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**HELP MAKE THE RRC HAMFEST BIGGER AND BETTER
PRINT THE FLYER ON THE LAST PAGE (28) AND CIRCULATE**

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RRC MONTHLY MEETING

FRIDAY JULY 13, 2018

Starting at 7:30 p.m.

A VIDEO ABOUT THE

FT-8 DIGITAL WEAK SIGNAL MODE

FT-8 digital is the LATEST digital hot idea to capture the imagination of the Amateur Radio community. FT-8 has been luring away many of those already using the popular JT65 "WEAK-SIGNAL" mode.

Attend the July 13, 2018 meeting and check it out.

At the Berks County Agricultural Center
in Bern Township

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To find the Berks County Agricultural Center, **1238 COUNTY WELFARE ROAD, LEESPORT, PA** 19533-9705, (Bern Township). Go north on Route 183 out of Reading, pass the Reading Regional Airport, continue about a mile to the traffic light controlled exit intersection and take a LEFT at "W. LEESPORT RD" (A CVS is on the northwest corner). Pass the "BERN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH" on your right. Then take the RIGHT at the next "STOP" sign (County Welfare Road). Go about a mile; the Berks County Agricultural Center is on your LEFT. Use the entrance at the front of the building. After entering the building, you will take a RIGHT, then descend a short flight of steps, and enter the back of the main first floor auditorium where the Reading Radio Club monthly meetings are held. The phone number for the Ag Center Security Center is 610.373.0776 Ext. 2538.

**ARRL / RRC FIELD DAY 2018 AT HERITAGE PARK**

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By: Jim Nicholas, W3ITH (06.30.2018)

Jim Nicholas, W3ITH and Dave Wiley, K3MXS, Co-Chaired the  
2018 Reading Radio Club Field Day.

The 2018 ARRL/Reading Radio Club Field Day was held at Heritage Park in Sinking Spring on Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24. Thirty-seven RRC members and twenty guests participated in the event.

Before the event, letters of invitation were sent to various local officials. The club also informed the police that we would be at the Field Day site overnight so no surprises would happen when the patrolling police see lights on during the wee hours of the night. The club receives bonus points if the invited local officials visit. The event also is promoted on ARRL Websites, our own RRC Website and our own Facebook page. Field Day is advertised in our own RRC BULLETIN, edited by Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, and proofed by Rich's XYL and RRC member Corinne Ahrens. Also, announcing the event on our weekly (except when we have a general monthly meeting) Friday Meeting on the Air (MOTA) net on our 146.91/.31 MHz (CTCSS 131.8 Hz) repeater, helped to spread the word. In addition, something new, a Field Day 8 1/2 x 11 inch flyer was designed and printed by VP Chris Schlegel, K3ADA. The flyer included color photos and was distributed throughout the area.

In order to prepare for the Field Day set-up, several members met at the home of Don McKinney, W3FCT, on Friday, June 22, in order to check and gather coax lines, guy ropes and stakes, dipoles, ground rods, power strips, and other items. The group consisted of Don McKinney, W3FCT; Cal Wagner, KA3HYC; Art Becker, KB3LDI;

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Craig Wanner, KC3KKN; Dave Wiley, K3MXS; Harry Hoffman, W3VBY; and Jim Nicholas, W3ITH. They started at 9:00 a.m. and finished at about noon.

Meanwhile, Dave Wiley, K3MXS, was also programming laptop computers to be used for logging and brought soda and bottled water to the site. Later in the day, food items were purchased by Mary Anne Nicholas, N3TVT; Art Becker, KB3LDI; and Jim Nicholas, W3ITH, and delivered to the Field Day site. At the site, refrigerators, coffee pots and microwave ovens were checked, bathrooms and kitchen cleaned and readied, and trash cans and recycle cans set up. In addition, desks and seats for the event were rearranged.

On Saturday, June 23, stations were set up beginning at 8:00 a.m. A 30-foot tower was erected which held a 10-15-20 Meter beam and one leg of a G5RV 102-foot dipole. A vertical for the HF bands was set up. Another 30-foot tower was raised to support a Saturn Halo 6 Meter antenna and an off-center-fed dipole for HF use. A 2 Meter beam was placed on the porch of the site's Train Station, which was to be used with the solar power station.

By noon, the group took a break and was eating ham and turkey sandwiches for lunch. At 2:30 p.m., Harry Hoffman, W3VBY, and his RRC ARRL VE Team administered VE exams. Those wishing to become a new Ham or upgrade their license to a higher class were given an opportunity to do so. Two Amateurs upgraded to Extra Class, two upgraded to General Class and one person passed the Technician Class test. The VE Team included Ralph Dixon, NT3F; Harry Hoffman, W3VBY; Kim Santoro, K3WNZ; Phil Santoro, W3WNZ, and Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS.

At 2:00 p.m., the gasoline generator provided by Duane Redline, W3UQH, was fired up and the operators began making QSOs. As a QSO was made, it was logged into a laptop computer in order to check for duplicate contacts (Which are a violation of Field Day rules and might disqualify the group) and provide a record of contact call signs, time of contact, and other station information.

The stations included an HF PHONE station, an HF CW/PHONE station and an HF DIGITAL station. Another station operated VHF phone and a fifth station operated on 2 Meter FM solar power.

A talk-in station using the RRC's 149.91/31 MHz W3BN repeater was monitored as usual. The club participated in the 3A category, which means that three main stations were in use at one time and the power source was self-generated, not using commercial power lines. The VHF station was a "Free Station" meaning it is not counted in the 3A total even though it scores points for making QSOs.

At 5:00 p.m., the group enjoyed a pizza dinner with ice cream obtained by Art Becker, KB3LDI. Making QSOs continued overnight, as this was a 24-hour operating event. By 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning, the hungry Hams

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were treated to a breakfast of Jimmy Dean breakfast sandwiches and waffles with syrup. The lunch at noon was composed of ham sandwiches and chocolate cake.

During the event, members of the public stopped by and were shown Amateur Radio stations in operation. One visitor came from Harrisburg. Doug Evans, an official from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, and a Ham with the call sign K3HQI, showed us how his distant HF station in Harrisburg could be operated remotely from our Sinking Spring field day site via a laptop and the Internet.

