TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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TWA Home Page: www.w3twa.org
Facebook: TWA Tamaqua Wireless Association
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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

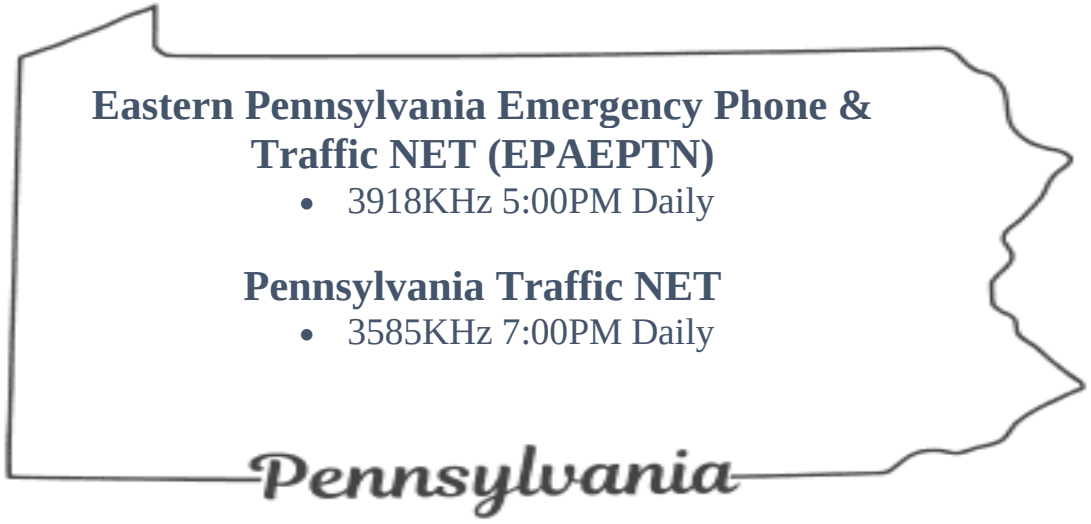
Every Wednesday, at 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.

DMR NET

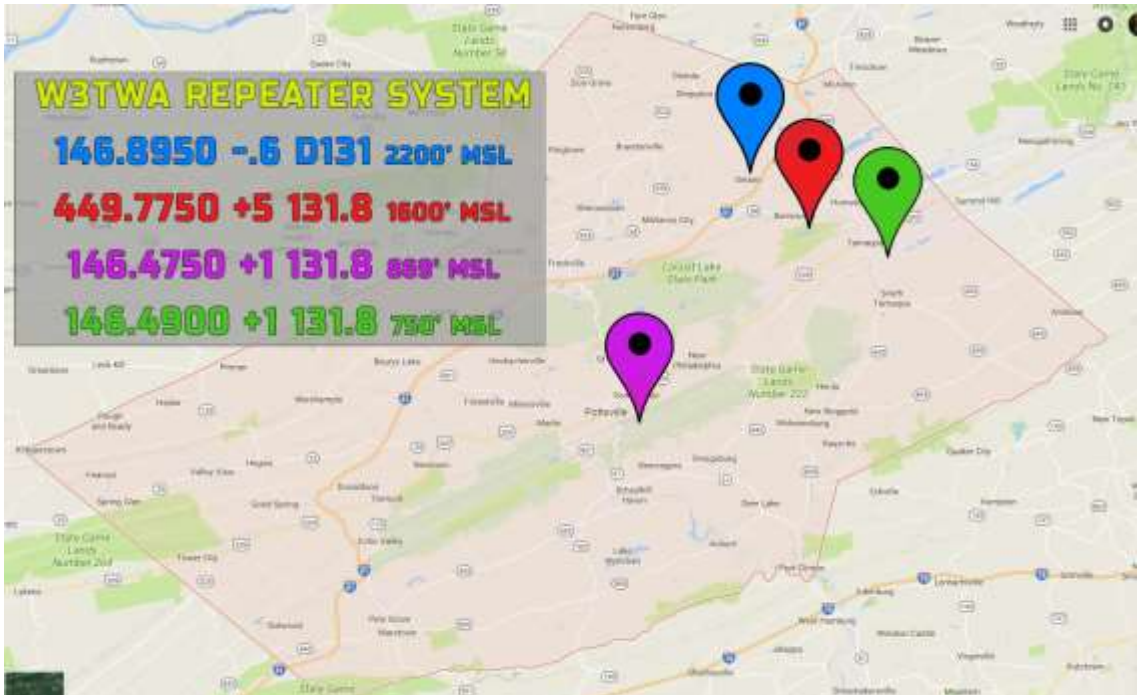
Every Tuesday, at 7PM – Tune your DMR Radio to Local 2 talk group, color code 7, time Slot 2 on our Bears Head repeater.

