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 August 2024 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of TWA was held on August 15, 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, WA3JDQ, W3OFD, KC3PJJ, K3TE, and on Zoom was WE3O

Previous Meeting Minutes: K3KAP

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

1. KB2MXV
2. W3OFD

To accept the minutes of our July 18th meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

General Fund: $ 0.00
Repeater Fund: $ 0.00

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.

No call signs expiring anytime soon, membership is up to date, 6 members are inactive.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: W3DFX.

Breakfast September 1st, 9AM White Birch Golf Course.
Our September 7th meeting has been traditionally a family picnic. Meeting starts at Noon, followed by a picnic. If you are interested in attending, please email Tim, W3DFX@W3DFX.com. BYOB and BYOF, (Bring Your Own Beverage, Bring Your Own Family).
VHF/UHF Contest this weekend.

ARES County EC:

Jim, KB3FET ran a Weather NET on August 9th. It was called Tropical Storm Debby NET, the NET started at 5PM and concluded at 5:55PM. There were 5 check-ins.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing to report

Public Relations: KB3FET

Nothing to report

VE Session N3NIK:

The following tested on August 3rd.

1. Christopher Adams – passed his Technician License, he was issued KC3ZOC for a call sign, Christopher is from Bath PA
2. John Dowd Jr., KC3ZBN passed his General License. John is from Lehighton PA.
3. Mike McNamara, KC3ZGE passed his General License. Mike is from Palmerton PA.

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	

Thank you to the following for being VE's: N3NIK Dave, KB3AYY Ed, KC3VVZ Carl, W3DFX Tim, and WE3O John. TWA's final Amateur Radio test is scheduled for November 2nd.

Tech-Night: W3DFX

Frank, KB2MXV has volunteered to open our Bears Head repeater site. There have been requests to see the sight and to see what a commercial grade repeater looks like. If you are interested in attending on September 12th, we can meet in Delano at 6:30PM. If you have any questions, email Frank, kb2mxv@gmail.com.

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	7	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	7	4th Quarter	

Application for Membership: K3TE

None at this time

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Waiting for PP&L to give us a meter at Bears Head. Repeaters are working

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

September 2024 NET Control Operators are:

September 4th: Jim, KB3FET

September 11th: Mason, KC3PJJ

September 18th: Tim, W3DFX

September 25th: 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	33	
August	4	14	
September	4		
October	5		
November	4		
December	4		
Total	52	250	54

Old Business: K3KAP

1. Refund from our insurance carrier for double payment, Frank, KB2MXV, payment received.
2. Update on insurance for equipment, Jim, KB3FET, hopefully a report will be available for our September meeting.
3. Update on removing trailer – I would like to thank Bill, WY3K for his efforts to remove the trailer in a timely manner.

New Business & Correspondence: K3KAP

1. QSL Cards, Rich W3OFD – Thank You Rich for printing club QSL Cards!
2. Tamaqua Halloween Parade – October 22nd or 29th? Information to follow as it comes in.
3. There was a lengthy discussion about the "SARA" trailer on the property at Schroeder's Family Farm. A Certified Letter will be sent to Gary, KA3FUL about moving the trailer. More information to follow in the coming meetings.
4. Jim, KB3FET will draft a letter to be sent to Gary.
5. Frank talked about fundraising for the club. Frank 3D Printed items and will post on Facebook. Take a look at our Facebook page TWA Tamaqua Wireless Association for more information.
6. There was a discussion about using Facebook Live as a platform to sell items.
7. Jim, KB3FET was given the task of looking into TWA getting Small Games of Chance License.

Good for the Order: K3KAP

1. Our next regularly scheduled "meeting and picnic" will be on Saturday September 7th at 12 noon. We will be at 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 7:52PM by:

1. WA3JDQ
2. KB3FET

Motion passed.

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