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Year of the Club — Let's Go!



★ 2026 ARRL FIELD DAY ★



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ARRL FIELD DAY
JUNE 27-28



The Prez Sez...

Fellow Phil-Monters,

May was a full month — Scouts on the air, parks packed with operators, and a sad farewell to a respected member of our community. Now June is here and the calendar is loaded. Let's get into it.

Silent Key: Margaret “Maggie” Leber, K3XS

We note with sadness the passing of Margaret “Maggie” Leber, K3XS, who became a Silent Key on May 7th. Maggie was a well-known and respected presence in the amateur radio community. Our thoughts are with her family and friends. 73, Maggie.



Liberty Jam: Phil-Mont Brings Radio to the Scouts

On May 2nd, the Cradle of Liberty Council hosted Liberty Jam — a full day bringing together Scouts and leaders from across the council for leadership, skills, and fellowship. Greg KC3SMW, Mike KC3UKC, Jeff KC3GJX, and yours truly were there representing Phil-Mont with three stations running simultaneously. Greg ran an SSTV station, showing Scouts how images can be transmitted over radio. Mike had a CW station up and running, demonstrating the original digital mode. Jeff showed the Scouts how to see and hear radio signals — a visualization station that made the invisible world of RF suddenly very real. And yours truly worked voice and SSB — with one Scout watching as a contact came back from Spain on 17 meters, running nothing more than a radio, a battery, and a wire in a tree. That moment says everything about what this hobby is. Events like this are exactly why outreach matters, and the crew delivered in a big way. Well done to all.

May POTAmnia: Beautiful Day, 175 Contacts

May's POTAmnia brought perfect spring weather and a great group of operators. By the end of the day the club had five uploaded activations totaling around 175 contacts, with activity across SSB, digital, and CW. In fact, every station on the air that day logged CW contacts — a great sign of where our operators are heading. The standout of the day was Greg, KD3CVQ, who showed up with a QRP Labs QCX+ and a 40m dipole and completed 12 CW contacts for his first ever successful CW POTA activation. Congrats Greg — keep that CW journey going! Thanks to Mike, KC3UKC, for the writeup and for helping make POTA-Mania what it is. Next one is July 11th.

Club QSO Party: June 20–21

The ARRL has declared 2026 the Year of the Club — and we're answering that call. Phil-Mont is a co-sponsor of the inaugural Club QSO Party, a brand-new on-the-air event built specifically for clubs, running June 20th 00:00 UTC through June 21st 23:59 UTC. Our club station will operate using our call sign plus our club's age, instantly putting our history on the air with every contact. Every mode counts — Phone, CW, Digital. Every platform counts — including repeaters, DMR, and EchoLink. Every band counts except WARC. And every member who works the club station adds to our multiplier, so get on the air and work us! Details at clubqsoparty.org.

The Prez Sez...

Field Day: June 26–28

Right on the heels of the Club QSO Party comes ARRL Field Day, June 26–28. Watch the groups.io list for operating details and come join us. Two major events back to back — it's going to be a great weekend for the log.

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.

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

Taking a Summer hiatus—See you in September!

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

PASTA Net Mondays at 730pm

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

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!](#)

June Sunday Net Control Schedule

7-Jun KB3IV

14-Jun N3QV

21-Jun KE3QB

28-Jun KB3SJS

Club Business

NEXT GENERAL CLUB MEETING:

Wednesday, June 10th

Giant Supermarket 315 York Rd.

Willow Grove, PA 19090

5:30PM Yack & Snack

6:30PM Meeting Starts

7PM Presentation

June

Presentation: Jax-KC3UF0

Bike mobile ham radio

This Month's Birthdays

N3VVV Kenny Serrano 2-Jun

KD3CCS Lee Joseph 8-Jun

K3ALA Jonathan D Herman 14-Jun

AA3RC Richard Roth 22-Jun

K3KC Bill Kennedy 28-Jun

KC3UDZ Muggs Ferguson 30-Jun

WA3KIO Fredric L Rice 30-Jun

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

New Club Members

REGINALD "Reggie" SMITH, KG40CM, General

W2TTF Dean "Dino" Fillari, Technician

Ethan Hudak KE2IJZ, Technician

Jacob R Lancaster KE5KTU, Extra

Sheldon J Simpson KD3CVJ, Technician



welcomes you!

