# TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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## OFFICERS:

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**Secretary:** Tom Lesisko K3TE

| TRUSTEES | MISC. CONTACTS |
|---|---|
| Karen Putt K3KAP | **Web Host:** Frank D'Amato KB2MXV |
| Tom Lesisko K3TE | **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

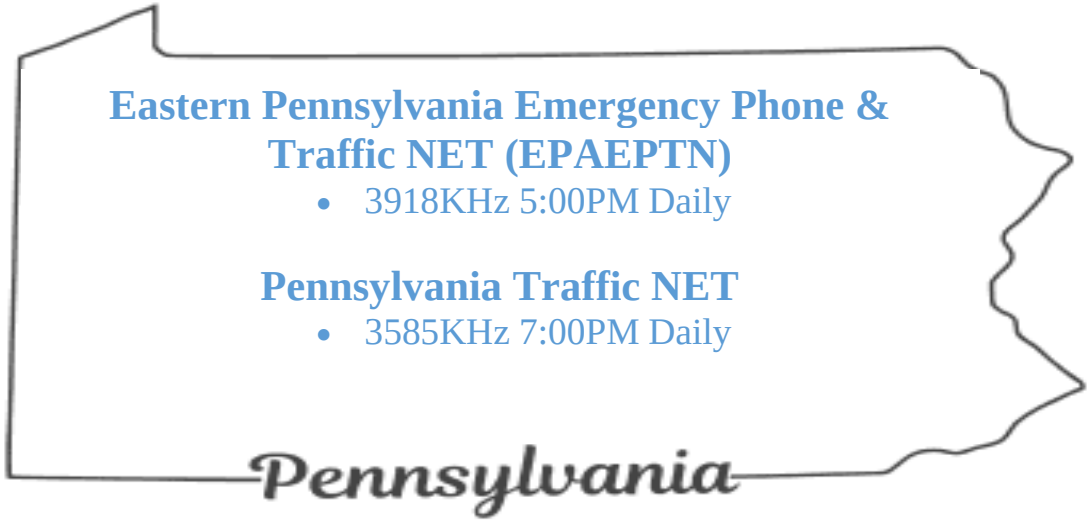
**On the last Tuesday of the month, at 8PM our NET Control Operator is Jim, KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system**

## Roundtable NET

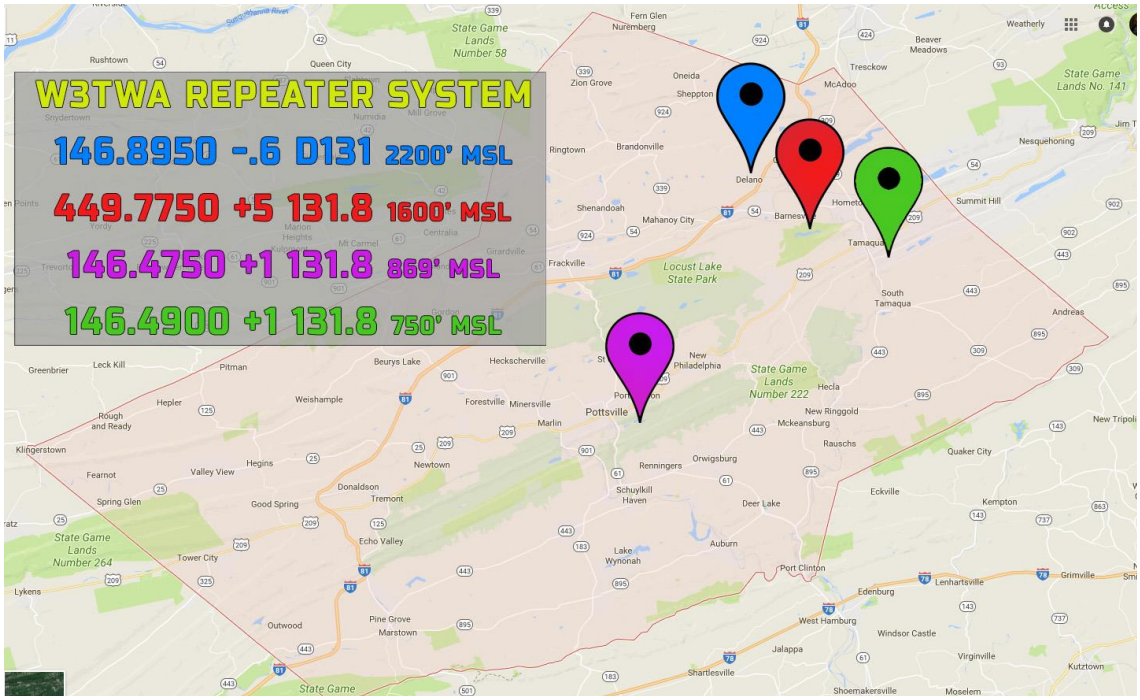
**Every Wednesday, at 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.**

- 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:

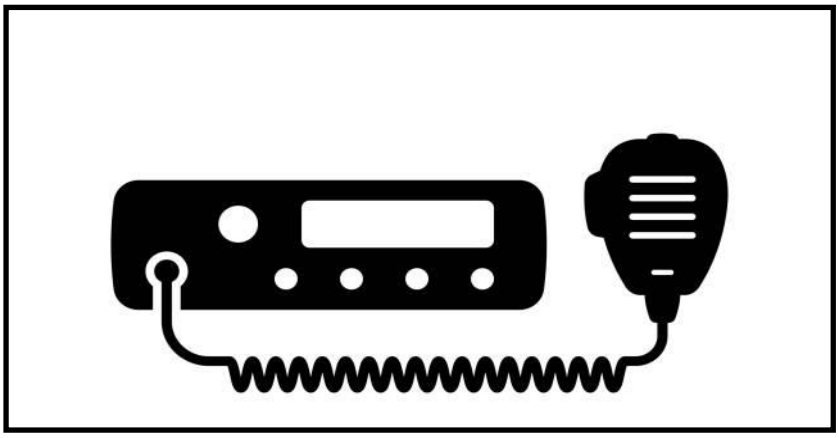



# Emergency Service Pager Frequencies:

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.**

DMR
DIGITAL MOBILE RADIO ASSOCIATION

### Bears Head – DMR – No internet

| 146.895 Rx & 146.295 Tx | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Color-Code | Time Slot | Name | Talk Group |
| 7 | 1 | Local 9 | 1 |
| 7 | 2 | Local 2 | 2 |

### Tamaqua – Fusion – No Internet

146.490 Rx & 147.490 Tx

YAESU
System Fusion

# Minutes from our September 2023 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of TWA was held on September 9, 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 12:01PM.

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

WY3K, KB3AYY, KB3FET, K3KAP, KB2MXV, N3NIK, KC3VVZ, N3UAZ and Stephannie, W3DFX and family, WA3WIJ and Sharon, KB3ASZ and Sage, Kevin Lee N3KJL, and K3TE

## Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. WA3WIJ
2. KC3VVZ

To accept the minutes of our August 17th meeting. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

TWA's current balance is $ all in the checking account. Cash on hand $

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. N3NIK
2. KB3FET

To accept the Treasurer's report for September 9, 2023, motion passed

## Committee Reports:

### Activities Manager: K3KAP

Halloween Parade coming up in October, Closing the grove in October, testing in November, and Christmas party at the Train Station in December rounds out the rest of 2023.

### ARES County EC: K3KAP

There is a SET (Simulated Emergency Test) coming up in October. Information will be forthcoming.

### Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

We are planning on a Zoom meeting in the future to discuss the 2024 operating budget.

### Public Relations: KB3FET

Jim read the retirement letter to John Matz.

## VE Session N3NIK:

Next VE test session will be on November 4th at 9AM. Carl KB3VVZ is our new Volunteer Examiner. Dave talked about doing a Zoom training session prior to the test. Dave has switched over to Exam Tools and would like to practice. An email will be coming out.

| 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 | 10 | October 31st | |
| February 28th | 8 | May 30th | 8 | August 29th | 10 | November 28th | |
| March 28th | 6 | June 27th | 6 | September 26th | | December 26th | |
| 1st Quarter | 22 | 2nd Quarter | 14 | 3rd Quarter | 20 | 4th Quarter | |

## Application for Membership: KB2MXV

None at this time.

## Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Mountain Valley – Amplifier issue, needs to be sent to Henry Radio. Motion to send amp back to factory for repairs? 1. Karen, K3KAP and 2nd by KB3FET. Under the stipulation of not spending more than $300.
2. Pottsville – Duplexer will be tuned soon.
3. Bears Head – Jumper cable will be installed at the antenna. Tessco issue with a backorder.
4. Tamaqua – Volume is low, still working on it.

## TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date

## Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

**October NET Control Operators are:**

October 4th: Jim, KB3FET

October 11th: Tom, K3TE

October 18th: Tim, W3DFX

October 25th: Jim, KB3FET

Thank you to all that volunteer their time to be

NET controllers!

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 | Digital Check-Ins |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 4 | 41 | |
| February | 4 | 40 | |
| March | 5 | 40 | |
| April | 4 | 31 | |
| May | 5 | 44 | |
| June | 4 | 26 | |
| July | 4 | 36 | |
| August | 5 | 30 | 5 |
| September | 4 | 9 | |
| October | 4 | | |
| November | 5 | | |
| December | 4 | | |
| Total | 52 | 297 | 5 |

## Old Business:

1. Update on Trailer removal, KB3AYY, planning on moving it shortly.
2. Missing gas can? Tom, KC3CRS has it.
3. Update on HF antenna removal? Antenna raised and fastened. No longer an issue
4. Reminder, Tamaqua Halloween Parade, any update on the date? No update yet

## New Business & Correspondence:

1. A grant was submitted to Schuylkill Area Community Foundation for $1500 on September 9th.
2. There was a question about a Covid 19 grant that just came available via Schuylkill County. After the 6 questions that were asked from the grants website it was decided that TWA not pursue the grant. On a motion by KB2MXV and 2nd by N3NIK, motion passed with one abstention.

## Good for the Order:

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street Tamaqua. Thursday October 19th, 7pm.

## With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 12:32PM by:

1. N3NIK
2. WA3WIJ

Motion passed.

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