TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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November 16, 2023

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Dale WY3K
Vice President: Ed Boerner KB3AYY
Treasurer: Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
Activities Manager: Karen Putt K3KAP
Public Information Officer: Jim Munley KB3FET
Secretary: Tom Lesisko K3TE

TRUSTEES	MISC. CONTACTS
Karen Putt K3KAP	**Web Host:** Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
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	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

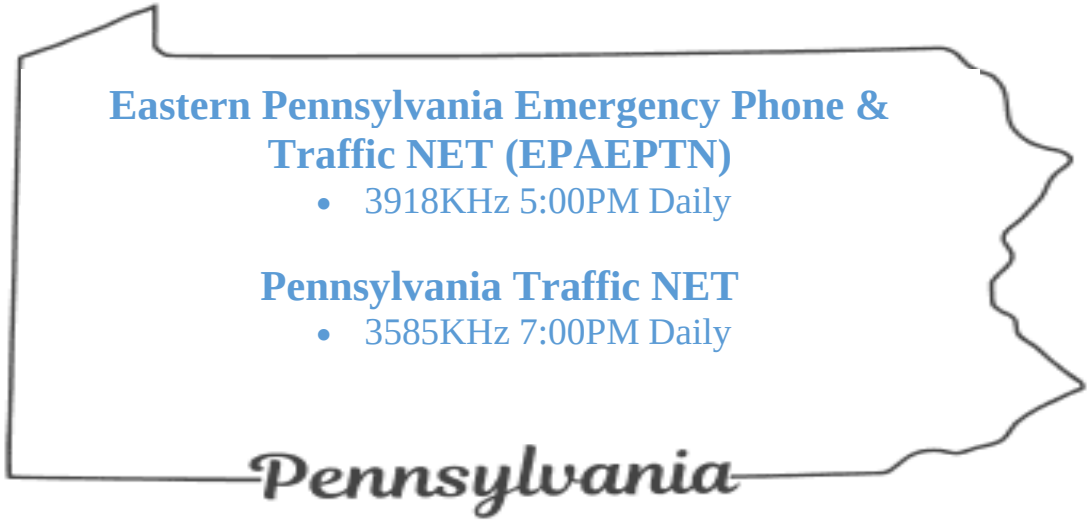
On the last Tuesday of the month, at 8PM our NET Control Operator is Jim, KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system

Roundtable NET

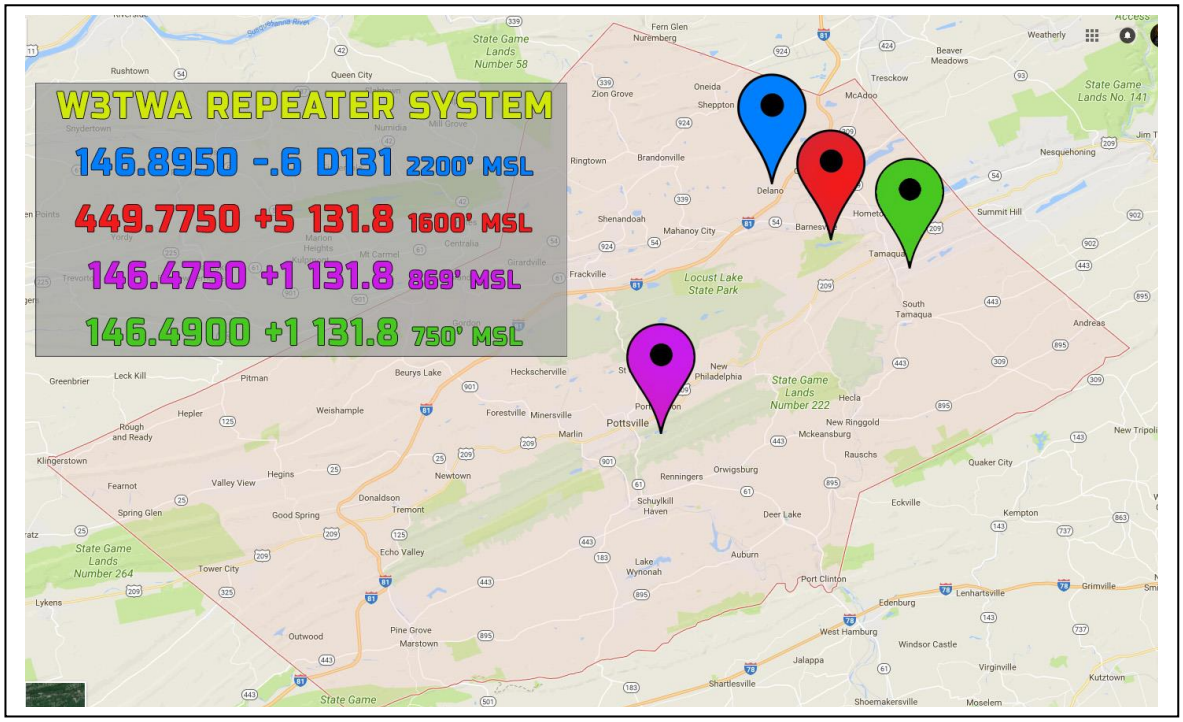
Every Wednesday, at 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.