Chris Schlegel, K3ADA, and Jon Durand, N8EUL, made some valiant attempts to make a QSO through the AO-85 satellite station, which is circling the Earth. Nice photos are on the RRC Facebook page, which Chris, K3ADA, set up.

The RRC earned bonus points for using emergency generated power and initiating media publicity in the form of letter invitations to area dignitaries and including a photo and article in the Reading Eagle newspaper on June 24. Other efforts for which bonus points were garnered were for having an information booth, and a site visit by Tom Bausher of the West Side Berks Regional Emergency Management Agency.

Additional bonus points of 100 each will be claimed for utilizing a public location, copying the W1AW Field Day bulletin, using natural power (solar in our case), and using social media (Facebook). Also, a 20-point youth bonus is claimed by having a person 18 years or younger make one QSO, up to a maximum of 5 QSOs or 100 points. Aiden Schlegel, KA1DAN, son of Chris Schlegel, K3ADA, made two contacts giving the RRC 40 bonus points.

Lastly, sending scoring information to ARRL including numbers of QSOs via the Internet gives us 50 extra points, for a total of 890 bonus points.

Speaking of points, each CW and digital QSO counts as two points and a regular phone contact counts as one point. Also, using **150** watts or less power gives us a multiplier of two. Here is a rough estimate as to how the stations did:

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| HF Phone         | <b>239</b> QSOs |
| HF Digital       | <b>16</b> QSOs  |
| HF CW            | <b>8</b> QSOs   |
| VHF Phone        | <b>14</b> QSOs  |
| 2 Meter FM Solar | <b>8</b> QSOs   |

This gives us an estimated total score of **1,508** points. Remember, Field Day is a fun activity and the number of QSOs are compared to other ARRL affiliated participating organizations, so it is a contest. However, the underlying value to our community and to perhaps our state and country is that it is an emergency preparedness exercise that allows us the opportunity to demonstrate what organized groups of Amateur Radio operators such as our club can do in times when normal means of communications are not available.

The following members and guests participated in **RRC Field Day 2018**:

**RRC MEMBERS (37)**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Matt Adamitis, Jr. | KC3DDY |
| Ron Adams          | KC3FJY |
| Rich Ahrens        | W3WJC  |
| George Andrews     | K3HGQ  |
| Art Becker         | KB3LDI |
| Brian Beitler      | KC3QB  |
| Ray Bostard        | KC3HRX |
| Mike Caruso        | KC3KEB |
| Don Cwynar         | KT4JF  |
| Ralph Dixon        | NT3F   |
| Jim Doman          | N3PRJ  |
| Jon Durand         | N8EUL  |
| John Engle         | AB3SR  |
| Dennis Goodling    | N3JRW  |
| Walt Grube, Jr.    | WD8MNE |
| Harry Hoffman, Jr. | W3VBY  |
| Don McKinney       | W3FCT  |
| Glenn Mohler       | AB3TQ  |
| Jim Nicholas       | W3ITH  |
| Mary Anne Nicholas | N3TVT  |
| Jason Potter       | K3WDF  |
| Duane Redline      | W3UQH  |
| Rick Rhoads        | W3ALG  |
| Kim Santoro        | K3WNZ  |
| Phil Santoro       | W3WNZ  |
| Dave Schearer      | K3BN   |
| Scott Scheirer     | KC3PCS |
| Aidan Schlegel     | KA1DAN |
| Chris Schlegel     | K3ADA  |
| Keith Schmehl      | N3LUU  |
| Jim Stamm, Jr.     | WA3KBH |
| Cal Wagner         | KA3HYC |
| Craig Wanner       | KC3KKN |
| Ron Waszk          | K3RJW  |
| Brad Wegman        | KC3HKR |
| Eric Wegman        | K3OGL  |
| Dave Wiley         | K3MXS  |

**GUESTS (20)**

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|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Tom Bausher   | KC3KKI, Berks County EMA        |
| Ralph Brandt  | K3HQI, ARES/RACES District 5 EC |
| Mike Correll  | KA3VCV                          |
| Jeff Delp     | Reading Eagle Photographer      |
| Doug Evans    | PEMA, Harrisburg Section Chief  |
| Andy Galligan | KA3NKN                          |

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| David Hoffman    | Son of Harry, W3VBY<br>XYL Harry, RRC Recycling |
| Lydia Hoffman    | Coordinator                                     |
| Andy Lutz        | KC3LPN, Reading Search & Rescue                 |
| Bill Muller      | N3AFI                                           |
| Alex Scheirer    | KE1FIE, son of Scott, KC3PCS                    |
| Lori Scheirer    | XYL Scott, KC3PCS                               |
| Larry Schleicher | W3GTP                                           |
| Mark Sedor       | N3FPV                                           |
| Kevin Stodart    | N3SYT                                           |
| Walt Urban       | K3BUM                                           |
| Jon Weaver       | KC3LNR, Reading Search & Rescue                 |
| Diane Yarger     |                                                 |
| Jim Yarger       |                                                 |
| Anthony Yoh      | Grand-Nephew of Ron, K3RJW                      |

The RRC thanks everyone for your efforts!!! (Sorry if we missed anyone, let us know if we missed you).-Things Happen-Hand writing can be tough.



Interior view of the Heritage Park Freight Station where the RRC held their 2018 Field Day exercise.

On the distant left is the SSB phone station.

On the left, near the large open sliding door, is the CW setup.

On the near left, to the left of the suitcases, is the VHF station.

On the right is the digital setup.

In the back, near the fireplace is the area for the VE tests.

The only station missing from this photo is the solar power setup, located outside on the porch, near the open large sliding door on the left.

Note the red and white ARRL flag on the near left, high on the wall.  
What do the red horizontal stripes say in CW?

Thanks to Ralph Brandt, K3HQI, of York, PA for this interior picture,  
and thanks to Phil Santoro, W3WNZ, for sending it to the Editor.

### **COFFEE & SNACKS AT THE RRC MONTHLY MEETINGS**

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By: Art Becker, KB3LDI (06.30.2018)

I am the person who makes the coffee and brings the donuts and snacks to each Reading Radio Club monthly meeting and have been doing that for ten plus years.