Phil-Mont Membership Statistics

June 2026

Member Types Statistics: (Active Members)

REGULAR Membership	199
Honorary	3
Board Member	7
Officer	4
Total	213

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 June 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	

Ham Radio Challenge

Here's a fun game.
GO PLAY RADIO. Let's see who can get BINGO first!

BIN-G - POTA Edition

activated in rain or snow	has hunted 1,000+ parks	owns an Icom 7300	N1CC activator or hunter	activated or hunted CW
hunted or activator 6 pack	activated between midnight and dawn	owns something with the POTA logo on it.	activated or hunted digital modes	completed a 5 park rove
activated or hunted on a Leap Day	activated 100 unique parks		activated or hunted an ATNO	found a tick during/after activating
activated in more than one country	hunted 15+ parks in a day	has activated or hunted QRP	questioned by police, sheriff or, park ranger	has hunted or activated all parks in a state
owns more than two POTA radios	driven 100+ miles on a rove	hunted or activated all 50 states	is a part of facebook / discord group	activator with a kilo at a park

Upcoming Club Events

Won't You Join Us...

in *The DENn!*

Phil-Mont's *Digital Education Net for newbies!*
Returning in September—see you then

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, topics TBD.

NOTE: THE DENn is taking a summer hiatus.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

Margaret "Maggie" Leber, K3XS, SK

Margaret "Maggie" Leber, K3XS, became a Silent Key on Thursday, May 7 around 6pm.

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Margaret "Maggie" Leber, K3XS, who became a Silent Key on the evening of May 7, 2026. She was 73.

Maggie was an Extra-class amateur radio operator — a reflection of the dedication and skill she brought to everything she pursued. She was equally at home in the air as on the air, holding a private pilot certificate and flying out of Pottstown Municipal Airport. A founding member of the Delaware Valley Pink Pistols and active in the Boyertown Flying Club, Maggie was someone who led by showing up and getting involved. She also had a deep love of science fiction and music.

Many of us knew Maggie best through her presence on the club's groups.io reflector, where she was a constant and generous contributor. No question went unanswered if Maggie had something to offer — and she usually did. Whether it was technical advice, hard-won experience, or a well-placed opinion, she never hesitated to help a fellow ham. That kind of willingness to share knowledge is what keeps this hobby alive, and she embodied it completely.

Most of all, Maggie cherished her family. She is survived by her lifemate of 28 years, Gwen Patton, NG3P; her three daughters, Ariel Gwendolyn Baker, Alice Robin Bowles, and Alexis Diane McGinnis; five grandchildren, Bria, Kaja, Arya, Jude, and Luna; and her brothers Thomas and Timothy Leber.

Ham radio will be quieter without her.

73, Maggie



Field Day 2026

We are gearing up for another big event for field day this year! Field Day 2025 will be held June 27-28. Field Day is ALWAYS the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC (1400 Eastern) Saturday and ending at 2059 UTC (1659 Eastern) Sunday. The 2026 rules are available at this link: <https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2026/2026-Field-Day-Rules.pdf> Feel free to ask any questions you may have.

We have a few roles filled for the event, and we have plenty more to go around. Namely, our band captains!

BAND CAPTAINS have a great level of responsibility, and those are outlined here! You will be responsible for operating one of the stations on your designated band, and your station will be set up for the duration of the event for yourself and others to utilize. THAT'S RIGHT! If you are not staying overnight, your radio is! We will make sure it is well taken care of, fed, and watered; but people may be operating with it. We are still looking officially for every band (160/80(75)/40/20/15/10/6/2/70cm/+) besides the GOTA station, although Rich AA3RC often enjoys the 40m side of things. (A little birdie told me he may be willing to share)

If you are interested in being a band captain, reply to this thread and let me know:

1. What equipment do you plan to bring? (Radio, Antenna, Coax, Power, Etc)
2. What bands CAN you operate on if asked?
3. What band(s) would you PREFER to operate (not everyone can get 20 and 40 meters)
4. What MODES you plan to operate (CW, SSB, DIGI)

Band captains will be using provided club laptops with provided logging software, to make compiling logs at the end of the event much easier.

