

**COLUMBIA-MONTOUR
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2025**

<http://www.qsl.net/cm-arc/>

**REGULAR CLUB MEETING HELD
MAY 13TH**

For the May club meeting, we had a business meeting and discussion. Our Treasurer, Robert Marande, KA2NVF, gave a report on our club finances. We discussed our club hamfest and our Field Day preparations. Our club hamfest will be held at the Lime Ridge Community Center on Saturday, June 21. We ask all members to wear their red T-shirt for both the hamfest and Field Day activities. Formal meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed conversation and cookies and coffee.

CMARC HAMFEST

Our club will hold its 2024 Annual Bloomsburg Hamfest on June 21st at the Lime Ridge Community Center in Lime Ridge. We should explain that at a hamfest, amateur radio operators buy, sell and exchange radio and computer items. It is not a place where people are going to eat ham. A sponsor for a hamfest furnishes a location where amateur radio operators can gather; our club is sponsoring the 2025 Annual Bloomsburg Hamfest. Our club has sponsored this hamfest almost every year beginning in 1991; the only two years we did not have a hamfest were 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

This year our Hamfest Chairman is Dave Mosteller, KC3JNW

CMARC HAMFEST PLANS

Our hamfest has been scheduled for Saturday, June 21st, with set up the day before, Friday, June 20th. The location is the same as last year, the Lime Ridge Community Center in Lime Ridge. Our hamfest has been sanctioned by ARRL, which means ARRL will send us door prizes and print information about our hamfest in QST. As in previous years, the ladies of the church across the street will provide the food.

SO HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**We need people to help the day before the hamfest!
Here is what needs to be done!**

The day before the hamfest, Friday, June 20th, we need people to set up a number of things at the Lime Ridge Community Center. **We will meet at 3 p.m.** to begin the set-up. We drive four-foot-long wooden stakes in the ground and string ribbon to form gates. The hams attending the hamfest will enter through the gates, where we will be selling them admission tickets.

We will go into the building and begin setting up the tables and chairs; Hamfest Chairman Dave Mosteller will tell us how

to arrange the tables. Later a group will go with Robert Marande in his truck to Andy Shector's garage to pick up equipment Andy will sell at the hamfest.

After the tables and chairs are set up, the truck will arrive from Andy's garage, and we will unload the truck onto some of the tables. We will also wire in an audio system that we will be using during the hamfest.

The next day, June 21st, remember that all hamfests begin early, and ours is no exception. **Be sure to wear your red "CMARC STAFF" T-shirt and bring your hand-held two-meter transceiver tuned to the special hamfest frequency 146.49 simplex.** We need to have some people there by 6 a.m. Even if you can't make it that early, try to be there by 7 a.m. The most important job will be to sell an admission ticket to each amateur radio operator as he/she comes through the gate. We'll have a sign-up sheet where the volunteers can sign up for a particular time to work. That way the volunteers will know exactly when, where and for how long they are volunteering to work. **We hope that each volunteer will work for a specific time period (hopefully one hour depending on how many volunteers we have).** That way, the volunteers will not be tied down for a long period of time and can enjoy the hamfest themselves. We usually sell admission tickets until 10:30 a.m. and the hamfest will end at approximately noon.

We will need some volunteers to stay and help with the clean-up. The tables and chairs need to be put away, and the floor must be swept.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR YOUR RED "CMARC STAFF" SHIRT AT BOTH THE HAMFEST

AND AT OUR FIELD DAY LOCATION (and to meetings, if you like). MORE INFO ON FIELD DAY BELOW!

CMARC FIELD DAY PLANS

Field Day is the biggest operating event of the year for hams! ARRL Field Day 2025 will be held June 28-29. We would like to have as many members take part in this once-a-year opportunity to have fun, get on the air and work stations. Our club is planning to be located at the same place as previous years, the Kulp Church Grove.

Here are the directions to our Field Day location, the Kulp Church Grove.

DON'T TRY TO USE GPS! USE THE DIRECTIONS!