At the Tuesday May 1, 2018 Reading Radio Club Board of Directors meeting I told the Board the following:

**"On July 17, 2018, I will turn 87 years of age and I am beginning to feel it. So I will do the coffee and snacks for the May 4, June 8, and July 13 meetings, then that is it – Please find someone else to do the August 10 and subsequent monthly meetings."**

Maybe someone reading this will volunteer; if so, I will show that person the ropes - Give me a call at 610.375.4114.

Please remember, when you join a Club it cannot be all "Take", some have to "Give" in order for that Club to continue to flourish. If members do not step forward to help with various tasks, the Club may eventually cease to exist.

I hope and trust that someone will step up and take over this task.

Art Becker, KB3LDI – June 30, 2018

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Art has been a member of the RRC since June 2004 and has served on the RRC BOD since January 1, 2007. In addition, Art has served as VP from Feb. 2009 to Jan. 10, 2017.....HAPPY BIRTHDAY ART.*

### **RRC VE TEST SESSION ON JUNE 23, 2018 - THE RESULTS**

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By: Harry Hoffman, W3VBY (06.25.2018)

On Saturday afternoon, June 23, 2018 the Reading Radio Club sponsored its 93<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer Examiner Amateur Radio Test Session. The Test Session was held at the RRC Field Day site at Heritage Park in Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania starting at 2:30 p.m. There were six candidates in attendance.



The test results were as follows:

- 1 - Technician Class
- 2 - General Class
- 2 - Extra Class

The candidates came from Morgantown, Reading, Sinking Spring & Wernersville. The candidates were invited to attend future Reading Radio Club meetings and events.

Our Volunteer Examiners for this test session were:

- Ralph Dixon, NT3F
- Harry Hoffman, W3VBY
- Kim Santoro, K3WNZ
- Phil Santoro, W3WNZ
- Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS

Thanks to our RRC VE Team for a job well done. The test session started at 2:30 p.m. and was completed by about 3:40 p.m. The test materials were packaged and delivered to the Post Office on Monday morning for shipment by Priority Mail to the ARRL/VEC.

The next RRC VE Test Session will be held on August 4, 2018, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the RRC HAMFEST at Heritage Park in Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania.

If you need more information on Amateur Radio testing or wish to register for an exam call the VE Team Liaison, Harry Hoffman, W3VBY at 610.678.8976 or send an E-mail to HarryHoffmanJr@juno.com. The cost for participating in a test session this year is \$15.00 payable by check to the ARRL/VEC.

**RRC 2018 SUMMER PICNIC - SATURDAY JULY 7, 2018**

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By: Jim Nicholas, W3ITH (06.28.2018)

Reading Radio Club 2018 Summer Picnic Committee

- Art Becker, KB3LDI – Chairperson
- Harry Hoffman, W3VBY
- Jim Nicholas, W3ITH
- Dave Wiley, K3MXS

The RRC 2018 Summer Picnic will be held at Heritage Park’s freight train station in Sinking Spring again this year on Saturday, July 7. This is the same location we have used for many ARRL/RRC Field Days and RRC Hamfests. Attendees may arrive at 11:00 a.m. or later, and lunch is served at noon.

There may be more scenic locations around the county, but for convenience, the location is excellent. A nice kitchen with all of the appliances found at home, his and her rest rooms, plenty of parking and

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a handicapped-accessible rain or shine building all add to the location's desirability.

The club will provide to members and significant others the following: hamburgers, hot dogs, American cheese, rolls, potato salad, mustard, ketchup, chips, pretzels, sodas, bottled water, ice, napkins, knives, forks, spoons, and table cloths. If allergies or food preferences exist, feel free to bring your own choice of lunch items.

Club members may bring a dessert or a side dish to share with the group. This is totally optional.

The RRC 146.91/.31 MHz (CTCSS tone 131.8 Hz) will be monitored, as was cell phone 610-781-5508 during the event. The event will be held rain or shine. Last year, we had 21 members and guests, and sunny but mild weather.

**THE NITTANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
IS NO LONGER ASSOCIATED WITH THE PA QSO PARTY**

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC (07.01.2018)

The following was posted on the PaQSO Bulletin Board on or around June 7, 2018. (Minor editing was done by the RRC BULLETIN Editor).

We are pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania QSO Party has a new home.

**The PA QSO Party Association** (PA QSO PA) has been selected by the Nittany Amateur Radio Club (NARC) to continue the tradition of The Friendliest QSO Party.

We would like to thank the NARC for being the sponsor of The Pennsylvania QSO Party for the past 52 years, and especially with Mike Coslo, N3LI, as the Chairman for the past 13 years.

The PA QSO Party Association (PA QSO PA) is made up of participants of the Party who have a vision to carry the Party into the future and we are grateful to have been selected as the organization to which the torch is being passed.

While the PA QSO PA is still firming things up, be assured that the event will still be occurring each year, including 2018, on the second full weekend of October, (October 13 and 14, 2018), just as it always has been with the same starting and finishing times.

Additional organizational details of both the PA QSO PA and the Party will be forthcoming shortly. Please check our new and quickly changing website at [paqso.org](http://paqso.org) (or [www.paqso.org](http://www.paqso.org)) for Party information. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

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Here is what Mike Coslo, N3LI, had to say, back on April 29, 2018, about his retirement as the Chairperson of the Pennsylvania QSO Party and the involvement of the Nittany Amateur Radio Club.

The second and more important PAQSO Party news is that after 17 years, and 13 of them as Chairman, I am retiring.

I'd given notice after the party, with few details, but the situation has cleared now, and it is time to move forward. I have other aspects of Amateur Radio I want to experience, and with Mark, NK8Q, and myself doing the party work, with Elaine, K3ERP, doing the financials - it simply gobbles almost all of my time.

In conjunction with the board of directors of NARC, (I am Vice President) we set up a process for other NARC members to take over the administration of the party, with me acting as a consultant. We had a few bites, but after being presented with the scope of the effort, they thought better of it.

In order to provide a timely transfer, a date of April 30, 2018 was decided upon as the in-club deadline.

We did have one outside bite, but was not successful in getting their club members to move forward on it.

Since that effort fell through, we move on to the next phase.

We are putting out the call for another club to take over the Pennsylvania QSO Party and administer it, and hopefully do a much better job than I have.

This is a chance to place a club's imprint upon the QSO Party/Contesting world.

The successful candidate will get the copyright to the name, a transfer of the database files, and a certain level of consultation from myself (if any is wanted).

