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The HARC Spark

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Field Day/13 Colonies Prep

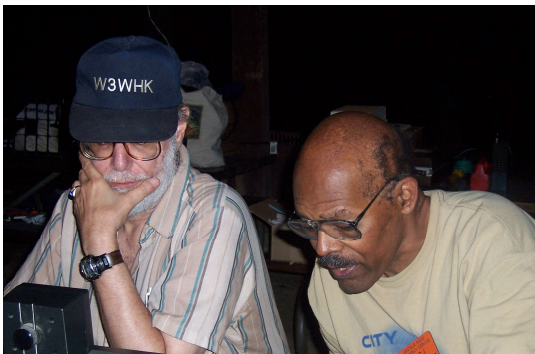
Meeting June 16, 2016

June 18 HARC Meeting

HARC's busiest time of the year is upon us. First Field Day at Avelthorpe Park is June 25 and 26. Just 5 days later on June 30, the 13 Colonies Special Event starts up running until July 6. We'll discuss both events. There are opportunities to operate on all bands.



NY3Z and N3ZZK check out 20 meters while W3WHK and K3CJ work on 80 meters.



HARC FIELD DAY

June 25 - 26

Alverthorpe Park off of Jenkintown Rd.



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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. (cont. pg 3)

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H.A.R.C. Monthly Meetings - The Board of Directors meets on the 1st Thursday @ 7:30 PM (Odd number months). General meetings are held the 3rd. Thursday @8:00 PM. Pathway Bldg, Philadelphia Protestant Home, 6401 Martins Mill Road at Tabor Rd . Phila PA. Picnic in August. Holiday Dinner in December.

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>



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.



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

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)

Keep up on the latest HARC news by checking out the Club website

www.HARCNET.org

Upcoming Events

13 Colonies/Field Day – June 16

13 Colonies QSL Party – July 21

HARC Picnic – August 21

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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; fund-raisers 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.



Philadelphia area Ham Radio operators celebrate July 4th holiday with 13 Colonies Special Event

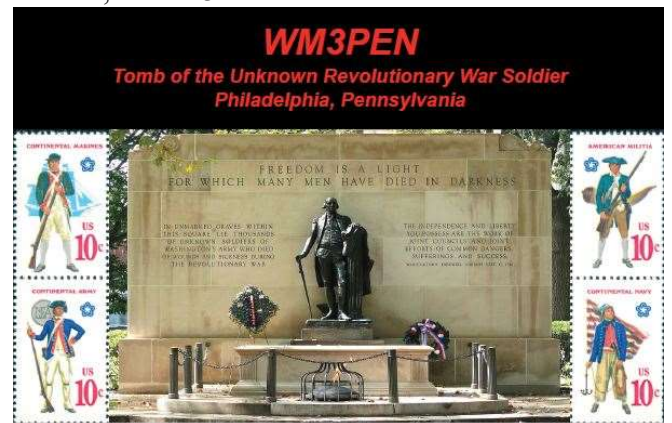
Amateur radio stations operating from the 13 original U.S. colonies will be joined by members of several Philadelphia area amateur radio clubs to celebrate Independence Day from the city where independence was declared, Philadelphia, PA.

The six day event, June 30 – July 5, allows amateur radio operators around the world to learn about the original 13 colonies and the city where Independence began. This will be the sixth year members of the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club (HARC) will be participating. Also participating will be members of the Philmont Mobile, Drexel University, and Pottstown Area Amateur Radio Club Amateur Radio Clubs, and the Philadelphia Digital Radio Association.

The theme for the 2016 event is Colonial Soldiers of the Revolution. Each of the original 13 colonies will be represented by a special event amateur radio station, K2A-K2M. The Philadelphia group, using the call WM3PEN, will offer a special QSL card featuring the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier. Also this year GB13COL will be on from Durham, England. Banner. In all you can collect 15 QSL cards during the 6 day event and earn a nice certificate.

There will be several new aspects to this year’s event. WM3PEN will be on the air from Independence National Historical Park on July 3. Pete, K0BAK, will be participating in the National Parks of the Air as well as the 13 Colonies. Thanks to members of the Philadelphia Digital Radio Association, WM3PEN will be on D-STAR and Fusion. They will be on the air from 7PM – 11PM EDT. In the Philadelphia area they will be on the K3PDR repeater. This year they will be joining in on the fun.

For more information on the event checkout the website, www.13colonies.net.



The Original "13" Colonies Special Event Group Presents The 6th Annual: 4TH OF JULY WEEK - THE ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES SPECIAL EVENT

GOD BLESS AMERICA ☆ INDEPENDENCE WEEK - 2016 ☆ "WE THE PEOPLE"

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13th Yellow 32303 - EVENT MANAGER: *Tom Williams*

All 13 Colony States Clean Sweep

Governor Wolf Proclaims Amateur Radio Month

June is Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Month by proclamation of Governor Tom Wolf. Our own EPA State Government Liaison, Dr Fred Serota K3BHX made this happen, as he's done for years. Be sure to thank Fred for keeping ham radio in front of our elected representatives in Harrisburg and in such a positive, constructive light.