Take PA Route 42 South through Catawissa. Just beyond the bridge over Catawissa Creek, take the LEFT fork (continue on route 42). Three miles beyond the fork, watch for two "Do Not Enter" signs on the left. At the "Do Not Enter" signs, turn left (using the correct right lane). You are now on Ideal Park Road. Continue on Ideal Park Road (which becomes Mill Road) for about one mile, and watch for a covered bridge on the left. Turn left and drive through the covered bridge. You are now on Rarig Road. Drive approximately two miles on Rarig Road. Rarig Road ends at Old Reading Road; turn right on Old Reading Road, and Kulp Church Grove is a few hundred yards ahead on the left.

We plan to begin setting up antennas in the grove around noon on Friday, June 27th.

We need help with putting up the antennas! We will begin around noon and the time we finish will depend upon how many volunteers we have. In previous Field Day events, we usually completed the antenna installation around 5 p.m. So even if you cannot arrive at noon, please consider arriving later (we will likely need help until around 5 p.m.).

We will have people who stay overnight in the grove June 27-28. If you plan on operating on Field Day, please plan on coming to the Kulp Chruch Grove long before the operating start time of 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22.

We'll begin working other stations at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28th, and continue until around noon on Sunday, June 29th. Field Day stations may be worked on any mode, but the primary modes are SSB, CW and FT8.

Everyone is welcome! We try to get as many people to operate as possible.

THE FIELD DAY GOTA STATION

As part of the Field Day rules, we will have a special station called a GOTA (Get-On-The-Air) station. Here in Pennsylvania we pronounce GOTA as GO-tah. The only licensed hams who qualify to operate the GOTA station are those who have been licensed for less than one year, technician-licensed amateurs and those who have been inactive (not been on HF frequencies for more than two years). Persons who also qualify are unlicensed people. According to the rules, any unlicensed person may operate a ham radio under the supervision of a licensed operator called a control operator. Steve Zappe, WA3GQA, and Andy Shecktor, N3OMA, have volunteered to be the control operators for the GOTA station. If you qualify to operate the GOTA station, please come to Field Day! We can earn lots of Bonus Points with the GOTA station! If you are under the age of 18 or have children or grandchildren under the age of 18, please bring them to Field Day so they can operate a ham radio and earn Bonus Points.

CALLSIGNS TO BE USED AT CMARC FIELD DAY

Two club members are allowing their four-character callsigns to be used for our Field Day operations. They are Bob Montgomery, W3ZR, and Ed Sabo, WE3U. Many thanks, Bob and Ed!

MUCH MORE TO FIELD DAY

There is much more to Field Day! If you are interested in all the rules for Field Day, you can read the complete rules here: [Field Day Rules \(arrl.org\)](http://arrl.org)

You may download the complete packet with tips on operating Field Day here:

[2025 Field Day Packet v1.pdf](#)

Please mark your calendar now for this fun event!

LOGGING FIELD DAY CONTACTS

We must keep an accurate log of the stations we work on Field Day. The logging program we will use is the N3FJP Field Day Logging program version 6.6.9. It may be downloaded from:

[N3FJP's Amateur Radio Software](#)

Note the program may be downloaded without paying the registration fee of \$8.99. You may wish to download the program and practice with it before coming to Field Day. Our club copy of the program that we use for actual operating has been registered.

Some club members will work Field Day from home. If you intend to do that, it may be worthwhile for you to pay the fee if you are going to use the program for more than 30 QSOs.

Editor's note: The N3FJP program will send perfect CW! I was very impressed with that feature. However, it does have

a few quirks that you should be aware of, so practice with the keying if you intend to use the CW keying feature of the program.

CW ON FIELD DAY AND CW CONTESTING

There is a free program for practice in CW contesting that is truly fabulous! It simulates a CW contest and it is very realistic. The program is called Morse Runner and you may download it from this website:

[Morse Runner 1.6 Download \(Free\) - MorseRunner.exe \(informer.com\)](http://informer.com)

Different CW contests have different exchanges of information. The exchange simulated by the program is not the exchange used for Field Day, but it will give you practice in the most difficult step in working a CW contest. The most difficult step is calling CQ, then typing the call sign of a station that calls you into the log.

If you want to work CW on Field Day (or work any CW contest) download the program and give it a try!

