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.

- 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.

Minutes from our July 2024 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of TWA was held on July 18, 2024. The meeting was held at the Schroeders Family Farm 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, KB2MXV, W3DFX, KB3FET, W3OFD, KC3CRS, WY3K, KC3PJJ, K3TE, and on Zoom was N3KJL

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3KAP

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

1. W3OFD
2. KB3FET

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

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

General Fund: $ 0.00
Repeater Fund: $ 0.0

Account Balance: $ 0.00
Checking: $ 0.00
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.

Breakfast August 4th, 9AM White Birch Golf Course. August 8th is our next Tech-night. If you have something in mind, please email Tim, W3DFX at w3dfx@w3dfx.com. September 7th will be the club picnic at the grove. The meeting will start at noon and the picnic will follow.

ARES County EC:

Weather Net's were discussed. Jim, KB3FET will volunteer to be Net control as needed.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing at this time

Public Relations: KB3FET

Schuylkill County Commissioner Gary Hess attended Field Day along with his brother.

VE Session N3NIK:

Next test session will be August 3rd. There is one candidate registered.

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	6	July 30th		October 29th	
February 27th	7	May 28th	9	August 27th		November 26th	
March 26th	6	June 25th	8	September 24th		December 31st	
1st Quarter	29	2nd Quarter	23	3rd Quarter		4th Quarter	

Application for Membership: K3TE

None at this time.

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. We are having some static issues with Bears Head. It seems to be "heat" related. We think it is the controller causing the issues.
2. WIFI at Mountain Valley is still on the back burner.
3. Frank, KB2MXV will fix the time on MV.
4. The weeds at Mountain Valley have been cut back, there was a dead tree on one of the guywires at the tower. Their maintenance staff was able to remove it.
5. Pottsville site is fine
6. Tamaqua site – no issues.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

August 2024 NET Control Operators are:

August 7th: Jim, KB3FET

August 14th: Tim, W3DFX

August 21st: Jim, KB3FET

August 28th: 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	30	21
May	5	36	15
June	4	32	
July	5	20	
August	4		
September	4		
October	5		
November	4		
December	4		
Total	52	223	54

Old Business: K3KAP

1. Received a call from our insurance company, they will be sending a check for the double payment.
2. I made a quick chart on insured items. It was mailed to the officers.

New Business & Correspondence: K3KAP

1. Jim, KB3FET ran a weather NET on the night of our Roundtable NET. There was reported tree limbs down on roads and Jim, WA3WIJ reported that a tree was down at the grove.
2. We are receiving malicious interference. We tried to run a weather Net on July 9th and the actor blatantly interfered with our Net.
3. Field Day report – See below. I also have other years included for your review.
4. Bill, WY3K will check to see if Zaprazny's will take the trailer. There was a discussion on how to get it there. Bill will confirm on Monday about the status if they allow us to junk the trailer, then Tom, K3TE will email the club about it. A roll back trailer might be needed.
5. There was a discussion about our equipment insurance. After a discussion, Jim, KB3FET was going to check locally in his area and Karen, K3KAP asked members if they wanted to check prices from their insurance carrier that is fine. Probably do a Zoom call before the August meeting.
6. Jim, KB3FET brought food to our July meeting, hotdogs, soda, pickles, chips. A BIG THANK YOU JIM! From members present.

Good for the Order: K3KAP

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on August 15th, 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 7:46PM by:

1. Tim W3DFX
2. Tom, KC3CRS

Motion passed.
Minutes prepared and submitted by Tom, K3TE
Tamaqua Wireless Association.

Field Day 2024 – along with past years

14 people attended

	2024 Field Day Contact Summary			
Year	2024	2023	2022	2021
CW	0	13	50	38
Digital	100	133	5	39
Phone	281	190	256	181
Total	381	336	311	258