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The HARC Spark

The Official Newsletter of the
Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club
WM3PEN 146.685 Mhz Repeater
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Field Day – 13 Colonies - Elections

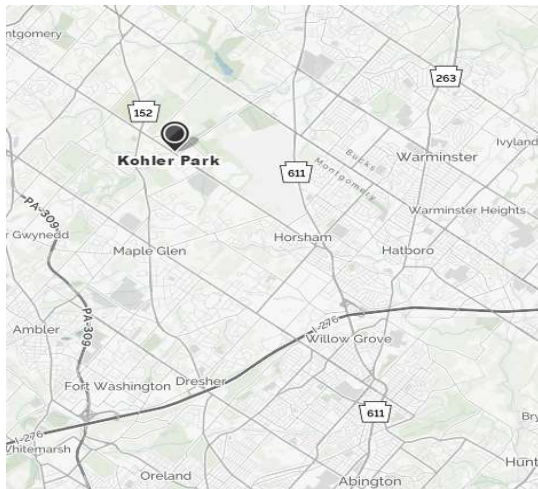
HARC Meeting – June 15

Field Day Location Change

Field Day is June 24 and 25. Unfortunately Avelthorpe Park is not available this year. We will be operating from Kohler Park, 1013 Horsham Rd, Horsham, PA. The area has a pavilion, grill, and restrooms.



From Jenkintown head north on Rt 611 and make a left turn onto Horsham Rd. Drive about 3 miles.



HARC ELECTIONS

Elections were moved to the June meeting when we didn't have enough people at the meeting which occurred the day before the Dayton Hamvention.

The following positions are up for election. President, Vice President, Secretary, and 2 member at large positions. The Treasurer and Technical Chairman remain in their position.

Currently on the ballot:

President: WA3GM

Vice President: W3WHK

Secretary: ??

Member at Large (2): K3UJ, N3UBY, KC3AZT

Treasurer: WA3PZO

Technical Chairman: K3RJC

Nominations will be accepted up to the beginning of the June meeting. Elections will take place once nominations are closed.

GET INVOLVED!

HARC Board of Directors

President/Treasurer - Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO

Vice President - Greg Malone, WA3GM

Secretary - Saul Brody, W3WHK

Technical - Ron Cardullo, K3RJC

Member-at-Large - Sol Volen, N3UBY

Mike Wurgley, N3LXN

Webmaster - Rich Shivers, K3UJ

Newsletter Editor - Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO

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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.



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.

Keep up on the latest HARC news by checking out the Club website www.HARCNET.org
Upcoming Events
HARC Meeting – June 15
Field Day – June 24-25
13 Colonies – July 1-6

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

Phil-Mont 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, Monthly, Last Mon. 7:00 pm at the Wilson Senior Community Center 580 Delmont Avenue Warminster, PA 18974.

George Brechmann (215) 443-5656.

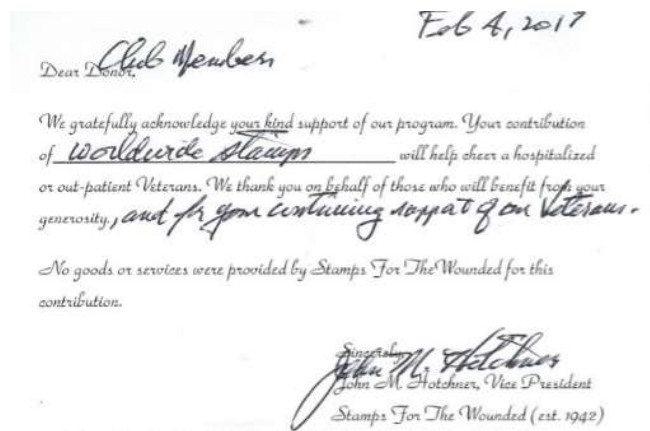
Mid-Atlantic ARC provides VE Test Sessions quarterly on the first Saturday of the months of February, May, August and November at 0900 and hosted by the Lower Providence Township Building. The VE Test Sessions are coordinated by Dick Stewart K3ITH.

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)

Stamps, Stamps, and More Stamps for SFTW

Last year turned out to be a banner year for HARC's participation in the Stamps for the Wounded Program. Over 31 pounds of stamps were collected and shipped to the SFTW program. So far 2017 is off to a flying start with 11 people, including one ham from England, sending stamps to the Club for SFTW. The collected stamps are distributed to various centers around the country to help with physical and occupational therapy programs for our wounded vets. Here is the latest thank you from SFTW.

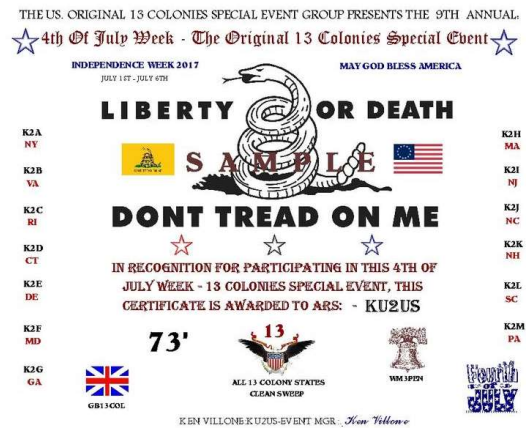


HARC Dues Due

HARC's 2017 dues are due May 1. Dues are \$20 per year. That's less than 40 cents a week to support the most active club in Philadelphia. Membership form on page 6. Think of joining ARRL? If this is your first time joining ARRL we have a bonus. Be one of the first 3 to join and you will receive a repeater directory and \$15 of your ARRL dues will help support HARC.

