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145.450

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145.05

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Every Thursday 9pm

Club Repeater

145.450/PL 82.5

The Murgas Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month, 8:00 P.M. at the Luzerne County Emergency Management at 185 Water Street Wilkes-Barre. Guests are always welcome.

Articles for publication may be submitted to the club post office box, given to me at a meeting, or sent by e-mail to

[news@murgasarc.org](mailto:news@murgasarc.org) .

**de K3DBG**

Well, Field Day is in the rear-view mirror and I'm still dragging from being for up over 36 hours, so I ask you excuse anything weird I may include or exclude!

I would first like to thank Walt, WN3LIF for all he has done, does, and continues to do for the Murgas ARC! I was going to mention Walt second, but without his years of great networking (he is good at both kinds of networking actually) we just may not have the EOC to play radio at! So thank you Walt, truly, for all the time and effort you give to our great hobby! Thanks to all those that showed up Friday afternoon to help setup and again on Sunday afternoon to tear down. There were a few members that helped that never got on the air or had a hamburger. They just did it to help! Operating was a blast, as it always is, though I almost popped a few arteries in my noggin from the stress level caused by the problems that unfolded at my station just as the clock struck 2pm and Field Day officially started! Though this is the real reason for Field Day! Finding what works and what doesn't in a "field" type environment, even though I doubt a voice memory keyer is a vital piece of emergency gear it is the most vital piece of contesting gear I use, and that's exactly what wasn't working!

Beyond the hiccoughs and bumps, it was a great Field Day without a doubt! I also want to mention and thank Elaine, K3VQR for all she does with getting everything in order! We owe much of the success of our club to Elaine's impeccable organizational skills and enthusiasm! Thank you Elaine! I really could mention just about every club member that showed up and helped because everyone played their own part to make the whole thing come together! Thanks to all!

Ok, now on to other business! The Hamfest is coming up this weekend, Sunday July 2. We will be meeting at the Polish American Vets in WB (Plains) at about 5am. Anyone that would like to help please come on down and give us a hand! Please don't think you need permission or an invite to help out! Check out the website [www.murgasarc.com](http://www.murgasarc.com) for the 2017 Murgas Hamfest flyer for all of the hamfest info and if you have questions please email one of us or post on the K3YTL Yahoo Group! We do need all the help we can get, especially for walking the parking lot and keeping an eye on things out there! See ya July 2nd!

Last order of business, the Murgas constitution is coming up for review again. We will be discussing any of the proposed changes, but I must say again, if anyone has anything they don't agree with they must send it to the president in writing and sign it. I'm sure our VP Rich, KC3FKW will be mentioning it below in more detail!

Have a great 4th of July and Happy Birthday America!  
de K3DBG

## 2017 Field Day

2017 Field Day scores for K3YTL				
Band	Mode	QSOs	Points	Points/Q
3.5	LSB	229	229	1.0
7	CW	83	166	2.0
7	LSB	594	594	1.0
14	CW	175	350	2.0
14	USB	270	270	1.0
21	CW	30	60	2.0
21	USB	1	1	1.0
28	CW	75	150	2.0
28	USB	1	1	1.0
Total	Both	1458	1821	1.2

QSOs by Lucy Morgan - 1

As you can easily see we more than doubled last year's effort! This score is the total of just the QSOs and does not include the bonus points that we have accumulated which will add several hundred more to the total score.

By the way, look for an article on our Field Day efforts and the hobby in general in Monday's Citizens Voice.

K2LNS, K3IK, and N3PF made our hobby sound like the greatest thing since sliced bread (well it really is, right).. I'm anxious to see what stories she includes in the article. Great PR for the hobby and hopefully she will include something about the fest. I'll be tracking the website to see what interest the article draws. I will post a link when it's available.

I want to recognize and to thank Frank Gerardi at WNEP for airing the ARRL Field Day Public Service Announcement over the last 2 months. We had several visitors who said they saw the PSA on WNEP and came to the EOC to find out more. I'm sure the other clubs in NEPA have had a similar experience. I'll be bugging him next spring to get the 2018 version on the air. I hope WT can get some feedback from other clubs to see if they had any leads from the PSA.