We have a small committee set up to pick who will end up where, so let us know what you've got! If you need some equipment to make your station work for your designated bands we will have a limited amount of equipment to share.

FUN WISE we need IDEAS! If there is something you want to try as a group, let us know, I'm sure it can be arranged.

FOOD WISE, some people may get together to purchase larger meals, but in general we are not currently planning any group meals as a club.

Onsite Communications will be via the W3QV repeater and the PMRC simplex frequency (147.510 PL-91.5).

Location as always will be the Fort Washington state park, in the upper group camping area. If you are unable to find us in the park, call in on the simplex or repeater, and we will guide you in or send a search party; your choice!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

OVERNIGHT CAMPING ONLY AVAILABLE TO PMRC CLUB MEMBERS and THEIR GUESTS

IF YOU ARE BRINGING AN RV/TRAILER, LET US KNOW FOR PLANNING PURPOSES!

IF ANYONE HAS ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, LET ME KNOW! I WILL ANSWER ALL!

Thanks for reading everyone, let's get to it and play radio. The clock is ticking!

Charlie, K3NOP
Captain, PMRC Field Day 2026

An Invitation: Visit the Packrats W3CCX VHF-UHF-Microwave Super Station!

June 13-14-2026 Big Pocono State Park POTA US-1333 Near Stroudsburg

You're invited and welcome to visit the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club's VHF, UHF, and microwave station atop Big Pocono State Park near Stroudsburg on June 13 and 14, 2026 during the ARRL's June VHF Contest weekend. Also known as the "Packrats," the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club will operate transceivers on ten bands from 50MHz through 10GHz, all with highly directional antennas and big power from atop a 2000-foot hill (mountain!) in the Poconos, with clear views to the horizon in all directions.

Four stations will be on the air, each with low noise preamplifier, power amplifier, and directional beam (or dish) antenna. The first of the four stations will be dedicated to six meters, and the second to two meters. The third station will handle both 222 MHz and 432 MHz (1.25 meters and 70 cm). The fourth station handles the remaining bands from 1296 MHz (23 cm) through 10 GHz. Each station has computer logging with WSJT-X integration for digital contacts. Starting Friday afternoon, four towers go up, and by Monday morning, like Brigadoon, it all disappears into the mist!

If there is a misconception to be dispelled, it's that operators need to have contesting or microwave experience. Not so! Our mission is to introduce all hams to the fun and wonders of the world above 50 MHz, which only a small percentage of hams explore. Think about your circle of ham radio friends: how many do you know who have never operated a super station, let alone a VHF/UHF super station during a contact weekend? It's a great excuse for a friendly road trip to a scenic mountaintop view, and a rare chance to see, and perhaps, operate that kind of setup.

For those experiencing reluctance, operating new bands and modes under the guidance of experience sure beats the anxiety of the unknown. Big Pocono State Park is POTA park US-1333. If you have a portable POTA setup for the HF bands, bring that along: there are several picnic and parking areas in the park that might be suitable for activation.

I hope to see you there.

If you can't make the trip to Big Pocono, get your VHF/UHF gear fired up and make a QSO with W3CCX during the weekend.

73,

Jim W3JG

2026 Soccer Tournament Host City Amateur Radio Special Event Stations

Looking for operators during the World Soccer Championship (update 1: February 25, 2026)

2026 Soccer Tournament Host City Amateur Radio Special Event Stations. This group is not affiliated with FIFA and does not intend to provide any marketing opportunities for any organization or individual. This is a non-profit effort intended to foster the world-wide profile and enjoyment of the amateur radio hobby and celebrate the quadrennial soccer tournament of 48 teams representing countries around the world.

June 11 – July 19: Games being played in 11 US cities, 3 in Mexico, and 2 in Canada.

