.  
FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM.***

Seller \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer(for club use) \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Item \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_

Start Bid at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum bid you will accept \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about this item \_\_\_\_\_

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# Upcoming Club Events

## MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDARS

### Here we go, playing radio in 2025!

- January 1st through 31st—WINTER HEAT—All Month Long
- January 8th—Auction-Fest
- January 25th-26th—Winter Field Day
- March 22nd—PMRC Radio Labs
- April 4th—Spring POTA-Fest
- May 17th—POTA-Mania
- June 14th—PMRC Radio Labs
- June 28-29—Field Day Weekend
- July 19th—POTA-Mania
- August 16-17—International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend
- September 13th—PMRC Radio Labs
- September 20th—POTA-Mania
- October 10-11-12—OKT-POTA-Fest

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

**Details to follow.**

# Upcoming Hamfests

## Event Information

# HamCation 2025

All the information you need to attend HamCation is on these pages. We have location information, hours of operation, driving directions, local hotels & motels, along with a list of other area attractions. For any additional info or questions please feel free to [contact us](#).

### Location, Date & Time

Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park  
4603 West Colonial Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32808

February 7, 2025 | 9AM to 5PM

February 8, 2025 | 9AM to 5PM

February 9, 2025 | 9AM to 1PM

[Get Directions](#)

### Ticket Info

Purchase tickets online or via mail. Parking at HamCation is FREE!

Tickets are available online, via mail, or at the event on the days of the event. We accept Cash and most Major Credit Cards.

**For complete ticket information click below!**

[Get Tickets](#)

### Talk-In

Talk-in will be on the 146.760 (-600/ PL 103.5) KB4UT repeater. This repeater is a mix mode System Fusion repeater located in beautiful downtown Orlando and has good coverage throughout the central Florida region.

Backup talk-in will be on the 443.050 (+5.00 PL 103.5) repeater.

DSTAR: K1XC 146.820 -600

## Delmarva Amateur Radio and Electronics Expo Hamfest

April 26, 2025 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

**The Delaware Hamfest is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025.**

An earlier date had been set and it was pointed out that it fell between Easter and Good Friday; SO it has been changed.

Please mark your calendar and watch for more info just after the first of the year.

Have a peaceful and happy holiday.

—

Jamie Ashton, Chairman W3UC  
Delmarva Amateur Radio and Electronics Expo

HAMFEST  
Georgetown, Delaware

[Add to calendar](#)

### DETAILS

#### Date:

April 26, 2025

#### Time:

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### Website:

<http://www.radioelectronicsexpo.com/>

### ORGANIZER

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

#### Phone

(410) 202-7690

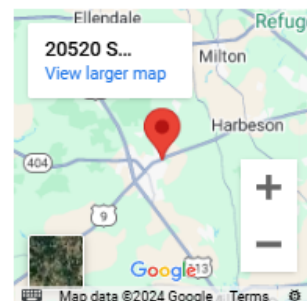
#### Email

[hamfestdelaware@gmail.com](mailto:hamfestdelaware@gmail.com)

[View Organizer Website](#)

### VENUE

Cheer Community Center  
20520 Sand Hill Road  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
United States



# N3ZP's Contest Corner

Here some of the contests and events coming up in January as we start off the new year.

## **January 4 - January 5**

ARRL RTTY Roundup - 1800Z Jan. 4 - 2359Z Jan 5. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. RTTY only. Rules:<https://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup>. Work any station worldwide using RTTY mode. Try out some of the skills you have learned on the Phil-Mont DENN. Learn how to tune in those RTTY tones on the HF bands with FLDIGI or MMTTY software. There will be a lot of activity and the bands are all still very good.

ARRL Kids Day - 1800Z - 2359Z Jan. 4. 80, 40, 20, 15, 17, 12, 10, 6 and 2 Meters. SSB. Rules:<https://www.arrl.org/kids-day>. Not a contest but just a fun operating activity. Share your interest and experience in ham radio with young people and get them on the air, hopefully to encourage them to get licenses of their own.

## **January 11 - January 12**

North American QSO Party, CW - 1800Z Jan 11 - 0559Z Jan. 12. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. 100 Watts or less. Worldwide. Rules:<https://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>. A 12 hour sprint with stations working North America. Even if you don't do CW, try a CW decoder feature on your radio or a sound card app to learn to tune in CW.

## **January 18 - January 19**

Hungarian DX Contest - 1200Z Jan. 18 - 1159Z Jan.19. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, SSB. Worldwide. Rules:<https://ha-dx.com/en/contest-rules>. Hungary has a lot of active hams. Add Hungary to your DXCC countries list.

North American QSO Party SSB - 1800Z Jan. 18 - 0559Z Jan. 19. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. SSB. 100 Watts or less. Worldwide. Just like the CW version but this time SSB. A good chance to try contesting without competing with the 1.5 KW stations. The DX will be looking for NA stations.

ARRL January VHF Contest -1900Z Jan. 18 - 0359Z Jan. 20. 50 MHz and up. Any mode. Rules:<https://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>. Most rigs now have 6 Meters so try out some 6 Meter FT8 or SSB. Operate simplex on 2 Meters or 440 MHz FM and make some QSOs.

## **January 25 - January 26**

CQ 160 Meter Contest, CW - 2200Z Jan. 24 - 2200Z Jan. 26. 160 Meters. CW. Worldwide. Rules: <http://www.cq160.com/rules.htm>. January is probably the best time of year for 160. If you can tune your antenna on 160, give it a try. CQ contests always have a lot of activity.

