TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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December 9, 2023

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Dale WY3K
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Public Information Officer: Jim Munley KB3FET
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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

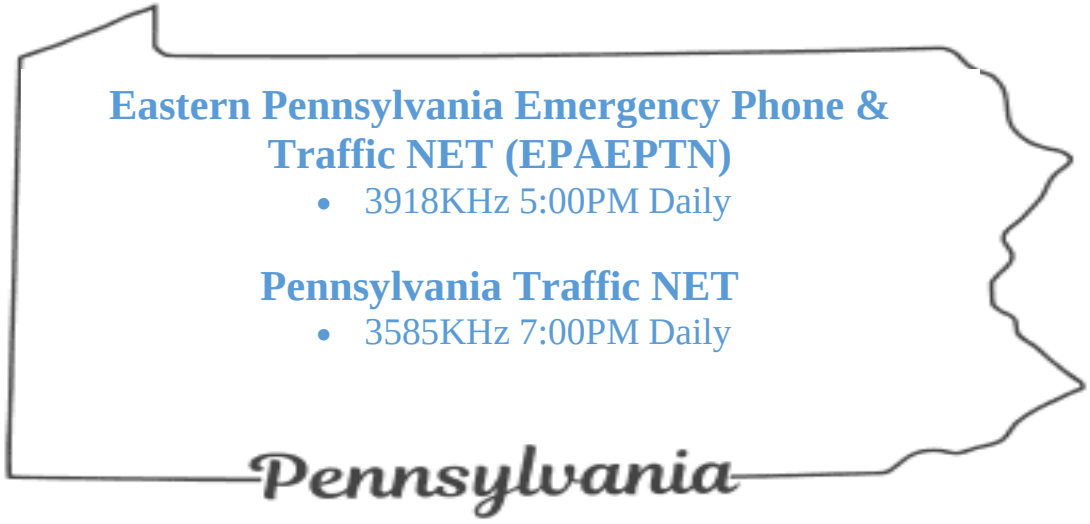
On the last Tuesday of the month, at 8PM our NET Control Operator is Jim, KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system

Roundtable NET

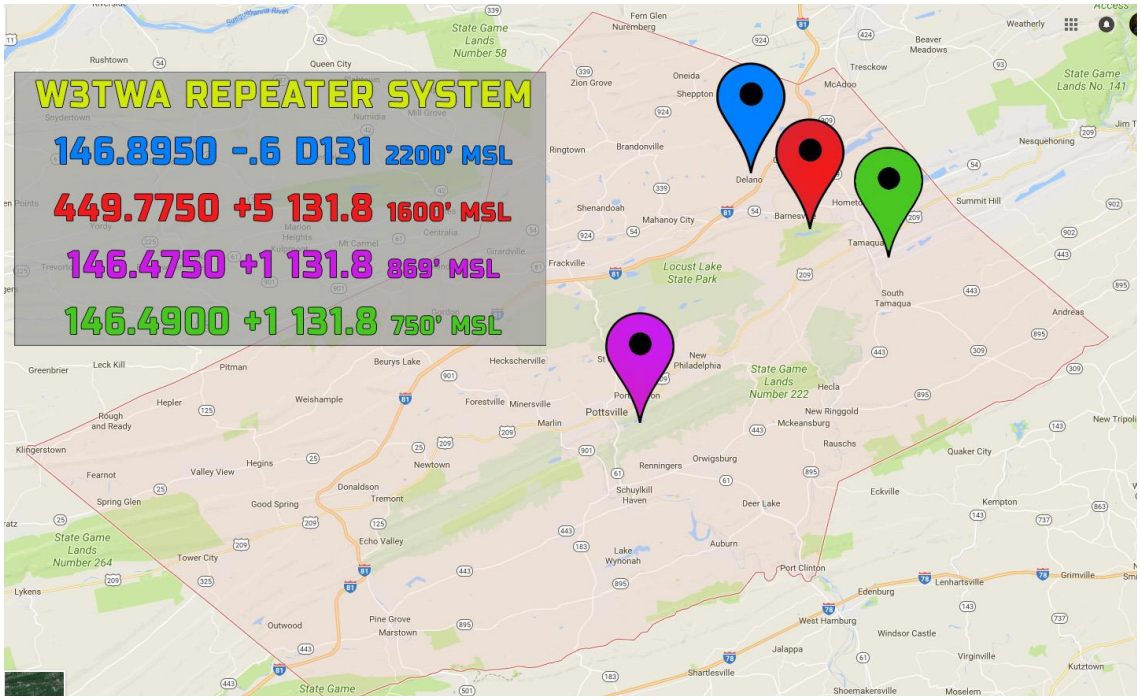
Every Wednesday, at 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.

