

THE CIRCULATOR

A Newsletter for South Central Pennsylvania's Amateur Radio Groups.
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We reported last month that the Federal Communications Commission had completed their investigation of malicious interference to GMRS and Amateur repeaters in our region. However that situation changed two days later (Sept. 5) and the FCC postponed their attendance at the luncheon meeting for September 28th. The group meets monthly at the Hibachi Grill 5080 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg st Noon. This is the retail center with Dick's Sporting Goods and Hobby Lobby. Their next meeting is Oct. 26.

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Statewide Interoperability coordinator, Holly Claudill will be the guest speaker at the next CPRA Meeting on October 19th. Her discussion will be the operations between state and local functions and how amateur radio fits into the mix. CPRA will meet at the Hoss's Restaurant in Hummelstown. The meeting will start at 6:15 PM., Hoss's closes at 8:30 PM.

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Work continues on the 53.01 repeater at Reeser's Summit. The unit is being tested for coverage with a 25 watt PA. It is being fed by a receiver tuned to 145.21. The plan is to add remote receivers on 52.01 in the future. Because the intermod product at Reeser's Summit is so bad, a 6 meter receiver could not be installed at that site.

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The MidAtlantic NBEMS net will officially begin on Sunday October 1st
Time: 10:00 AM EDT Freq: 7068 kHz (vfo) +/- qrm
MODE: THOR 22 or THOR11 if conditions are poor
TRAFFIC mode: MFSK32 or one of the new THOR modes (32,44,56)

Net Control is Ron NY3J (Bensalem PA). Come verify that fickle forty is very functional at 10 AM for EMCOMM TRAFFIC. Please prepare some drill traffic: Severe Weather Report, AMERICAN RED CROSS message, ARRL RadioGram, spreadsheets. So far 40m propagation has been superb for regional NVIS paths.

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Here's the final results for the KVHF clubs POTA Competition, 15 members participated :

Combined score results

1st: Elaine Holland, K3MET - 190,568
2nd: Courtney Harding, N3AIR - 32,290
3rd: Mike Stackpoole, N3VQH - 24259

Number of Hunter Contacts

1st: Craig Dowling, WA1HEW - 1098
2nd: Elaine Holland, K3MET - 768
3rd: Rick Goodman, WA3USG - 471

Congrats to all to took part in this ! Awards will be announced at the next club meeting, Oct. 5, at the York County EOC, 120 Davies Dr. York

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WA2BBS, Doug Stevens, Jr., is looking for stations in South Central PA counties interested in participating in the Amateur Radio Traffic system. The EPA Emergency Phone and Traffic Net meets on 3.917 MHz Daily at 6 PM local time. Local stations are needed from all of our counties to improve both delivery and origination.

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Event Help Needed:

Carmine W. Prestia, Jr., K3CWP, ARRL EC, Centre County, writes that he still needs volunteer amateur radio operators to help with communications for the Unpaved on October 8th, Sunday. The race starts and ends in Lewisburg. There are a number of aid stations with varying start and end times.

If you can help out with this please let me know. I've worked it for a number of years and it is always an enjoyable event. They need us for communication and really appreciate the effort.

Contact is carmine.prestia@gmail.com

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Training and Education:

The South Mountain Radio Amateurs are pleased to offer an Amateur Radio Course based on the ARRL's "Ham Radio License Manual" for the Technician License class. An examination session at the conclusion of the course will also be offered at no additional charge. The FCC requires a \$35 license fee. The course will use the "Ham Radio License Manual" by ARRL—FIFTH EDITION and consists of Five, 2-hour Power Point presentations. Each student who passes the FCC License exam will receive a BaoFeng UV-5R HT, fully programmed with local repeaters and emergency frequencies and a free one year membership into SMRA. **The next offering will start on Saturday October 14th.**
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The class sessions are held at the Public Safety Training Room, One Public Safety Drive, Carlisle, PA. Direct all questions or to sign-up, contact Don, K3ZR at K3ZR@ARRL.NET

More information can be found on the Club website www.N3TWT.org.

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Pennsylvania State Police AuxComm classes are available in Train PA, for registration. [Home - TRAIN PA - an affiliate of the TRAIN Learning Network powered by the Public Health Foundation](#) Entering ID# 1112064 in the search box is the easiest way to search for the class. There are three offerings, two which are offered within the eastern PA area:

October 13th-15th, 2023 in Wilkes-Barre at the PSP Northeast Training Center (2001 South Valley Parkway, Wilkes Barre, PA 18706)

November 3rd-5th, 2023 at the York County Emergency Management Agency (120 Davies Drive, York, PA 17402)

Class Prerequisites

To attend this course, applicants must have the following prerequisites:

An active FCC amateur radio license

Past experience in auxiliary emergency communications
A desire to work with COMLs in a NIMS/ICS environment
An affiliation with a public safety agency

Completion of the following FEMA training courses:

IS-100, Introduction to the ICS
IS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Incidents
IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction
IS-800, National Response Framework (NRF), an Introduction

Registration

Applicants should submit a copy of their current FCC amateur license with scanned copies of all prerequisite Certificates of Completions, for IS prerequisite courses, along with the FEMA General Admissions Application [b_fema_general_admissions_application_form.pdf](#) to hcaudill@.... Copies of prerequisite documentation which verify applicants have met the prerequisites and are eligible to participate in the course must be submitted and reviewed at least ten (10) days prior to the course start date. Registration is not complete until all documentation has been received and verified by Holly Caudill. Admittance is limited to 30 qualified applicants.

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A weekend Technician course will be offered by the York county Laurel VE group on November 4th and 5th at the York Township EOC. This consists of a full 8 hours of instruction on Saturday and 4 more hours on Sunday with testing Sunday afternoon. Email ralph.brandt@comcast.net.

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HAMFEST Calendar (within 100 miles of Camp Hill, PA)

10/07/2023 - Red Rose Repeater Association Hamfest, Garden Spot Fire & Rescue, New Holland, PA
Red Rose Repeater Association at <http://w3rrr.org>

10/28/2023 – Oktoberfest sponsored by the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club at the Vietnam Veterans Association Building, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Public Contact: Terry E Snyder ,
WB3BKN, via Email: wb3bkn1@gmail.com

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Statement of Purpose:

The Amateur Radio Community in our section of the state is strong and diverse with numerous clubs and loosely knit groups quietly doing their thing. When someone suggested that we put these groups in touch with each other, this newsletter was started to share or exchange information between as many of these organizations as possible. As editor, I am tasked with acquiring and disseminating content; content that comes from you. Information that you wish to share to promote your group, project, or event should be sent to your club's contact and then they should forward it to the editor KR3EE.Rich@gmail.com for inclusion in the next CIRCULATOR. If you know of any other groups that I may include please send me their contact information. *For this to work properly, it is imperative that each organization receiving this distribute it to their membership.*

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