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GREETINGS:

It is my pleasure to join with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and amateur radio operators across the commonwealth to support June 2016 as *Amateur Radio Month*.

Since the invention of radio, millions of listeners have joined together in a culture created by music and storytelling that has united our nation together in times of turmoil and peace. For over a century, ARRL has diligently provided the commonwealth with public service announcements, news, and family entertainment. Amateur radio is both a hobby and service to the community. I applaud all the men and women who graciously volunteer their time and talents to benefit their communities. It is my hope that amateur radio operators will continue to enrich the lives of our citizens and will continue to maintain a strong presence in the commonwealth for years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am pleased to recognize June 2016 as *Amateur Radio Month*. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.



Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor
June 2016

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.

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

Stamps For the Wounded

HARC members will start collecting postage stamps for the Stamps For the Wounded program. *Stamps for the Wounded* accepts any U.S. or foreign stamps that are not torn or damaged. They have also requested each stamp should have at least a quarter-inch margin around the stamp. Do not try to either to peel or steam the stamp off the original envelope.

So save the stamps from your qsl cards or other mail. They do not need the common Flag Forever stamp. Bring the stamps to a club meeting and give them to Rich, AB3EO, who will mail them.

Kimberton Hamfest Saturday, July 9

The 2016 MARC Hamfest will be held on *Saturday* July 9, 2015 at the Kimberton Fire Company grounds, Route 113 (742 Pike Springs Road) south of the intersection with Route 23 in Kimberton, PA. The maps show that Kimberton is northwest of King of Prussia and just west of Phoenixville, PA. Talk-in is available on the MARC linked repeater systems with coverage to the north and west and near Kimberton provided by 145.13 MHz PL 131.8 repeater in Paoli PA and to the south and east by 147.06 MHz PL 131.8 repeater in Newtown Square PA.

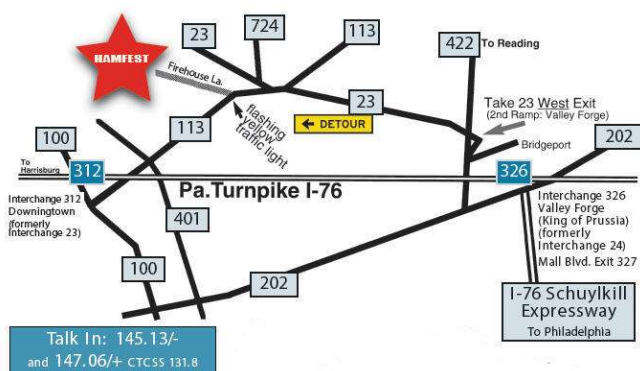
Doors open for sellers at 0700 and for buyers at 0800. Admission is still only \$6 which it has been for decades and entitles you to a door prize ticket. Sellers have an outdoor tailgate space for \$6 (one car width, head-in parking) not including admission. An indoor table with electricity service is available for \$10 each for 1 to 4 tables or \$8 each for 5 or more tables not including admission. Reservations for indoor tables are required: kf3cd@arrl.net

QSL card checking for the ARRL DXCC and WAS awards will be available while you wait, saving you the time and expense of mailing your valuable QSL cards to the ARRL. QSL bureau envelopes will also be available for purchase.

Food and beverage sales are provided by authorized vendors only. Unlicensed children and spouse with a licensed Ham admission are free.

MARC sponsors at VE Test Session at the Hamfest at 1000, arrive by 0945 in the Pavilion. See MARC [ARRL VE Test Session](#) for additional information.

This is a great day in the country! Come to the MARC Hamfest in the morning and spend a leisurely afternoon in nearby [Valley Forge National Historic Park](#).



Stay Connected!

The HARC Club net meets every Wednesday night at 8 PM on the Club repeater. Check in and see what's going on.



HARC has a Facebook page. Sign up today.

Follow HARC on the web at www.harcnet.org and via the HARC Spark.

HARC minutes, general meeting 19 May 2016

WA3PZO called meeting to order at 2005 in the Conference Room, Protestant Home main building, since our regular room was unavailable.

Announcements/upcoming events:

- Field Day
- 13 Colonies: QSLs have been ordered; Pottstown club will operate on HF, K0BAK will operate NPOTA from Independence Hall, Philadelphia Digital Radio Association will operate D-Star, GB13CL will operate from UK.
- WA3PZO did interview with Mark Abrams of KYW.
- MS150 Bike Ride to Ocean City, Sept. 24-25: volunteers needed
- Club dues are due.
- ICOM event June 6 at Montgomery County Community College
- HARC received thank-you card from Stamps for the Wounded
- 1st weekend in June: Museum Ships on the Air —station on USS New Jersey will be in operation(via K3UJ)

Scheduled program:

KC3JV's talk was postponed due to the inconvenience of doing the presentation in the Conference Room.

HOLMESBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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“Serving the Community Through Ham Radio”

June 16 Meeting – Field Day/13 Colonies



**HOLMESBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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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 May 1.

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