CMARC JULY CLUB MEETING LOCATION CHANGED

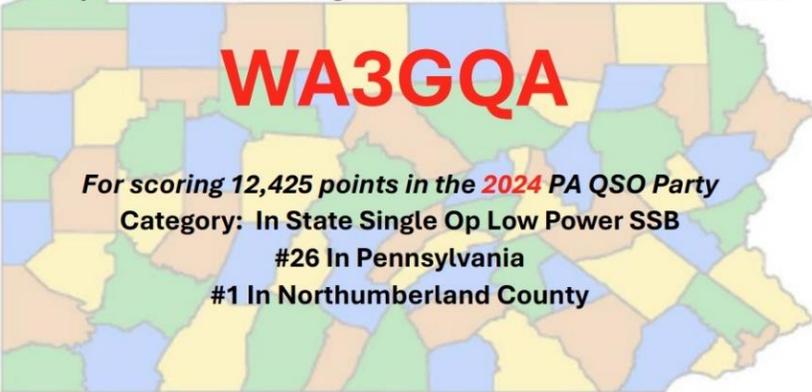
At the request of the Shiloh Bible Church, we are changing the location of our regular July meeting; the new location will be in the building across the street from our regular meeting location. The change is only for the July meeting; the August meeting will be back in our usual spot.

PA QSO PARTY CERTIFICATES SENT TO CLUB MEMBERS

The PA QSO Party held in October 2024 sends out certificates to participants via email. Here are some of the PA QSO Party certificates received by local amateurs.

PA The PA QSO Party Association PA

Takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate of Achievement to:



WA3GQA

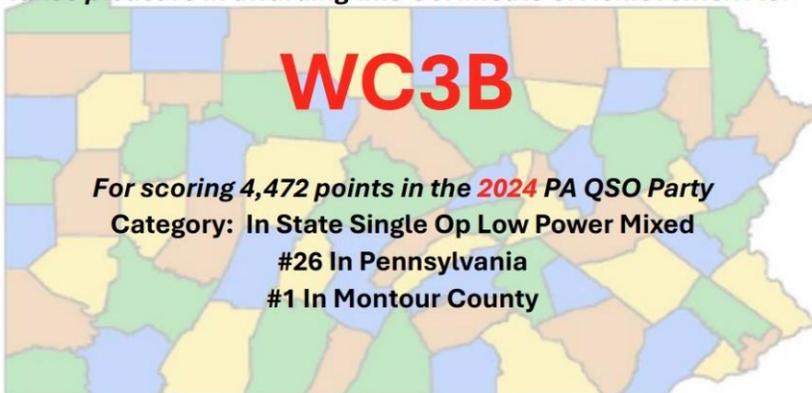
For scoring 12,425 points in the **2024 PA QSO Party**
Category: In State Single Op Low Power SSB
#26 In Pennsylvania
#1 In Northumberland County

The Friendly QSO Party



PA The PA QSO Party Association PA

Takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate of Achievement to:



WC3B

For scoring 4,472 points in the **2024 PA QSO Party**
Category: In State Single Op Low Power Mixed
#26 In Pennsylvania
#1 In Montour County

The Friendly QSO Party



Bill Barnes, WC3B, also mentioned the following:

Jack McCann, W3GY, SK, won the county with overall score, however, SSB only. going to miss him this year for sure, he's given out the bulk of Montour County contacts for years.

73, de Bill, WC3B

PA The PA QSO Party Association PA

Takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate of Achievement to:

N3DLL

For scoring 3,008 points in the **2024 PA QSO Party**
Category: In State Single Op Low Power SSB
#60 In Pennsylvania
#4 In Columbia County

The Friendly QSO Party

PA The PA QSO Party Association PA

Takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate of Achievement to:

N3JPV

For scoring 7,034 points in the **2024 PA QSO Party**
Category: In State Single Op Low Power SSB
#40 In Pennsylvania
#2 In Columbia County

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The PA QSO Party Association



Takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate of Achievement to:

WQ3N
 Ops AK3V N3BUD
 For scoring 188,176 points in the **2024 PA QSO Party**
 Category: In State Portable Multi Op Low Power
 #2 In Pennsylvania
 #1 In Delaware County
 Worked All 67 PA Counties
New Delaware County Record



The Friendly QSO Party



The PA QSO Party Association



Takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate of Achievement to:

K3QIA
 For scoring 94,130 points in the **2024 PA QSO Party**
 Category: In State Single Op Low Power CW
 #3 In Pennsylvania
 #1 In Columbia County



The Friendly QSO Party



CMARC PLACES WELL IN PA QSO PARTY CLUB COMPETITION

Our club placed number 4 out of the 15 clubs participating in the 2024 PA QSO Party. Thanks to all club members who took part! Well done!

