



The Blurb

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OKT-POTA Fest!



The Prez Sez...

Fellow Phil-Monters,

OKT-Pota Fest was a great event. Special thanks to Mike KC3UKC for running the event (see his report in this issue). There were a number of new setups and antennas tested. We all helped each other and learned. Perfect. Thanks to all who came to visit and play radio.



PMRC Election time is coming. This year, three board member positions (two-year term) are opening and ALL of the officer positions are open as they are every year. If you would like to run for ANY position, email Greg WA3GM (wa3gm@yahoo.com) to let him know you're running, then come to the November meeting with your platform and announce your candidacy. Nominations are in November and elections in December.

We'll take a breather in December other than our general meeting, but it's not too early to start planning for Auction-Fest in January. Decide what you want to move on from your shack and start saving your \$\$ for new stuff for your shack. There's going to be plenty of good items up for grabs. Mark your calendar now for January 14th, 2026 at the Ben Wilson Senior Activity Center.

Next year's events will be posted soon, we're working on the calendar. Maybe even a spring POTA-FEST weekend.....

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.

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.

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*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)-Currently off-air

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 TSQ

CQ! CQ! CQ!



**Calling CQ for New
Net Control
Operators!**

[Click Here and Sign Up To-day! It's a Fun Way to Meet Our Members!](#)

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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)

November Sunday Net Control Schedule

11/2/2025 W3UP

11/9/2025 WA3GM

11/16/2025 W3MHP

11/23/2025 KB3IV

11/30/2025 N3QV

Club Business

NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday, November 12th

Giant Supermarket 315 York Rd.

Willow Grove, PA 19090

5:30PM Yack & Snack

6:30PM Meeting Starts

7PM Presentation

November

Presentation:

OLD-Timers Night

This Month's Birthdays

KA3NUV David Ellis 2-Nov

K8PT Peter Trembl 4-Nov

N3PEG Peg Daly 14-Nov

N3GLH Brad Swanson 19-Nov

WA3EGH Gary Sheffy 19-Nov

W3AOK Bill Popovic 22-Nov

KC6OEI Phil Milazzo 24-Nov

NY3J Ron Wenig Sr 27-Nov

AA3WA Nick Sparozic 30-Nov

KE3YW Bill Kullmann 30-Nov

*Want your Birthday read on the Nets?
Update your info at hamclubonline.com*

New Club Members

Edward "ED" Scheidts, KC2QFB, Extra

Charles "Rocky" Pistilli, N3FKR, Extra



welcomes you!

Phil-Mont Membership Statistics

November 2025

Member Types Statistics: (Active Members)

REGULAR Membership	200
Honorary	3
Board Member	7
Officer	4
Total	214

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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**

Ham Radio Challenge

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

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, November's topics TBD.

OKT-POTA Fest



OKT-POTA FEST Field Report
October 10-12, 2025
US-1352, Fort Washington State Park

Just as quickly as it began, here we find ourselves at the end of POTA-Mania Season.

The weekend of October 11th and 12th brought us cooler temperatures and unpredictable bouts of rain but that didn't stop us from getting out to the field to play radio. Despite the unpredictable weather, throughout the weekend we had a combined group of over 20 members and friends stop by the park to check out the operation and see what it was all about.

We had multiple operators complete activations on all 3 days with contacts totaling around 500 from the park! Some notable events of the weekend included a ton of great portable antenna installs, trying out a homebrew 40M coil that K0BUF made (great job on that, Chris), troubleshooting Microphone issues to assist KC3WHU make his first SSB POTA contacts and some POTA Elmering from WA3GM. We also had a visit from KC3BVL on Sunday who brought his portable VHF station by and activated the park entirely on 2m. I have included a photo of KC3BVL's portable VHF station for those who have not seen it before - as it is a very impressive setup to see out in a park! I also heard a rumor for next year that we may get to see a Parks on the Moon (EME POTA) activation.

Although the official club sanctioned POTA season has drawn to a close it's important to remember that these parks are around all year, and radio propagation doesn't stop just because we have reached cooler temperatures. I for one plan to continue to be out at various parks throughout the rest of the fall and into the winter season, and I encourage you to do the same! Get out there and get on the Air, even if you have never tried it before you have nothing but experience to gain and enjoyment to be had.

If you managed to miss us during the club POTA season and want to give it a shot, but would maybe like some help for your first time, reach out to me and I will help you manage your first POTA Activation.

Thank you to the club for making these events possible, and thank you to all of our members for coming out to participate! We'll see you in the spring for Spring POTA Fest.

73, Mike, KC3UKC

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Upcoming Club Events

MARK YOUR 2026 CALENDARS

Club Radio Activities

- January 14th, 2026 Auction-Fest

The start of an amazing 2026 lineup.

