

June 2013

The HARC Spark

The Official Newsletter of the
Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club
WM3PEN 146.685 Mhz Repeater
K3RJC 444.9 Mhz Repeater
K3FI CLUB CALLS WM3PEN
Web Site <http://www.harcnet.org>



HARC IS RADIO ACTIVE!
Field Day June 22 – 23
13 Colonies Special Event July 1-6
Club Meeting June 27

HARC FIELD DAY LOCATION **Alverthorpe Park off of Jenkintown Rd.**



FIELD DAY BONUS POINTS

Field Day stations are eligible for bonus points. Here are some of the points that we expect to earn.

- Emergency Power – 300 points (100/xmtr)
- Media Publicity – 100 points
- Public Location – Alverthorpe Park 100 points
- Public Information Table – 100 points
- Message to Section Manager – 100 points
- W1AW Bulletin copied – 100 points
- Others may be earned

FIELD DAY **June 22 - 23** **Alverthorpe Park**

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN! ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

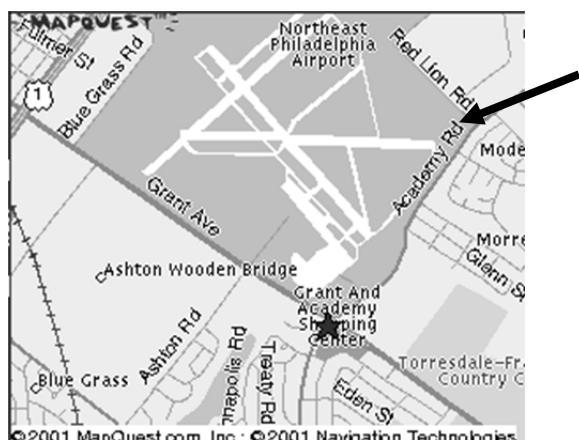
The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fundraisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities. But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations. See more on pg 7.

HARC Board of Directors

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H.A.R.C. Monthly Meetings - The Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Thursday @ 7:30 PM (Odd number months). General meetings are held the 4th. Thursday @ 8:00 PM. 8th District Police Station, Red Lion & Academy Rd. Phila PA. No meeting in July. Picnic in August.



H.A.R.C maintains the 146.685 repeater located @ Univ. of PA., Phila PA with inputs in Abington, N.E. Phila, and Cherry Hill, NJ; More Club Information & Member Applications can be had by contacting any of the Directors via E-mail. WM3PEN@arrl.org, the web page <http://www.harcnet.org> or writing to HARC 3341 Sheffield Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19136.

HF AWARDS MANAGER

Are you getting close to having all 50 states confirmed for the Worked All States award or working enough grid squares for to qualify for the VUCC Award? As a HARC service you can now have your QSL cards verified by Bob, WA3PZO, and not have to ship the cards to ARRL Headquarters. You must be an ARRL member to qualify for the awards. Additional information and links can be found on the HARC website (www.harcnet.org)

HARC Bulletin Schedule

Bulletin Station K3CJ

Wed 2000L Amateur Radio News Line
ARRL Audio News
The RAIN Report
Contests / Special Events / Hamfests
Sun 1000L This Week In Amateur Radio
Gate Way 160
Handy Hams
Contests / Special Events / Hamfests

PHILA ARES INFORMATION

All amateurs interested in participating should check into the Phila ARES Net, Sunday's at 9:00 PM, hosted on the Phil-Mont Repeater System; 147.030 MHz (+offset 91.5 PL) ;444.80 MHz (+offset 186.2 PL) When control operators are available, Echolink node 29742, WU3I-L, is on the repeater. Backup link is KB3IV-L.

All interested amateurs are welcomed and encouraged to check in for more information. There is always a different topic of interest to the amateur community discussed with an informal round table of comments and suggestions.

Look forward to having all check in on Sunday nights @ 9:00 pm. See web site for more information.

- Visit the Philadelphia ARES web site <http://www.harcnet.org/aresindex.html>



VE SESSIONS

PhilMont Mobile Radio Club has testing in Ambler, PA on the 4th Thursday of every month. Exams , 1414 E. Butler Pike in Ambler, PA.

Registration begins at 7pm.

Warminster Amateur Radio Club has testing the last Wednesday evening of each month except August and December. The sessions are at the Warminster Recreational and Educational Center on Little Lane, and start promptly at 7:00 PM (registration 6:45 PM).

Bryn Mawr - quarterly on a Saturday. Contact Bob Lees, W3ZQN, rjlees@aol.com

Keep up on the latest HARC news by checking out the Club website www.HARCNET.org

Upcoming Events

***Next Club Meeting: June 27
No July Meeting
Picnic in August***

Looking for New Meeting Location

As announced at the January meeting, HARC has been informed that our current meeting room will not be available in 2014. We are in the process of looking for a new location.

Several club members have made contacts with people and organizations that they are involved with. We want to thank KB3UWJ, N3ZZK, AB3EO, KC3JV. We're still working on finding a room.

