



The Blurb

Newsletter of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club
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Auction-Fest, Winter Heat & Winter Field Day



WINTERHEAT - Top 20 Clubs

Rank	Club Name	Points
1	OKAW VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	34,774
2	KENDALL COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	18,732
3	LEWIS AND CLARK RADIO CLUB	13,770
4	TRIPLE NICKEL AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY	12,664
5	WILLIAMSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	8,348
6	NELSON COUNTY KY POST 42 AMERICAN LEGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	7,722
7	BUTLER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE GRP	7,119
8	HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC	6,904
9	PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	6,768
10	MIDWEST HAMMERS	6,011
11	CLAY COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	3,935
12	PHIL MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB INC	2,920
13	RIVER HILLS ARC	2,495

The Prez Sez...

Fellow Phil-Monters,

What a fantastic month it has been for the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club! Between the camaraderie at our events and the impressive activity on the air, it's clear our membership is as engaged as ever.



Auction-Fest Success First, a huge shout-out to everyone who participated in our recent Auction-Fest. It was a resounding success with over \$4,200 in sales! Jack WA3BXH was our auctioneer/entertainer extraordinaire as usual. Not only did this provide a great service to our members looking to move gear, but there were some truly amazing deals to be had for those looking to expand their shacks. It's always a highlight to see vintage and modern gear find new homes within our community.

Winter Heat The Power of Participation. The numbers for Winter Heat are in, and they are nothing short of impressive. Those who played, played hard! I personally scraped the data from the HamActive site to see how we fared.

While the official rankings placed **Phil-Mont at #12** with 2,920 points, the "behind the scenes" math tells a much bigger story. I found that 26 members (plus a few familiar non-member friends) were active participants (list on page 12). Here is the true breakdown:

Total Club Member Points: 31,580

Average Points per Member: 1,214.6

Participating Members: 26

The Takeaway: *There is a significant gap between our official score (2,920) and our actual output (31,580). This suggests that many of the participants hadn't registered their official club affiliation—PHIL MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB INC—on HamActive. If everyone had linked their accounts, we would have taken **2nd place overall!** Please make a note to update your profiles NOW for next year; let's make sure Phil-Mont gets the credit it deserves on the leaderboard.*

Winter Field Day Next, a tip of the hat to Charlie, K3NOP. Charlie showed true ham spirit, persevering through the biting cold and snow to captain a solid Winter Field Day. Even when our time at the cabin was cut short, Charlie didn't skip a beat—he moved the operation to his home and kept the doors open for anyone who wanted to keep playing. It was a great display of flexibility and dedication.

The Prez Sez...

It's time to renew your membership! Everyone should have gotten a reminder from Hamclubonline. If you need any help renewing, just let me know directly (rrothjr66@gmail.com). We're down to 55 members of our 230 who haven't renewed. See the following list.

Abraham Shaw Jr.	AC3G	John H Bates	KC3CEW
Adam M Huffnagle	K3JCP	John W Sullivan Jr	W2INF
Andrew Chen	W3AWC	Joseph D Jardine	KC3TER
Anthony Pace	WO3I	Kayla D Adams	KD3CBL
Anthony J Zagame	AA3VZ	Kevin Jones	KC3VPY
Benjamin Leace	KC3TWM	Lamonte D Cuff	N1LC
Bryan D Kobe	KB3WHR	Lloyd T Price	N2KPC
Carolyn R Popovic	KA3VLJ	Lori Eger	KC3WHO
Charles R Wright	KD3HAM	Mark Donaghey	AC3GX
Chris Kaczmarczyk	K2KAZ	Mark P Dean	KD3BLR
Derrick Weaver	KC3SBX	Martin N Loesch Jr	KC3UXP
Dilpreet S Bajwa	KC3SSG	Michael J Treacy	KC3YRD
Dorian Murray	W3KAZ	Nicholas J Feliccia	N3FKS
Douglas J Mead	KD3BBA	Nicholas Wambold	N3SMC
Emmanoah Perez	KC3VDL	Paul T Keener	KT3H
Erkan Tuzel	KC3UUI	Peter A Lacey	KC3VDM
Evan M Bradley	KD3IAK	Ramsey H Chew Jr	KC3RHL
Frank M Gallo	KC3SBP	Robert D Demola Sr	KD2GFL
Gregory J Malone	WA3GM	Robert M Ciotti Jr	KC3ZFT
Harris L Pepper	KC3JUD	Sam Shelenberger	KC3WIE
Hank Bucci	K2HB	Sangram S Bajwa	KC3VQI
Jack V Harding Jr	KC3TIQ	Scott Dantis	AA2SD
Jax Loesch	KC3UFO	Scott Vogin	KB3ALX
James Walston Jr	KC3NVS	Scudder G Stevens	AC3NB
Janice C Winston	KC3ORH	Steven F Frederick	K3KIC
Jeffrey Golas	KC3GJX	Steven Thompson	KB3IQK
John A Furlong	KC2TUT	Wayne Macdowell	KC3WCV
John E Livezey	KC3EOO		

