TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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February 17, 2023

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TWA Home Page: www.w3twa.org

Facebook: TWA Tamaqua Wireless Association

YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/@W3TWA/videos

Schuylkill County AREAS/RACES NET

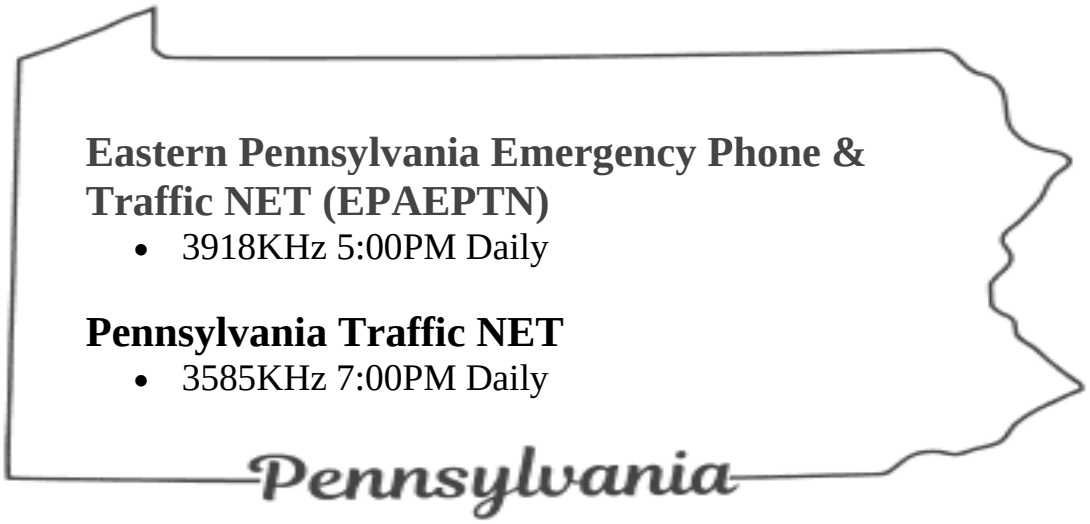
On the last Tuesday of the month, 8PM our NET Control Operator is Jim, KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system

Roundtable NET

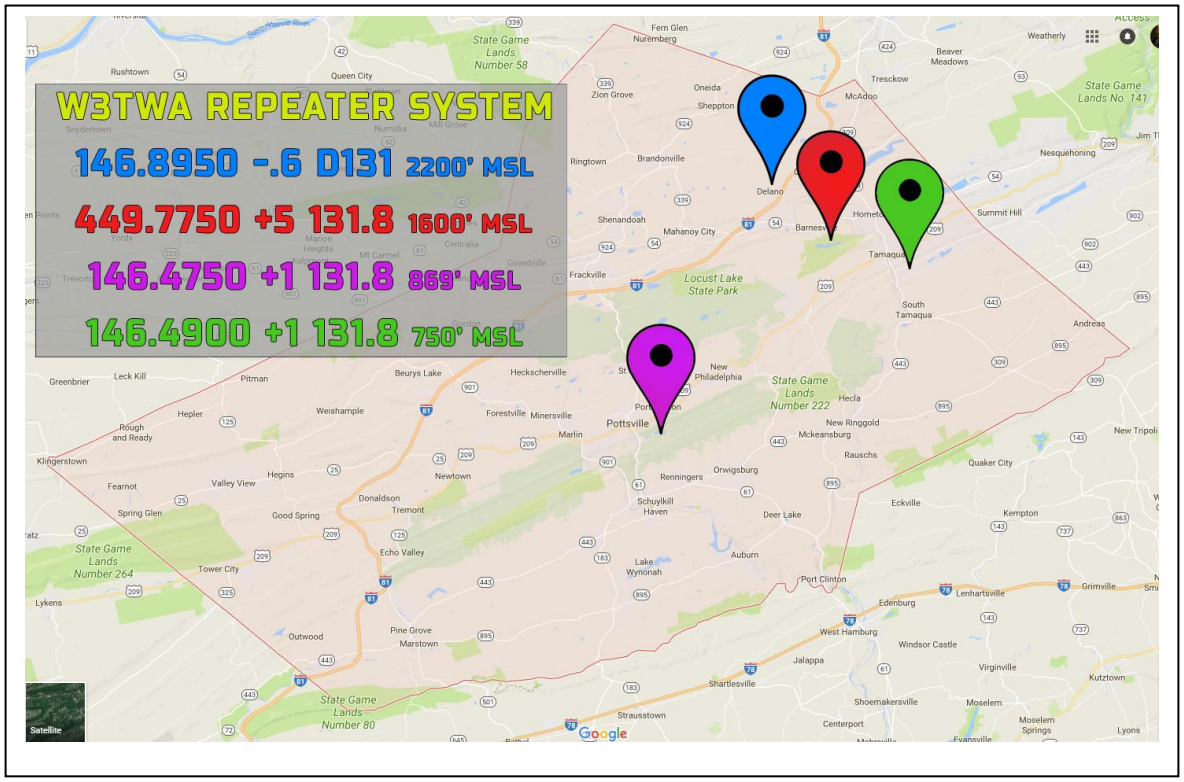
Every Wednesday, 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.