Get ready for some serious fun.

Upcoming Club Events



PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC. 28th ANNUAL HAM RADIO "AUCTION-FEST"

Wednesday, JANUARY 14, 2026

**5:30 PM Setup
7PM Start (General Meeting before auction)**

Ben Wilson Senior Activity Center

**580 Delmont Avenue
Warminster, PA 18974**

DIRECTIONS

**TALK IN: 147.030 (91.5 PL)
For More Information Contact:**

PMRC

P.O. Box 404
Warminster, Pa 18974

OR E-MAIL
info@phil-mont.org

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AUCTION RULES

1. P.M.R.C. will retain 10% of the sale price up to a max. of \$30.00 per item.
2. All sellers will pay a \$2.00 sellers fee to P.M.R.C.
3. Seller must supply a thorough description of each piece offered for sale on a separate form. (you may make copies of this form)
4. All sales are between the seller and buyer, not P.M.R.C.
5. 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!***

I 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 _____

N3ZP's Contest Corner

Here is the contest calendar report for November. It has less weekends with multiple contests than previous months. The 2nd CQWW contest and the ARRL Sweepstakes will be dominating the weekends. There are also a couple less intense operating events too.

November 1 - November 3

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW - 2100Z Nov.1 - 0300Z Nov. 3. Unites States/ Canada. 160, 80, 40, 20. 15 and 10 Meters. CW. Rules: <https://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>. This contest will be lighting up the CW bands. This is the most complex exchange of any contest. If you want to improve your CW, this is the one.

Classic Exchange, Phone - 1400Z Nov. 2 - 0800Z Nov. 3, 1400Z Nov. 3 - 0800Z Nov. 4. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 Meters. SSB, AM, FM. Rules: <http://www.classicexchange.org/>. This is an event to encourage and promote the use and restoration of vintage gear. You do not need a vintage rig to participate but lower points for modern gear. If you have an old boat anchor or want to hear what they sound like, check this one out.

November 8 - November 10

Worked All Europe DX Contest, RTTY - 0000z Nov.8 - 2359Z Nov. 9. Worldwide. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. RTTY only. Rules: <https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/wae-dx-contest/en/>. Try operating some RTTY. This contest is considered one of hardest since it not only means working only EU DX but adds a QTC traffic component to the exchange.

10 - 10 International Fall Contest, Digital - 0001Z Nov. 8 - 2359Z Nov. 9. Worldwide. 10 Meters only. BPSK and RTTY modes only. Rules: <https://www.ten-ten.org/qso-party-rules/>. Another of the 10 -10 contests to encourage activity on 10 Meters, which continues to be very good. You don't need to be a member to participate but collect ten 10 -10 numbers and join up.

CQ-WE Contest - 1900Z Nov 8 - 0500Z Nov. 10 -see rules for mode/time breakdown. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 Meters, 70 cm. CW, Phone, Digital. Rules: <https://w8zpf.com/cqwe/>. Work active and former employees of the Bell System/Western Electric Companies. Open to all but non Bell System hams only work Bell System.

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November 15 - November 18

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB - 2100Z Nov. 15 - 0300Z Nov. 18. United States/ Canada. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. SSB. Rules:<https://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>. Just like the CW version but in the phone bands. Same exchange but this time on phone. The bands will be busy with U.S. and Canadian stations trying for the "Clean Sweep", all 85 ARRL sections.

November 22 - November 23

North American SSB Sprint Contest - 0000Z - 0400Z Nov. 23. North America. 80, 40 and 20 Meters. SSB. Rules:<https://ssbsprint.com/rules/>. A short phone sprint with North America working everyone and DX working only NA.

November 29 - November 30

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW - 0000Z Nov. 29 to 2359Z Nov. 30. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW. Rules:<https://www.cqww.com/rules.htm>. Like the CQWW SSB Contest last month, this is the big one but CW this time, Expect the CW bands to be hopping with lots of big signals and fast operators. Exchange only signal report (always 599) and CQ zone, 05 for us.

This completes November's activity. 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, November 1965...



THE PREZ SEZ

As the time approaches when the FCC will in all probability require that increased code proficiency be demonstrated in order to retain those privileges which we now hold as General Class operators, it becomes incumbent upon each of us to engage in a program on code practice sessions.

It seems to me that this need not be an individual effort, but can be assisted by our club. We now have the hardware to implement a code practice program on Channel 2. This hardware, however, is not yet connected. Let us set for ourselves a target date of December 31, 1965 for getting everything connected, and begin the year with a code practice program which can be an example for every radio club in the country.

See you at the 16th Annual Banquet!!

73 de K3HIJ

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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? Novemberbe you have some goodies for sale?

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