- 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 Pager: 155.205 and 453.100
Lehigh County Pager: 154.175
Luzerne County Pager: 157.450
Schuylkill County 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 March 2024 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of TWA was held on March 21, 2024. The meeting was held at the Tamaqua Municipal Building and using the Zoom platform. Presiding was K3KAP. The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

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

K3KAP, KB3AYY, W3DFX, KB3FET – via telephone, WY3K, KJ6TNY, KC3SFT, and K3TE. Due to technical difficulties, there was no Zoom for this meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3KAP

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

1. WY3K
2. KB3AYY

To accept the minutes of our February 15th meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

General Fund:
Repeater Fund:

Account Balance:
Checking:
Cash on Hand

Treasurers Report was submitted.
Frank gave a breakdown between general fund, and repeater fund in each account. If anyone wants to see the entire bank statement email Frank at kb2mxv@gmail.com.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: W3DFX

1. Breakfast – April 7th at White Birch Golf Course

ARES County EC:

Tom, K3TE said that Bob, N3RZI would like to retire from Schuylkill County Emergency Coordinator. I believe Dan KC3RMV will be taking over.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing to report.

Public Relations: KB3FET

Nothing to report.

VE Session N3NIK:

Dave sent an email to me and said, 2 applicants registered for the April 6th test.

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 2	9AM	

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net: KB3FET
TWA Check-Ins for 2024

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 16th	4						
January 30th	5						
February 6th	7	April 30th		July 30th		October 29th	
February 27th	7	May 28th		August 27th		November 26th	
March 26th		June 25th		September 24th		December 31st	
1st Quarter	23	2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	

Application for Membership: K3TE

None at this time.

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Bears Head - Electric service will be finished very soon. We will need to get it inspected and then a meter will be installed. There was a discussion about how PPL will be paid. Either via automatic bill payment or sending in payment? No action taken at this time.
2. Bears Head – unlinking until Tuesday and Wednesday NETS? After a discussion, on a motion by Bill, WY3K to unlink our Bears Head repeater except for Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the 8pm AREAS and our Roundtable NET. Seconded by Ed, KB3AYY. Motion passed.
3. Ed, KB3AYY and Bill, WY3K did some maintenance on the Tamaqua repeater. Ed said he retuned the duplexer. The receive cans were off by 30dB and the transmit cans were off by 15dB.
4. Our Mountain Valley repeater has been having some problems, Tom, K3TE said the controller needs to be replaced. Ed, KB3AYY said there is an old controller for the Tamaqua repeater, you can use that.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

April 2024 NET Control Operators are:

April 3rd: Jim, KB3FET

April 10th: Jim, KB3FET

April 17th: Karen, K3KAP

April 24th: 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 2024	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins	Digital Check-Ins
January	5	43	
February	4	30	
March	4	24	13
April	4		
May	5		
June	4		
July	5		
August	4		
September	4		
October	5		
November	4		
December	4		
Total	52	97	13

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. TWA President's Day Weekend Weather NET – The NET started at 5:31AM by Jim KB3FET, there were 16 check-ins, the NET wrapped up at 6:00PM. A report is below.
2. New call sign – Joe Leskin was KC3UZC is now W3ZOZ, please make note of the change.
3. Started a DMR NET on Tuesdays in March, 7PM,
4. PPL Grant – anyone interested in filling out application?
5. Opening the grove for 2024, the tentative date is Saturday April 20th.
6. Field Day 2024 – Saturday June 22nd and Sunday June 23rd.
7. Port-A-Potty servicing. Ed, KB3AYY called the company, and no one returned his call.
8. Tom, K3TE suggested that there be an "Electricity Fund" in treasurer's report. Due to Frank, KB2MXV not being able to attend the meeting, no action was taken.
9. PO Box – Bill, WY3K said the bill usually is put in the mailbox in April. Ed, KB3AYY asked why do we have a PO Box? Tom, K3TE said in case the member that gets our mail becomes disgruntled and then we don't get our mail.

Good for the Order:

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 18th, 7PM at the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street, in Tamaqua. The meeting will also be available to members on Zoom.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:46PM by:

1. W3DFX
2. KB3AYY

Motion passed.

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

TWA Presidents Day Weekend Weather NET 2/17/240



Jim, KB3FET started the NET at 5:31AM and it ended at 3: There were 14 check-ins. The snow totals ranged from 4 to 7 inches. The storm was over around 8:30ish and cleaned up quickly.
KB3FET – NET Controller. 3 KC3QLX, 4 K3TE, WA3WIJ, 2 W3OFD, WYK, KC3CRS, WY3L, KB2MXV, and N3KJL. Thank you to all that checked in and to Jim, KB3FET for running the NET.

Membership Fee

Just a reminder that the 2024 membership fee is $30.00. If you haven't done so already, please mail your check to TWA PO Box 165 Tamaqua, PA 18252. You could also pay your fee via PayPal, or you can attend our next meeting at the Tamaqua Borough Hall in April. A lot of members have paid, we would like to get 100% participation this year.