TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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October 21, 2021

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Dale WY3K
Vice President: Tom Smith KC3CRS
Public Information Officer: Jim Munley KB3FET
Activities Manager: Karen Putt K3KAP
Treasurer: Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
Secretary: Tom Lesisko K3TE

TRUSTEES:	MISC. CONTACTS:
W3CMA: Jim Shellhamer KC3DXS	**Website Host:** Kevin Marchetti
W3TWA: Tom Lesisko K3TE	**Webmaster:** Frank D'Amato

Minutes from the October Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on October 21, 2021, at the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

The following members were present for the meeting:

WY3K, KB2MXV, K3KAP, N3OGG, WA3JDQ, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

Minutes were distributed via email. Corrections were made, a motion was made by:

1. N3OGG
2. WA3JDQ

To accept the minutes of the September 11, 2021, meeting, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

See attachment(s)

If anyone wants to see the bank statement email me.
Motion was made by:

1. N3OGG
2. K3KAP

To accept the Treasurer's report for September 11, 2021. Motion passed

The membership fee for 2021 has been set at $25.00. Please make arrangements with Frank, KB2MXV at kb2mxv@gmail.com or find him on our repeater network or attend a meeting.
Thank you for your support of TWA and amateur radio.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Breakfast October 3rd Report- 8 members showed up, food was good.

Our next breakfast will be November 7th, 9AM at White Birch GC

End of summer picnic: about 11 people attended the picnic. I believe pictures will be on our Facebook page.

ARES County EC: K3KAP and/or KC3CRS

Nothing to report

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on October 18th at 7PM. Attending was Bill WY3K, Frank KB2MXV, and Tom K3TE. The committee discussed the upcoming 2021 budget. The meeting ended at 8:58PM.

VE Session: WY3K

See attachments for Boy Scout report for Saturday October 16th

Our last VE test session will be November 6th and Bill said two people have already inquired about it. He will send an email out closer to the test date

VE Test Sessions for 2021		
Month	Time	Location
~~May 22~~	~~9AM~~	~~Tamaqua Rescue Squad~~ ~~Schroeder's Family Farm~~ ~~Closed session – Boy Scout's~~ Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
~~June 26~~	~~9AM~~	
~~August 7~~	~~9AM~~	
~~October 16~~	~~12PM~~	
November 6	9AM	

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net Manager: KB3FET

Schuylkill Emergency Services NET Check-in's for 2021				
1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total for 2021
150	117	145		412

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
July 6th	5	August 3rd	7	September 7th	13	October 5th	8
July 13th	5	August 10th	12	September 14th	13	October 12th	10
July 20th	6	August 17th	9	September 21st	5	October 19th	8
July 27th	12	August 24th	8	September 28th	10	October 26th	
		August 31st	14				

If you have a minute or two, tune in to 145.370 at 8PM. Jim would love to hear from you. On the last Tuesday of the month, TWA will host the Schuylkill County ARES Net on their repeater system.

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

November's NET Control Operators are:

November 3rd: Ed, KC3SOY

November 10th: Tom, KC3CRS

November 17th: John, KC3RDI

November 24th: Karen, K3KAP

Members are encouraged to check-in. You can find the list of repeater frequencies at www.w3twa.org.

Month 2021	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins
January	4	59
February	4	70
March	5	84
April	4	61
May	4	54
June	5	63
July	4	54
August	4	44
September	5	63
October	4	33
November	4	
December	5	
Total	52	585

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

None

Technical Committee -K3TE

1. **Mountain Valley 449.775** – Should get up there and do some tree trimming around the tower. I will contact John, KC3RDI and see if we could get a bucket truck up at MV
2. **New Ringgold 147.270** – No issues at this time.
3. **Tamaqua 146.490** – No issues at this time.
4. **Pottsville 145.190** – No issues at this time
5. **Carbon Simplex** – Ed, KB3AYY, no report

TWA Website & Bulletin Board: KB2MXV

Up to date

License Expiration Notice: KB2MXV

None

Old Business

1. Update on pictures with the Commissionaires, WY3K suggest we get some dates available and give them to the Commissionaires. We would like to closeout the Pottsville repeater project. A spreadsheet and a thank you letter will be given to them at that time.
2. Emergency Coordinator, anyone wants to apply for the position, please contact Bob, N3RZI
3. Tamaqua Halloween Parade update, Tuesday October 26th 7PM. The following have committed to helping: KC3SOY, KC3RDI, N3OGG, KB3CFV, K3KAP, KB2MXV, and WY3K. Hopefully we could get some more volunteers to help.
4. Mark your calendars: December 11th TWA Christmas Party, Tamaqua Train Station 2PM. A reminder email will be sent to membership about who is attending.