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (SVARC) HAS BEEN ACTIVE

Contesting - the Susquehanna Valley Amateur Radio Club has participated in several contests over the last few months, and results are starting to reveal some impressive results for the club and several members. For the PA QSO party held in October, 2024, the club placed 1st place in its class, primarily due to the efforts of John Thompson K3MD operating the club call W3VPJ. Of particular note within the club: Club President James Heath WE3D (formerly KC3OXN) placed 2nd in the state in his class of portable single-op QRP, 1st in Northumberland County. Additionally, club VP Jim Collier KC3GBS placed 1st in Northumberland County for portable, single-op Low Power, and club Treasurer Fred Doten N1OEP placed 1st in Snyder County in his class of single-op Low Power.

Winter Field Day was held in January 2025, and the club operated from a remote cabin near Wellsboro, PA. The club placed first in the entire world for its class! Bravo to the operators working across so many bands and modes to demonstrate emergency communications excellence, even in adverse, cold conditions! Enduring the long hours and cold, we also rewarded ourselves with some really great food and enjoyed copious amounts of coffee together while deepening friendships in the hobby.

Community Youth Outreach - A few club members will be responding to an invitation from a local library to talk on June 23rd with a Kid's club along the Susquehanna River, hoping to expose some young minds to ham radio, answering their questions, and demonstrating different ways we can use radios to communicate nearby, across the country and maybe around the world. One goal will be to hand out a few project kits to kids who would be interested in showing up to our **Field Day operations** later in the week, to have help from other club members building crystal radio receivers and/or a Morse code

oscillator. We're really excited to be engaging a new generation with the magic of radio!

And speaking of Field Day, SVARC will again be setting up for operations at Shikellamy State Park Overlook to participate in the annual, ARRL Field Day operations - June 28-29. Anyone is invited to come visit, and enjoy this wonderful event with your friendly nearby club to the southwest.

Respectfully submitted by SVARC Activities Director - Darren Rhoads - N3IDR (formerly KC0NAH). If you have questions or wish to reach out, you can reach me at darrenrhoads@yahoo.com or call/text (973) 259-6948.

73,
Darren - N3IDR (formerly KC0NAH)

SMARTS AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING TEST GROUP UPDATE

This update is from Fred Uebelhoer, KA3IRJ.

- Due to a lack of participation CSTG has ceased monthly meetings and discontinued its newsletter.
- The June SMARTS Test Session is canceled due to conflict with the CMARC Hamfest. SMARTS will resume testing on the third Saturday of July (7/19) at 0930 in the Montour Preserve auditorium.
- Finally, I am very sorry to report that CSTG founder Joe Dozpat (WA3UVP) has gone SK very recently. I do not have any more details at this writing.

73, Fred, KA3IRJ

BILL BARNES, WC3B, WORKS WW CQ WPX CW CONTEST

Well, I'm horrible at copying numbers at any speed over 12wpm. boy was that painful.

Worked 34 - hunting needed countries for DXCC for a few hours. 73, de Bill, WC3B

DX WORKED IN THE MONTH OF MAY 2025

In the month of May, your newsletter editor, Bob Foster, K3QIA, worked the following DX stations on FT8 and/or CW:

YC9XSY	Indonesia
VK6AS	Australia
C21TS	Nauru
TX9A	Austral Islands
A71AT	Qatar
Z68ZZ	Kosovo
ZS8W	Marion Island
D44ZZI	Cape Verde Islands
TA2OM	Turkey
BA7IO	China
YS3PY	El Salvador
VP6MW	Pitcairn Island
HB0/DL2SBY	Liechtenstein
9J2FI	Zambia
7Z1AO	Saudi Arabia

Also worked some garden-variety stuff, too! It is the peak of the sunspot cycle! Now is the time to try for some great DX!

WATCH FOR SIX-METER BAND OPENINGS

June is the best month of the year for sporadic E band openings! The band openings, as the propagation name suggests, are irregular and can occur at any time.