Also a giant thanks to Lucy Morgan, Dave Elmore, and the EMA staff who let us take over their fantastic facility for the weekend - and their continued commitment to ARES and the Murgas ARC.

And, thanks to all who participated this weekend, including those who drug friends over to take a look, greeted visitors and gave them a taste of our hobby. Field Day is Ham Radio's weekend to shine in the spotlight, I think we accomplished that this weekend.

73 TNX Rick K3TOW Murgas ARC Public Information Officer

## de KC3FKW

Well, the time is really flying by. Half the year is already history; the days are starting to get shorter. I thought time would slow down a little once I retired, but I seem to be busier than I ever was when I was working. The good thing is that I have more time to do the things I really want to.

Field Day 2017 at the EOC was quite a rewarding experience this past weekend. Although I did not participate in the contest itself, I had a lot of fun in the set up and break down, and truly came back with a lot more knowledge from a lot of knowledgeable individuals. I know that there are hams out there that may not enjoy participating in the actual contesting, but it is definitely worth a trip just to see the preparation and activity involved.

Without a doubt, my favorite part of amateur radio is emergency operations. I enjoy being part of the ARES group, and can honestly say that I always gain additional knowledge about ham radio with every voice net, digital net, Tuesday morning meeting, or from any function in which I participate. I think it is the perfect

venue for any newly licensed operator to get their feet wet in the hobby, or for any experienced operator to provide a needed service to the community. That is why I am excited about the July program being presented. Walt (WN3LIF) has agreed to do a program on ARES - everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask. (Sorry Walt, but I had to give it a title). He has given these programs to other audiences, and they have been met with excellent response.

As an added note, please take the time to review the Constitution and Bylaws amendments file attached. The July meeting will be the second reading of these amendments, and there will be an open discussion with any questions or concerns. A vote to accept the amendments will take place at the August meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the Ham Fest on the 2nd.

73 Richard W. Tyira KC3FKW

## **SK Arthur J Sposto WA3YSS**

Art Sposto WA3YSS, a good friend and fantastic ham, passed away June 20, 2017 at CMC Geisinger. He had been successfully fighting cancer, but developed pneumonia and lost the battle. He was a member of SPARKS.

No plans are set for burial or viewing, at this time. I can hardly believe it. I am very sorry.

Posted by: Robert G Chimel <[wa3lwr@epix.net](mailto:wa3lwr@epix.net)>

Art was a VE for my General and Advanced class exam. One nice guy for sure. RIP Art...George K3ZK

A number of members of the Murgas ARC Yahoo! Group commented on Art's passing. This is an example of the type of information shared by Group members. DX spotting information is frequently shared.

## **Second Reading Constitution and Bylaw Revisions at July Meeting**

A copy of the proposed revisions is included with this issue. The vote to accept the revisions will be held at the August meeting August 2, 2017. If anyone has anything they don't agree with they must send it to the president in writing and sign it.

## **MARC MINUTES Monthly Club Meeting For June 2017**

The monthly meeting of the Murgas Amateur Radio Club was held on June 7, 2017. President John Denisco K3DBG called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM. Twenty-nine club members were in attendance. Also present were Tom Zimmerman KC3FGZ, Howard Weinstein WA3MCK, Tina (wife of Bill Water KC3HLT), Bob Kirby N3PQP, and Gene Hedgepeth. There were no upgrades or call sign changes noted.

Member accomplishments included Christophe Waters KC3HLS graduated from high school, Herb Krumich K2LNS finally has his 40 beam antenna in place, and President John Denisco K3DBG received a plaque for working all counties in the PA QSO Party.

Herb Krumich K2LNS reported on the club's finances. The report was accepted. The May minutes as published in the MARC Times were accepted. The secretary, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, read a note from Henry Kurutz W3NDY. Henry has books, magazines, radios and transmitters for sale. If interested see Elaine for Henry's phone number.

### **Committee Reports:**

Club Net - George Miklosi K3ZK stated that the net check-ins are approaching 500 at the six month mark for this year. If the participation continues, the net could reach an all time high for the year.