US Cities include Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Miami, Kansas City, Seattle, Philadelphia, New York/New Jersey, Los Angeles, San Francisco

Plans are in the works to have Special Event stations on the air during games (or nearby weekend) in their city. The complete schedule can be [found here](#). WM3PEN will represent Philadelphia.

The games in Philadelphia are:

- Côte d'Ivoire v Ecuador | Group E | Sunday, 14 June 7P (Operation could be that weekend)
- Brazil v Haiti | Group C | Friday, 19 June 9P (Operation could be the weekend after)
- France v Bolivia/Iraq/Suriname | Group I | Monday, 22 June 5P (Operation could be the weekend before)
- Curaçao v Côte d'Ivoire | Group E | Thursday, 25 June 4P (Operation could be the weekend before)
- Croatia v Ghana | Group L | Saturday, 27 June 5P (Field Day)
- Match 89 | Round of 16 | Saturday, 4 July 5P (13 Colonies)

The Goal is to NOT interfere with anyone participating with PHLARES/Red Cross operations on the day of the game. Looking to operate either the day that the game is being held and/or the closest weekend to the event so as not to interfere with ARES/Red Cross activity. Operating schedule is subject to operator availability. The week of July 1 -7 will have the 13 Colonies operators.

Bands: All bands except 60 Meters. SSB, CW, Digital. No repeaters, VOIP, Digital Voice.

Operate from home or portable. POTA style operation June be possible from a soccer field. Introduce soccer fans to ham radio.

Certificate: Downloadable national certificate will be available. Website in progress.

QSL Cards: There will be special event QSL cards for each callsign. Details being worked out.

How can you participate? A club June want to operate for a weekend or selected game. An individual June want to be part of a multi club/multi date operator event. Discuss the actual operating dates with WA3PZO.

For further information contact Bob, WA3PZO wa3pzo@aol.com.

Club QSO Party 6/20-21/26

CLUB QSO Party

www.clubqsoparty.org

The June 2026 Club QSO Party is Co-Sponsored By the Following

Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club - South Jersey Radio Assn- Kent Amateur Radio Society

Period: June 20th, 2026 00:00 UTC to June 21st, 2026 23:59 UTC (48 Hours)

Objective: Work as many Amateur Radio Club members as possible and Listed Amateur Radio Club Stations

Bands: All Amateur radio bands with the exception of 60m, 30m, 17, & 12m, and all modes including repeater contacts, satellite and EME QSOs will be accepted.



Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club

<https://www.phil-mont.org/>



South Jersey Radio Assn

<https://sjra.club/sjraclub/>



Kent Amateur Radio Society

<https://k3ars.org/kars/>

Upcoming Club Events

MARK YOUR 2026 CALENDARS!

Upcoming Club Radio Activities

- June 20-21st Club QSO Party
- June 26-28th Field Day
- July 11th POTAMANIA
- August 15th-16th 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.**

PMRC at the Cradle of Liberty Jam

On May 2, members of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club headed out to Green Lane Park for the Cradle of Liberty Council's Liberty Jam 2026 — a full day of leadership, skills, and fellowship hosted by Scouting America. AA3RC, KC3SMW, KC3UKC, and KC3GJX set up multiple stations and spent the day introducing a new generation of Scouts to the hobby.

Throughout the event, Scouts explored how ham radio can be used to communicate across towns, states, and around the world. Operators demonstrated equipment, explained operating procedures, and discussed the role amateur radio plays in emergencies, public service events, and outdoor adventures. The highlight of the day was watching live SSTV images appear on-screen on 20 meters, while KC3UKC narrated a CW contact from Ukraine decoded in real time via ggmorse on his phone. More than one young Scout stopped and stared.

"My son was captivated," wrote Rob Carlson, KC2AEI, in a note to the club afterward. "Well done all of you reaching the next generation of future hams!"

Mike, KC3UKC, echoed the sentiment: "It was good to see the Scouts as excited to be on the air as we are — we hope we made an impact on some of them."

Events like Liberty Jam are exactly why outreach matters. We plant seeds — and some of those Scouts will be calling CQ before long.

73, and thanks to everyone who made the trip out to Green Lane.