Remember the best VHF contest of the year, the ARRL June VHF Contest, begins at 18Z (2 p.m. EDT) on Saturday, June 14, and continues until 03Z (11 p.m. EDT) on Sunday, June 16. Good luck!

MATT LUNGER, KB3JKU, ANNOUNCES CMARC TESTING FOR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSES IS AVAILABLE MONTHLY

Our CMARC Testing Chairman, Matt Lunger, KB3JKU, announces we will have test sessions beginning at 6 p.m. at the Shiloh Bible Church the evenings of our regular club meetings. So just before a club meeting, you may take a licensing exam. However, testing must be scheduled in advance. To schedule a test, please email Matt at least two weeks before you wish to be tested. Matt's email address is: dekb3jku@outlook.com

TOM, KC3T, HAS IMPORTANT INFO CONCERNING OUR EPA NETS

Fellow area radio operators:

Section Traffic Manager Scott Walker (N3SW) is leaving our region. He has handed his managerial duties over to me. Monthly, the traffic manager submits reports to the ARRL, regarding public service honor roll, and net activities. Another responsibility of the traffic manager is to "insure that all traffic nets within the section are properly and adequately staffed." [ARRL] Currently, both the Eastern Pennsylvania Emergency Phone and Traffic Net (EPAEPTN),

and especially the CW Pennsylvania Traffic Net (PTN) are operating with minimum staff. We need volunteers. Please consider checking in to one or both of these networks on a regular basis. Arriving traffic is delivered best by a local ham, especially the "welcome to ham radio" messages we handle often. Both are a great way to improve your operating skills, and give back to the community.

EPAEPTN 17:00 Eastern, 3918 kHz

PTN 19:00 Eastern, 3585 kHz

Both nets meet daily.

73

Tom

KC8T

Eastern PA Traffic Manager

MATERIALS NEEDED BY ANDY FOR HAMFEST

At our hamfests in June, Andy, N3OMA, sells items that have been donated to the club. Andy is a terrific salesman, and he was able to sell many of the items that were donated. Andy is now asking for more donations; he needs materials to sell at our hamfest. If you have some items to donate, let Andy know. Andy's email address is: andrew@shecktor.com

MATT LUNGER, KB3JKU, HANDLES DX QSL CARDS FOR THE CLUB

Matt Lunger, KB3JKU, is handling the collection of QSL cards to be sent to the bureau. If you have DX QSL cards to be sent to the Outgoing ARRL Bureau,

please give them to Matt at a club meeting or send them to Matt. Matt's address is:

Matt Lunger

2966 State Route 42

Millville, PA 17846

You must be a member of the club and a member of ARRL to use this service. Please be sure to give Matt your ARRL membership number when you give him QSL cards. He will need this number in order to have ARRL accept your cards. You can find your ARRL membership number on your QST address label directly before your call sign.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE THE ARRL BUREAU, PLEASE LOOK HOW THE BUREAU OPERATES AT:

<http://www.arrl.org/outgoing-qsl-service>

MORE RACES OPERATORS NEEDED

We need more ham radio operators to become certified as Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) operators. RACES operators take part in emergency drills and will provide communications in case of actual emergencies. Becoming certified as a RACES operator requires taking on-line courses and then receiving a special RACES badge issued by Columbia County. See the next article for detailed info on how to become certified.

HOW TO BECOME ACTIVE IN OUR LOCAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

RACES/ARES Chairman, Randy Kishbaugh, N3JPV, provides the information on how to become active in ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service). In order to take part in our local emergency

communications, Randy furnishes the following information about the on-line courses required.

The NWS (National Weather Service) offers Skywarn courses.
[SKYWARN \(weather.gov\)](http://www.weather.gov)

Go to the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) website;
[FEMA - Emergency Management Institute \(EMI\) | National Preparedness Directorate National Training and Education Division](http://www.fema.gov)

Place your mouse pointer on “Independent Study”

There you will find the on-line required courses:

IS-100.c Introduction to Incident Command

IS-700.b An Introduction to National Incident Management

ARRL courses are also required. The courses are:
Basic EmComm
Intermediate EmComm

Information on these courses may be found at
[Online Course Catalog \(arrl.org\)](http://www.arrl.org)

After completing the courses, contact Randy and he will arrange to have a badge issued to you by Columbia County Emergency Management. You must wear the badge when taking part in Drills or Emergency Communications for the county.

