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General Meeting on the 9th

October means...

Yom Kippur
Columbus Day and of course...



Halloween!

K3GBA Sam Smith Scholarship Recipient



Thank you so much for your generosity through this scholarship! It will help me tremendously in my first year of college at Towson University. I've had a lot of enjoyment in this hobby between my uncle and I doing SSTV in his kitchen and my brothers and I setting up an antenna on our dad's roof. I'm currently studying Healthcare Management with a dual minor in Business Administration and Finance. Even though electronics or engineering isn't my major or career chose I've still found this hobby very rewarding and fun. This scholarship will allow me to stay involved within the hobby more easily throughout my studies. Thank you so much for choosing me as your scholarship recipient.

Harry Jelesiewicz, KD2RXL

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<p>Sunday Morning Net Schedules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Meter/ 70cm Net..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater • 10-on-10 Net at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM) • 75 meter Net at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB • ARES at 2100L on the W3QV repeater 			
<p>Committees</p> <p>Blurb folding: KB3IV & N3GLU Directory: KB3IV Field Day: KC2PMW Fusion Coord: NC3U</p>	<p>Internet: N3QV & KC2PMW Membership: KB3IV Net Control: KB3IV</p>	<p>Program: W3AOK Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK</p>	<p>Scholarship: KB3IV Sunshine: N3GLU VE Program: NS3K Welcome: N3UBY Youth: KC2PMW</p>

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: W3RM**
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 41624
W3AA Trustee: WU3I
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

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The Prez Sez ...



Hello Phil-Mont

Well as I write this article September is almost over and Fall officially starts tomorrow.

We resumed our monthly meetings In September at the Giant in Willow Grove.

After going over some of the club business JIM AJ3DI brought us up to date on all the happenings over the summer and with the Club Website. The Club website is now a wealth of information and I urge all members to check it frequently as it is updated regularly. Thanks Jim AJ3DI for a great job on the website.

Did you know you can **NOW PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE!!!!** Yes you can and find out much more club info and happenings..... Go check it out and do it often. www.phil-mont.org

It is also that time of the year again for **ELECTION of OFFICERS** and board members. Jim NS3K will be chairing the nominating committee and will be the Judge of Elections. Give it some thought and make your intentions known to those on the committee. This is your chance for you to give back to **YOUR** club. You must be a member in good standing and a Phil-Mont member for at least one year to run for office. Elections will be held at our Annual meeting which is the December meeting. There are four Officer Positions, President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer and three director positions available. Please step up and do your part for Phil-Mont.

Keep in mind that Old Timers Night will be coming up in November. If you are in touch with an Old Phil-Monter that you don't usually see at a meeting or hear on the repeater try to entice them to come to Old Timers Night as it would be great to see them.

October 20 RF Hill Hamfest - Sellersville, PA - RF Hill Amateur Radio Club Sellersville Fire Company, 50 North Main Street, Sellersville,PA; Rt. 309 to Sellersville exit (Main street) firehouse is next to Perkiomen creek near intersection with Diamond Street; Doors open 7 AM.

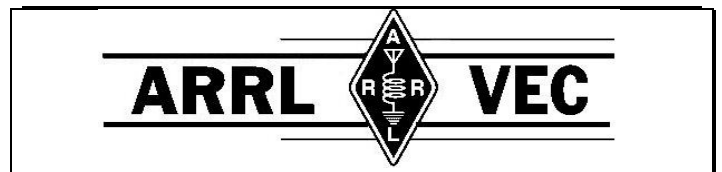
If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker or would like to speak at one of our meetings please let any of the club officers or board members know. Your input is vital and we welcome all suggestions.

Don't forget to sign up for the Phil-Mont Yahoo Group. We currently have 40+ members. This is a good way to share ideas amongst the membership. Sal NC3U is the moderator the group. For more info and to join the group contact Sal.

Thank you for your support

See you all at the next meeting.