- Need Emergency Service in Schuylkill County? **Dial 911**
- Need Amateur Radio Service? Visit W3TWA.org. Under "Info" click on "Contact us"
- We are here to serve the community. If you need radio communications for an event let us know. We will gladly help.

ARRL EPA Section NET:



TWA FM Repeaters:



FM Repeater	Rx	PL/DPL	TX	PL/DPL
Bears Head	146.895	DPL131	146.295	DPL 131
Mountain Valley	449.775	PL131.8	444.775	PL131.8
Pottsville	146.475	PL131.8	147.475	PL131.8
Tamaqua	146.490	PL131.8	147.490	PL131.8



Simplex Mode	Rx & Tx	PL/DPL
FM	146.550	None
FM	223.400	None
FM	446.520	None
FM	927.600	None
DMR All Call	145.100	None
DMR All Call	446.520	None
C4FM	146.580	None
C4FM	442.000	None
D-Star	146.580	None
D-Star	447.000	None

All Meetings will be available On Zoom

Attend in-person or on Zoom.

Minutes from our February 2023 TWA Meeting



The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on February 16, 2023, at the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street in Tamaqua: and on Zoom. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:09PM.

The following members were present and/or on Zoom for the meeting:

WY3K, KB3AYY, KB2MXV, KB3FET, K3KAP, N3NIK, KC3CRS

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

Minutes were distributed via email and reviewed, after a discussion, on a motion by:

1. Dave, N3NIK
2. Ed, KB3AYY

To accept the minutes of our January 19, 2023, meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

Frank gave a breakdown between, general fund, repeater fund, and grant money there was in each. If anyone wants to see the entire bank statement email Frank at kb2mxv@gmail.com
Motion was made by:

1. Dave, N3NIK
2. Tom, KC3CRS

To accept the Treasurer's report for February 16, 2023, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

1. Breakfast 3/5 at 9 am – White Birch Golf Course
2. Tech night 3/9 at 7 pm
3. Monthly meeting 3/16 at 7pm
4. Girardville St Patrick's Day parade – tentatively Saturday March 25th TBD

ARES County EC: K3KAP

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Update on savings account at Wells Fargo

HF Committee: WA3WIJ

VE Session: WY3K

There were 3 candidates that took their Amateur Radio Test. We would like to congratulate.

1. Noah Seyfried from Whitehall, Noah passed the Technician level test.
2. Jason Jakubowitz from Palmyra, Jason passed his Technician and General level test.
3. Ed Boerner, KB3AYY passed his Extra level test. Congratulations guys!

VE's present for the test were John, WE30, Dave N3NIK, Tom K3TE, and VEC Bill WY3K. Pictures are at the end of the minutes.