If you have any questions, contact the Emergency Coordinator for Columbia and Montour Counties, Randy Kishbaugh, N3JPV. Randy's email address is: 4n3jpv1@verizon.net

CMARC SOCIAL NET

The CMARC Social net meets every Wednesday at 1930 (7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time) on 14.308. If 14.308 is occupied we will meet on 14.311 and if that is busy we will be on 14.315. This is a very informal net where we discuss anything from radio concerns to what we have done during the week. Some of these other topics have been plumbing, yard work, radio, electrical, to various hobbies. Not only local hams check in but we have had hams from various states check in and enjoy the net.

This information from:

Robert Marande, KA2NVF

SKYWARN NET ON OUR CMARC REPEATER

The following information is from CMARC President Dave Mosteller:

The Skywarn Net is held Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on the club repeater, 147.225. Check-ins are very welcome! You do not need to be a trained spotter to check into the Skywarn net.

Skywarn Net 5/5/2025 Dave Mosteller, KC3JNW, Net Control

#	Call Sign	M/P	State	Member Id	Name
1	KC3JNW		PA		David B Mosteller
2	N3DLL		PA		David L Lockard
3	KC3OLH		PA		Thomas C Smith
4	KC3CXL		PA		Joseph A Grosso
5	WE3U		PA		Edward A Sabo Jr
6	N3JPV		PA		Randall C Kishbaugh
7	KC3OTG		PA		Abigail R Smith
8	N3SSL		PA		Ryan R Gross

Skywarn Net 5/12/2025, Dave Mosteller, KC3JNW, Net Control

#	Call Sign	M/P	State	Member Id	Name
1	KC3JNW		PA		David B Mosteller
2	N3DLL		PA		David L Lockard
3	KC3CXL		PA		Joseph A Grosso
4	N3JPV		PA		Randall C Kishbaugh
5	N3VMM		PA		Dennis W Nichols

Skywarn Net 5/19/2025 Dave Mosteller, KC3JNW, Net Control

#	Call Sign	M/P	State	Member Id	Name
1	KC3JNW		PA		David B Mosteller
2	N3DLL		PA		David L Lockard
3	KC3CXL		PA		Joseph A Grosso
4	N3JPV		PA		Randall C Kishbaugh
5	N3VMM		PA		Dennis W Nichols

Skywarn Net 5/26/2025 Dave Mosteller, KC3JNW, Net Control

#	Call Sign	M/P	State	Member Id	Name
1	KC3JNW		PA		David B Mosteller
2	N3DLL		PA		David L Lockard
3	KC3CXL		PA		Joseph A Grosso
4	WE3U		PA		Edward A Sabo Jr
5	KC3VYS		PA		Joel M Cunningham
6	KD3AGF		PA		Maxwell E Tolan
7	N3JPV		PA		Randall C Kishbaugh

NET CONTROL STATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR REGULAR TUESDAY EVENING ARES NET

In order to be prepared to carry on emergency communications when needed, we have an ARES Net on our CMARC repeater, 147.225 +, tone 85.4, where we can practice passing messages and

improving communication skills. The net is activated every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. local time. We need amateurs who will act as net control stations, and you do not need to be a member of CMARC to be a net control station.

We need more check-ins to our ARES net! Mark your calendar to check into the net on our club repeater at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays! Thanks!

The following are the ARES net control stations assigned in June (thanks to Sharon, KC3PMV, ARES Net Manager, for the schedule):

6/3: Bob, K3QIA

6/10: Dennis, N3VMM

6/17: Ed, WE3U

6/25: Dave, N3DLL

Here is the list of ARES Net check-ins in May:

ARES Net Check-ins, May 6, 2025, Bob Foster, K3QIA, Net Control

#	Call Sign	State	City	Name
1	K3QIA	PA	BERWICK	Robert L Foster
2	KC3NIH	PA	Berwick	Dane J Watro Sr
3	WE3U	PA	Bloomsburg	Edward A Sabo Jr
4	KB3PSP	PA	Orangeville	Kenneth R Lewis Jr
5	N3JPV	PA	Berwick	Randall C Kishbaugh
6	N3VMM	PA	Bloomsburg	Dennis W Nichols
7	N3DLL	PA	Berwick	David L Lockard
8	KC3QOR	MD	Annapolis	William T Burson
9	KC3UHG	PA	Montoursville	Darryl E Stroble