The room should be similar to our current meeting room with seats for about 40 people. The ability to set up a projection screen and table to show presentations. First floor location or an elevator. The meeting night could be changed if necessary.

If you have any ideas contact Bob, WA3PZO

Oct 2012/Feb 2013 SCR results: Still Waiting!

LIMARC organizers were hit hard by Superstorm Sandy. No power or internet service for several days caused several logs to be lost to the bit bucket. The organizers say "After several false starts, we have been making some good progress since this past weekend. We are concentrating on the October 2012 results and then will do the February 2013. Then we will be reviewing the whole process so that we do not get tripped up again the way we did this year." WM3PEN is hoping for a good showing the event. The next School Roundup will be October 21-25. If you are interested in operating with the Club call during the event, contact Bob, WA3PZO.



www.arrl.org

Pennsylvania "67" Challenge Award

Amateur Radio operators around the world have the opportunity to participate in the Pennsylvania "67" Challenge. The Challenge, sponsored by the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club, is to make contact with all 67 Pennsylvania Counties.

The Challenge is open to all amateur radio operators regardless of individual station capabilities. All contacts must be 2-way communications made in real time. These contacts may be on any Amateur Radio band/mode.

Contacts made using repeating devices such as FM repeaters, Amateur satellites, moon-bounce, and keyboard-to-keyboard contacts through digipeaters/nodes are valid, because these QSOs are made in real or near-real time. Contacts using IRLP, Echolink, or D-Star are valid as long as a radio is being used by both operators. All contacts must be made from the same county.

As an incentive Pennsylvania "67" Challenge certificates may be earned by working stations in 20, 40, 60, or all 67 Counties. Paper or electronic QSLs are acceptable. The contacts can be verified by a local club officer or mailed to the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club.

HARC Award Manager Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO said there was a need to have a County Challenge in Pennsylvania that was within the reach of most hams in Pennsylvania. When other state awards lost their sponsorship it was an opportunity for the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club to fill the void.

Complete rules are posted on the HARC website. Questions on the Award can be directed to HARC at WM3PEN@ARRL.NET.

On the Air!

Museum Ships Weekend June 1 -2

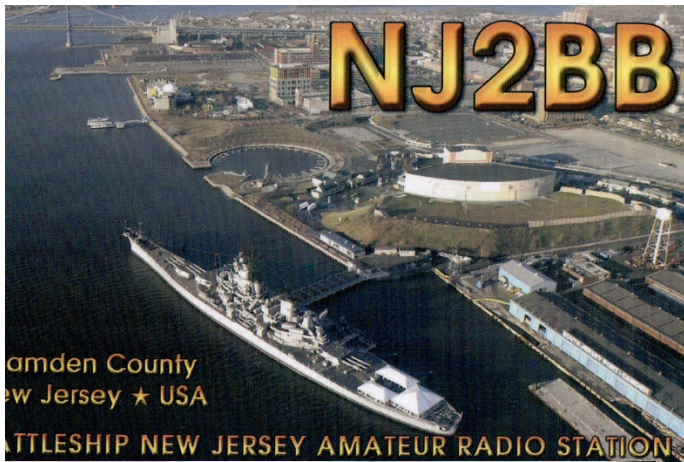
Welcome aboard! This was a familiar greeting on the air as over 100 museum ships and submarines got on the air to make contacts around the world. Three vessels were on the air in the immediate area. The Battleship New Jersey, NJ2BB, sponsor of the event, the USS Olympia, WA3BAT, and the submarine USS Becuna, N3SUB. HARC members Rich, AB3EO, and Carl, N3ZZK operated from the Becuna and visited the Olympia.



Becuna and Olympia docked at Penns Landing



Photos courtesy of N3ZZK, QSL cards from WA3PZO



Hamden County
New Jersey ★ USA

BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY AMATEUR RADIO STATION

BB 55

Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 4044
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
USA



USS North Carolina

NI4BK



WA3BAT



W1WQM

PORT CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

USS ALBACORE AGSS-569

NM1JY

PORTSMOUTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE, USA

NI6IW

MIDWAY MAGIC
In Service 1945 - 1992



USS MIDWAY CV-41
Museum Radio Operations Room



910 North Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

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USS Drum

USS Alabama

W6Z



WW2MAN

SEEHUND U-5075

Confirmation of Radio Contact With World War II Submarine USS Cobia SS-245

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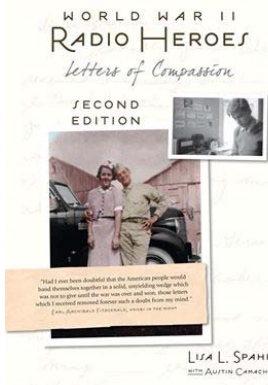
USS COBIA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
75 MARITIME DRIVE
MANITOWOC WI 54220