If any group is interested in taking over the Party, get in contact with me. I suggest a certain amount of expediency is important, as the next party is only 6 months away, and preparations must be made.

If no joy on that, the 2017 Pennsylvania QSO Party will have been the finale.

73, Mike Coslo, N3LI

**RRC BASEBALL CAPS - A SELL OUT**

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC

(07.01.2018)

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The most recent order (20) of the custom designed RRC Logo baseball caps has been a complete sell out. The last six caps were purchased at the RRC Field Day exercise on Saturday June 23, 2018.

Like the original, they were Khaki with a dark Navy blue brim, with the round RRC logo embroidered on the front of the cap.

At the Friday July 13, 2018 RRC monthly meeting names will be taken for the next order of 20 RRC baseball caps.

There also has been some recent interest in purchasing the Navy Blue with Gold trim RRC logo jackets. These jackets are insulated quilt lined, with the Reading Radio Club logo embroidered on the left breast area and your call letters embroidered on the right.

The price structure for the jackets is \$61 for the S, M, L, XL, and 2XL. For the XXL, the cost is \$63 and the 3XL are priced at \$65.

There is a minimum order of 12 jackets.

There will be a sign-up sheet, and a sample of the jacket, at the Friday July 13, 2018 monthly meeting for those that are interested in purchasing a very nice spring/fall/winter jacket.

At this point, we need ten more interested RRC members.

**RRC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - FRIDAY JUNE 8, 2018**

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By: Harry Hoffman, W3VBY, RRC Secretary (06.27.2018)

The RRC Friday evening June 8, 2018, monthly meeting was held at the Berks County Agricultural Center Main Auditorium, in Bern Township, Pennsylvania. The meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

1. Prior to 7:30 p.m. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH, was managing the sign-in sheet and selling 50-50 tickets. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, had October 16, 2018 "Friends Helping Friends" shopping passes for sale. (\$5 each). In addition, Rich, W3WJC, had the first order of twenty RRC Baseball Caps available for purchase for \$15.00 each.

2. RRC President John Engle, AB3SR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were thirty-one RRC members and four guests for a total of thirty-five.

3. RRC President John Engle, AB3SR, led the group in the pledge to the American Flag.

4. The RRC members and guests introduced themselves using the wireless microphone. The guests were: Riley Lindermuth; Lori Scheirer; Mark Sedor, N3FPV; and Ted Tatham, KC3GLL

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5. RRC President, John Engle, AB3SR, has RRC Badges available, but none of these members were present.

6. RRC President John Engle, AB3SR, announced future meeting dates and reminded us of the RRC Picnic to be held at Heritage Park on Saturday July 7, 2018. The picnic starts at 11:00 a.m. and we will eat at 12 noon.

7. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, is the Chairperson of the RRC Fund Raising Committee. He has \$5.00 Boscov's passes for sale at \$5.00 each. The \$5.00 goes directly to the RRC.

8. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, has RRC Baseball caps available for purchase tonight. The cost is \$15.00 each.

9. Art Becker, KB3LDI, would like someone to take over the responsibility of doing Refreshments for the RRC monthly meetings after the July 13, 2018 monthly meeting. He will be 87 years young!

10. Art Becker, KB3LDI, announced that the Field Day dinner will be on Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. Sign up now for PIZZA and ICE CREAM. There will be a kitty for the money donations.

11. Ron Waszk, K3RJW, will be holding Fox Hunting sessions during the RRC Field Day event at Heritage Park.

12. RRC events for the year 2018 to be held at Heritage Park in Sinking Spring:

Field Day, June 22, 23, 24, 2018

(VE Test Session at 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon June 23)

RRC Picnic, July 7 - Starting at 11:00 a.m.

RRC Hamfest, August 4

(VE Test Session starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning

(Detailed Hamfest Flyer on the last page of this Bulletin)

13. RRC President John Engle, AB3SR, asked if there were any questions from the membership. There were none.

14. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY, announced the 40th Anniversary open house of Heritage Park to be held this Sunday June 10, 2018. You can tour both buildings between 1:00 p.m. thru 5:00 p.m.

15. RRC Vice President Chris Schlegel, K3ADA, made some beautiful color flyers announcing the RRC 2018 Field Day event. Please pick some up and display them in public places.

16. The winner of the 50-50 drawing was RRC President John Engle, AB3SR. John's share of the pot was \$22.00.

17. The next RRC BOD Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday evening July 10, 2018, at the Ag Center starting at 7:30 p.m.

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18. The next RRC monthly meeting at the Ag Center will be Friday evening July 13, 2018, starting at 7:30 p.m. The program will be a video on the FT-8 "Weak Signal" Digital Mode.

19. A video of Field Day 1999 at the Vista Pavilion at the Blue Marsh Recreation Area was shown. The very nice video was filmed and edited by Tom Davis, N3UJF/AA3YL/AA3AM.

20. A rough draft of Field Day 2018 details was presented to the RRC members by Dave Wiley, K3MXS; Jim Nicholas, W3ITH; and Don McKinney, W3FCT. Signup sheets were available and members were encouraged to sign up and help with planning and participation. We will meet Thursday morning to bring needed equipment from the QTH of Don McKinney, W3FCT, to the Field Day site. We need lots of help to set up on Saturday morning and then tear down on Sunday afternoon. Operators are needed. We need you to help make Field Day a success!

21. RRC President John Engle, AB3SR, adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

**RRC BOD MEETING MINUTES - TUESDAY MAY 1, 2018**

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By: Harry Hoffman, W3VBY - RRC Secretary (06.05.2018)

ATTENDANCE:

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| John Engle, AB3SR - President  | Art Becker, KB3LDI  |
| Chris Schlegel, K3ADA - VP     | Jason Potter, K3WDF |
| Harry Hoffman, W3VBY - Sect.   | Rick Rhoads, W3ALG  |
| Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD - Treas. | (7)                 |

EXCUSED: Craig Huntsinger, K3CWH, and Ron Waszk, K3RJW.

VISITORS: None

This BOD meeting was held on Tuesday evening May 1, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Ag Center.

RRC President John Engle, AB3SR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

We opened the meeting with the pledge to the American Flag.

The preliminary April 10, 2018 RRC BOD Minutes were read aloud. The final approved copy will be sent to all Board members and to Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, the Editor of the RRC BULLETIN.