5. Bandpass filter update for Field Day – Karen, K3KAP gave a report on using bandpass filters on our radios to eliminate interference.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Should we plan on Zoom meetings January, February, and March? The members present thought it would be a good idea to hold the meetings virtually during the winter months.
2. Boy Scout's Jamboree report- Saturday October 16th. See end of minutes
3. Capital Improvement project – moving our 27 repeater. There was a lengthy discussion about moving the 27 repeater. After the discussion, the members decided to wait and see what happens to see if we could get the repeater to a new location.
4. Closing the grove for 2021. Sunday October 31st will be the work party for the grove. 10AM. We figure about 2 hours of time would be needed.
5. Nominations of officers for 2022
    a. President – WY3K, nominated by K3TE, 2nd by N3OGG
    b. Vice President – N3OGG, nominated by K3TE, 2nd by KB2MXV
    c. Public Relations – KB3FET, nominated by K3TE, 2nd by N3OGG
    d. Activities – K3KAP, nominated by K3TE, 2nd by N3OGG
    e. Treasurer – KB2MXV, nominated by K3TE, 2nd by K3KAP
    f. Secretary – K3TE, nominated by WY3K, 2nd by K3KAP

6. What is the procedure for contacting the National Weather Service in State College about bad weather? **NWS State College UNLISTED SkyWarn Spotter Number: 800-697-0010**

Use this Number **ONLY** to report weather – NOT for general forecasts or questions!

Thanks to Frank, KB2MXV for suppling the information sheets. I will attach to minutes.

7. Discussion on grove maintenance for 2022.
8. Discussion on grove manager for 2022.

Good for the Order:

1. Schuylkill ARES NET Tuesday 8PM – 145.370
2. On the last Tuesday of the month, the ARES NET is on the TWA system
3. TWA Roundtable NET Wednesday 8PM
4. Looking for NET Control Operators. You will only work once a month!
5. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 18th 7PM at
   The Tamaqua Borough Hall
   320 East Broad Street (rear)
   Tamaqua, PA 18252.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 9:11PM by:

1. WA3JDQ
2. K3KAP

Motion passed
Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE

Bank Statement:

Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking

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☑ IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Revised USPS service standards effective 10/1/21

Effective October 1, 2021, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has revised its service standards for certain First-Class Mail items, resulting in a delivery window of up to five days. Please note this may delay your receipt of mail from us and our receipt of mail from you. Please take this change into account when mailing items to us via USPS.

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We're making important changes to the terms and conditions of some of our accounts. If these changes affect you, they will be included in the Important Account Information section associated with your specific account.

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Treasures Report:

TWA Memo Activity Summary: 9/16/2021 Thru 10/20/2021

Date	Check #	Pay To	Memo	Catagory	Deposit	Withdraw
10/14/2021		Edward Shoganoski - KB3ACD	2021 Club Fees	General Fund	$25.00	$0.00
		Totals:	$25.00		$25.00	$0.00
9/19/2021	1033	Bill Dale Jr. - WY3K	Tamaqua Repeater	Repeater Fund	$0.00	$52.99
		Totals:	($52.99)		$0.00	$52.99
				Activity Totals	$25.00	$52.99
				Difference	($27.99)	

General Fund	$878.45
Repeater Fund	$943.52
Account Balance	$1,821.97
Checking	$1,786.97
Cash on Hand	$35.00

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Boy Scouts Jamboree Report

Saturday October 16, 2021

An ICOM 7300 HF radio was set up early in the morning. There were several stations working the Jamboree and the boys talked with those other Boy Scouts; some were Cub Scouts using the HF radio. They exchanged information via radio waves.

Later in the day, the boys were able to use the internet and make contacts using FT8 digital communications. Then, a fox hunt was to hide and seek with the radios. The Scouts said they really enjoyed the day.

The day consisted of a technician class, were Tom, K3TE went over the basics of communications, basic electronics and rules and regulations for the Technician level license. The following Boy Scout's passed their Technician License:

1. Eric Richardson - Technician
2. Jacob Evans - Technician
3. Anthony Odorizzi - Technician

The following Assistant Scout Master/Religious Emblem Councilor passed their Technician License