VE Test Sessions for 2023		
Month	Time	Location
~~February 4~~	~~9AM~~	Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
April 1	9AM	
June 3	9AM	
August 5	9AM	
November 4	9AM	

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net: KB3FET
TWA Check-Ins for 2023

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 31st	8	April 25th		July 25th		October 31st	
February 28th	8	May 30th		August 29th		November 28th	
March 28th		June 27th		September 26th		December 26th	
1st Quarter	16	2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	

Our next Tech-Night Demonstration will be:

- March 9th @ 7:00PM to 8:00PM

At the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street Tamaqua

If you can't make it, a Zoom link will be available to members only. Email Frank, kb2mxv@gmail.com for the link

Roundtable NET at 8PM: KB2MXV

March's NET Control Operators are:

March 6th:

March 13th:

March 20th:

March 27th:

Members are encouraged to check-in on 146.895, 146.475, 146.490, or 449.775.

Month 2023	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins
January	4	41
February	4	40
March	5	8
April	4	
May	5	
June	4	
July	4	
August	5	
September	4	
October	4	
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	89

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

Technical Committee: KB2MXV

1. Update on linking Tamaqua Repeater, KB3AYY -
2. North Georgia Communications has a "Demo" price on an XPR5550 UHF low power for $550.00. This is the newest model from Motorola. We did get grant money to almost cover the cost. We will need an accessory connector for that too. NGC is an Amateur Radio friendly Motorola dealer and we have purchased from them before. Tabled until March.
3. Ed, KB3AYY has a 6-meter beacon.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Old Business:

1. Certificates of Insurance, K3TE, email was sent to our provider about copies of Certificates. Frank and I received them via email. They were mailed.
2. By-Laws - Added what is highlighted under "Meetings".

Article IV

MEETINGS:

1. The bylaws shall have provisions for regular and special meetings. A minimum of five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for business transactions.

2. With advanced notice, committee meetings may be held at any time and at any location at the discretion of the committee members.

3. If there is a need for an executive meeting, said meeting would be called by the president and a minimum of 3 officers need to be present. A brief report would be given at the next business meeting.

4. If a video conferencing platform is used during a general meeting, ONLY Active members can participate. All online participants must use both audio and video. Online participants may cast votes.

   OR

   Meetings of the membership and committees may be held using tele- or video- conference technology (including over the internet) provided all participants have access to the designated technology platform and can hear each other during the meeting. Attendees are responsible for providing their own connectivity. Adequate notice of the meeting information, including but not limited to the phone number and/or hyperlink must be provided. The meetings will follow the same rules as in person meetings.

3. Waiting until May 1st to apply for the PPL Grant called - Empowering Communities Grants. I have the grant info below.

Enriching the overall vitality of the community through programs that protect the environment and improve people's lives, these grants support programs focused on:

- Environmental stewardship and education
- Economic development
- Workplace development

Timeline:

May 1 / June 15 – Grant applications accepted online.

June – Applications reviewed and approved.

July – Winners notified, and grants dispersed.

4. Update on Command Bus. Frank KB2MXV
5. Update on Boy Scout testing for their amateur radio license

New Business & Correspondence:

By-Laws Art. Adding 1-3 will be read at the March meeting.to article 4

No update on command buss, Boy Scout License. Small games of chance KB3FET WILL PROVIDE

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS.

Ground Hog Net. KB3FET was net control from 1;00PM until 7;00PM THERE 107 CHECK-INS

KC3QLX Jeremy Smoyer won with 21 check-ins he received a $25.00 Wal-Mart gift card.

Good for the Order:

1. Tech Night will be March 9th 7PM. Zoom and Tamaqua Borough Hall

2. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at the Tamaqua Borough Hall (weather permitting, and it will be on Zoom) March 16th at 7PM 320 East Broad Street, in Tamaqua

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:08PM by:

1. Tom, KC3CRS
2. Dave, N3NIK

Motion passed.

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE, Secretary, Tamaqua Wireless Association.

TWA Lending Program:

1. Just a reminder, TWA has an HF radio to lone out to a member along with an End-Fed antenna, bandpass filters and coax. Please contact Karen at K3KAP@yahoo.com for any borrowing needs.