A motion was made by Chris Schlegel, K3ADA, and seconded by Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD, to accept the April 10, 2018 RRC BOD Minutes with one minor correction. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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CORRESPONDENCE

We received a very nice letter from Terry McKechnie thanking us for helping make the Beat Beethoven event a success. A special thanks to all who participated!

We received information about the "Ham Cram Class" to be held at a future date. It is not an RRC sanctioned program, but we will allow our VE's to participate if they wish.

MEMBERSHIP

No new RRC Membership Applications to review.

TREASURERS REPORT

RRC Treasurer Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD, gave the April 2018 Activity Statement April 1, 2018 through April 28, 2018 and the Balance Sheet as of April 28, 2018. Report accepted as read.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS

**W3BN** - Trustee is Craig W. Huntsinger, K3CWH.

( Not Present - No report necessary )

The expiration date of this license is March 6, 2026.

**W3CCH** - Trustee is Harry Hoffman, W3VBY.

( Present - No report necessary )

The expiration date of this license is September 16, 2024.

MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

May 4, 2018 monthly meeting at Ag Center

Videos "Fundamentals of Radio Communication" & "Electrical Safety"

June 8, 2018 monthly meeting at Ag Center

1999 Field Day video by Tom Davis , AA3AM, and planning for Field Day to be held the weekend of June 23 & 24 at Heritage Park in Sinking Spring.

July 7, 2018

RRC Picnic at Heritage Park in Sinking Spring.

Other possible future programs - solar power, battery backup, video on FT-8 digital mode, ARRL night.

Rick Rhoads, W3ALG, has a program on Western Wilderness Adventure.

We should ask Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, to speak at one of our monthly meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron Waszk, K3RJW, has scheduled the first FOX hunt for Sunday afternoon May 6, 2018 starting at the Pagoda at 1:00 p.m. At a future date, he would like to set up a Fox Hunt using a net control station, and working as teams from homes, triangulate to locate the FOX. To call Ron by telephone call twice and he will answer. (C 610.587.0354).

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Future Technician Classes - Chris Schlegel, K3ADA, will hold off until the Tech question pool changes on July 1, 2018. He plans on holding a minimum of eight classes.

NEW BUSINESS

After some discussion, we agreed to keep the Hamfest fees the same as last year. \$5.00 entrance fee or \$8.00 tailgate fee for sellers. No entrance fee for: those taking license exams, Amateurs under 18 years of age, unlicensed spouses, and children under 18 years old.

VP Chris Schlegel, K3ADA, suggested we make Club T-shirts available to our members. We would use the RRC Club Logo. He will ask for interest at our May 4, 2018 RRC monthly meeting.

The Ag Center will not be open on November 6, 2018 (Election Day). This date is a scheduled BOD Meeting date. Chris Schlegel, K3ADA, will check on the availability of the Maiden Creek Township Building to hold our BOD Meeting.

Art Becker, KB3LDI, would like someone to take over the responsibility of providing refreshments for our RRC monthly meetings at the Ag Center after the July 13, 2018 monthly meeting.

The next RRC BOD meeting will be held on Tuesday evening June 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center.

The next RRC monthly meeting will be held on Friday evening June 8, 2018, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center main auditorium.

RRC President John Engle, AB3SR, adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

(Time in session as a Board 1 hour 45 minutes)

**NEW READING RADIO CLUB MEMBERS**

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC (07.01.2018)

At the Tuesday June 5, 2018 Reading Radio Club BOD meeting there were no new RRC Member Applications to be reviewed by the BOD.

84 = Total RRC membership as of July 1, 2018

- 79 = July 2017
74 = July 2016
80 = July 2015
82 = July 2014
85 = July 2013
87 = July 2012
89 = July 2011
97 = July 2010
99 = July 2009
125 = July 2004
135 = July 2003
130 = July 2002
127 = July 2001
124 = July 2000
123 = July 1999



102 = July 2008  
116 = July 2007  
115 = July 2006  
125 = July 2005

193 = MEMBERS IN 1978

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**66 Full Members – (As of 06/01/2018) including:**

*“Life Member”*

*Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, by RRC BOD action on 06/06/2006.*

*“Honorary Membership for Life”*

*Jim Nicholas, W3ITH, by RRC BOD action on 12/08/2009.*

*“Honorary Membership for Life”*

*Walt Horn, W3OKX, by RRC BOD action on 07/04/2017.*

( 1/4 of the Full Members required for a quorum = 17 )

**17 Associate Members – (As of 06/01/2018)**

**1 Supporting Member – (As of 06/01/2018)**

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| 36 | Extra Class | ( 43 % ) | <i>May not total 100%</i>   |
| 8  | Advanced    | ( 10 % ) | <i>because of rounding.</i> |
| 24 | General     | ( 29 % ) |                             |
| 15 | Technician  | ( 18 % ) |                             |
| 0  | Novice      |          |                             |
| 1  | No License  | ( 1 % )  |                             |

The FCC records were last checked on September 8, 2014 - W3WJC.

49 RRC Members are members of the ARRL ( 58% ).

83 RRC Members receive the RRC BULLETIN via email ( 99% ).

74 RRC Members have a Broad Band ISP ( 88% ).

**LICENSE UPGRADES IN THE READING RADIO CLUB**

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC

(07.01.2018)

Congratulations to the following Reading Radio Club members on their recent FCC Amateur Radio License upgrades:

Al Harris, KC3JLJ, to Amateur Extra  
Ron Waszk, K3RJW, to Amateur Extra

Ron Adams, KC3FJY, to General  
Mike Caruso, KC3KEB, to General

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Best wishes to these RRC members as they explore their additional HF frequencies and maybe get involved with the PA QSO Party on October 13 and 14, 2018.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *If your advancement success is missed, please send the Editor an email - It is just too much to check each member's license status every month in the FCC records, although I do check the FCC records on occasion. (Last checked on September 8, 2014). If you did send an email, to my email address, and the information was not published, please send the info again - Things do happen. If you are a RRC member, do not be bashful, please provide me with your license upgrade information and I will note your success here in the RRC BULLETIN.*

As always, WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, and WHY.

Please send the info to: W3WJC73@gmail.com

For VE Testing opportunities please check the following Web page for local test sessions:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml>

A practice test site can be found at: <http://www.aa9pw.com/radio/>

Let the RRC know when you upgrade. I will make note of your accomplishment and your success right here in the RRC BULLETIN.