The Prez Sez...

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.

Great job to everyone involved in making this month a memorable one. See you on the nets!

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.

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 Co/Lawrenceville Input
North and East 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 Node# 47970

Phil-Mont Simplex Frequency
147.510MHz PL91.5 TSQL

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)

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!](#)

The Blurb

February Sunday Net Control Schedule

1-Feb KB3SJS
8-Feb W3UP
15-Feb WA3GM
22-Feb W3MHP

Club Business

NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday, February 11th

Giant Supermarket 315 York Rd.

Willow Grove, PA 19090

5:30PM Yack & Snack

6:30PM Meeting Starts

7PM Presentation

February

Presentation: NTP

With Walt KC3WHU

This Month's Birthdays

KC3VQI Sangram S Bajwa 1-Feb

N3DOG Jim Spratt 7-Feb

KB3RLJ R Brian Crozier 12-Feb

NW3T Jerome Winbush 22-Feb

KE3QB Carmen Decicco 24-Feb

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

New Club Members

Dennis Silage, K3DS, Extra

Eric "Leo" Fike, KD3CHP

Terry Rossi, N2LQH, General

John Campbell, W3MHZ, Extra

Marc Fink, WA3QWA, Extra



welcomes you!

Phil-Mont Membership Statistics

February 2026

Member Types Statistics: (Active Members)

REGULAR Membership	216
Honorary	3
Board Member	7
Officer	4
Total	230

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

New Weekly Net!

THE PASTA NET!

Plain and Simple Talk Around Net = PASTA

How the net will operate:

Net Control will open NET LOGGER <https://www.netlogger.org/> and call for check-ins.

As people check in they will be put on net logger and will see their position in the rotation if they too are using Net Logger. It's not necessary for participants to use Net Logger but it can be convenient.

Once all are checked in, Net Control will turn it over to the first check in and start to "Talk About" what they have to say. Once done making their comment they pass to the next person and so on. At any time during the comments a person can contact another check in during their turn for direct communication with the another check-in.

When the bottom of the list is reached, Net Control will take over and call for more check-ins and the process starts over with the new check-ins starting first.

There will be no strict time limit, stations can check out at any time, even in and out. Two hours is recommended as a maximum. When Net Control feels the net is slowing down, a call for final check-ins will be made and if none heard, there will be a call for final comments.

The idea is for a directed "rag chew" type of net. Just something different. This idea is borrowed from the Rochester net that is held on 3.972 on Tuesday and Thursday night.

Join in. Have fun. It's what we do.

