TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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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.

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 April 2024 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of TWA was held on April 18, 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 7:00PM.

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

K3KAP, KB3AYY, W3DFX, KB3FET, KB2MXV, KC3VVC, KC3CRS, WA3WIJ, WY3K, WE3O, N3NIK, W3OFD, and K3TE.

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3KAP

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

1. WA3WIJ
2. KC3VVZ

To accept the minutes of our March 21st meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

General Fund: $0
Repeater Fund: $0

Account Balance: $0
Checking: $0
Cash on Hand $0.00

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. Grove opening, weather permitting 4/20, 10AM – If you can, bring a weed whacker, and some hand tools. Hope to see you there.
2. Breakfast – May 5th at White Birch Golf Course 9AM.
3. Tech Night returns May 9th – W3DFX – Meshtastic – looking for volunteers for ideas. 7PM at the Tamaqua Borough Hall.
4. Reading Radio Club Simplex Radio test – May 11th

ARES County EC:

Nothing at this time.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing at this time

Public Relations: KB3FET

Jim, KB3FET ran a "Solar Eclipse Net on April 8th, The Net started at 11:57 for Early Check-ins and Ended at 4:23 PM. 28 people checked in.

VE Session N3NIK:

There were several applicants for the April 6th test.
The following upgraded their license.

1. Gary Barth N4YVN - Extra
2. Philip Brislin KC3RSW - Extra
3. Michael Sciammarella KC3WNP - Extra
4. David Etchberger KC3YJW – General

There were two new licenses awarded.
David Kienle – Technician
George Kuba – Technician

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	

VE's present for the test: Dave N3NIK, Carl KC3VVZ, Bill WY3K, Ed KB3AYY, Jim KB3FET, Karen K3KAP.

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	6	June 25th		September 24th		December 31st	
1st Quarter	29	2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	

Application for Membership: K3TE

None at this time.

Technical Committee: KB2MXV

1. Bears Head – Electric should be done next week.
2. Mountain Valley – Frank changed the power going to the controller around. The controller now gets its power from the DC power supply and has a battery backup. Hopefully that will stop the problems with the "brownouts."

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date with the Reading Radio simplex radio test and Roundtable NET Controllers.

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

May 2024 NET Control Operators are:

May 1st: Karen, K3KAP

May 8th: Ed, KB3AYY

May 15th: Tim, W3DFX

May 22nd: Tom, K3TE

May 29th: 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	32	18
April	4	22	14
May	5		
June	4		
July	5		
August	4		
September	4		
October	5		
November	4		
December	4		
Total	52	127	32

Old Business:

1. Opening the grove work party Saturday April 20th. - 10AM.
2. Field Day 2024 – Saturday June 22nd and Sunday June 23rd. Tim, W3DFX will send an email out soon.
3. Port-A-Potty update. Ed, KB3AYY
4. PO Box bill – nothing at this time.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Splatter Newsletter Editor – Dirk, KJ6TNY
2. Hamvention – May 17th to 19th. Ed said he will be taking a trailer out to Dayton this year. He is planning on selling items using the club's call sign W3TWA. If you or know anyone that has amateur radio gear to sell contact Ed, his email is kb3ayy@kb3ayy.com. He needs to know what it is, if there is anything wrong with it, how much, and what is the best price you would take.
3. Email from Amanda Campbell, Executive Director Schuylkill Area Community Foundation about receiving a grant from them in 2023. Tom, K3TE will email her. TWA did not get grant money last year.
4. Jim, KB3FET a member of TWA since 1997, questioned why his check wasn't cashed when he paid his dues in late February.
5. Bill, WY3K talked about Elmers. Bill brought up the last test session, we need to help people out. Not only the test takers but also the VE's need help too.

Good for the Order:

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on May 16th, 7PM at the Schroeder's Family Farm, 555 Tuscarora Mountain Drive, Barnesville. The meeting will also be available to members on Zoom. Just a reminder, an alternative meeting site is Tamaqua Borough Hall if the weather is bad.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:42PM by:

1. N3NIK
2. KC3CRS

Motion passed.

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