You can send the info to: W3WJC73@gmail.com

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE RRC - JULY 12, 1968**

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC

(07.01.2018)

The officers serving the Reading Radio Club, Inc. in July 1968 were:

President - Jim Lorah, K3IJJ / WB4KOB (SK) (BOD Member)

Vice President - Art Auchenbach, K3PSX (SK) (BOD Member)

Secretary - Al Brailer, W3UQC (SK) (BOD Member)

Treasurer - Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO (SK) (Not a BOD Member)

Other RRC Board Members serving the RRC in June 1968 were:

Rich Ahrens, W3WJC

Stew Ringler, W3EYN (SK)

Russ Frederick, W3CDS (SK)

Bob Wagner, W3GII (SK)

John Freeman, K3CBE

Stan Olanin, K3IOJ (SK)

*The following is a republishing of the "Highlights of the July 12, 1968 meeting" taken from the August 1968 issue of the RRC BULLETIN, and written by the RRC Secretary Al Brailer, W3UQC, (SK).*

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The Friday July 12, 1968, RRC monthly meeting (The second Friday) was held at the RRC Building #437, located at the North end of the Reading Regional Airport property, near Route 183, (Also known as the Bernville Road).

RRC President Jim Lorah, K3IJJ, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

There were about forty members in attendance.

The winner of the door prize was Harry Hackerty, W3BOL.

Harry, W3BOL, and Otto Kosa, W3DXW, will conduct a tour of the FAA radio installations and the tower operation at the Reading Airport. We are to meet at 7:15 p.m. on August 9, 1968 at the RRC Club Headquarters/Building #437, where the tour will begin.

No report by the TVI Committee or the Picnic Committee was given.

A Field Day report was given by Art Gantert, W3OLG, who thanked the various members of the 1968 FD Committee for making the event this year a success. The operation on 6 and 2 Meters did not prove worthwhile; therefore, our official report to the ARRL will list us as having two transmitters in simultaneous operation.

Using the National NCX-3 HF transceiver and the Collins KWM-2 HF transceiver we had the following totals:

110 QSOs on 80 CW  
117 QSOs on 40 CW  
187 QSOs on 75 SSB  
182 QSOs on 15 SSB  
596 Total QSOs

Several RRC projects have been planned. One project is the re-erection of our 6 and 2 Meter antenna system to the pole and mast to the east of our building. The other project is the painting of the outside of the RRC Building. The work will be done by RRC members.

In January 1968, the base of the rotor supporting the 6 and 2-Meter beam antennas cracked due to the high and gusty winds at the airport.

At the present time, only the 6-Meter coaxial vertical antenna is in use at the top of the 60-foot wooden pole.

The 2-Meter beam is ready to go up again, but the 6-Meter beam is not ready at this time.

The six-element 6-Meter beam was taken to the 1968 Field Day site and was to be used at that event. (Schuylkill Valley High School). However, the 6-Meter beam was damaged beyond repair during the erection of the beam at the FD site. The Board of Directors has therefore decided to purchase a new 6-Meter beam and located the beam directly above the rotor. The 2 Meter beam will be mounted about three feet above

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the 6-Meter beam and the bottom of the skirt of the 6-Meter coaxial vertical will be located about a foot above the 2-Meter beam.

The entire antenna system will have to be assembled on the parking lot and then lifted to the top of the sixty-foot wooden pole.

It is expected that Snorkel Number 1, of the Reading Fire Department, will lift the antenna assembly to the top of the pole.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *This is one of the two 70 foot chestnut poles that were moved from a Berks County site through the assistance of Mrs. Marguerite Voss Osman, the Berks County Civil Defense Executive Director, and the MetEd Company who moved and then replanted the poles ten feet into the ground.*

Gerry Baldauf, W3JKH, recently spent some time in the hospital and is expected home at this time. The Club members wish Gerry, W3JKH, a speedy recovery.

President Jim Lorah, K3IJJ, mentioned that Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, was vacationing in Canada along the St. Lawrence River.

RRC President Jim Lorah, K3IJJ, adjourned the meeting for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

RRC President Jim Lorah, K3IJJ, announced that the Gaithersburg Hamfest would be held on September 22, 1968.

Jim, K3IJJ, mentioned that the Reading Road Race, at the Reading Airport is scheduled for August 24 and 25, 1968. RRC members will provide safety communication using 6-Meter FM.

**FOR SALE OR WANTED ITEMS**

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**WANTED:** Callbooks - 1950 to 1957 for the RRC Callbook inventory. Contact Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, at W3WJC73@gmail.com

**MEMBERS THAT HAVE OR WILL SERVE ON RRC COMMITTEES FROM JANUARY 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC (07.01.2018)

The list below was constructed from incomplete observation during the past eighteen months. Please think of this list as something similar to the free encyclopedia on the Internet called "Wikipedia." Just like "Wikipedia", this list needs corrections, additions, and updating. Please send your input to the Editor at W3WJC73@gmail.com Excuse the hodgepodge layout, the order is of no significance and the alignment was defined by the length of the committee's names and the names of

the members on a committee. Some of the committees could use additional members. Join in and get Radio Active in the Reading Radio Club. **Additions, corrections or updates since last month in red.**

**BREAKFAST SPRING & FALL 2018**

1. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH - Co-Ch
2. Art Becker, KB3LDI - Co-Ch

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**FIELD DAY 06-22 & 23-2018**

1. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH - Co-Ch
2. Dave Wiley – K3MXS - Co-Ch
3. Mark Adamitis, Jr., KC3DDY
4. Ron Adams, KC3FJY
5. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC

**CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 15, 2018**

1. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH - Co-Ch
2. Mary Anne Nicholas, N3TVT - Co-Ch
3. ? ? ?

