TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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June 15, 2023

OFFICERS:

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TRUSTEES:

1. Karen Putt K3KAP
2. Tom Lesisko K3TE

MISC. CONTACTS:

Web Host: Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
Webmaster: Tim Farrell W3DFX
VE Test Coordinator: Dave Stephens

TWA Home Page: www.w3twa.org
Facebook: TWA Tamaqua Wireless Association
YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/@W3TWA/videos

Schuylkill County AREAS/RACES NET

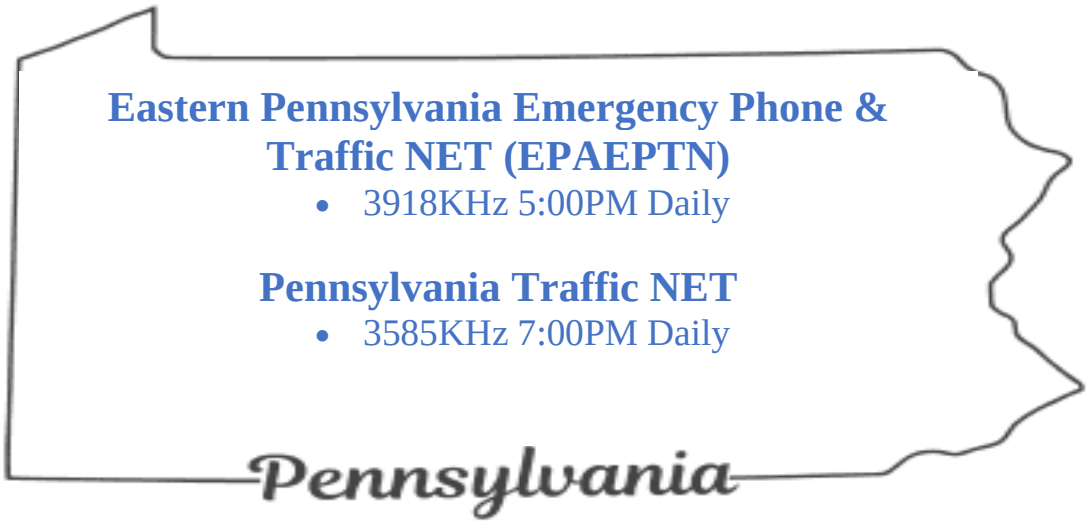
On the last Tuesday of the month, at 8PM our NET Control Operator is Jim, KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system

Roundtable NET

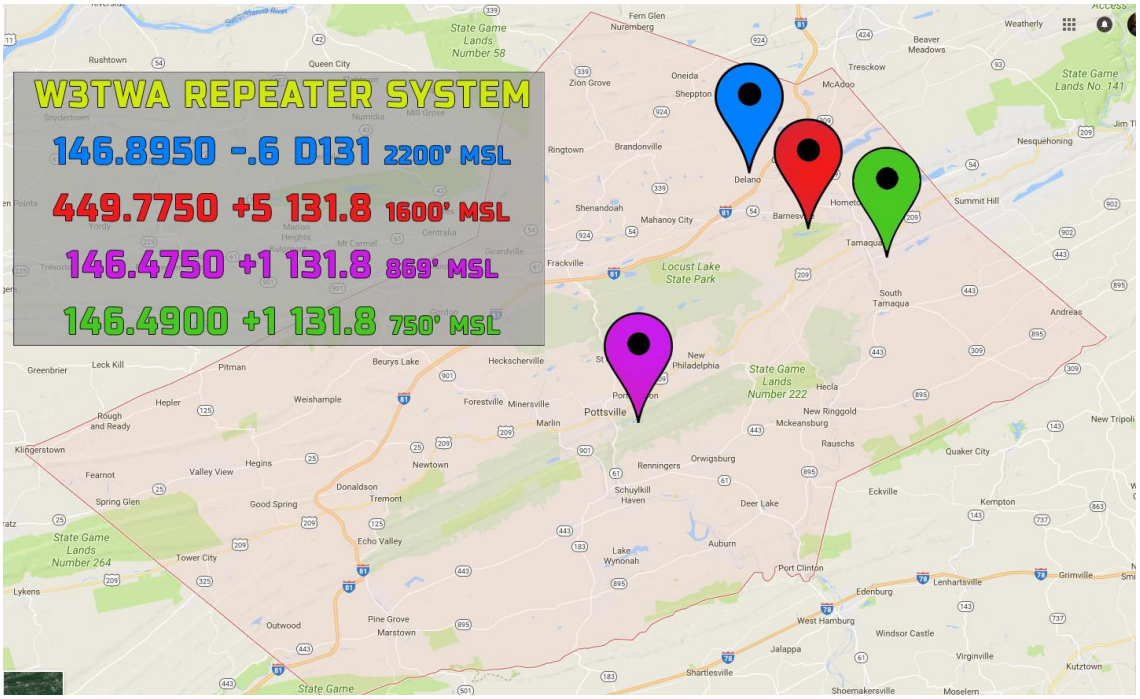
Every Wednesday, at 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.

- 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.

RadioID Registration

If you don't have a DMR ID by now, it is time to get one. DMR stands for Digital Mobile Radio, it is similar to Yaesu's Fusion C4FM protocol, but they are not compatible with each other.

