

# THE DIT-DAH-DIT

## QUARTERLY CLUB NEWSLETTER



### Summer Field Day 2022 Wrap Up

Summer Field Day was once again a successful event for the Red Rose club. Numerous club members were on hand to make contacts during the annual event.

The club set up a site on the front yard of the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster City.

Several members arrived at 9:00 am Saturday morning and set up several antennas from 160 meters to 2 meters and all in between.

The event kicked off at 2:00 pm EST Saturday afternoon, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Crews worked around the clock using CW, Phone and digital modes to make contacts through Sunday afternoon at 1:59 pm EDT.

Throughout the event, several community members and people interested in becoming an Amateur Radio Operator stopped by our event.

Our club members were eager to share their love of the hobby with them. We showed them our equipment, talked about



what is involved in becoming licensed and many other aspects of the hobby.

We made some nice connections and hope to see them down the log.

Crews worked stations all over the US and beyond.

Our final tally for the event showed as follows:

CW - 148 Contacts

Phone - 238 Contacts

Digital - 7 Contacts

Total Points = 548

Thank you to everyone who came out and made Summer Field Day 2022 a success.

## Club Meetings

Club meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month at 19:00 hrs. In person location is at the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, 750 E. King St., Lancaster PA 17602.

The club hosts a technical presentation at each meeting to provide an opportunity for members to learn about a variety of ham related topics.

Online link for zoom will be posted on the webpage and Facebook.

## Upcoming Club Breakfast

August 20  
September 17  
October 15  
November 19  
December 17

Check club website for locations

**[www.w3rrr.org](http://www.w3rrr.org)**

## Club Picnic, Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am - 2:00pm

Susquehannock State Park (K-1425)

Mark your calendars now for the annual club picnic at the Susquehannock State Park in Drumore.

The Club will provide burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Club members are asked to bring a side dish (salad, baked beans, fruit, chips, pretzels, desert, scrapple, cookies, or some other treat)

This is a family event, so please bring your family along for a day of fun.



We plan to activate the park as a part of Parks On The Air (POTA). If you have never done POTA and want to learn more about it, we will have several members on hand to share their experiences activating and hunting parks. Last year we made 54 contacts using CW and Phone. We will have a few stations set up for POTA. You are welcome to bring a rig and set up your equipment to join in on the fun.



Last year we held a fox hunt. Several club members scoured the nearby woods and were successful in locating the elusive fox.

We look forward to seeing you at the picnic and having a great time together.

Bring along a friend who might have an interest in ham radio!

Talk in on the club repeater.

## VE Testing Opportunities

Do you have a Technician license and are interested in upgrading to General?

Are you a General wishing to pick up your Extra license? Opportunities are here in Lancaster for you to test!

The Red Rose Repeater Association sponsors a Laurel VEC associated VE team offering ham radio tests. Testing is held in the conference room where we hold our monthly meetings at the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, 750 E. King Street, Lancaster.

Registration begins at 10:00 am, with testing starting promptly at 10:30 am. Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

You must have a FRN (FCC Registration Number) for testing. A government issued ID is also required.

Upcoming test dates are July 16, September 17, November 19.

We will also be holding a test at the W3RRR Hamfest on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> in New Holland.

Recent changes to FCC rules with new Hams receiving a license require a \$35 fee for NEW HAMS obtaining a license. Existing HAMS upgrading can upgrade for free. The fee is collected by the FCC.

### OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities for club members to help with a variety of committees. Please consider helping on one.

Winter Field Day, Summer Field Day, Club Picnic, National Night Out, and many more areas that we can use your help.

Contact a board member for more information on volunteer opportunities.

## FCC FEE UPDATE

The recent changes to the FCC rules regarding fees have been popping up in many conversations between HAMS lately. Here is a simple down and dirty explanation of the changes and what you can expect.

If you obtain your license as a new HAM (never licensed before), you will have to pay a \$35 fee. If you walk into a test site as a non-licensed civilian and you pass one, two or all three licenses in one sitting, you will pay only one \$35 fee. If you apply for and get a vanity call sign, there is a \$35 fee for that.

If you already have a license and you upgrade from one license to the next, there is NO fee. Upgrades from Technician to General, General to Extra, or Technician to Extra are free. NO fee for upgrades.

The fee is paid to the FCC. You will receive an email from the FCC with a link to pay the fee if you are getting your license for the first time. Your license will not be issued until you pay.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 2, 2022, at 6:30 PM - Leisure Lanes and New Holland Park



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ALEX VAN PATTEN (W3AVP)



Alex, W3AVP, is an Amateur Extra and has been very active with our club for several years.

Alex currently serves our club as the treasurer.

Alex enjoys working CW and is also active with WINLINK. Alex also likes to work the birds and operating SSTV on 14.230.

Alex also like to trade QSL cards with fellow hams.

Alex resides in New Holland and works in the medical profession.

## HAMFESTS

UPCOMING

07/30/22 - CVARC - Chambersburg

08/06/22 - Reading Radio Club - Reading

08/14/22 - MARC - Kimberton (DATE CHANGE)

09/18/22 - EPARA - E. Stroudsburg

10/1/22 - W3RRR - New Holland

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

WELCOME

Please welcome to our newest members to the club.

Gene Mitchell - K3DSM

Jim Williams - N3EJG

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

74 Full Members

2 Associate Members

1 Perspective Member

## Open Position Update - Vice President

Bob Devonshire (AA3OB) was appointed in June to fill the vacant Vice President position through the end of 2022.