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SUBMARINE USS COBIA SS-245
US NAVY
WORLD WAR II RADIO CALL SIGN



USS COBIA AT SEA 1945



World War II Radio Heroes Letters of Compassion

Second Edition
 Lisa Spahr
 Review by Bob Josuweit,
 WA3PZO

Few stories capture one's appreciation for shortwave listeners as does Lisa Spahr's World War II Radio Heroes. The story traces her research into some of her grandfather's

letters she read. Her great grandfather Robert Spahr was held captive in a German prison of war camp during World War II. The book tells the story through her own family's experience of receiving letters from SWL listeners tuned into the German Overseas Radio Service broadcast out of Berlin on the 41 and 49 Meter bands. Following the English news broadcast, the station released names and messages of American soldiers so that their nearest kin may be notified by anyone who heard the message. Some prisoners talked to their loved ones back home, so as to relieve them of worry. This might be the first notification that a loved one was captured and unharmed. In many cases the prisoner would be able to write home via the Red Cross.

Lisa's family lived in Pennsylvania so some of the stories strike home to amateur radio operators and SWLs across the Commonwealth. The Spahr family received letters from many listeners around the country. Some offer advice as to 'the next step' of notification and what kind of information, literature, food, and clothing could be sent to the POW camp.

Of particular interest to Philadelphia area hams is the story of Flavius Jankauskas, K3JV, who as a young SWL heard the German broadcast and sent a letter to Robert Spahr's family. Jankauskas eventually met Lisa Spahr and presented her with the receiver that he heard the broadcast on. Some of the shortwave listeners wrote more than 1000 letters to POW families. The book is filled with pictures of the postcards and letters sent to the POW families.

Many of the listeners were members of SWAM, the Shortwave Amateurs Monitoring Club. In 1944, 44 percent of the members were women. Since the percentage of women members is much higher than the general amateur radio or shortwave listening communities, it might suggest that POW monitoring was a homefront activity that extended well beyond organized hams and SWLs. The book describes situations where the government became suspicious of the monitoring stations fearing they would fall into the enemy's hand.

Radio Heroes also traces the work of shortwave listeners monitoring broadcasts out of Tokyo which announced the names of many prisoners of war in Japan. The letters included in the book describe the process that allowed American POWs to send a message back home, the radio

equipment that was used to receive the messages, and ultimately the time, effort, and dedication of these shortwave listeners to get word to the POWs' family members.

The Second Edition of Radio Heroes contains a lot of new information and is three times the size of the original book. For those that found the first edition of interest they will find additional detail in the second edition. For those that haven't read the book, just pick up a copy and read about this fascinating period of radio monitoring. World War II Radio Heroes Letters of Compassion Second Edition can also be ordered from the book's website www.powletters.com, ARRL.org, or Amazon.com. Make sure you are getting the second edition. List: 19.95.

13 Colonies Special Event July 1 - 6

WM3PEN will be on the air helping to celebrate our independence as part of the 13 Colonies Event. The event has run for the last several years and has proven to be extremely popular. Last year over 62,000 people contacted one or more of the 13 colonies stations or the Bonus station, WM3PEN. The event will begin on July 1st at 9 AM local time until midnight local time on July 6th.

Joining HARC members on the air will be members of the Philmont Mobile Radio Club, Drexel University Amateur Radio Club, and the University of Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Club. There is room for more operators. Contact WA3PZO. The latest information on the 13 Original Colonies Special Event Stations Week can be found at <http://www.13colonies.info/>.





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GREETINGS:

It is my pleasure to join with amateur radio operators across the Commonwealth in support of June 2013 as "Amateur Radio Month."

Thousands of our Commonwealth's citizens have been licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as amateur radio operators. These men and women, also known as Hams, have worked diligently over the years to provide vital supplemental communications to their communities during times of emergencies and natural disasters, and at public events since wireless radio's earliest days. Amateur radio is both a hobby and service, and Hams use radio communication for public service and recreation. I commend all the men and women throughout the Commonwealth who volunteer their time, talents and efforts as amateur radio operators.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am pleased to recognize June 2013 as "Amateur Radio Month" in Pennsylvania. Please accept my best wishes for continued success in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Corbett".

TOM CORBETT
Governor
June 2013



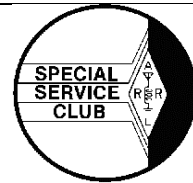
HOLMESBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
3341 Sheffield Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19136
"Serving the Community Through Ham Radio"

Club meeting: June 27



**HOLMESBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
2013 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

HARC, 3341 Sheffield Ave, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19136
<http://www.harcnet.org>
WM3PEN/K3FI



All members in good standing are eligible to vote and hold a board office. Dues are \$20.00/year.
Make checks payable to H.A.R.C. and mail to 3341 Sheffield Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19136. Membership year begins April 1.

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ADDRESS _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone # _____ Would you be willing to receive the newsletter via email? ____

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Are you an ARRL member? YES NO Membership Expires (mm/yy) _____