Winter Field Day - 1600Z Jan. 25 - 2159Z Jan. 26. All bands. All modes. Rules:<https://www.winterfieldday.com/>. Like our June ARRL Field Day but this time with cold weather. The club will be active again from Cabin 2 at Lake Nockamixon State Park (also A POTA site). More info be will available on the Phil-Mont website. You can operate indoors or out and participate as a home station too. Great for POTA enthusiasts. It's a fun, friendly event.

## **January 1 - January 31**

Winter Heat - 0000Z Jan. 1 - 2359Z Jan. 31. 2 Meters, 440 MHz. FM and FM Digital Modes. Rules: <https://www.Hamactive.com>. This is a monthlong event for making simplex contacts on specific VHF/UHF frequencies. A friendly event promoting FM activity on 2 Meters and 440 MHz bands. Phil-Mont has participated as a club in previous years, competing with Midwest clubs.

That wraps up January, 2025. As always, you can reach out to me for assistance or advice in participating in a contest and logging.

Phil, N3ZP

# From the PMRC Archive...

Here are some highlights from this month in Blurb history, January 1965...

**PHILMONT Mobile RADIO CLUB INC.**

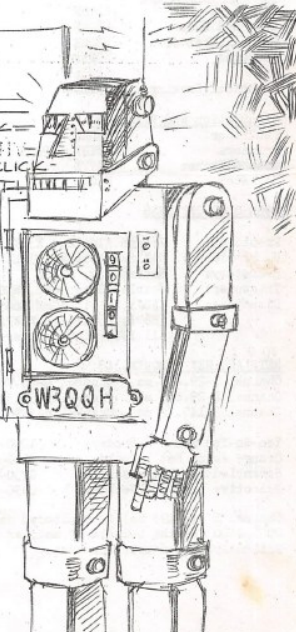
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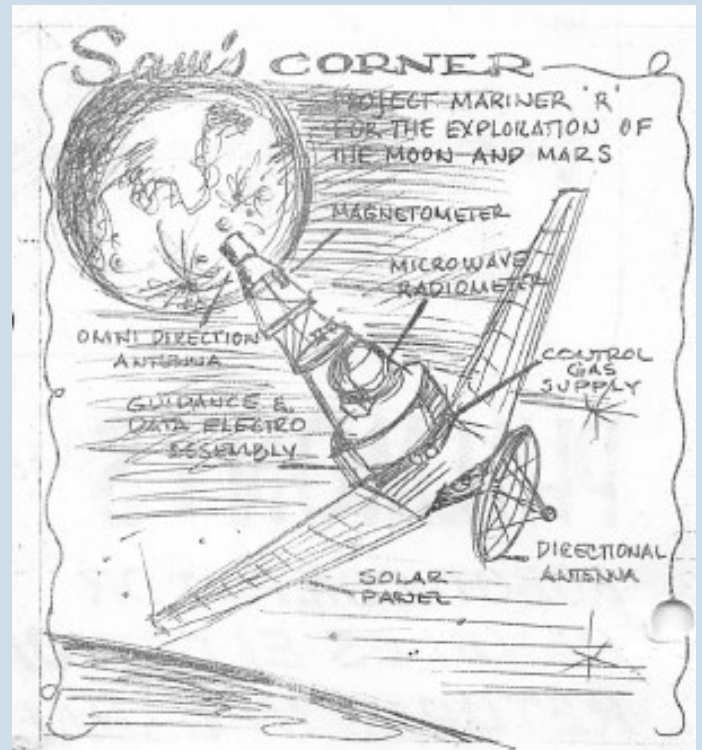
**ELECTION RETURNS**

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W3ATD	W3ANM	W3SDB	W3KRE	W3YHE

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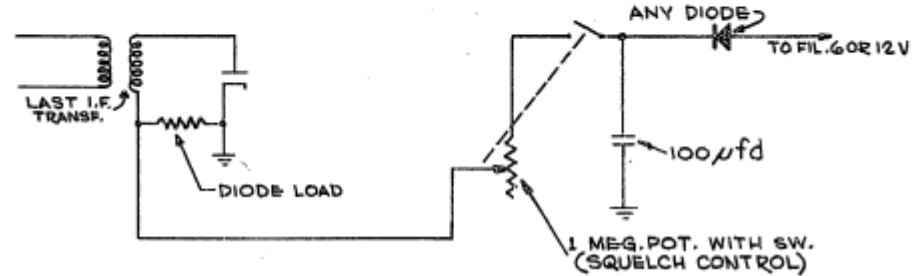
**PHILMONT'S**  
ROBOT COMPUTER  
HANDLES ELECTION  
RETURNS IN USUAL  
EASE & SPEED...



## PHILMONT TEK-NI-GRAM JANUARY 1965

### SQUELCH-THE EASY WAY CONTRIBUTED BY W3WNC

THE SQUELCH DESCRIBED HERE CAN BE INSTALLED IN ANY AM RECEIVER. IT IS INEXPENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE. BRIEFLY, THE PRINCIPLE OF THIS SQUELCH IS TO APPLY A PLUS (+) VOLTAGE TO THE DIODE LOAD TO "BUCK" THE NEGATIVE NOISE PULSES.



From time to time you may notice errors in this publication. Please realize that the inclusion of these is intentional - some people like to look for mistakes and reasons to criticize and we try to have something for everyone.

# 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](#)**

## ***PMRC Officers for 2024***

### **Officers**

**President:** Rich AA3RC

**V. President:** Greg KC3SMW

**Treasurer:** Jim NS3K

**Secretary:** Dave K3DFG

### **Board of Directors**

KC3GJX Jeff (25)

N3VIP Tony (26)

K3NOP Charlie (25)

N3PEG Peg (26)

KC3UDZ Muggs (25)

N3ZP Phil (26)

W3AOK Bill (A)

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