TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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May 18, 2023

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1. Karen Putt K3KAP
2. Tom Lesisko K3TE

MISC. CONTACTS:

Web Host: Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
Webmaster: Tim Farrell W3DFX
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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

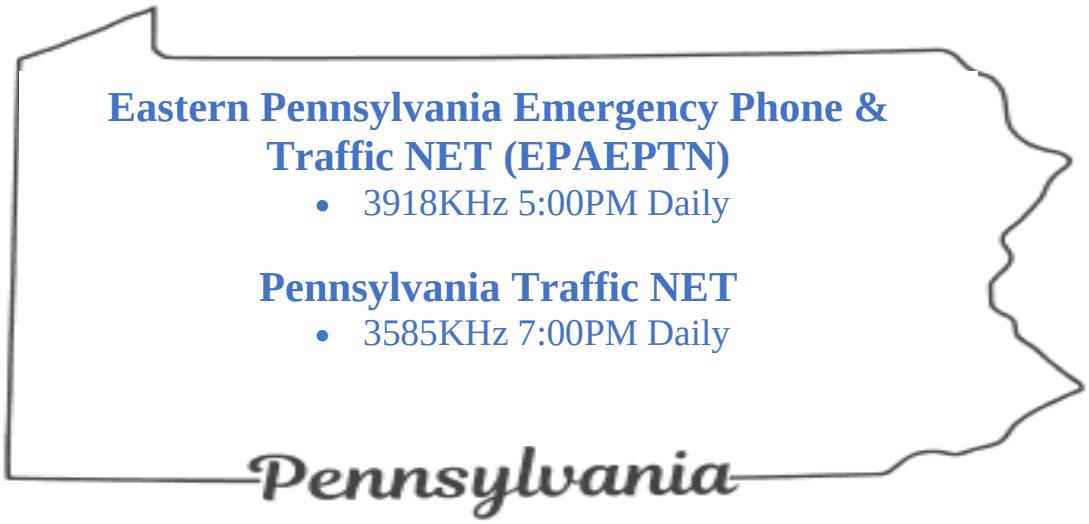
On the last Tuesday of the month, at 8PM our NET Control Operator is Jim, KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system

Roundtable NET

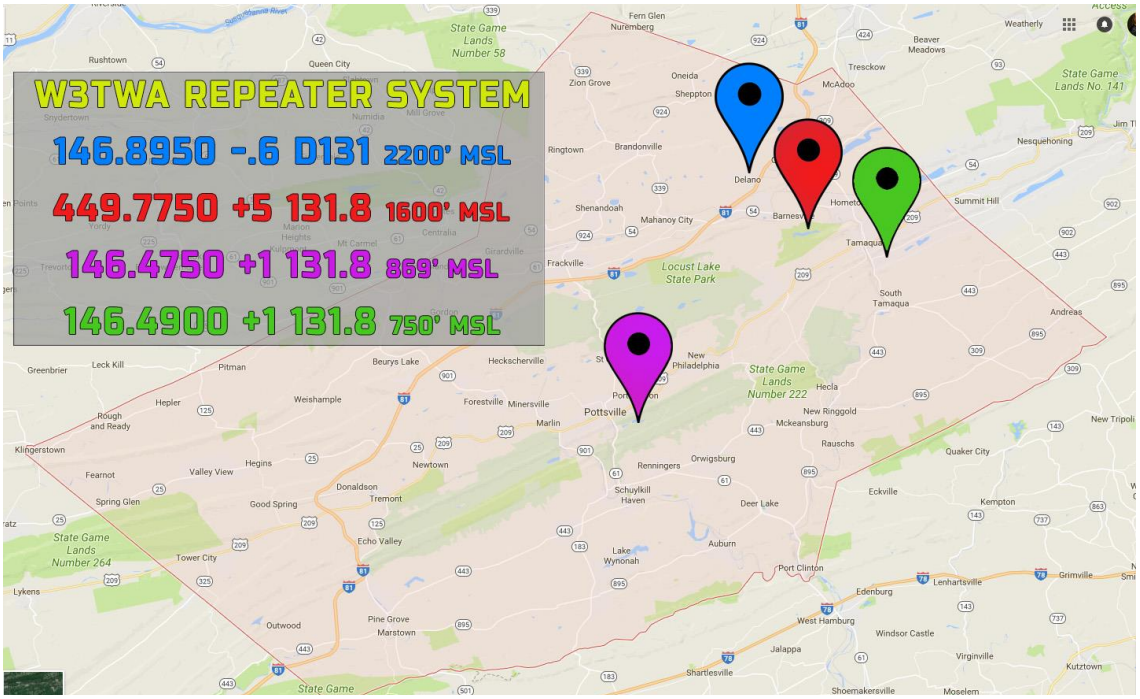
Every Wednesday, at 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.

- 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 Repeater Sites in Schuylkill County:



Emergency Service Pager Frequencies:

Carbon County EMS Pager: 155.205 and 453.100
Lehigh County EMS Pager: 154.175
Luzerne County EMS Pager: 157.450
Schuylkill County EMS Pager: 154.070

Club Repeater and Simplex Frequencies:

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

You can attend in-person or on Zoom.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29.



Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Minutes from our May 2023 TWA Meeting



The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on May 18, 2023, at Schroeder's Family Farm 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive in Barnesville and on Zoom. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

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

WY3K, KB3AYY, KB2MXV, K3KAP, N3NIK, KB3ASZ, WA3JDQ, W3DFX, KB3CFV, KC3RWX, W3OFD, KC3SJZ, KC3CRS, WE3O, KC3RMV, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. WA3JDQ
2. KC3CRS

To accept the minutes of our April 20, meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

TWA's current balance is $

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. W3OFD
2. KB3CFV

To accept the Treasurer's report for May 18, 2023, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Breakfast is coming up on June 4th, 9AM at the White Birch Golf Course.

ARES County EC: K3KAP

Nothing to report at this time.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations: KB3FET

It's official, Jim talked to Shelly; John Matz is retiring in September.

VE Session, N3NIK:

Our June 3rd test session is coming up soon. An email will go out to see how many VE's can attend. Dave currently has 1 candidate.

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

Our Net Control is Jim, KB3FET, stop by on the last Tuesday of every month and say hello….

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 31st	8	April 25th	0	July 25th		October 31st	
February 28th	8	May 30th		August 29th		November 28th	
March 28th	6	June 27th		September 26th		December 26th	
1st Quarter	22	2nd Quarter	0	3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	

Our next Tech-Night Demonstration for June will be:

- Pre Field-Day Preparation information, setup, etc.
- June 8th at the grove 7PM, rain date will be June 21st 7PM

Email Frank, KB2MXV@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Roundtable NET at 8PM: KB2MXV

June NET Control Operators are:

June 7th: Tom, K3TE

June 14th: Tom, KC3CRS

June 21st: Dave N3NIK

June 28th: Jim, KB3FET

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	40
April	4	31
May	5	27
June	4	
July	4	
August	5	
September	4	
October	4	
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	179

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

No new applications

Technical Committee: KB2MXV

1. Our Bears Head repeater should be back to its normal operation sometime in June. Still working on diagnosing the problem.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date

Old Business:

1. PPL Grant called - Empowering Communities Grants. Application was submitted on May 16th for $14200 for test equipment. t.
2. Command Bus update – we decided that TWA will not be moving forward with the Command Bus.
3. PO Box update – Motion by 1 KC3CRS, 2nd by WA3JDQ to pay $78.00 to have the PO Box 165 for another year. Motion passed. A donation by WY3K of $78.00 was received. The club thank Bill WY3K.
4. Insurance update – Tom, K3TE will get the bill paid for

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Field Day 2023 June 24th and 25th. A number if items were discussed, we will have 4 stations plus a GOTA station. Food was discussed. Jim, KB3FET will donate what he donated last year. The menu will consist of pulled pork on a brioche bun, parsley parmigiana potatoes, homemade pork and beans. Along with sides dishes. Karen, KA3KAP will put a group email out to see what people will bring. Bill, KC3RMV will get hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns along with pork shoulder. Ron KB3CFV said he will make breakfast for the members on Sunday.
2. Job-Johnny for the grove? Ed, KB3AYY reported that a green job-johnny will cost the club $200 and we own it, then $50 to clean it out. On a motion by N3NIK and 2nd by KC3RMV to purchase the job-johnny. Motion passed.

3. Dave N3NIK requested that Ed, KB3AYY be reimbursed $159.00 for the tarp and framework for our meeting location. Our last one lasted many years and was damaged last year by the wind. Motion 1: Dave N3NIK and 2nd by KC3CRS. Motion passed.
4. Our tractor needs some work. Ed, KB3AYY said it needs a new battery. The old one will not take a charge. He will also replace the spark plugs.

Good for the Order:

1. Tech Night for June
2. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at the Schroeder's Family Farm, 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive, Barnesville. It will also be on Zoom) June 15th, 7PM. In case of bad weather, we will meet at the Tamaqua Borough Hall. Tune into our repeater network for any announcements about location.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:43PM by:

1. W3DFX
2. KB3MXV

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 your 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 a dual band or even a single band mobile radio and you are not using them. Consider donating them to the club. Just let Karen, K3KAP know. We would love to get them in the hands of new members.

Has anyone gotten any new Amateur Radio equipment lately? Can you take a picture(s) of the item(s), write a small paragraph why you bought it, what made you… like/dislike… etc. Let your fellow Amateur Radio Community know about the product. Email K3TE – tlesisko@ptd.net. Keep in touch with TWA.

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. We have 8 members to go… we need your full support. Please communicate with Frank.

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

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.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be:

- June 15th @ 7:00PM

At the Schroeder's Family Farm 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive, Barnesville

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.

RadioShack

I talked to Rich, W3OFD on our repeater system and he said he traded in his Icom 9700 for a new Yaesu. Below are some pictures of Rich's "Radio Shack". Enjoy.



In the center of the picture is the FTDX-10 HF radio from Yaesu. This model is strictly HF. Rich said he has been working on his CW skills and plans on updating his HF antenna system round his house. To the left of the radio, looks like a CW key. I love how the newer types of radios allow the user to connect to a larger screen. Namely a computer monitor. It really complements Rich's shack.



Thanks, Rich, for sharing your Radio Shack with us!!

Field Day 2023: is right around the corner!

TWA will again be hosting the event at Schroder's Family Farm. We will be setting up on Wednesday June 21st and then tweaking the antennas on Friday June 23rd along with hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. Please bring a lounge chair, something to drink and enjoy the fellowship.