Dave, K3DFG
PMRC Secretary
PMRC Net Control Coordinator

WINTERHEAT Results

PMRC Club Members in WINTERHEAT

Callsign	Points	Contacts
KA2NDK	5,991	600
W3AOK	5,770	595
KD3AIP	5,706	585
KB3DID	5,507	566
KC3GJX	1,140	132
AI3D	980	98
AC3LW	934	97
N3FKS	820	82
KZ4P	820	82
WA3DB	760	76
KC3BVL	550	55
AA3RC	380	38
WA3PZO	350	35
KC3ZSB	290	29
NY3J	290	29
N3DOG	250	25
W3KDB	210	21
K0BUF	210	21
KD3CCE	200	20
KC3PTC	190	19
KC3UDZ	80	8
NS9G	70	7
KA3TTT	32	5
KD3BBA	30	3
KD3CCS	10	1
KC3UKC	10	1

Total: 26 club members participating

Auction Fest



Auction Fest



Winter Field Day

January 24th & 25th, 2026

Philmonters!

Winter Field Day 2026 was certainly one for the books, defined by a race against the elements. With an impending storm on the horizon, we arrived Friday evening to set up in a biting -9° wind chill. A huge thanks to Jonathan (N3JEC) for supplying his HF vertical to get us on the air!

Anticipating a smaller turnout due to the weather, we operated this year as a 2I station. Despite the conditions, we were happy to welcome several dedicated members who braved the cold (listed below).

By 4:30 PM, a fresh look at the radar made it clear that "risk vs. reward" was tipping toward the former. We began breaking down the station while Mike (KC3UKC) stayed on the keys, keeping our CW presence alive. At 5:00 PM sharp—having successfully secured our 6-hour continuous operation bonus—we packed the remaining gear and cleared the site.

The cabin crew headed to Country Place for a warm meal and some much-needed camaraderie before everyone made it home safely ahead of the snow. While our contact count was lower this year due to the abbreviated timeline, the Phil-Mont spirit was as strong as ever. We'll certainly make up for the numbers next year!

A big thank you to everyone who came out to help. For those of you who participated from the comfort of your home shacks: please remember to upload your logs and include the club name (Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club) to ensure we get the aggregate credit!

Attendees: Jonathan N3JEC, Charlie K3CL, Mike KC3UKC, Chris K0BUF, Steve K3FZT, Michael K3AMU, and Lizz WB3BLF.

73, Charlie, K3NOP/QTH

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Archiving That Old Stuff!

Digital Archeology: Why I Want Your "Crusty" Old Software

By Jeff, KC3GJX

“If anyone has any old ham radio software or disks, please let me know. I’d be happy to take them off your hands.”

I can already imagine the skeptical looks. In an era of incredible tools like Fldigi and WSJT-X, why would anyone want old, "crusty" software and aging hardware? Let me explain why this isn't just about playing with relics—it's about preservation.

From "Appliance Operators" to Tech Tinkers

Previous generations of amateurs often referred to the current crop as “appliance operators.” It was a nod to the fact that modern rigs are largely plug-and-play. This is a far cry from the rigs of yesteryear, where you had to pop the lid to install a CW filter or "dip the plates" to peak performance.

If you’ve ever seen me attempt a RTTY QSO at Field Day using a genuine Teletype, you know it’s a labor of love. There’s a symphony of flipping switches, monitoring signals, ensuring you’re in LETTERS mode, and manually hitting carriage return and linefeed at the end of every line. Today, we just click a signal in Fldigi and type.

So why do I still do it? Because I love the challenge. There is a unique satisfaction in taking a 60-year-old piece of gear, learning its quirks, and making it sing again. And I’m not alone. Despite the stereotype that "kids these days" aren't interested, the younger generation is fascinated by this tech—they just need to be engaged. They want to tinker and solve the puzzle of getting "Grandpa’s old car" running again. Just look at the Connections Museum on YouTube, where young enthusiasts restore room-sized phone switches twice their age.

The Race Against the Dumpster

To keep this gear alive, we need the proprietary software, manuals, and drivers that made them work. Much of this is likely sitting in boxes in the basements of seasoned hams, saved "just in case" that 1992 packet interface is ever needed again. The reality is that many of those boxes are one spring cleaning away from a dumpster.