ARES Net Check-ins, May 13, 2025, Dennis Nichols, N3VMM, Net Control

N3VMM Dennis, Net Control

k3nih Dane

n3dll Dave

n3oma Andy

ARES Net, May 20, 2025, Dave Lockard, N3DLL, Net Control

Columbia county

N3DLL Dave net control

WE3U Ed

N3JPV Randy

KC3JNW Dave

Montour county

KC3LRC Curt

ARES Net Check-ins, May 27, 2025, Ed Sabo, WE3U, Net Control

#	Call Sign	M/P	State	City	Name
1	WE3U		PA	Bloomsburg	Edward A Sabo Jr
2	KC3NIH		PA	Berwick	Dane J Watro Sr
3	KB3SHO		PA	Shickshinny	Shawn J Cleaver
4	N3JPV		PA	Berwick	Randall C Kishbaugh
5	NX3V		PA	MILTON	Fred A Simon Jr
6	N3OMA		PA	Berwick	Andrew M Shecktor

REPEATER COMMITTEE IS ACTIVE

The members of the Repeater Committee are:

Randy, N3JPV, Chairman

Dave, KC3JNW

Jere, W3JLV

Matt, KB3JKU

Dennis, N3VMM

The Committee is aided by Ryan Gross, N3SSL, who is an expert in repeater technology.

The Committee also calls upon the expertise of:

Vic, WA4THR

Doug, KC3HP

The efforts of all the Repeater Committee are much appreciated.

Thanks, everyone!

You will notice continuing improvements in the club's repeater in the coming months. By the way, our club repeater is on 147.225+, and has a tone of 85.4.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2025

The membership drive for 2025 is underway! To become a member of the Columbia-Montour Amateur Radio Club, send in your membership dues:

Regular Membership -----	\$20
Senior Membership (65 years of age or older) --	\$15
Student -----	\$10
Associate Member (unlicensed) -----	\$5

If you are a family member of a person with membership, the dues are \$5 less than the primary family member (or if the family member is a student, use the student membership rate).

To become a member, you may send a check to our Membership Chairman, Robert, KA2NVF, at the following address:

**Robert Marande
106 Arbutus Park Road
Bloomsburg, PA 17815**

You may also give Robert your check (or cash) at a club meeting.

If you are a new member, please include the following information: Name, Call, regular U.S. Postal Service address, phone number where you may be contacted, your email address, and whether you are an ARRL member.

If you are renewing membership, please give Robert any information regarding changes to our membership file.

Please state whether you qualify for a discount because you are the child of a member or if you are a student. Our Membership Chairman will appreciate this very much.

CLUB OFFICIALS

The following club members have been elected (or appointed) to club offices for 2025: (Those officials who are appointed have a * before the name of the office)

President: Dave Mosteller, KC3JNW

Vice President: Dave Lockard, N3DLL

Secretary: Tom Smith, KC3OLH

Treasurer: Robert Marande, KA2NVF

***Assistant Treasurer: Joe Warunek, W3JSW**

Activities Director: Steve Zappe, WA3GQA

Trustee: Matt Lunger, KB3JKU [Term will expire in December 2027]

Trustee: Dennis Nichols, N3VMM [Term will expire in December 2025]

Trustee: Joe Warunek, W3JSW [Term will expire in December 2026]

***ARES Net Manager: Sharon Smith, KC3PMV**

- *Emergency Communications Officer: Randy Kishbaugh, N3JPV**
- *Repeater Committee Chairman: Randy Kishbaugh, N3JPV**
- *Web Master: Dave Mosteller, KC3JNW**
- *VE Testing Chairman: Matt Lunger, KB3JKU**
- *Equipment Donations Manager: Andy Shecktor, N3OMA**
- *Assistant to the President and Newsletter Editor: Bob Foster, K3QIA**

POSTSCRIPT

If you have any amateur radio news, especially news that our local amateurs would like to know, please send it to me. My email address is: rlfoster14@yahoo.com

I'll be glad to put it in our next newsletter and/or send it out over the Internet.

Thanks to all amateurs who contributed to the newsletter!

Check your two-meter radio to be sure you have the correct PL for our CMARC repeater, 147.225+. The PL is 85.4