VE Team - Rick Rinehimer K3TOW announced that FCC testing will be held at the Murgas Hamfest on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM. Any VE's who are available are asked to help with testing.

Hamfest Committee - Bob Folmar KB3VS reminded members about the club table at the Hamfest. Members can drop off items they want to sell. Please mark items with your call and price. At a Hamfest Committee meeting held earlier in the evening, it was noted that help with parking in the flea market area is needed. Members will meet at 5 AM at the Polish American Legion in Plains to set up for the Hamfest.

Field Day - Set-up for Field Day will begin on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4 PM. Stations will be set up in the three rooms at the back of the EOC. Bob Folmar KB3VS stated that this is an excellent opportunity for hams to

gain some experience operating on the low bands. There are opportunities to log if you don't want to talk on the air. George Miklosi K3ZK noted that Field Day is a public awareness opportunity. It's a chance to show what amateurs can do in an emergency situation.

### **Old Business:**

The proposed changes to the Murgas Constitution and Bylaws were mailed or e-mailed to every member. President Denisco K3DBG asked if there were any questions or discussion about the changes. Rob Nygren N3RN asked about change that would allow a suspension of the rule that requires an applicant for membership to be present. The change was explained by members of the Constitution Committee. There will be a second reading of the changes at the July meeting and a vote on the changes will take place at the August meeting.

### **New Business:**

Three applicants applied for membership in the Murgas Club. Bob Folmar KB3VS motioned to accept the application of David Elmore KC3IMJ. Matt Kruger K2OZO seconded the motion. After agreeing to abide by the constitution and bylaws, Dave was accepted into membership. Rick Rinehimer K3TOW motioned to accept Robert Kirby N3PQP into membership. Christophe Waters KC3HLS seconded the motion. After agreeing to abide by the constitution and bylaws, Bob was accepted into membership. Brad Bankes KC3HWO motioned to accept Howard Weinstein WA3MCK into membership. Bill Waters KC3HLT seconded the motion. After agreeing to abide by the constitution and bylaws, Howard was accepted into membership.

### **Announcements:**

Frank Czock WB3BOT announced that he will be lowering his tri-band antenna and would like help to do so. If you help, please enter your name and phone number in Frank's notebook.

Walt Jones WN3LIF stated that he had enough operators to cover the Wilkes-Barre Duathlon course. If any newcomers want to help, they can be paired with an experienced operator. See Walt. The 145.45 repeater will be used. There is also a Mauch Chunk Triathlon that Walt WN3LIF has been asked to provide communication. More details to follow. Walt also reported that he and Bob Folmar KB3VS assisted with communication for the Ultra Marathon.

Herb Krumich K2LNS asked if any one was interested in attending an open house held by Fred W3LPL on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The event is in Maryland. Fred has one of the largest contest stations in the United States. See Herb if you're interested.

The Murgas Board of Directors meeting will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM. The meeting is held in the conference room at the WBRE-TV Building on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre.

The next monthly club meeting will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. The meeting is held in the Luzerne County Emergency Operations Building.

With no further business, Rick Rinehimer K3TOW made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christophe Waters KC3HLS seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, Secretary

## **Board of Directors Meeting June 2017**

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Murgas Amateur Radio Club was held in the WBRE-TV conference room on June 21, 2017. President John Denisco K3DBG called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Directors present were John Denisco K3DBG, Rich Tyira KC3FKW, Herb Krumich K2LNS, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, Rick Rinehimer K3TOW, Bob Folmar KB3VS, Bill Sweeney KB3KUJ, and Bill Waters KC3HLT.

The Directors discussed plans for the Hamfest. Bill Sweeney KB3KUJ asked if the Club was going to purchase a radio for the grand prize. If so, would a vendor who sold new radios be attending the Hamfest? Herb Krumich K2LNS stated that he had been in contact with KJI Electronics and they will be at the Hamfest. If the owner can not attend, he will send two representatives. The type of radio that should be purchased was discussed. The pros and cons of a DMR handheld were debated. It was decided to purchase a traditional 2 meter handheld, as KJI does not carry DMR radios. Bill Sweeney KB3KUJ also noted that at the club meeting, George Wiencek N3WV had raised concerns about tailgate vendors arguing with him. Bill stated that since he knows many of the individuals from attending other hamfests, he will gladly speak to any one who has a