6. George Andrews, K3HGQ
7. Art Becker, KB3LDI
8. Brian Beitler, KC3QB
9. Ray Bostard, KC3HYX
10. Mike Caruso, KC3KEB
11. Don Cwynar, KT4JF
12. Ralph Dixon, NT3F
13. Jim Dorman, N3PRJ
14. Jon Durand, N8EUL
15. John Engle, AB3SR
16. Dennis Goodling, N3JRW
17. Walt Grube, WD8MNE
18. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY
19. Don McKinney, W3FCT
20. Glenn Mohler, AB3TQ
21. Mary Anne Nicholas, N3TVT
22. Jason Potter, K3WDF
23. Duane Redline, W3UQH
24. Rick Rhoads, W3ALG
25. Kim Santoro, K3WNZ
26. Phil Santoro, W3WNZ
27. Dave Schearer, K3BN
28. Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS
29. Aiden Schlegel, KA1DAN
30. Chris Schlegel, K3ADA
31. Keith Schmehl, N3LUU
32. Jim Stamm, WA3KBH
33. Cal Wagner, KA3HYC
34. Craig Wanner, KC3KKN
35. Ron Waszk, K3RJW
36. Brad Wegman, KC3HKR
37. Eric Wegman, K3OGL

**REFRESHMENTS (MONTHLY MEETINGS)**

1. Art Becker, KB3LDI - Ch
2. Dave Wiley, K3MXS
3. ? ? ?

## **ENTERTAINMENT (MONTHLY MEETINGS)**

The nine members of the BOD and others.

### **HAMFEST (AUG. 4, 2018)**

1. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY – Ch
2. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH
3. Dave Wiley, K3MXS
4. Art Becker, KB3LDI
5. Mary Anne Nicholas, N3TVT
6. Don Cwynar, KT4JF
7. Alex Nicholas
8. Cal Wagner, KA3HYC
9. Rick Rhoads, W3ALG
10. Bill Mooney, KA3PVA
11. George Andrews, K3HGQ
12. Ron Waszk, K3RJW
13. Corinne Ahrens
14. Walt Grube, WD8MNE
15. Lydia Hoffman
16. Glen Mohler, AB3TQ
17. Dennis Goodling, N3JRW
18. Elaine Wiley
19. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC
20. Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD
21. Jason Potter, K3WDF
22. Ralph Dixon, NT3F
23. Chris Schlegel, K3ADA
24. Aidan Schlegel, KA1DAN
25. Jim Doman, N3PRJ

### **MINI-HAMFEST (12/14/2018)**

1. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH - Co-Ch
2. Dave Wiley, K3MXS - Co-Ch
3. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY

### **DEC. 14, 2018 DOOR PRIZES**

1. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH – Ch
2. Art Becker, KB3LDI
3. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY
4. Dave Wiley, K3MXS

### **RRC VE TEAM ( ) Order joined**

1. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY–Ch (2)
2. Duane Redline, W3UQH (3)
3. Norm Dorward, AA3PO (4)
4. Art Becker, W3JZN (5)
5. Craig Huntsinger, K3CWH (6)
6. Dennis Goodling, N3JRW (7)
7. Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD (8)
8. Jason Potter, K3WDF (9)
9. Ralph Dixon, NT3F (10)
10. Phil Santoro, W3WNZ (11)
11. Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS (12)
12. Kim Santoro, K3WNZ (13) Gen.
13. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC (1)

### **RPTR TECHNICAL (70 CM FUSION DIGITAL - W3CCH)**

1. Chris Schlegel, K3ADA - Ch
2. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY - W3CCH Trustee
3. Jason Potter, K3WDF
4. ? ? ?

### **RPTR TECHNICAL & OPERATING (146.91 MHz ANALOG - W3BN)**

1. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC - Ch
2. Don Cwynar, KT4JF
3. Craig Huntsinger, K3CWH - W3BN Trustee
4. Art Becker, KB3LDI

### **FUND RAISING 2018**

1. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC - Co-Ch
2. Jim Nicholas - Co-Ch
3. Corinne Ahrens
4. Charity Evans, KW3RK

### **RRC BULLETIN 2018**

1. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC - Editor
2. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY
3. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH
4. Dave Wiley, K3MXS
5. Art Becker, KB3LDI
6. Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD
7. Craig Huntsinger, K3CWH
8. Charity Evans, KC3HKU

## **TRANSMITTER HUNTING**

1. Ron Waszk, K3RJW – Ch
2. Glenn Mohler, AB3TQ
3. ? ? ?
4. ? ? ?

9. Ron Waszk, K3RJW
10. Chris Schlegel, K3ADA
11. Corinne Ahrens
12. Phil Santoro, W3WNZ
13. Roger Rehr, W3SZ
14. Shawn Pauley, W3SMP
15. Jon Durand, N8EUL

## **MEMBERSHIP DATABASE**

1. Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD - Treas.

## **PAGODA AWARD**

1. John Geisewite, KB3MIH - Ch
2. ? ? ?

## **MEETING ATTENDANCE & 50-50**

1. Walt Horn, W3OKX – Ch
2. Sue Zuber, KB3JQE
3. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH

## **PICNIC JULY 7, 2018**

1. Art Becker, KB3LDI - Ch
2. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH
3. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY
4. Dave Wiley, K3MXS

## **RRCMOTA**

1. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC – Co-Ch
2. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH – Co-Ch
3. Art Becker, KB3LDI
4. Dave Wiley, K3MXS

## **TRUSTEES**

1. Craig Huntsinger, K3CWH - **W3BN**
2. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY - **W3CCH**

## **FACEBOOK MANAGER & TEAM**

1. Chris Schlegel, K3ADA - Ch
2. ? ? ?

## **PUBLICITY**

1. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY - RRC Sect.

## **BY-LAWS**

1. Walt Horn, W3OKX
2. Art Becker, KB3LDI

## **RRC HAMWARE**

1. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC – Ch
2. Corinne Ahrens
3. Chris Schlegel, K3ADA

## **MEMBERSHIP LIST**

1. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC

## **HISTORIAN**

1. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC
2. ? ? ?