PMRC at the Cradle of Liberty Jam



Ham Radio on the Stage

By Grace Lazarz

"You may have met a few of the Pig Iron School theater students last March at the Parks on the Air event! Our research and conversations ended up feeding into their thesis performance "Thanks for the Contact", which premiered at SideQuest Theater in Center City the first weekend of May. Thanks to the ham radio equipment loan from Rich, AA3RC, we got to feature some actual amateur radio gear.

The play follows three storylines that end up interweaving via an impending storm--an electrician who befriends a bird on a power line, a weather reporter trying to juggle being a single mom and a cold workplace, and a ham radio enthusiast who connects with a strange person over his radio who seems to know a lot about him. At its heart it's a physical theater piece that uses PVC pipes, elastic, ladders, masks, and movement to tell a story that explores loss, connection, isolation, and balance. We took lots of artistic liberties of course, but the ham radio gear became a crucial part of Simon's (the ham radio operator) space and story, and Q-codes became a crucial part of the emotional climax. There wasn't a dry eye in the house! Many thanks for everyone's assistance. We hope to continue working on the play, so it may have a future life in the area!"



May POTA-Mania

It is unbelievable that the second POTAmnia event has already come and gone. This month we had some beautiful spring weather that stuck around all day, truly my favorite time to be outside playing radio. At the end of the day we ended up with 5 uploaded activations totaling around 175 contacts at the time of writing this article.

As usual we had a great group of operators come out to the park and get on the air. In addition to the activations we even had a few members that came out to the park and got on the air to do some park hunting and a few that stopped by to spend some time socializing with fellow club members.

We had multiple stations activate using SSB, Digital and CW but one thing that I noted looking at the uploads was that every station that was on the air that day was actively making CW contacts. As a newbie CW operator myself, I was glad to see some extra activity on CW as it is quickly becoming my preferred, and maybe favorite, mode of activating.

Most notable among the activations was KD3CVQ who showed up with his QRP Labs QCX+ and a 40m dipole and managed to complete 12CW contacts, making his first successful CW POTA activation. Congrats Greg and good luck on your continued CW Journey.

All are welcome to come play radio with us and there is always something exciting going on at POTAmnia! I hope you will all join us next month at Field Day, and then again in July for our next round of POTAmnia!

See you at the park,
KC3UKC, Mike



May POTA-Mania



Upcoming Hamfests

The Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club presents the



Sunday, August 9th, 2026

Kimberton Fire Co. Fairgrounds

762 Pike Springs Rd. (Rt. 113) at Firehouse Lane, Phoenixville, Pa.
([40.12748° N, 75.56720° W](#))

Admission: Buyers 8:00 AM / Sellers 7:00 AM

\$10 – Admission (free admission for unlicensed spouse and children of licensed Hams)

*Tailgate Space:

\$10 – Admission
\$10 – Car width space/head in parking
No reserved tailgate spaces

*Indoor Tables:

\$ 10 – Admission
\$ 10 each for 1 - 4 tables
\$ 8 each for 5 or more

For updates and info, contact Bob Palin, N3JIZ, Hamfest Chair, at (610) 420-1535 or hamfest@marc-radio.org, or visit our website: www.marc-radio.org

- ✓ Rain or shine
Indoor & Outdoor Facilities!
- ✓ VE tests at 10 a.m.! Register by contacting
Brian Kelly at bjkelly45@gmail.com.
- ✓ QSL Card checking on site!
- ✓ Food Vendor on site!
- ✓ Lots of great door prizes from over 20 vendors!

Talk In: 145.130/- and
147.060/+ CTCSS 131.8

Food and beverage sales
by approved vendors only

Vendor set up starts Sunday 8/9
at 7:00 AM. *No early setup
without prior authorization from
the Hamfest Chair!*

Indoor table reservations

(LIMITED ELECTRICAL) –
Contact: Bob Palin, N3JIZ,
Hamfest Chair, at 610-420-1535



Upcoming Hamfests

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA HAMFEST

Presented by Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club

www.clearfieldcountyar.com/hamfest

Swap Meet | Meet n Greet | Rag Chew | Exam Session



WHEN

Sunday September 13 2026

8AM to 12 PM

WHERE

DOOR PRIZES

Clearfield County Fair Grounds

Community Hall Building and surrounding grounds

Use Weaver Street Exit on US 322 at Clearfield

FEES

Parking: FREE

General Admission: \$5*

Inside Vendor Table: \$10

Tailgate Spaces: \$5

*Active Duty Military/Emergency in uniform/under 12 free.