problem. Elaine Kollar K3VQR showed samples of the labels that will be used to indentify vendors who have purchased additional spaces. Rick Rinehimer K3TOW stated that the press releases about the Hamfest have been sent. The event is also listed on all the free web sites. Rick also had a copy of Governor Wolf's proclamation that June is Amateur Radio month in Pennsylvania. Theft at the Hamfest was discussed. There have been incidents of stealing at several Hamfest this season. All members will be reminded at the start of the Hamfest to be alert for theft. Bill Waters KC3HLT suggested an idea for future Hamfests. Bill thought a table to check and program radios for a fee might earn the club additional money. Some type of waver would have to be signed, before this could be done. Herb Krumich K2LNS will be setting up a radio station at the Hamfest. Bob Folmar KB3VS has been in touch with the group providing food at the Hamfest and they are ready for the event.

Field Day plans were checked and everything is in order.

Some sites for the Club Dinner were briefly discussed.

Rich Tyira KC4FKW stated that the second reading of the constitution and by-law changes would be read at the July meeting. Voting on the changes will take place at the August meeting. Rich also noted that Walt WN3LIF will present a program on ARES at the July meeting. Bob Nygren N3RN will present the August program. Rick Rinehimer K3TOW will have a program on Logger 32 (remote station control) in October.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, Secretary

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Coming Events</b>	<b>Location</b>
7/01/2017	<i>Firecracker Hamfest</i> Harrisburg Radio Amateur Club <a href="http://www.w3uu.org">http://www.w3uu.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.760- (PL 100.0)	Harrisburg Area C C Harrisburg, PA 17101
7/02/2017	<b>Wilkes-Barre Murgas ARC Hamfest &amp; ComputerFest</b> <b>Polish American Veterans Talk-In: 146.61- (PL 82.5)</b> <a href="http://www.murgasarc.org">http://www.murgasarc.org</a>	<b>Polish American Veterans</b> <b>Plains, PA</b>
7/02/2017	<i>Somerset County PA Hamfest</i> Somerset County Amateur Radio Club <a href="http://www.k3smt.org">http://www.k3smt.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 147.195 PL 123.0	Somerset County Technology Center Somerset, PA 15501
7/08/2017	<i>Valley Forge Hamfest</i> Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club <a href="http://www.marc-radio.org/hamfest2.htm">http://www.marc-radio.org/hamfest2.htm</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 145.13, 147.06 (PL 131.8)	Kimberton Fire Co Fairgrounds Kimberton, PA 19442
7/09/2017	<i>RAGS 2017 Hamfest</i> Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse <a href="http://ragsclub.org">http://ragsclub.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.91 / 146.31 (PL 103.5)	Cicero American Legion Post 787 Cicero, NY 13039
7/16/2017	<i>SCARC 2017 Sussex County Amateur Radio Club</i> <a href="http://www.scarcnj.org">http://www.scarcnj.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 147.3 (PL 151.4)	Sussex County Fairgrounds Augusta, NJ 07822
7/22/2017	<i>NJARC Summer Tailgate Swapmeet</i> New Jersey Antique Radio Club <a href="http://www.njarc.org">http://www.njarc.org</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> None	InFo Age / Camp Evans Wall Township, NJ
7/23/2017	<i>Radiocomm 2017 Utica Amateur Radio Club</i> <a href="http://uticaarc.com">http://uticaarc.com</a> <b>Talk-In:</b> 146.76	Deerfield Fire Department Grounds Utica, NY 13501
	Information extracted from the ARRL Hamfest and Convention Calendar	

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**HAMFEST Sunday July 2**

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## **CLUB MEETING**

**July 5, 2017**

**Luzerne County Emergency Management 185 Water Street,  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

## **PROGRAM**

***ARES (Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask)***

**WT WN3LIF**

**BOARD MEETING – July 19, 2017**

**WBRE Offices – 7:30 PM**

**68 S Franklin St, Wilkes-Barre**

**All welcome to attend**

**Deadline for the MARC Times**

**August – July 27, 2017**