



## Pottstown Area Amateur Radio Club

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### September Update

Here's a few reminders of upcoming events, plus a look at our busy summer.

#### September Meeting on 9/4

We hope to see everyone on Friday, Sept. 4, to meet at our new location in Limerick: **St. James Lutheran Church**, at 93 Kugler Rd. (corner of Swamp Pike and Kugler Rd.) Our guest speaker will be Tom – AF4NC. Tom is the EPA Assistant Section Mgr., and the Net Manager of the Eastern PA Emergency Phone and Traffic Net. And also, Reg – N3KAS, will be recognized for his longtime service to the ARRL EPA.

#### Amateur Radio Test Session on 9/6

Come test for your amateur radio license or upgrade on **Sunday, Sept. 6th, 2015 11:00 am** at the **Upper Pottsgrove Administration Bldg.**, 1409 Farmington Ave., Pottstown, PA 19464, GPS Coordinates: 40.279828, -75.642635

**Testing is by pre-registration only.** To pre-register, send an email by 9/1/2015 to [VETesting@PAARC.NET](mailto:VETesting@PAARC.NET). Review what you need to bring to the exam session: <http://www.arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session>

#### Picnic at Ironstone Park on 9/12

**September 12, 2015**

141 Grist Mill Rd., Boyertown, PA

GPS Coordinates: 40.290836, -75.681098

There's still time to join us for a fun-filled day of great food, fellowship and loads of

fun! This event will be catered by Moyer's of Boyertown, and features barbecue chicken, pulled pork, hamburgers and hot dogs, Ed's Beans, potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni salad, corn, beverages and dessert. Feel free to bring a dish to share.

Sorry, but alcoholic beverages are not allowed at this family friendly event. We'll have a pavilion, so the picnic will take place rain or shine. We'll also have a transmitter hunt, a swap table, and door prizes!



### Cost:

- Members & families – \$15
- Children 17 and under – \$10
- Non-members – \$18.00

[Picnic mail-in form](#) with directions. You can also pay at the Sept. 4 meeting.

### **Fly-In Breakfast on 9/13**

Join PAARC at the EAA Chapter 1250 Fly-In Breakfast, 3310 Ridge Pike Limerick, PA, from 8:00 am until 12:00pm. We'll set up station K3ZMC at 7:00 am. Come and operate the club's station. Family members to operate also. Rain date is September 20, 2015.

### **PAARC at Pottstown Airport Community Day on 9/26**

GPS Coordinates: 40.259647, -75.668277

Pottstown Municipal Airport – 1149 Glasgow St. Pottstown, PA 19464. We set up Station N3E at 7:30 am. Come operate the club's station. Family members to operate also. Young Eagles plane rides!

## **Lazy Days of Summer? Not Really.**

To say it's been a busy summer for PAARC members would be an understatement. Many have done a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work. Even though we didn't have monthly gatherings this summer, we still enjoyed the benefits that come from being a part of the dynamic PAARC community.

Here's some of what we did this summer:

- Field Day - a huge effort enjoyed by many, led by Ed - N3WXW
- Two digital repeater upgrades - 2 Meters and 440 MHz
- Secured a new meeting facility - St. James Lutheran Church
- Conducted tower assessment for maintenance and repairs
- Began needed work on the repeater shed
- 2 Fox Hunts were organized
- New email format for club communications
- Community outreach events: 4H Fair, planned airport events
- Had two productive board meetings
- Members ran 60+ weekly nets!
- Organized a catered club picnic
- Generous members donated funds to help with expenses
- Printed new club brochures
- More VE testing sessions took place
- Reflector activity increased to the highest levels ever!
- Refreshed the website and created a club calendar
- We ate a lot of breakfasts together
- W3VP 6 Meter Net from the Fire Tower
- K3DBD and KA3RMM kept the K3ZMC repeaters on the air!

**Thanks to everyone who helped us have an amazing summer!**

## **Repeater Site Work**

Work on the shed and other tasks at the repeater site requires a variety of skills. If you have carpentry experience, are willing to climb a tower, or are limber and can help retrieve stuff from under the shed - we need you! **Contact Ed - N3WSW** to get added to the current list of volunteers. Also, funds for materials. If you'd like to help, please



consider a donation to the **Repeater Shed Fund**. Thanks to all who have already contributed to the fund!

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At the Sept. 4th meeting Reg Leister - N3KAS, will receive a plaque from the ARRL in recognition of his dedicated service Eastern Pennsylvania Section. Reg was recognized with the award on July 4th at the Firecracker Hamfest in Harrisburg. Reg, congratulations once again!

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## Giving

Membership fees do not cover all of the costs to run the club and pay for the cost of equipment, maintenance and repairs. If you are a frequent repeater user, or just a concerned member, please consider making a donation for repeater maintenance activities done by members who freely give their time and skills to make sure PAARC stays on the air. To give by mail, send a check made out to to PAARC, and in the memo line write "Donation". If you have a specific fund in mind like the Repeater Shed Repair Fund, please mention it. Prefer to pay by PayPal? Contact the club secretary, Bill-W3FRB, at [secretary@paarc.net](mailto:secretary@paarc.net). Please note that donations are not tax deductible. **Send to: PAARC. P.O. Box 1485, Pottstown, PA 19464.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Weekly Nets

- Tuesdays CW practice: 5-7 WPM  
3.560 +/-5 kc 9:00 pm
- Wednesdays 147.21 FM, 7:30 pm
- Wednesdays 150.130 SSB, 8:30 pm
- Thursdays 28.421 SSB, 7:30 pm
- Sundays 443.55 FM, 7:30 pm

### Club Calendar

See the [PAARC Google Calendar](#) for details.

- Breakfast Gatherings  
- 7:00 am, Sundays at the Ridge Restaurant on Rt. 23 in Phoenixville  
- 9:00 am, 2nd Tues. of the month at the Pottstown Diner
- Sept. 4 - Club meeting at 7:00 pm, St.

### Contests & Regional Happenings

- Sept. 5 - 6, **EME Contest - 2.3 GHz & Up**
- Sept. 12-14, **September VHF QSO Party**
- Sept. 19-20, **EME Contest 50 to 1296**
- Oct. 2 to 4 - **Mid-Atlantic States VHF Conf.**, Bensalem, Mt. Airy VHF Club
- Oct. 10 & 11 - **PA QSO Party**
- Oct. 18 - **RF Hill Hamfest** in Sellersville

ARRL Eastern PA [website link](#)  
Get the [ARRL 8/27 Letter](#)

- James Lutheran Church in Limerick
- Sept. 12 - Picnic at Ironstone Park
  - Sept. 13 - PAARC at Fly-In Breakfast, Heritage Field
  - Sept. 26 - PAARC at Pottstown Airport Community Day
  - Oct. 7 - Club Meeting on First Friday

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