

Central Pennsylvania Repeater Association Inc.

W3ND February 2013

NOTICE: The next CPRA meeting will be Thursday, February 21st, 2013 at 7:00 PM at The Wharf on Derry Street, Harrisburg. Come early to enjoy the food and drink.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: From WA3CPO, Gary Blacksmith, MD

The next meeting will be held at The Wharf on Derry Street, Harrisburg. Reservations have been made for 6:00 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

We were hoping for a tour of the Air National Guard (ANG) at the Harrisburg International Airport, but their schedule did not permit a guided tour in February. We will try again for March and will keep you informed. The tour will be held instead of a regular meeting and may not occur on the 3rd Thursday to accommodate their schedule. We toured this facility over five years ago and all enjoyed learning about how the ANG provides radio and TV on an aeronautical platform in a foreign country. A government issued photo ID will probably be required to participate.

The meeting this Thursday will focus on planning for the future. The next major event is the TMI drill. Anyone interested in participating contact Marty Gutekunst at the numbers below with name, email address and phone number. If you want to work a particular municipality, that needs to be made known at that time. Date / time is April 16th starting sometime after 5 PM. Marty will contact volunteers with details.

Marty Gutekunst, KB3BAA
717-652-3702
717-439-8971 (cell)

More details will also be provided at the meeting.

Editor's Note: Also from Marty,

Soon folks will want to access ATCS on their iPad, phones, etc. You cannot run it directly but here is a link to good reference on how to set it up. Using Google, this came up. NOT ANDROID, but you get the concept.

<http://voice.randomsonicnet.org/2009/08/05/atcs-monitor-on-the-iphone/>

ACS/ARES/RACES INFO: From Your Editor, Roger, W3HUP

ACS:

Once again folks, you have a new term to get used to: “ACS”, or **Auxiliary Communications Service**. What is that, you ask? The Pennsylvania ACS is based on RACES, but includes the use of non-amateur radio volunteers and beyond, only utilizing them during emergencies.

Others who may not be licensed amateur radio operators also provide emergency communications support through organizations such as: Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team (REACT), the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX), and others. So, when you discuss emergency communications in broad terms you should think in terms of “ACS” and should get used to hearing that acronym.

PEMA AND OTHER LOCAL NETS AND FREQUENCIES:

Central Area Net meets on **3993.5 KHz** every Sunday at **8:30 AM** Local. **Central Area PEMA frequencies are: 3993.5 KHz - Primary**, Alternates: 3984.5 KHz, 3999.5 KHz, 7248.5 KHz, and 7250.5 KHz The Eastern Area meets on **3987.5 KHz** every Sunday morning at **9:00 AM** Local. The Western Area meets on **3990.5 KHz** every Sunday morning at **9:00 AM** Local. Our **PA State Net** meets the **FIRST SUNDAY** of every month on **3993.5 kHz** at **8:00 AM Local**. This net is usually called by John Kruk, K3KR, Lock Haven; at which time he calls Eastern, Central and Western Area Stations in that order. The **New York State** net usually meets on **3993.5 kHz** at **9:00 AM** right after our Central Area net.

The weekly Harrisburg Amateur Radio Club Information Net is held every Wednesday at 8:00 PM local on the 146.76 HRAC repeater, except for the second Wednesday of the month which is club meeting night, **and the Capital Area Skywarn Net** meets Wednesday evenings at 9:00 PM local on the 145.11 RACES repeater. All are welcome to check in.

The latest EPA Emergency Net Listing (including surrounding sections) as maintained by the ARES/RACES of Delaware County, PA, may be found at: (www.delcoares.org).

ON-LINE OPERATOR TRAINING COURSE AVAILABILITY:

NIMS (**National Incident Management System**) courses, including ICS 100, 200 and 700 certification are available on-line. They discuss emergency management organization and how volunteers such as us fit in to the process. The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Levels 1 and 2, available from the ARRL, cover Amateur Radio emergency operating procedures. The June 2011 issue of QST Magazine (pages 80 and 81) provides an excellent introductory article on the NIMS. Page 79 of the March 2012 issue of QST contains further information on training and certification of ARES operators.

“BOILER PLATE”: From your editor, W3HUP

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Facilities with the CPRA club call sign W3ND:

144.39 APRS node from Reeser’s Summit.
145.11- Dauphin County RACES repeater, CTCSS 123.0 Hz
29- IRLP node 7060 Blue Mtn. IRLP CTCSS 123.0 Hz
47- Med coverage, Blue Mtn, CTCSS 123.0 Hz (Primary HEARS Repeater)
444.45+ Medium coverage from Blue Mountain CTCSS 123.0 Hz
444.55+ Extended coverage to North, CTCSS 123.0 Hz
446.425- Reeser’s Summit, CTCSS 123.0 Hz
448.075- Dauphin County RACES repeater CTCSS 123.0 Hz
53.01- RCVR at Blue Mtn (Nally’s site), being moved, CTCSS 123.0 Hz
3480 ATV Repeater Output (ATV only when requested)
5GHz Access Point at Blue Mountain with links to Reeser’s Summit, Cornwall and North. Links from Reeser’s Summit to Blue Mountain and White Rock.

Monthly Ham Radio Lunch: at the **Old Country Buffet** in east Harrisburg the **last Thursday of each month at noon** unless it is a major holiday. This restaurant is located on route 22 in Colonial Park in the vicinity of Value City Furniture, K-Mart and Home Depot. Good way to meet some new people...this is open to ALL area hams!

Club Web Site: WWW.W3ND.ORG

Pay it a visit...we have links to various services, general information and the current and back issues of the Newsletter.

Dues: are \$20/yr for a single membership and \$35/yr for a family membership, which includes all licensed amateurs living in one household. **If you have not renewed please do so...we need your support! If you have, consider an additional donation!** For most members, **renewal is due by April.** **USE THIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Thanks! Please make your check payable to:

Central Pennsylvania Repeater Association, Inc.
C/O Terry Ash
4335 Rodkey Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110

DO NOT SEND CASH!

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CPRA

- New Member Renewal Family Updating Information
- Donation _____ Other _____

Dues are \$ 20.00 Individual and \$ 35.00 Family.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____ Call(s) _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip code _____ License class: _____

Email address for newsletters: _____

Phone: _____ Listed Unlisted

Are you an ARRL member? Yes No

Are you a member of WITF Yes No

EMERGENCY RACES VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

This information will only be used in the event of an emergency. This information will only be given to the emergency RACES coordinator and will not be distributed for general information in any form!

Work number including extension: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____