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The HARC Spark

The Official Newsletter of the
Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 6253 Philadelphia, PA 19136
WM3PEN 146.685 Mhz Repeater
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FIELD DAY - JUNE 23 & 24!

Field Day has come and gone. It wouldn't have happened without a lot of preparation and hard work by so

many. Charlye, K3CJ, supplied the following information for HARC's Field Day entry.

K3FI, 3A, EPA. Bonus Points:

Description	Points	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
100% Emergency power	300				
Media Publicity	100				
Set-up in Public Place	100				
Information Booth	100				
NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC	100				
W1AW Field Day Message	100				
Submitted via the Web	50				
Total Bonus Points	850				
		Total QSOs			
		19	9	275	
		Total Points			
		38	18	275	331
		Claimed Score = 662			



Field Day pictures courtesy Dave, KB3AKK

YOU'RE INVITED

HARC FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, August 19th 11:00 AM - ?

Pennypack Park

Rhawn Street entrance just west of Rowland Ave.

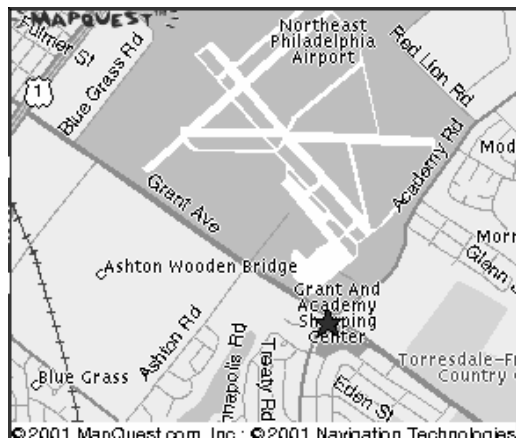
Bring your family. Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks will be supplied.

Feel free to bring something for the group or your own special picnic special. No alcohol permitted in city parks. So we can be prepared please rsvp to WM3PEN @ AOL.COM

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. General meetings are held the 4th. Thursday @8:00 PM. 8th District Police Station, Red Lion & Academy Rd. Phila PA



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 PO Box 6253, Philadelphia, PA 19136.

NO CLUB MEETING IN AUGUST

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 moved it's testing from Northeast High School to Ambler, PA on the 4th Thursday of every month. Exams are given at Ambler Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike in Ambler, PA. Registration begins at 7pm.

Warminster - last Wednesday of each month. Contact Tom Michaud (WA3TQJ) at (215) 343-3494 (7-9PM) Bryn Mawr - quarterly on a Saturday. Contact Bob Lees, W3ZQN, rjlees@aol.com



PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Women's Triathlon happened on July 8. Participating in the event were N3UBY - Sol, K3CJ - Charlye, KB3OYF - Joe, W3GER - Gerry, and AB3EO - Rich. Thanks to all for helping out.

Northeast Philadelphia 5 Mile Run

Sunday, October 14th, 2007 - We will be providing communications support for the Forth Annual Northeast Philly 5 Mile Run This run is in support of The Northeast Philadelphia Youth Alliance It is being held at the Northeast Philadelphia Airport We are meeting at start/finish area by the parking lot to the right of the main entrance . Talk-in on the repeater output frequency - simplex 146.685 Working frequency will be provided at check-in.

Mayfair/Holmesburg Thanksgiving Parade

Sunday, November 18th, 2007 We will be providing communications support for the 32th annual Mayfair/Holmesburg Thanksgiving Parade. We are meeting at Wachovia Bank parking lot SE corner of Rhawn St. and Frankford Ave. The parade starts at 1:00 PM

HF/VHF Awards Manager Sought

Two of the more popular ARRL operating awards are the Worked All States (WAS) award and the VHF-UHF Century Club (VUCC) awards. To earn the WAS award you have to make contacts and get QSLs for working all 50 states. Various endorsements are available for OSCAR Satellite, SSTV, 144 MHz, 432 MHz, 222 MHz, 50 MHz, 160 meters and 5 Band WAS. The Digital award, issued for working any digital mode (PSK31, AMTOR, PacTOR, RTTY, G-TOR, etc), is also available.

The VHF/UHF Century Club (VUCC) is awarded for contact with a minimum number of Maidenhead 2 degrees by 1 degree grid locators per band. Grid locators are designated by a combination of two letters and two numbers. As an ARRL Special Service Club, HARC may nominate a person to be an HF or VHF Award Manager. Appointments are made by the ARRL Membership Services Department (MSD). You must be an ARRL member to be considered for the appointment.

Pennsylvania PRB 1 - Update:

House Bill HB1777 - The bill mirrors SB884 and will allow the state to mirror the federal PRB1 limited preemption for hams to put up antenna support structures. "

PA Senate Bill SB884 has been referred to the Local Government Committee. It's important that you contact you local state senator seeking support for this bill. This bill provides reasonable accommodations for amateur radio antennas. Radio amateurs are hoping their proposal may be integrated into an update of municipal codes now under way in the General Assembly. This will be offered as a stand alone piece of legislation. The original proposal did not include Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Those two cities represent about 12% of the ham radio population in Pennsylvania.

Welcome New Hams

For the past few months Rich, AB3EO, has been teaching ham radio to members of his scout troop. This month we would like to welcome Tom McAteer, KB3PNM, assistant scout master, and scout Colin Sawyer, KB3PNQ. We want to thank everyone who has donated stuff to the scouts. A special thanks goes to Sol, N3UBY, for donating a \$50 ARRL gift certificate that Sol won at the MARC Hamfest.

HAMFESTS

30 Sep 2007 Hamarama
Mt. Airy VHF Club Wrightstown, PA
<http://members.ij.net/packrats/Hamarama/hamarama.html>
Talk-In: 146.52 simplex

21 Oct 2007 Annual Hamfest
RF Hill Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Sellersville, PA
www.rfhill.ampr.org
Talk-In: 145.31 (-), pl 131.8

In other News....

Elected to Office: Bob, WA3PZO, has been elected Secretary of the Delaware - Philadelphia Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (AMS). The Chapter promote advancements in operational meteorology through research, forecasting, broadcasting and education. The chapter serves the residents of Delaware, eastern Maryland, southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey by providing the community with a social and scientific point of contact for matters dealing with meteorology, hydrology and other related sciences.

The most visible part of AMS is when you watch the weather on tv and the forecaster is identified as being AMS Certified. Bob hopes to be able to introduce more people to ham radio.



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"Serving the Community Through Ham Radio"

Picnic: August 19, 2007. Pennypack Park
Next Meeting: Thursday September 27, 2007.
8PM @ 8th District - Red Lion & Academy Rds.



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All members in good standing are eligible to vote and hold a board office. Dues are \$20.00/year.
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