With companies like MFJ retiring, we are at risk of losing decades of niche hobby history. But here is the silver lining: modern archiving is easier than ever. You can go to Archive.org and find websites from 25 years ago; we can do the same for disks, ROMs, and manuals.

Archiving That Old Stuff!

Becoming a Digital Archeologist

Recently, "digital archeologists" found the only known copy of Unix v4 on a randomly discovered tape.

https://www.reddit.com/r/technology/comments/1pvmv8c/52_years_later_only_known_copy_of_unix_v4/

That's the scale of what's at stake. That floppy disk in your basement might be one of only a handful of copies left in existence. Whether it's ham gear, vintage computer equipment, or old music tech—if it has a digital footprint, it's worth saving.

If you aren't ready to part with your "stash" but want to help, you can archive it yourself! There are amazing tools available now:

Hardware: Tools like Greaseweasel or Kryoflux can read old disks at a magnetic level.

Emulators: Devices like BlueSCSI, Gotek, or Pi1541 allow real vintage hardware to "read" digital files as if they were physical disks.

Documentation: Sites like navy-radio.com are invaluable. Being able to download a manual for a Navy URA-17 was the only reason we got those systems running again on the ship.

A Final Request

If you have disks, software, manuals, or specific parts for old gadgets, please get them into the hands of someone willing to archive them. Even if the gear is only used for temporary fun, the data stays alive for the next generation.

And remember: **engage with the younger hams**. They want to experience the challenges you faced in years past—the only difference is they have the luxury of retreating to a modern rig when the old gear gets too frustrating!

73 and Happy Hamming,

Jeff, KC3GJX

Heading to HamCation? Join "APRS Day Out!"

If you're heading to the HamCation fairgrounds in Orlando from February 13th–15th, make sure to pack your APRS gear. The Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Association is setting up a temporary local digipeater to host "APRS Day Out." This is a fantastic opportunity to practice networking skills that are invaluable during large-scale events or emergency activations.

How to Connect

To participate in the local network and message other attendees:

- Frequency: 147.585 MHz, Path: TEMP1-1
- First Message: Send a "CQ" to announce your arrival on the network!
- See more details about APRS Day Out AT: <https://www.aprs.org/APRS-day-out.html>

Technical Requirements

Please note that this is a radio-based network. Using APRSdroid or APRS.fi via cellular data alone will not work. You need a physical RF link. Here are the best ways to get on the air:

- Integrated HTs: The newer Kenwood HTs (TH-D74/D75) are ideal.
- Vero/BTech/Radioddity (NR-V75, UV-PRO, GA-5WB):

While the internal APRS implementation on these units can be hit-or-miss, the KISS-over-Bluetooth implementation works perfectly with your phone.

The "Any Radio" Solution: If your HT doesn't have built-in APRS, you can use a Mobilinkd (TNC3 or TNC4). This connects your phone to your radio via the speaker-mic ports and is a proven solution for almost any HT—even the inexpensive ones.

I look forward to seeing your callsigns popping up on the map in Orlando!

73, Steve, K3FZT

NOTE: Excerpted from Amateur Radio Newsline (Jan 16, 2026) as heard on the W3QV Repeater.

Upcoming Club Events

MARK YOUR 2026 CALENDARS!

Upcoming Club Radio Activities

- March 27th Spring POTA FEST
(MARCH 27-28- Leave by 3/29 11am)
- April 11th POTAMANIA
- May 9th POTAMANIA
- June 26-28th Field Day
- July 11th POTAMANIA
- August Lighthouse Weekend
- September 12th POTAMANIA
- October 2nd OCTPOTAFEST (OCT 2-3, leave 4th-11am)

**What an amazing 2026 lineup.
Get ready for some serious fun.**

Upcoming Hamfests



Sussex Amateur Radio Association

- APRIL 18, 2026 -

Delmarva Amateur Radio & Electronics EXPO



Perfectly Positioned for Regional Access

Just 2–3 hours from Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Washington, D.C., Virginia Beach, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Southern New Jersey. Tax-Free Shopping • Free Parking • More Value for Vendors & Guests

Make It a Family Weekend at the Beach!