To Get a DMR ID go to: **https://www.radioid.net/register** and register, it's free!!!

As for the radio, there are plenty of manufactures out there, Anytone, Alinco, Hytera, Motorola, and a lot of Chinese off-brand radios. Motorola and Hytera only make single band radios while Anytone, Alinco, and others make dual band models.

Who knows, you might be able to use it VERY soon!!!

Minutes from our June 2023 TWA Meeting



The regular monthly meeting of TWA was held on June 15, 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, KB3FET, N3HHH, W3OFD, WY3K, WA3WIJ, KC3CRS, KC3SFC, N3IK, WE3O, KC3RMV, KC3RWX

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. W3OFD
2. WA3WIJ

To accept the minutes of our May 18, meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

TWA's current balance is $0.00.

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. KC3CRS
2. K3TE

To accept the Treasurer's report for June 15, 2023, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

Breakfast is coming up on July 2nd, 9AM at the White Birch Golf Course.
July 1st to the 7th – 13 Colonies Event

ARES County EC: K3KAP

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing to report.

Public Relations: KB3FET

Jim will have The Times News come out and do a story on Field Day. If anyone has anything they would like in the article, contact Jim Munley. Commissioner Hess is planning on attending, A reporter will be here also.

VE Session, N3NIK:

Our June 3rd test session

1. Marques Sturdivant passed Technician.
2. Carl Vasiliou passed General.

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	

VE's present for the testing:
David P. Stephens N3NIK, William L. Vogler, II. WA3JDQ, James J. Munley KB3FET, Edward W. Boerner KB3AYY, John P. Greenwood WE3O

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	8	August 29th		November 28th	
March 28th	6	June 27th		September 26th		December 26th	
1st Quarter	22	2nd Quarter	8	3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	

Our next Tech-Night Demonstration for July will be:

We are planning on Windlink presentation. Stay tune!

- July 13th 6PM at Schroeder's Family Farm

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

Roundtable NET at 8PM: KB2MXV

July NET Control Operators are:

July 5th: Tim W3DFX

July 12th: Frank KB2MXV

July 19th: Ed KB3AYY

July 26th: 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	44
June	4	19
July	4	
August	5	
September	4	
October	4	
November	5	
December	4	
Total	52	215

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

Nothing at this time

Technical Committee: KB2MXV

1. Our Henry Radio Amplifier was sent back to California. It needed some repairs. The total cost was $258.00. On a motion by: W3OFD and 2nd: KC3CRS to pay Frank for the cost of repairs. Motion passed.
2. DMR Information:
   Bearshead, will remain unlinked so we can test out LOCAL DMR (No Internet)
   Color-Code 7
   Talk group: 2
   Timeslot: 2

   Bearshead will automatically relink itself during the following times.
   Every Wednesday from 7PM to 9PM – Analog mode
   The Last Tuesday of the month from 7PM to 9PM – Analog mode
   Every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6PM to 10PM – Analog mode

If DMR is used while the link is on, you will hear a loud steady tone over the other repeaters

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Minutes are up and Tim will put Field Day information on it.

Old Business:

1. Insurance update – Tom, K3TE insurance was paid on June 2nd, $395.
2. Field Day 2023, June 24th and 25th: 4 stations plus a GOTA Station.
   a. Menu:
   Pulled Pork on a Brioche Bun
   Parsley Parmigiana Potatoes

Homemade beans

b. Bing a side dish with you, drink, bug spray, suntan lotion.

c. The club will have a "pre field day tune up" with some hamburgers and hotdogs Friday evening.

d. Ron, KB3CFV will be making breakfast on Sunday. Let him know if you are planning on attending breakfast.

e. Karen will put an email out to see what you can bring (side dishes). Please respond to her email please!

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Mower is working, Oil changed.

Good for the Order:

1. Tech Night for July
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 July 20th, 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 7:57PM by:

1. N3NIK
2. KB3AYY

Motion passed.

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

Thank You Bill WY3K

At our June meeting, Dave, N3NIK presented Bill WY3K as a token of appreciation for his 29 years of service providing Amateur Radio test service to people looking to get a ham radio license or upgrading their license. I have been a VE during Bill's tests and there is a lot of paperwork that goes along with people taking a test. Bill was always methodical on filling out that paperwork.



TWA Lending Program:

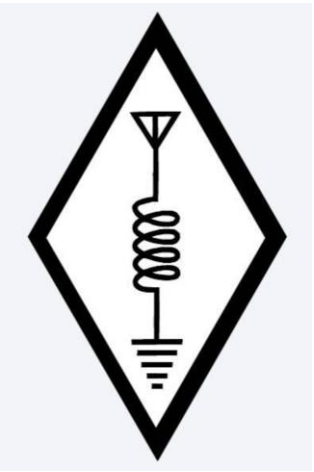
1. Just a reminder, TWA has an HF radio to lone out to a member along with an End-Fed antenna, bandpass filters, and coax. Please contact Karen at K3KAP@yahoo.com for your borrowing needs.



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:

- July 20th @ 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.

DMR Radios
Dual Band Portable Models

Anytone AT-D878UVII-Plus

$314.95



ALINCO DJ-MD5XLT

$289.95





Baofeng DM1701

$89.99

Mobile DMR

Anytone AT-D578UV-PRO

$399.99