Reserve and pay for your table ahead of time: hamfest@clearfieldcountyar.com

EXAM SESSION

~~NO FEE FOR EXAM~~

Begins at 11 AM

(Reservations preferred but not required)

Contact: Mary Lewis N3UDN

E-mail: jlms@windstream.net

Sponsor: Ridgeway ARC/Laurel VEC

You will need:

- Your FRN
 - Photo ID or student ID
 - Email address
 - Non-programable calculator (optional)
- ***If testing for General or Extra bring your current license card issued by the FCC***
- NOTE: Reasonable accommodations honored. Advance notice is appreciated.

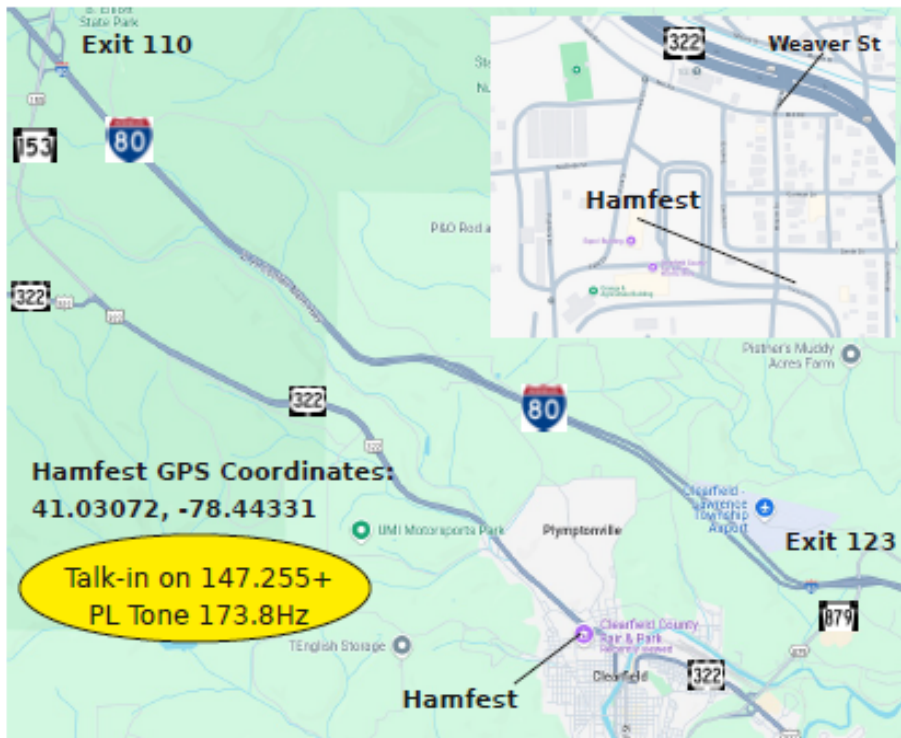


EVENT SCHEDULE

- 6 AM Set-up Dealers & Tailgating
- 8 AM Hamfest opens
- 8 AM ARES® Meeting
- 9 AM SKYWARN Spotter Training
- 10 AM ARRL Atlantic Division Director & Section Manager
- 11AM VE Testing
- 11:30AM Prize Drawings
- 12 PM Close

CONCESSIONS

Food - Drinks - Snacks



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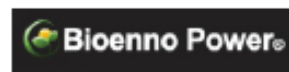
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N3ZP's Contest Corner

Here is the contest calendar report for June. The season is slowing down but of course there is the ARRL Digital, ARRL VHF and Field Day plus some QSO parties including the Club QSO Party which has been covered in the Blurb and Groups. IO.