Speakers & Forums

Tower Safety

Jon Zaimes AA1K

DMR Basics & Interstate System

Nick Fedirko N3YMS

Balun Basics: How To Build Your Own 4:1 and 1:1

Eric Hudson WG3J

Parks On The Air (POTA) Demo

Kerri Wright KB3WAV

Del Delfish N2NWK

ARRL Meeting & Update

Events & Attractions

ARRL State Convention Tailgating

Silent Auction Great Raffle Prizes

Free FCC Testing Guest Speakers

Forums QSL Card Checking

Lots of PAVED Parking Vendors

Food Trucks Satellite Mobile Bus

Operate W1AW/3 Station

Guests Pay \$10 To Enter!
(Under 18 FREE!)

Inside spaces \$20.00 - 1st Table
Tailgaters : \$10.00 - Each Space

For Information

Contact Jamie, W3UC

(410) 202-7690

hamfestdelaware@gmail.com

NEW HAMFEST LOCATION:



Sussex Academy
21150 Airport Rd.
Georgetown, DE 19954

Gates open at 6:00 A.M.
Expo begins at 8:00 A.M.

Event Schedule

6:00 AM	Gates Open
7:30 AM	Tailgating
8:00 AM	Indoor Venue Opens
9:00 AM	FCC Testing - No Walk-ins/No Test Fee See www.radioelectronicsEXPO.com for pre-registration link and other event information

TALK-IN: SARA Repeater

147.090 MHz PL 156.7

Schedule subject to change

Local Hotels

Tru by Hilton Georgetown
(3.4 Miles)
302.515.2100

Microtel by Wyndham
(2.9 Miles)
302.396.9719

Quality Inn & Suites
(3.3 Miles)
302.339.8506

JOIN US IN TAX FREE DELAWARE!

The Delmarva Radio and Electronics EXPO is sponsored by The Sussex Amateur Radio Association
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The *Blurb*

N3ZP's Contest Corner

Here is the contest calendar report for February. There are some international contests, North America contests, QSO parties, RTTY and the big ARRL DX contest. Lots of ways to operate on winter days.

January 31 - February 1

North American SSB Sprint Contest - 0000 Feb. 1 - 0400Z Feb. 1. Worldwide. 80, 40 and 20 Meters. Rules: <https://ssbsprint.com/rules/>. A 4 hour sprint contest where non-North American stations only work North America. The DX stations will be looking for us.

Real Time Contest - 1600Z - 1900Z Feb. 1. Worldwide. 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, SSB. Rules: <https://blog.contestonlinescore.com/real-time-contest-rtc-rules/>. This is an unusual contest in that scoring is real-time while being logged into a web server. Points are based on distance between stations. Results are compiled approximately 10 minutes after the contest.

February 7 - February 8

10 - 10 International Winter Contest - 0001Z Feb. 1 - 2359 Feb 8. Worldwide. 10 Meters only. SSB. Rules: <https://blog.contestonlinescore.com/real-time-contest-rtc-rules/>. Another of the 10-10 contests encouraging activity on 10 Meters. You don't have to be a member and all license classes can participate. Collect ten 10-10 numbers and join. Ten still has days with very good propagation.

Vermont QSO Party - 0000Z Feb. 7 -2400Z Feb. 8. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters, VHF/UHF. All modes. Rules: <http://www.ranv.org/vtqso.html>. Work stations in Vermont, a state that can sometimes be hard to get.

Minnesota QSO Party - 1400Z - 2400Z Feb. 7, 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters, CW, Phone, Rules: <https://www.w0aa.org/mnqp-rules/>. Work 87 MN counties in this 10 hour contest. Although not mandatory, this contest will also allow real-time scoring.

Mexico RTTY International Contest - 1200Z Feb. 7 - 2359 Feb. 8. Worldwide. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. RTTY mode Rules: <https://rtty.fmre.mx/>. Work other stations worldwide using RTTY with higher points for Mexican Stations.

