

## **SPARC NEWSLETTER**

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### **Special POTA Activation**

Approximately 15 hams from Lancaster County and beyond will be in Florida from February 19 to 25 for a POTA activation of Dry Tortugas National Park, POTA number US0023. They will be using the call sign N4T.

The club site will be available for use by anyone who does not have the equipment or privileges to operate on HF. You may use the club call sign as long as there is a PROPERLY LICENSED control operator present. N3FMO will be at the site from 9 AM to 3 PM Saturday and W3DEN will be present Sunday morning. N3FMO will return for the afternoon shift.

### **Meeting Night**

The SPARC monthly membership meeting is Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Meeting is being held at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center located at 101 Champ Road, Manheim. (Near the Nook) Program will be Sam, W3IHM discussing the history of the 900 MHz band and some low cost ways to get on the band.

### **Emergency Communication (EMCOMM)**

EMCOMM is an integral part of amateur radio and part of our mission as a club. This can be a vital service during emergencies. When all else fails, there is ham radio. Several avenues are available for participation including Lancaster County Emergency Management and Lancaster Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). These two agencies provide training, meetings and exercises. Participants are a link between them and our club and can provide reports at our meetings. ARES holds nets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month on the N3FYI repeater, 145.310, PL 118.8 at 2030. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month at Lancaster Public Safety Training Center and by ZOOM at 1900. Anyone interested in joining either group can contact Peg Hamm, KB3SCA at [peghamm@gmail.com](mailto:peghamm@gmail.com) or Doug Rice W3COB [drice1972@gmail.com](mailto:drice1972@gmail.com).

### **License Test Sessions**

Testing is conducted at the SPARC site on the first Tuesday of every month. Fee to take the exam is \$14.00 payable on the K3IR website or in person, cash or check only.

You can pre-register to take the technician test, or upgrade, at Hamstudy.org. There is also a link on the K3IR web site. If you do not already have one, go to fcc.gov and register for a FRN (Federal Registration Number).

### **Upcoming Hamfests**

#### **Saturday April 26**

York Hamfest

New Location!

Glenville Alliance Church

10037 Susquehanna Trail

Glen Rock, PA

#### **Sunday May 4**

Warminster Hamfest

Bucks County Community College

1304 Veterans Highway

Bristol, PA

<https://wp.k3dn.org/hamfest/>

#### **Sunday June 8**

Breeze Shooters Hamfest

Butler Farm Show Grounds

Butler PA

<https://breezeshooters.org/ns/hamfest/>

#### **Saturday July 6**

Harrisburg Firecracker Hamfest

Harrisburg Postal Workers Picnic Grounds

1500 Roberts Valley Road

Harrisburg, PA

**Saturday October 1**

Red Rose Hamfest  
339 East Main Street  
New Holland, PA

## **Radios for sale**

Viking 1 Transmitter Condition unknown. Make an offer!



SPARC is assisting the widow of Bob Tarantula, N2IYY. (That is "Tare un tula not the spider" )

Additionally, there are two Realistic 40 channel Cbs, they light up transmit and make noise', \$15 each,.and a couple CB mag mount antennas. No reasonable offer refused.



Never opened. Lists for over \$100. Your price \$60.

Price Reduction



Cushcraft MA 5 multiband antenna. I have the boom and elements but still looking for a few of the capacitive hats ( the Xes) \$50