73, Greg WA3GM



*The Thursday evening session is
On the 24th this month.*

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes*From KB6NU***OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Ed Masarsky - KB3IV
- 02 Donna Stevenson (XYL K3HWE)
- 03 Lisa Brady – KA3VIL(XYL N3CB)
Susan Lamont (XYL N3SHM)
John Egoville - KA3BBU
- 05 Domenic Cantarella K3DTC
- 06 Chris Brady – N3CB
Robert Thomas-W3NE
Joan Freer (XYL W3YLT)
- 08 Frank Kohn - W3MHP
- 10 Patricia Dinardi (XYL N3XKE)
- 11 Charlye Johnson, Jr. - K3CJ
- 19 Patrick Kane Jr.-AC3CN
- 29 Bob Harcarik WA2POW
Joe Greenbaum KD2FWG
- 31 Dick Klein - W3WXC

MEMBERSHIP STATS

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

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Charlie Li W3QJD
Ardmore, Pa.
Technician Class

James McCusker KC3FFX
Warrington, Pa
Extra Class

The text below is the official announcement of the retirement of the OO (Official Observer) program as we adopt the new VM (Volunteer Monitor) program on October 1st, 2019.

My personal thanks to our OOC Ken Coughlin, N8KC, and all the Michigan OO's that devoted time and energy in keeping a watchful eye for the benefit of all amateurs.

Forwarded text below, 73 Jim K8JK

As you are aware, the ARRL has spent more than two years working with the FCC developing an enhanced program to support the FCC Enforcement staff with monitoring and reporting alleged problems arising on the Amateur Radio bands. The time has come to transition from the former Official Observer (OO) program to the new Volunteer Monitor (VM) program. The OO program will officially sunset on Monday September 30, 2019. The new Volunteer Monitor program will become effective on Tuesday October 1, 2019.

At its July 2018 meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors authorized the implementation of the new Volunteer Monitor Program and the retirement of the existing OO program at the appropriate time. The new MOU with the FCC establishing the VM program was signed in the spring. On May 14, 2019, a solicitation was made for applications to join the new VM program. Many of you existing OOs applied for the new program after receiving a reminder notice in early July 2019. When the July 15, 2019 application deadline had passed, VM Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, interviewed nearly 200 applicants and began the selection process for the new program. Finally, the new program is ready to start.

The ARRL offers its deepest appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated work by the hundreds of OOs over the years. The cornerstone value of the

OO program has always been a dedication to integrity. The good work of the Official Observers over the years was a key element in the corporative alliance between the FCC and the ARRL and led to the resolution of countless on-the-air problems. Whether sending compliance notices or “good operator” cards, you, the Official Observer, worked for the betterment of our hobby.

For those of you that have offered your services in the new VM program, your continued commitment is appreciated and valued. To those who decided not to apply for the new program, it is our sincere hope that you will enjoy exploring new challenges in this wonderful hobby of Amateur Radio.

To the various Section Managers – we appreciate the efforts and energy you committed to growing and supporting the OOs and OO Coordinators in your section. Your part in the maintenance of the OO program helped to guarantee its success. While the new Volunteer Monitor program will be developed and maintained at the ARRL Headquarters level, please offer support and suggestions to the VM Program Coordinator as the program develops.

If you served as a section OO Coordinator, the value of your work to the program may have been unnoticed by some. However, I can assure you that it was seen and appreciated by the ARRL HQ staff as they managed the program’s work.

On a personal note, as the Regulatory Information Manager at ARRL, I have worked with many of you involved with the OO program over the years. While reviewing potential cases to be sent to the FCC for consideration, I never had reason to doubt the integrity or veracity of any of the data received from the hardworking OOs. Please accept my personal thanks for your dedication and commitment over the years.

Good luck and see you on the air!

73

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October at Phil-Mont

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

- Sun 6 W3MHP
- Tues 8 Yom Kippur
- Sun 13 KB3SJS
- Mon 14 Columbus Day
- Sun 20 KB3IV
- Thur 24 VE Session
- Sun 27 WU3I
- Thurs 31 Halloween

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

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