North American Sprint, CW- 0000Z 0359Z Feb. 8. Worldwide. 80, 40 and 20 Meters. Rules: <https://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf>. A 4 hour sprint contest where non-North American stations only work North America. Just like the SSB Sprint, the DX stations will be looking for us.

British Columbia QSO Party - 1600Z Feb. 7 - 0359Z Feb. 8, 1600Z -2359Z Feb. 8. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, SSB, Rules: https://www.orcadxcc.org/bcqp_rules.html. Work Canadian stations in the 43 BC Electoral Districts,

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February 14 - February 15

CQ Worldwide RTTY WPX Contest - 0000Z Feb. 14 - 2359Z Feb. 15. Worldwide. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. RTTY mode. Rules:<https://www.cqwxrtty.com/rules.htm>. Here's an RTTY contest where scoring is based on prefixes worked. If you can sneak away from Valentine's Day, work some RTTY. The bands will be full of RTTY tones.

OMISS QSO Party - 1500Z Feb. 14 - 1500Z Feb. 15. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. SSB. Rules:<http://www.omiss.net/Facelift/qsoparty.php>. Work member stations of the O.M. Sideband Society. O.M. operates nets where you can work states for your Worked All States Award.

February 21 - February 22

ARRL International DX Contest, CW - 0000Z Feb.21 - 2400Z Feb. 22. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW. Rules:<https://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>. The CW bands will be very busy with DX stations working US stations. Some of the best operators and big contest stations will be active for this big event.

Worldwide Argentina DX Contest - 0000Z - 2359Z Feb. 20. Worldwide. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, SSB. Rules:<https://worldwideargentina.com.ar/>. Although this contest is sponsored by an Argentine club, stations can work anyone. This has SSB also and points are based on distance between stations based on grid squares. This one also has categories for rookies and YLs.

February 27 - March 2

CQ 160 Meter Contest, SSB - 2200Z Feb. 27 - 2200Z Mar. 1. Worldwide. 160 Meters. SSB. Rules:<http://www.cq160.com/rules.htm>. If you can get on 160, here is a chance to work everyone.

South Carolina QSO Party - 1500Z Feb. 28 - 0159 Mar. 1. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 Meters. CW, Digital, Phone. Rules;<http://scqso.com/>. This is part of work the Carolinas and allows FT8/FT4. There will also be POTA activations for this event.

North Carolina QSO Party - 1500Z Mar. 1 - 0100Z Mar. 2. 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 Meters. CW, SSB, Digital (including FT8/FT4). Rules:<http://ncqsoparty.org/rules/>. This follows the SC QSO Party. There is a point bonus for rare counties.

North American QSO Party, RTTY. 1800Z Feb. 28 - 0559Z Mar.1. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. RTTY. 100 Watts max. Rules:<http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>. A RTTY contest for all stations to work North America. Work some RTTY stations. It's magic watching those tones decode.

That's my list for February. Take a break from the cold and get on the air. As always, you can reach out to me for assistance or advice in participating in a contest and logging.

Phil N3ZP

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Here are some highlights from this month in Blurb history, February 1966...

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BUDGET - 1966

The following 1966 Budget was presented and adopted at the January 3rd 1966 meeting.

INCOME

Dues	\$ 720
Prize Drawing	150
Refreshments	100
Auctions	50
Sale of Club Equipment	275
Miscellaneous	100
Transfer from 1965 Balance	440
	<u>\$1835</u>

EXPENSES

Donations	\$ 24
Prize Drawings	120
Refreshments	100
Stationery	25
Flowers	40
Special Events	125
Insurance	80
Blurb Expense	300
W3TKQ	100
Communications Truck & Trailer Maintenance	170
Communications Truck & Trailer Improvement	100
Capital Improvement (new Generator)	400
Miscellaneous	100
Banquet	150
	<u>\$1835</u>




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