June 6 - June 7

Kentucky QSO Party - 1500Z July 6 - 1459 June 7. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 Meters. CW, Phone, RTTY. Rules: <http://www.kyqsoparty.org/rules/>. Work 120 KY counties for multipliers. Expect some mobiles, rovers and maybe even POTA stations.

ARRL International Digital Contest - 1800Z Jun. 6 - 2400Z Jun. 7. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 Meters. Digital (no RTTY), 100 Watts. max. Rules: <https://www.arrl.org/arrl-digital-contest>. Work some DX using FT8/FT4 or any other digital modes with a simple Grid Square exchange.

Atlantic Canada QSO Party - 1400Z Jun. 7 - 0100Z Jun. 8. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW, Phone. Rules: <https://acqp.ca/>. Work Canadian Atlantic provinces in this contest.

June 13 - June 14

Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB - 1100Z - 1300Z Jun. 13. Worldwide. 20, 15 Meters. SSB. 20 and 15 Meters. Rules: <http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt>. Work some Asia and Pacific stations in this short sprint contest.

ARRL June VHF Contest - 1800Z Jun. 13 - 0259 Jun. 13. US, Canada. 50 MHz and up. All modes. Rules: <https://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>. Work some stations on all the VHF and UHF bands (no repeaters).

June - 20 - June 22

All Asian DX Contest, CW - 0000Z Jun. 20 - 2400Z Jun. 21. Worldwide. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters. CW. Rules: https://www.jarl.org/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/AA_rule_en.htm. Work some of the many Japanese stations that will be on. If the bands are good pick up some rare Asian DX.

West Virginia QSO Party - 1600Z Jun. 20 - 0400Z Jun. 21. 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters, CW, Phone, Digital. Rules: <https://www.qsl.net/wvqp/>. Work WV stations in 55 counties to celebrate WV statehood June 20, 1863.

Stew Perry Topband Contest - 1500Z Jun. 20 - 1500Z Jun. 21. Worldwide. 160 Meter band. CW. Rules: <http://www.kkn.net/stew/>. Work some stations in the last 160 Meter contest of the season.

June 27 - June 28

ARRL Field Day - 1800Z Jun. 27 - 2100Z Jun. 28. All bands except 60, 30, 17 and 12 Meters. All modes. Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>. Probably the biggest US ham radio event of the year. Join Phil-Mont at Fort Washington State Park or even make some QSOs on your own at home or in a POTA site. Not much more I can say about it. It is well covered on our website and in the Blurb. Don't miss it!

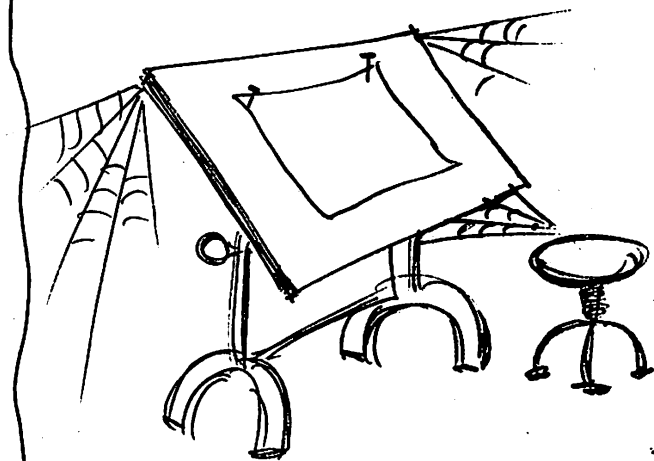
That's my list for June. Not all inclusive but plenty of contest activity. As always, you can reach out to me for assistance or advice in participating in a contest and logging. Phil N3ZP

From the PMRC Archive...

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



Sam's HALF ACRE



THERE COMES A TIME FOR
EVERYONE.....
WHEN NOTHING IT SEEMS, IS
GETTING DONE!
OF NO IDEAS, I GET MY
SHARE.....
CAUSE' ON MY BOARD, AINT
NOTHIN, THERE!

* BURMA-SHAVE

* OLD TIMERS, TAKE NOTE.

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? Do you have some goodies for sale?

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