## **AUDIT - 2018**

1. Full member at large ?
2. Full member at large ?
3. Full member at large ?
4. Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD

## **WEB MASTER**

1. Dave Schearer, K3BN

## **AWARDS MANAGER**

1. Craig Huntsinger, K3CWH

## **PA QSO PARTY**

1. Dave Wiley, K3MXS
2. ? ? ?
3. ? ? ?

## **POST OFFICE MAIL PICKUP**

1. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY - Ch
2. Rich Ahrens, W3WJC

## **ESTATE SALES / DISPOSAL**

1. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH – Ch
2. Harry Hoffman, W3VBY
3. Dave Wiley, K3MXS

## **RRC TECHNICAL NET**

1. Roger Rehr, W3SZ

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES - 2018**

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 Jun. 30 - Deadline for the July 2018 RRC BULLETIN  
**Jul. 7 - RRC Picnic (A Saturday) – At the Heritage Park**  
 Jul. 10 - RRC BOD meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center  
 Jul. 13 - RRC Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center  
**Jul. 15 - TRANSMITTER HUNT, 1:00 p.m., start at the Pagoda**  
 Jul. 28 - Deadline for the August 2018 RRC BULLETIN  
**Aug. 4 - RRC Hamfest (A Saturday) – At the Heritage Park**  
 Aug. 7 - RRC BOD meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center  
 Aug. 10 - RRC Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center  
 Sep. 1 - Deadline for the September 2018 RRC BULLETIN  
 Sep. 4 - RRC BOD meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center  
 Sep. 7 - RRC Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Center  
 Sep. 29 - Deadline for the October 2018 RRC BULLETIN  
 Oct. 13 & 14 PENNSYLVANIA QSO PARTY

On the Fridays, that we do not have an in-person meeting we will have a "Reading Radio Club Meeting On The Air" (RRCMOTA) on the RRC 146.910 MHz repeater starting at 8:00 p.m. The CTCSS is 131.9 Hz.

**RRC MEETING ON THE AIR (RRCMOTA)**

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 Check into the RRC MEETING ON THE AIR on the Friday evenings that we do not have an in-person meeting. The net on 146.910 MHz starts at 8:00 p.m. with the latest AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLINE REPORT from the West Coast. We then have an exchange of information that may be of interest to the members of the Reading Radio Club. The last part of the net is a roll call where we usually have 26 to 44 stations check-in. The net has been in operation since January 22, 1994. On Friday June 29, 2018, we had session number 1038 and we had 32 local stations check in, and test their 2-Meter analog FM equipment. The next RRCMOTA will be on Friday July 6, 2018, starting at 8:00 p.m. on the RRC 146.910 MHz repeater.

**Everyone, RRC Members and non-members,  
are invited to tune in and check into the**

**READING RADIO CLUB MEETING ON THE AIR**

**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST 2018 "RRC BULLETIN" IS**

**SATURDAY JULY 28, 2018**

**73,**

Rich Ahrens, W3WJC  
Editor: RRC BULLETIN



If you change your email address, PLEASE inform the Editor at:  
W3WJC73@gmail.com

**2018 RRC OFFICERS**

|           |                       |                         |      |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|
| =====     |                       |                         |      |
| PRESIDENT | John Engle, AB3SR     | JEngle@weeu.com         | (19) |
| VICE PREZ | Chris Schlegel, K3ADA | Sutehk.CS@gmail.com     | (20) |
| SECRETARY | Harry Hoffman, W3VBY  | HarryHoffmanJr@juno.com | (19) |
| TREASURER | Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD | NateØ1PA@comcast.net    | (20) |

**2018 RRC AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|--|------|
| =====                   |                        |  |      |
| Art Becker, KB3LDI      | ABeckerBeConCo@msn.com |  | (18) |
| Craig Huntsinger, K3CWH | K3CWH@verizon.net      |  | (19) |
| Jason Potter, K3WDF     | Radio.K3WDF@gmail.com  |  | (18) |
| Rick Rhoads, W3ALG      | HerdBull58@comcast.net |  | (18) |
| Ron Waszk, K3RJW        | PolishPICL@aol.com     |  | (20) |

The two-digit number, in brackets, to the right of the BOD member's email address, is the year that their term ends on December 31.

(A normal 3-year term runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, three years later).

The four officers of the RRC are elected from the BOD by the NINE board members at the annual RRC Board of Directors Reorganization Meeting held in January of each year. Please note that ALL nine BOD members have voting power.

**WEB PAGE OF THE READING RADIO CLUB**

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Dave Schearer, K3BN - The RRC Web Master

**readingradioclub.org**

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**ACTIVITIES ON THE RRC REPEATER**  
**146.910 MHz RPTR - CTCSS = 131.8 Hz (3B)**

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QCWA READING CHAPTER 31 NET  
Mondays at 9:00 p.m.

RRC MEETING ON THE AIR NET (RRCMOTA)  
Fridays at 8:00 p.m. (Started January 1994)  
(Other than Club meeting nights)

THE THREE MINUTE TIMER IS PRESENTLY DISABLED  
DURING THESE NETS

WE ARE ..... READING RADIO CLUB

THE READING RADIO CLUB WAS FOUNDED ON MARCH 10, 1921

ARRL AFFILIATED SINCE FEBRUARY 17, 1922

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JULY 1, 2018 - EMAIL VERSION STARTED ON FEBRUARY 10, 1998.  
CIRCULATION: 84 RRC - 106 RRC ELIGIBLE NON-MEMBERS,  
FIVE CLUBS WE SWAP BULLETINS WITH, PLUS 10 OTHER CLUBS.  
THE FREQUENCY OF PUBLICATION IS MONTHLY.

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**THE NEXT PAGE (28)**

**AND POST AT HAMFESTS,**

**COMMUNITY HALLS, ETC.**

**THANK YOU**



# READING RADIO CLUB



## HAMFEST

**AUGUST 4, 2018**

**Heritage Park 992 Clematis Street  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608-1333**

**Admission: \$5.00 per adult  
or**

**Tailgating: \$8.00 per space**

No admission fee for those taking license exams, or  
Radio Amateurs under 18 years of age, unlicensed spouses,  
and children under 18 years of age.  
( Ticket prizes awarded at intervals )

**Testing at 8:30 a.m. Inside the Freight Station  
Cost is \$15. We prefer a check made to "ARRL/VEC"**

**Please bring at least one form of ID**

**A copy of your Amateur Radio License or CSCE is sufficient  
Contact Harry Hoffman, W3VBY, at 610.678.8976 or  
HarryHoffmanJr@juno.com**

**Handicap accessible restroom facilities and refreshments  
available in the Freight Station**

Test Bench with limited 110 Volt AC and HF antenna  
provided near the Freight Station

**Park opens at 8:00 a.m. - Vendors at 7:00 a.m.**

**RAIN or SHINE**

**Talk-In: RRC REPEATER 146.910 MHz (CTCSS 131.8 Hz)**