- 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:

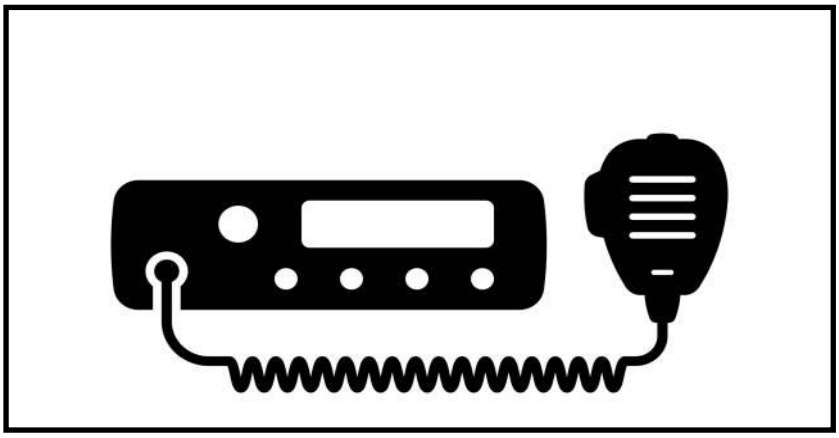


Emergency Service Pager Frequencies:

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.

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 December 2023 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of TWA was held on December 9, 2023, at the Tamaqua Train Station. 18 North Railroad Street Tamaqua. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM.

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

WY3K, KB3AYY and his wife Kelly KB3ASZ and their grandson Sage, KB3FET, K3KAP, W3DFX and his wife Michelle, N3UAZ and his wife Stephanie, K3TE and his wife Christine.

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

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

1. N3NIK
2. W3DFX

To accept the minutes of our November 16th 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. K3TE
2. N3NIK

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

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

1. Breakfast - Jan 7th at White Birch Golf Course
2. ARRL RTTY ROUNDUP - Jan 6th and 7th
3. ARRL VHF contest - Jan 20th and 21st - if the weather is okay, we'll activate from the Grove
4. Winter Field Day - Jan 27th and 28th - Ed and Kelly's camper or by yourself.

ARES County EC: K3KAP

In case you are interested *The ARES Letter* is free of charge to ARRL members
Subscribe: www.arrl.org/opt-in-out
Would anyone like to take over the ARES/RACES portion for 2024?

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Our 2024 budget was adopted in November.

Public Relations: KB3FET

Jim was keeping the county up to date on what TWA was doing at this end of the county.

VE Session N3NIK:

Meeting Dates for 2024

VE Test Sessions for 2024		
Month	Time	Location
February 3	9AM	Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
April 6	9AM	
June 1	9AM	
August 3	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	5
February 28th	8	May 30th	8	August 29th	10	November 28th	0
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

None at this time

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Mountain Valley repeater is offline. Hopefully back shortly. We were given a price to fix the amplifier. We will keep you posted next month.
2. Pottsville is linked to Bears Head
3. Bears Head we should be back to 100% this month.
4. Tamaqua is not linked until Mountain Valley is back.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Changes have been made and the website is up to date.

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

January 2024 NET Control Operators are:

January 3rd: Tom, K3TE

January 10th: Karen, K3KAP

January 17th: Tim, W3DFX

January 24th: Ed, KB3AYY

January 31st: 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	27	
December	4	6	
Total	52	384	5

Old Business:

None at this time

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Christmas cards were mailed.
2. Schroeder donation mailed.
3. Icom will be releasing a firmware update for the IC 7300.
4. Installation of new officers. See photo below
5. Jim Munley thanked Bill for his many years of service and dedication to TWA.
6. Our Christmas Party for 2024 will be at the Tamaqua Train Station, December 7th, 2pm to 4pm

Good for the Order:

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 18th at 7PM using the Zoom platform.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 2:30PM by:

1. KB3AYY
2. KB3FET

Motion passed.

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

2024 Officers

From left to right,
Tim, W3DFX, Ed KB3AYY, Tom K3TE, Karen K3KAP, and Jim KB3FET

