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	Craig Wanner, K3CRG	(25)
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	Amy Lindenmuth, KB3FSD	(26)

A normal 3-year term runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Number in parenthesis is when their term ends.

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. You can reach the Board of Directors via email at w3bn.rrc@gmail.com.

Please note: The Board of Director Minutes are available by written request or online at: <http://www.readingradioclub.org>. Email Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI (JFP0250@comcast.net) if you wish to participate in or have something brought up at the board meeting.

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The W3BN Repeater is owned & operated by the Reading Radio Club and is located in Alsace Township up on the mountain.

146.91 MHZ (Input 146.31 MHZ) with a PL Tone of 131.8 hz.

It is available from 5:30 AM until 12:30 AM.

There are currently 100 active members of the Reading Radio Club consisting of multiple license classes and supporting members.

The Reading Radio Club is an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) organization holding tax identification number 23-1660585. Contributions to the Reading Radio Club are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

TAKE NOTE

MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting: **Tues, February 6th, 2024 at 7:30 PM via Zoom**

Next General Meeting: **Fri, February 9th, 2024 at 7:30 PM at the AG Center.**

Topic: Come out and find out!!!

Location: Berks County Agricultural Center—Rear Entrance (Auditorium)

1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA 19533

Be sure to monitor the W3BN Repeater and your email for any changes to meetings.

From The Fundraising Committee

Is your ARRL Membership renewal coming up? Why not help the RRC out? Renew your membership through the RRC. It doesn't cost you anything extra. PLEASE NOTE: Per the ARRL it can take up to 30 days to process the renewal)

Please see Jessica L, KC3PIG or Scott S, KC3PCS, or email w3bn.rrc@gmail.com for the form. You can pay by cash, credit card, or check. The club gets \$5.00 for each renewal and \$15.00 for each new ARRL member who signs up for membership (to the ARRL) through the club.

We thank you for your continued support in our fundraising efforts.

Please be sure to sign into Ham Club Online. If there are any errors, please send an email to us at w3bn.rrc@gmail.com and we will correct the relevant fields. Once you sign in, you can update your email / phone. (Please note, these are not accessible to the public or other members. This helps us to get information out to you quicker.) (@arrl.net emails are no longer supported on Ham Club Online)

Thank you.



If you've renewed your membership, THANK YOU. If not, be sure to see Nate, N2ADD at the February meeting or mail the dues to him at the address on the form at the end of this bulletin. We also accept Paypal for dues payment.

PLEASE NOTE: You will NO LONGER RECEIVE any club communications after mid February if you did not pay your dues. Please sign into Ham Club Online to confirm you are paid up.

HAM CLUB ONLINE

EMAIL ISSUES

Please be sure to add the domain hamclubonline.com to your allowed senders. We have been getting emails returned as spam by some email providers. If you aren't receiving our bulletin and communications, this could be why. You can update your email address by signing into hamclubonline.com.

If you need help changing your email address, and you HAVE NEVER signed into ham club online, please contact Scott (scott@viewneye.com) or Joe, jfp0250@comcast.net.

Ham Club Online is still not allowing @arrl.net email addresses due to email bouncing issues. If you do use @arrl.net addresses, please use an alternate with Ham Club Online.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

RON'S RAVINGS

by Ron Waszk, K3RJW

Hi all. We had a slow month: injuries, sicknesses, trips, etc... This could be short.

Dave and I held the SRT and had an actual good turn out. 21 on VHF and 11 on UHF, which are good high numbers. These are too low for a club of 100 members. I did have problems with my antenna setup and have since then changed my complete set up. I have retired the antenna I've used for a few years. There are NEW poles, and a NEW TRAM antenna. I also got NEW coax just in case the coax I was using got messed up transporting it monthly and more.

I should be able to be heard better than this month.

We have Winter Field Day this coming weekend which is now over. I hope we get a lot of contacts during it. Mark, Jason, and Dave will be working hard at both the SRT for next month and the Winter Field day. I wish them luck.

Most importantly I hope we get a few operators for winter field. Scott and Mark will let everyone know how we did after the event.

Watch for the upcoming dates for the February SRT as we are trying to reach out there and communicate. Check Mark's write up.

Looking forward to this summer's events and hope we can get a lot of help to set up, run and take down our gear.

Thats all for now.

Have a great upcoming month.

RON W K3RJW, 73

Bylaws Information

We emailed out to all active members, the current bylaws with planned revisions.

Please be sure to look these over and contact Amy, KB3FSD or Ron, K3RJW with any changes, suggestions, etc.

We will vote on these changes at the March RRC General Meeting.

Meeting Highlights

RRC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 12, 2024

By: RRC Secretary Harry Hoffman W3VBY.

The Friday evening January 12, 2024 RRC General Meeting was held in the Main Auditorium of the Ag Center in Leesport, Pa.