Features

- .15-30, 50-54 Receive.
- 100 Memories
- IF Shift
- Noise Blanker
- RIT
- 160-6 meters
- 100 Watts on HF
- Dual VFO's
- Built-In Preamp
- TXIT

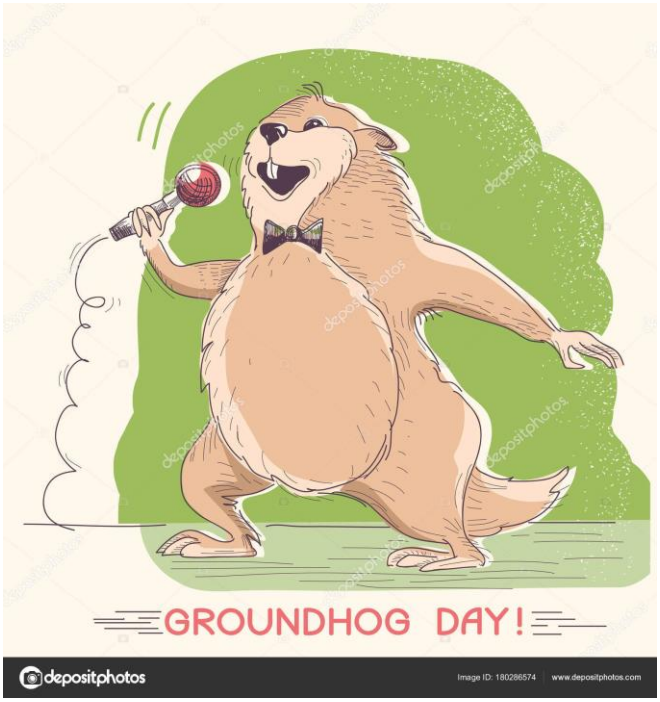
If anyone has any dual band mobile radios, they are not using, and you want to donate them to TWA. Just let Karen, K3KAP know. We would love to get them in the hands of new members.

The days are getting longer, and the nights are getting shorter. That only means one thing. Spring!!! March 20 is right around the corner. It's time to get out and check your cabling, grounding, and antenna. Keep in touch with TWA

Groundhog Day Net – KB3FET – Super Successful!!!

Jim Munley hosted what I would say could be a yearly event on Groundhog Day 2023. Jim was on the air from 1pm to 7pm talking about various items concerning the groundhog. Anyone could check-in as many times as they want. Jim said 107 check-ins were made by various people. A $25.00 gift certificate was given to the person with the most check-ins.

Congratulations go out to Jeremy Smoyer, KC3QLX.



Membership

Renewal

$25.00

Is now due for 2023.

Email Frank, kb2mxv@gmail.com with any questions.

Membership Drive

Thank You! To everyone for your continued support of the Tamaqua Wireless Association and the Amateur Radio Community.

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- March 16th @ 7:00PM

At the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street Tamaqua

If you can't make it. Contact Frank, KB2MXV to get a link. This way you won't miss a thing. Franks email is kb2mxv@gmail.com. Zoom is only available to members.

Winter Field Day 2023



Karen, K3KAP and Bill KC3RMV ran as a 2 station outside at the Groove using the W3TWA call sign. We set up a canopy with a wall and set up outdoor tables and seating. We used a dipole and vertical. Mostly worked 20 meters and 10 meters. We worked SSB and digital. We operated on Saturday from 2 pm to about 7 pm, then again on Sunday from about noon until 2 pm. We operated completely on batteries and solar. We had a really good time and were able to make a lot of contacts and do quite a bit of rag chewing. Probably more rag chewing then contacts!

We also had two club members work from home. Rich W3OFD and Ed KC3SOY each worked from home as a single station. They were able to log several contacts also.





Just Announced:

Yaesu just announced a new Mobile Radio to replace the FTM-400. Thanks to Frank, KB2MXV, Yaesu will be introducing the FTM-500DR possible March delivery.



ARES® Resources:

- Download the ARES Manual [PDF]
- ARES Field Resources Manual [PDF]
- ARES Standardized Training Plan Task Book [Fillable PDF]
- ARES Standardized Training Plan Task Book [Word]
- ARES Plan
- ARES Group Registration
- Emergency Communications Training

if you wish to participate in regular Winlink exercises, drop by the EmComm Training Group, www.emcomm-training.org, and check out their events.

Always looking for ideas for our minutes/newsletter. If you have something you would like to contribute email Tom K3TE at tlesisko@ptd.net