

SPARC NEWSLETTER

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Meeting Night

The SPARC monthly membership meeting is Tuesday, the 28th 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 the newly elected President explaining expectations for the coming year.

Change to UHF Repeater

The 449.975 repeater is now on the air as a DMR repeater.
The program for the monthly meeting will be about DMR.

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 or Doug Rice W3COB drice1972@gmail.com.

CPIN System

The CPIN system is project of the Central PA Repeater Association (CPRA) A node connecting the Blue Mountain node and Red Lion is located at SPARC. The master plan calls for the dishes connecting Blue Mountain and Wagoners Gap and SPARC to Red Lion to be replaced with 1 meter “slant” dishes. Both ends of each link must be replaced at the same time so some serious coordination is required.

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).

Recycling

Occasionally we get things like air conditioners, mini fridges and other appliances with Freon in them dropped off at the site for recycling. The scrap yards will not accept anything with Freon in it, it must be taken to a county recycling center and we have to pay \$40 for them to accept it. (\$20 in Dauphin County, just saying) Some kid about shooting the unit to get rid of the Freon. \$50,000 dollar fine if you want to risk it.

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”)



Astron VS-35M linear Power Supply (Heavy!)

List at up to \$500 new. This one was ridden hard but works fine. - \$50

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