1. Prior to 7:30 p.m. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH, was taking attendance, selling 50-50 tickets. T shirts were also available for sale.
2. RRC President Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were 23 RRC members and 2 guests for a total of 25.
3. RRC President Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI, led the group in the pledge to the American Flag.
4. The microphone was passed around and RRC Members and guests introduced themselves. The guests were: Charles LaMonte, N3VUO, and Lori Scheirer.
5. The newly elected officers of the RRC for the year 2024 were introduced:
Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI - President
Ron Waszk, K3RJW - Vice President
Harry Hoffman, W3VBY - Secretary
Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD – Treasurer
6. The RRC BOD Members and Officers assembled at the front of the auditorium and Jim Nicholas, W3ITH, lead them in the swearing-in ceremony.

Jim Nicholas, W3ITH, administered the oath of office to RRC President, Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI.

Our RRC BOD Members are: Jamie Galiyano, K4AJZ; Harry Hoffman, W3VBY; Amy Lindenmuth, KB3FSD; Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI; Jason Potter, NG3F; Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS; Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD; Craig Wanner, KC3CRG; and Ron Waszk, K3RJW.
7. RRC President, Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI, has a New Member Letter for Leonard Kopetsky, KC3VXK.
8. VE Exams – A new Extra Class question pool will take effect soon. If you wish to take an exam, contact Harry Hoffman, W3VBY, Tel. 610-678-8976 or e-mail harryhoffmanjr@juno.com

9. No Fox Hunts until May.
10. Thursday February 1, 2023 will be FLDIGI on the RRC 91 repeater
11. Saturday January 13th will be SRT.
12. The 50-50 Drawing was won by Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI.
13. The RRC Hats are in. See Amy Lindenmuth, KB3FSD.
14. The Bylaws proposed revisions will be sent via HCOL to all active members for review. Comments should be directed to Amy Lindenmuth, KB3FSD, by e-mail aimersue@gmail.com Voting will take place in March.
15. The program for tonight is a talk by Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS and Mark Abramowicz, NT3V, about Winter Field Day. The event will be held at the QTH of Steve Dobbs, NE3F, on January 27 & 28. This is a communication exercise normally held the last weekend of January. The object is to make contacts and have fun. The power limit is 100 watts. Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch will be provided.,
16. Our next RRC BOD Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, February 6, 2024 by ZOOM starting at 7:30 p.m. Officer reorganization will take place.
17. Our Next RRC General Meeting will be held on Friday February 9, 2024 at the Ag Center Main Auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m.
18. RRC President Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI adjourned the meeting for a time of fellowship.

WINTER FIELD DAY



WINTER FIELD DAY 2024 GETS RRC MEMBERS ENERGIZED

By Mark Abramowicz NT3V

The skies were cloudy for the weekend, but the spirits were high inside the multi-op QTH of Steve NE3F as more than a dozen Reading Radio Club members contributed to a Winter Field Day operation that exceeded last year's turnout and score.

Nineteen RRC members took part in some capacity, including operating, logging or providing support to the event the last weekend of January.

The RRC team of operators logged 603 contacts for a net score of 59,290 points for Winter Field Day 2024.

That exceeded the 580 contacts and 2,900 points accomplished by 10 operators during a 7-hour period from the 2023 RRC multi-op effort from the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation in Schuylkill County.

The most productive band in the 2024 event for the RRC was 40 meters where 396 contacts were recorded. The next most productive band was 10 meters where 126 contacts were made.

On 20 meters, 79 contacts made it into the log.

Nearly all of the contacts were on the phone bands, but Larry WR1B, logged two contacts on 20 meters CW.

The two-station operation logged 98 multipliers across the three bands with 40 meters producing the biggest multiplier total of 42. Multipliers represented the number of contacts which included U.S. states and Canada provinces

W3BN operated as 2-I, EPA, that's 2 Indoor stations operating from Eastern Pennsylvania.

The power output on both stations was limited to 100 watts, but with the wires and beams at Steve's contest operation, we were receiving outstanding signal reports up and down the frequencies.

The stations were on the air on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 28 from about 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The following participated in the RRC Winter Field Day 2024 (In no particular order)