13 Colonies Special Event July 1 – 6, 2017

With the theme of this year's 13 Colonies Special Event being Liberty or Death, WM3PEN's QSL card will feature the Liberty Bell. The inscription on the bell is "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof" Interested in participating contact WA3PZO.



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.



Pennsylvania 67 Challenge

Congratulations for
making a confirmed contact with
amateur radio operators in:



Presented by the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club, WM3PEN,
Philadelphia, PA

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.

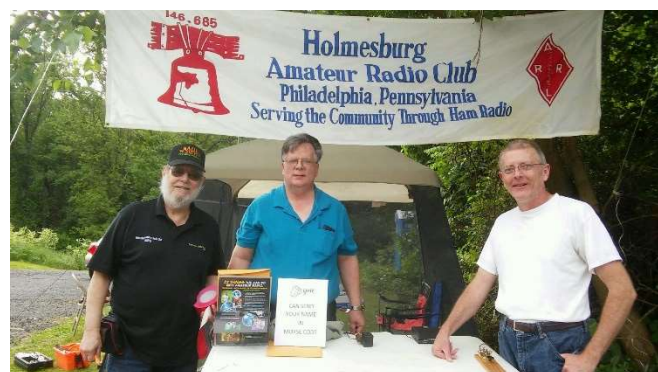
Krewstown Road Festival

A Celebration of History and Nature: Pennepack Creek and the Evolution of Northeast Philadelphia was held on Saturday June 4.

Leading the effort was Saul, W3WHK. The Club had a HF station on the air as a booth for anyone to send their first name in Morse Code.



N3ZZK in front of the HARC display.



W3WHK, WA3PZO, KC3AZT



Saul, W3WHK, coordinated the event. N3ZZK operated and coordinated the antenna setup. Helping behind the scene was KC3JV with antenna preparations and K3UJ produced the certificate.

The challenge attracted young and old alike. Club members made several contacts with scout and community members which may attract newcomers into the hobby.

Kimberton Hamfest

On Saturday, July 8 from 7:00 AM until 12 NOON, The Mid-Atlantic Radio Club will hold its annual HAMFEST at Kimberton Fire Co. Fairgrounds, Route 113 (Pike Springs Rd.) & Firehouse Lane • Kimberton / Phoenixville, PA 19460. Admission is \$6.00 with free admission for unlicensed spouse and children of licensed ham.

For information on reserving your table or tailgate space, please contact Brian Kelly at 240-498-1964 or AA3BK@marc-radio.org. More details can be found at <http://www.marc-radio.org/hamfest2.htm>. Services offered: VE testing, free QSL card checking while you wait, door prizes, food vendor. Talk in: 145.130/- and 147.060/- CTCSS 131.8.

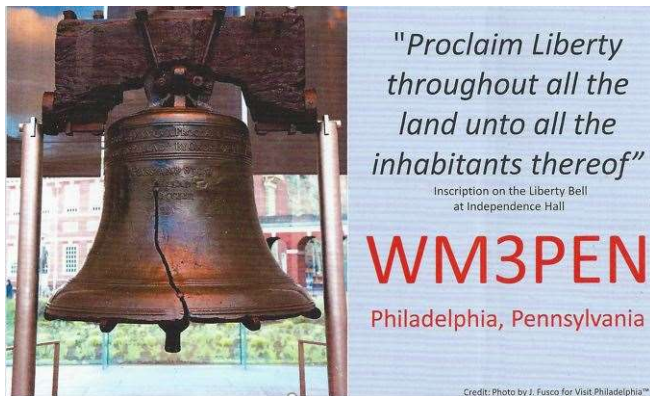
**Amateur
Radio
A
Contact Sport**

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, July 1 – July 6, allows amateur radio operators around the world to learn about the original 13 colonies and the city where Independence began. This will be the seventh year members of the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club (HARC) will be participating. Also participating will be members of the Philmont Mobile, and Pottstown Area Amateur Radio Club Amateur Radio Clubs, and the Philadelphia Digital Radio Association.

The theme for the 2017 event is Liberty or Death. 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 Liberty Bell. 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 for a brief period of time. WM3PEN will also operate on VHF, including 2 Meter FM Simplex. Watch the WM3PEN QRZ.com page for details. 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 – 10PM EDT. In the Philadelphia area they will be on the K3PDR repeater. In addition WA3DSP will put WM3PEN on the All-Star network.

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

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.



Promote Stamps for the Wounded on Your QRZ.com Page.

The idea came from K3LU, the 3rd Call Area QSL sorter for the letter "P". He sent us some stamps for the program and said he would put some info on his qrz.com page. WA3PZO has added it to his page and you can to.

Got Extra Used Stamps? Don't trash them! Send those old used DX postage stamps to The Lions International Stamp Club, **Stamps For The Wounded** Program which sends them to veterans' hospitals and convalescent centers around the country. More details about this excellent program can be found on [WM3PEN's QRZ page](#).

HOLMESBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

3341 Sheffield Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19136
"Serving the Community Through Ham Radio"

June 15 Club meeting

Field Day, 13 Colonies, Elections

	<p>HOLMESBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM HARC, 3341 Sheffield Ave, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19136 http://www.harcnet.org WM3PEN/K3FI</p>	
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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.

NAME _____ CALL _____

ADDRESS _____

City, State, Zip _____

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

E-mail _____

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