- 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:

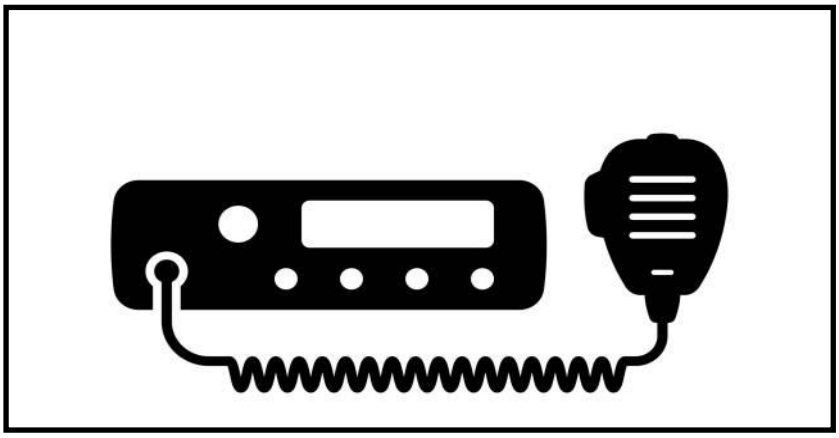


Emergency Service Pager Frequencies:

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.

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

Minutes from our November 2023 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of TWA was held on November 16, 2023, at the Tamaqua Borough Hall, 320 East Broad Street Tamaqua 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, KB3FET, K3KAP, KB2MXV, KC3RMV, N3UAZ, WA3JDQ, WA3WIJ, and K3TE. There were two guests in attendance, Joel KC3FJG, and Kevin N3KJL

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. KC3RMV
2. N3UAZ

To accept the minutes of our October 19th meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

TWA's current balance is $ .07 all in the checking account. Cash on hand $ 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. N3UAZ
2. WA3JDQ

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

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

1. December 3rd – breakfast at White Birch Golf Course 9AM
2. Dec 9th – Christmas Party – confirmed on November 1st.
3. January 27th & 28th, 2024 - Winter Field Day at Ed & Kelly's camper.

ARES County EC: K3KAP

1. NTS Newsletter
2. 60-meter comment period extended to November 28th
3. ARRL is proposing increasing the baud rate to 2.8KHz

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing to report.

Public Relations: KB3FET

Jim will get an updated email address for the new EMA Director.

VE Session N3NIK:

The following received their license.
Technician License:

1. Robert J Gardner

General License:

1. Aaron M Lynn
2. Michael A Sciammarella, KC3WNP

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~~	

Congratulations everyone! The following VE's were present: N3NIK David, WA3JDQ William, WE3O John, KB3FET Jim, W3DFX Tim, WY3K Bill, KC3VVZ Carl, and KB3AYY Ed. This now concludes the 2023 testing. We look forward to another year in 2024.

Karen, K3KAP noted that our meeting room has been booked for 2024 along with our testing dates. Tech Night will be the 2nd Thursday of the month; our business meeting will be the 3rd Thursday of the month.

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	5
February 28th	8	May 30th	8	August 29th	10	November 28th	
March 28th	6	June 27th	6	September 26th	7	December 26th	
1st Quarter	22	2nd Quarter	14	3rd Quarter	27	4th Quarter	5

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

Kevin N3KJL and Kevin KC3FJG will fill out the application.

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Welders caused the circuit breaker to trip at Bears Head, our repeater lost power until power was restored. The voice IC in the controller went bad and will be replaced.
2. Tamaqua repeater is working – Ed, KB3AYY
3. The amplifier for Mountain Valley will be sent back to Henry Radio for evaluation.
4. Jim, KB3FET looked into electric prices for PPL. They said we could shop online for a discount. Bill WY3K said, PPL will let you shop around for a cheap rate, but we will be charged a distribution fee. That fee is not discounted. Jim mentioned that the commercial rate minimum fee is cheaper than residential.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

No report.
Steve, N3UAZ mentioned that the club fee is $25 on our website. Frank, KB2MXV said he will update our application to our new fee of $30 and send the change to Tim, W3DFX.

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

December NET Control Operators are:

December 6th: Tom, K3TE

December 13th: Tim, W3DFX

December 20th: Tom, K3TE

December 27th: 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	31	
October	4	32	
November	5	15	
December	4		
Total	52	366	5

Old Business:

1. Update on Trailer removal, KB3AYY, Ed said that Zaprazny's needs a title. There was a discussion on who has the title for the trailer.
2. Halloween Parade report: KB3AYY, Ed said that Brian appreciated all the help, 8 people volunteered from our club. The Lion's Club looks forward to working with us next year.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Officers for 2024:
    a. **President: K3KAP,** K3TE moved to close the nominations.
    b. Vice President KB3AYY, K3TE moved to close the nominations.
    c. Activities: W3DFX, K3TE moved to close the nominations.
    d. Public Relations: KB3FET, K3TE moved to close the nominations.
    e. Treasurer: KB2MXV, K3TE moved to close the nominations.
    f. Secretary: K3TE, K3KAP moved to close the nominations.
2. Liability Insurance was paid on 11/13/2023, $200.00. The policy is good for one year and it starts on January 1st.
3. Steve, N3UAZ donated $200.00 towards the Liability Insurance for 2024. Members thank Steve for his donation.
4. There was a discussion on what to do with the tower that our old 27 repeater was on. After a discussion, Tom K3TE will deliver the tower back to the grove.
5. Email from Rob Griffiths, he is looking to start an EPS Newsletter. K3TE will forward Jim Munley's email to him. Jim is our Public Information Officer.
6. There was a discussion on donating money to the grove. After a discussion, a check will be made out to Cindy Schroeder.
7. Frank, KB2MXV donated the Christmas Cards for 2023. Tom, K3TE will mail them out.
8. Jim, KB3FET said the St Patrick's Day Parade will be on March 23rd. More information will follow as he gets it.
9. Ed, KB3AYY noted that if you are using the generator up at the grove, to make sure you are closing up the box after you are done with it. There was a discussion on where the key was to open the box for the generator.

Good for the Order:

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at the Tamaqua Train Station, 18 North Railroad Street Tamaqua. Saturday December 9th 2pm.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:53PM by:

1. KB3AYY
2. WA3WIJ

Motion passed.

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