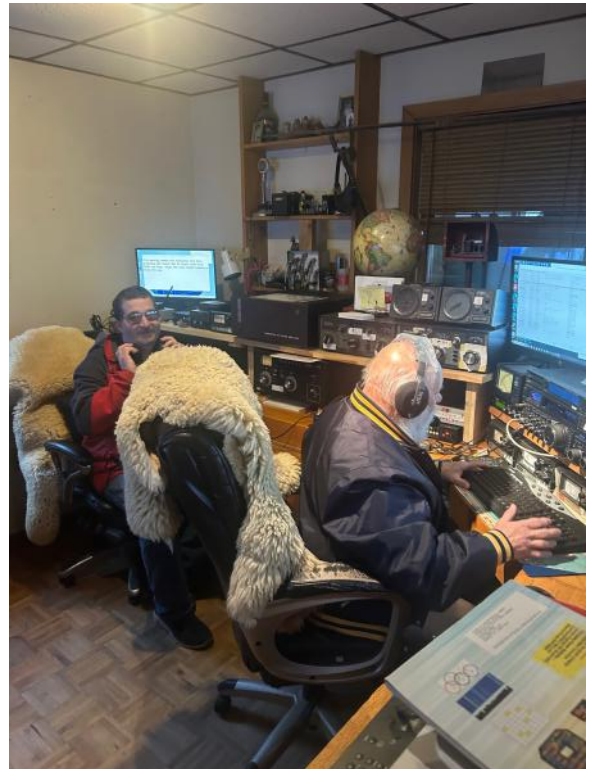
Steve NE3F	Mark NT3V
Scott KC3PCS	Lori (XYL Scott)
Chris WI3W	Ron K3RJW
Joe AC3DI	Nathan KB3ZCC
Jason NG3F	Craig K3CRG
Tyler KC3LVS	Nick KC3SGN
Jessica KC3PIG	Hank KA3BMS
Nate N2ADD	Dave N3AMY
Larry WR1B	Allen KC3EWJ
Troy K3TKL	Richard KC3VTK

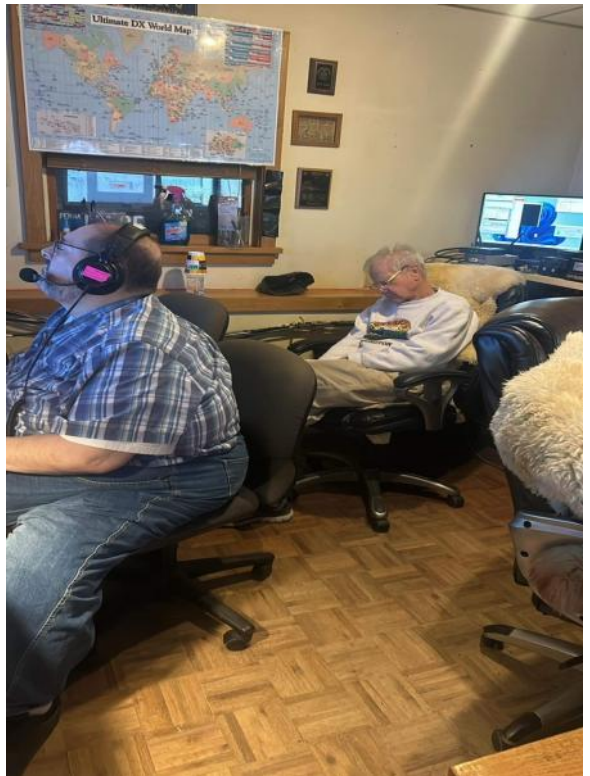
Our Score:

W3BN WINTER FIELD DAY 2024

Band	Mode	QSOs	Pts	MLT	PT/Q
7	LSB	396	396	42	1.0
14	CW	2	4	2	2.0
14	USB	79	79	30	1.0
28	USB	126	126	24	1.0
TOTALS		603	605	98	1.0

SCORE: 59,290









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Georgetown Hamfest

SATURDAY
April 20, 2024

Cheer Community Center
20520 Sand Hill Rd.
Georgetown, DE 19947



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 Towaco Imaging
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Guests Pay \$8 To Enter!

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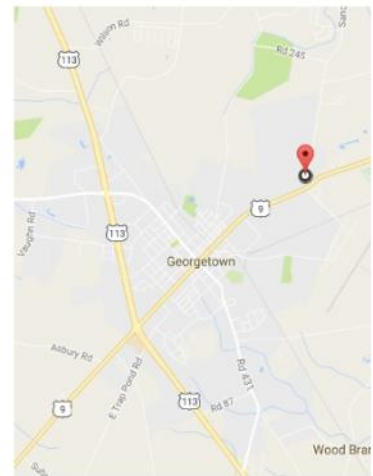
Tailgaters : \$15.00 - First Space

**For Information
Contact Jamie, W3UC**

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HAMFEST LOCATION:



**Cheer Community Center
20520 Sand Hill Rd.
Georgetown, DE 19947**

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Schedule

6:00 AM	Gates Open
7:30 AM	Tailgating
8:00 AM	Indoor expo venue opens
	Restaurant available
12:00 PM	FCC testing -No test fee, pre-registration required
	Last test seating at 12:30 PM