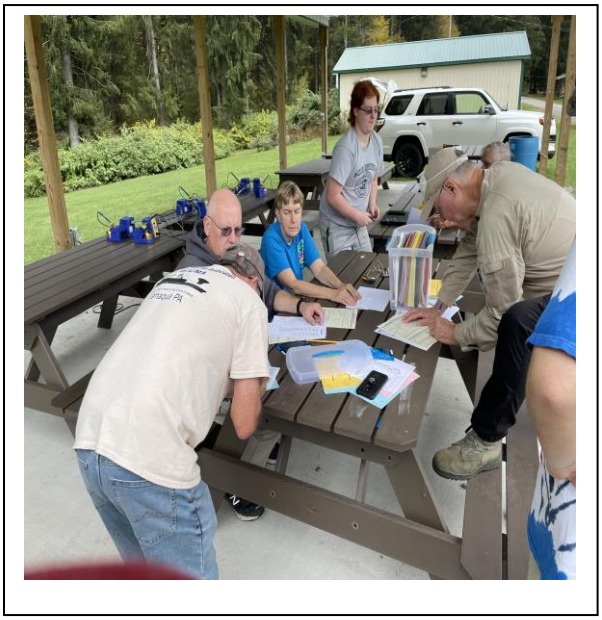
1. Anne Girard

The following Councilor upgraded his General License to Extra

1. Ed Evans – KC3SOY

On behalf of the Boy Scouts and Councilor's, the Tamaqua Wireless Association would like to congratulate them. VE's present for the test were Bill, WA3JDQ, Jim, WA3WIJ, Ron, KB3CFV, Tom K3TE, and Bill WY3K.

After the test, Jim, Bill, and Tom went over solder safety and the basics on how to make a solder connection. Below are some of their work.

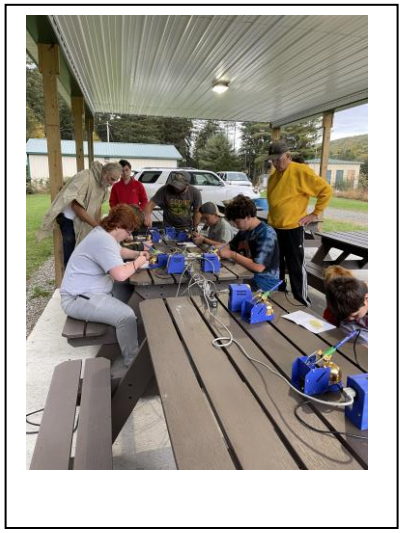




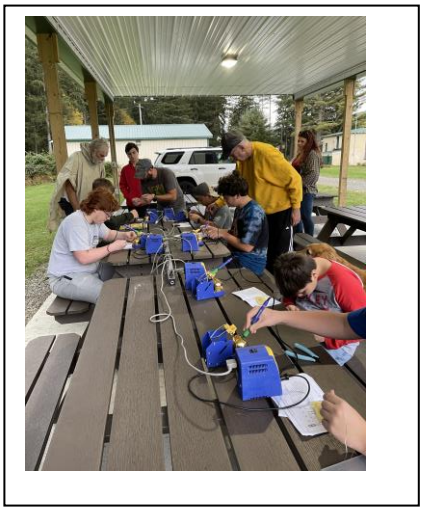
In the photo to the left, Bill WY3K filling out paperwork, Ron KB3CFV, grading a test, Tom K3TE looking over Ron's work

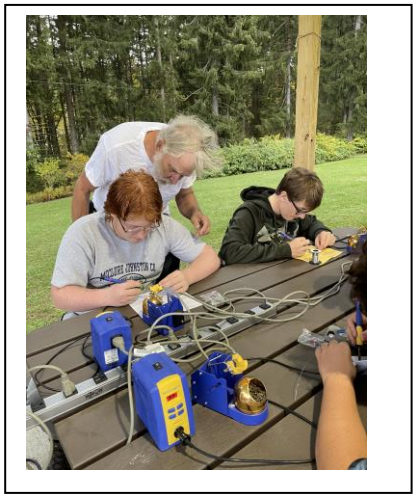
In the photo to the right, Eric, Jacob, and Anthony taking their test.

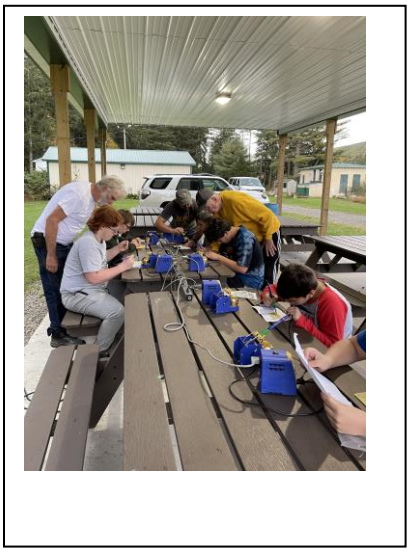












Above are various pictures of members helping the scouts assemble their soldering kit.