Speakers Forums

ARRL Update
Others

TALK-IN: SARA Repeater

147.090 MHz PL 156.7

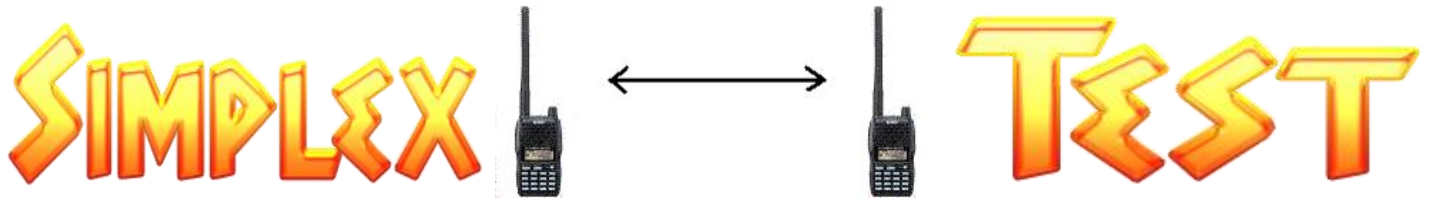
Schedule subject to change

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By Mark Abramowicz, NT3V

SIMPLEX RADIO TEST STARTS OFF STRONG FOR 2024

By Mark Abramowicz NT3V

A new year and a new session of the Reading Radio Club-sponsored Simplex Radio Test was held on Saturday, Jan. 13.

Ron K3RJW and Dave N3AMY served as net controls for the event setting up their operation on the parking lot of the medical imaging center at the top of Route 222 off Gring's Hill Road near the Mohnton exit.

The intrepid pair managed to pull in 21 check-ins for the session on 146.550 Megahertz Simplex and 14 check-ins for the 446 Megahertz Simplex session immediately following.

Ron reported that even with the height differential there were a couple of relays, ensuring everyone who called in got into the log.

The next Simplex Radio Test is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. local time. We're looking at a high spot in western Berks.

Remember: The point of these monthly tests is to check your gear and your ability to check in with the net controls on a radio-to-radio contact – without use of repeaters.

The idea behind this is simple.

Our Berks ARES/RACES staff wants to get an idea of the number of ham radio operators who might be available and where in the county they are located in the event of an emergency in which one or both of the local amateur radio repeaters serving this area fail.

PUT THIS DATE ON YOU CALENDAR: The next wide-area, multi-county Simplex Radio Test is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 1 p.m. local time.

We will be setting up at the William Penn Memorial Fire Tower along Skyline Drive, placing our antennas atop the fire tower's porch to pick up as many stations as possible in Berks and surrounding counties.

We're looking to hear from you! You don't have to be a regular check-in to the Simplex Radio Test. It's open to all licensed amateurs with a Technician or higher license class!

READING RADIO CLUB, INC
2024 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

The RRC 2024 annual dues are payable starting November 1, 2023. This is the only notice that will be issued. The dues are payable in full by January 1, 2024. The dues are unchanged from 2023 and are per the following schedule for Full and Associate members.

18 YEARS OF AGE, \$21.00	\$ _____
UNDER AGE 18, \$5.00	\$ _____
SUBSEQUENT FAMILY MEMBERS AGE 18, OR OVER, LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD – HALF RATE, \$10.50	\$ _____
DONATION (Tax deductible – we are 501(c)(3))..... (OPTIONAL)	\$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____	

Please complete the following information to insure credit to your membership account and to confirm our records. Also, if your US mailing address, email address, telephone number, or license class has changed in the past year, **please print** the new information on the “NEW INFO” lines below.

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____

NEW INFO: _____

NEW INFO: _____

LICENSE CLASS: (circle one) EXTRA ADVANCED GENERAL TECHNICIAN NO LICENSE

LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE: _____

MEMBER OF THE ARRL: (circle one) YES NO EXPIRATION DATE: _____

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POTTSTOWN, PA 19464

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Thank you for your payment and continued support of the READING RADIO CLUB.



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 FLDIGI 7:30 PM 146.91	2  MOTA (8 pm)	3
4	5 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	6 Board Meeting - 7:30 PM—Zoom	7 QCWA Breakfast	8	9 Gen. Meeting 7:30 PM Ag Center	10 Simplex Test 146.55 1:00 PM
11	12 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	13	14 	15	16 MOTA (8 pm)	17
18	19 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	20	21	22	23 MOTA (8 pm)	24
25	26 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	27	28	29		

PLEASE NOTE:

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 131.8 Hz. The RRCMOTA Net Control will play Amateur Radio Newslines, then Announcements, and roll call. After that, a call for missed and new check-ins. Please note, you must check in every so often to remain on the roll call list.

February Birthdays: John B, N3VKI; Tom B, KC3KKI; Frank R, W3RO; Shawn M, W3JZ; Cameron H, W2CMH

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The main purpose of The Reading Radio Club Bulletin, is to provide, to the Membership and other readers, timely information about the activities of the Reading Radio Club, Inc.

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We are also using the site to keep track of attendance, and events.

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