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## MEETINGS

Next Board Meeting: **Tues, March 9th at 7:30 PM via Zoom**

Next General Meeting: **Fri, March 12th, 2021 at 7:30 PM**

Topic: Airship History – “The Flying Carriers”. (Part 3)

Location: Berks County Agricultural Center—Rear Entrance

1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA 19533

All other Fridays, we have a **Meeting on the Air at 8 PM** on the W3BN Repeater.

### 2021 Board Of Directors & Officers

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The two-digit number, in brackets, to the right of the BOD member's email address, is the year that their term ends on December 31.

(A normal 3-year term runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, three years later).

The four officers of the RRC are elected from the BOD by the NINE board members at the annual RRC Board of Directors Reorganization Meeting held in January of each year. Please note that ALL nine BOD members have voting power.

**Please note:** The Board of Director Minutes are available by written request or online at:

<http://www.readingradioclub.org>. Email Chris Schlegel, k3ada@arrl.net if you wish to participate in a board meeting.

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The W3BN Repeater is owned & operated by the Reading Radio Club and is located in Alsace Township up on the mountain.

146.91 MHZ (Input 146.31 MHZ) with a PL Tone of 131.8 hz.

It is available from 5:30 AM until midnight.

# Prez Says

Just a quick club update this month. Following last month's Prez Sez column, there has been significant interest in the AREDN mesh network I mentioned. We are looking at contacting Tom Nolan, W3EX, to do a presentation for our club on who/what/where/when of mesh networking as he did for the Pottstown club. Something I plan on doing with the IP phone that is connected to my mesh node. Stay tuned on that topic...

While we are currently in a bit of a holding pattern due to continued COVID restrictions, which will hopefully be in the process of being lifted later this year, we are still looking forward to our usual yearly activities. Field Day, while still a bit away, is now on the back burner and discussion has started. We have several members of the club that are willing to give presentations about interesting topics. Somewhere in here I'd like to get a kit build going for the club again as it is a good learning experience for some and an enjoyable time for others (any ideas would be appreciated). The website is a work in progress and will become an important tool for us to communicate not only with our membership but with the outside world. Scott, KC3PCS, is improving our video streaming capability for our meetings (the audio level should be better than previous streams).

On another note, Rich W3WJC, brought up a good point at our last BOD meeting. In order for the club to maintain it's ARRL affiliation, 51% of our membership needs to be composed of ARRL members. If you were on the fence about maintaining or starting a membership with the ARRL, please, keep this in consideration.

Any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out to myself or any of the other BOD members.

That's all for now...

73,

Chris, K3ADA

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**KITS For Sale:**

- Vectronics 80 meter receiver \$35
- Sound to light unit. \$22
- IR remote checker. \$15
- Wheel of Fortune. \$20

These are basic printed circuit kits. Follow the instructions and they should be fun to build and hours of fun to use.

**Don W3FCT 610 693 5945**



**For Sale**

QST Magazines, 1960s to present. Good condition.

Low price.

Call Bill Wentzel, K3BW

at 610-488-0231.

# VE Exams

Are you looking to take your amateur radio test? Looking to upgrade? If we get enough interest, we can set up a test session before a meeting. Please contact Harry Hoffman  
Tel: 610-678-8976 or email: [harryhoffmanjr@juno.com](mailto:harryhoffmanjr@juno.com).

We are planning for a VE Exam directly before the April Meeting. Please register at the FCC for a FRN prior to testing. You will need to provide your email to the FCC.

We will also have a test session at Field Day in June.



# Membership Statistics

Send all license and mailing address changes to:  
 RRC Treasurer Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD, at NateØ1PA@comcast.net or N2ADD@arrl.net  
 Please let us know if you upgrade your license. Email to Scott, KC3PCS, and Lori at  
 KC3PCS@gmail.com with updates.

By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC - RRC Historian

(02.20.2021)

## STATS AS OF FEB. 18, 2021

Full Voting Members: 63

Associate (Non Voting) Members: 14

Supporting (Non Voting) Members: 2

36 RRC voting Members are members of the ARRL ( 46% ).  
 79 RRC Members receive the RRC BULLETIN via email ( 100% ).  
 72 RRC Members have a Broad Band ISP ( 91% ).

*"Life Member"*  
 Harry Hoffman, W3VBY  
 By RRC BOD action on November 10, 2020.

*"Honorary Membership for Life"*  
 Jim Nicholas, W3ITH  
 By RRC BOD action on December 8, 2009.

*"Life Member"*  
 Rich Ahrens, W3WJC  
 By RRC BOD action on June 6, 2006.

## 79 = Total RRC membership as of Feb. 18, 2021

77 = Mar. 2020	97 = Mar. 2009
77 = Mar. 2019	102 = Mar. 2008
75 = Mar. 2018	105 = Mar. 2007
73 = Mar. 2017	109 = Mar. 2006
72 = Mar. 2016	112 = Mar. 2005
78 = Mar. 2015	117 = Mar. 2004
76 = Mar. 2014	121 = Mar. 2003
82 = Mar. 2013	115 = Mar. 2002
88 = Mar. 2012	116 = Mar. 2001
89 = Mar. 2011	118 = Mar. 2000
97 = Mar. 2010	125 = Mar. 1999

There were 193 Members in 1978

<b>Extra Class:</b>	33	( 42 % )
<b>Advanced:</b>	5	( 6 % )
<b>General:</b>	23	( 23 % )
<b>Technician:</b>	23	( 26 % )
<b>Novice:</b>	0	( 0 % )
<b>No License:</b>	3	( 3 % )

May not total 100% due to rounding

# RRC Calendar of Events

## March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 QCWA Virtual Breakfast 9:30	4 Digi Net 146.91 7:30 PM	5 MOTA (8 pm)	6
7	8 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	9 RRC BOD Meeting ZOOM 7:30 PM	10	11 Digi Net 146.91 7:30 PM	12 RRC Meeting AG Center 7:30 PM	13
14	15 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	16	17 	18 Digi Net 146.91 7:30 PM	19 MOTA (8 pm)	20
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28	29 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	30	31			

**PLEASE NOTE:**

March 3rd, 2021—9:30 AM — QCWA Virtual Breakfast—W3BN Repeater

March 9th, 2021—7:30 PM —Board Meeting— ZOOM

March 12th, 2021—7:30 PM —Club Meeting— AG CENTER

On the Fridays, that we do not have an in-person meeting we will have a "Reading Radio Club Meeting On The Air" (RRCMOTA) on the RRC 146.910 MHz repeater starting at 8:00 p.m. The CTCSS is 131.8 Hz.

**March Birthdays:** Peter Nicholas III, KB3FSC; Blair Hogg, WB3AWI; Raymond Bostard, KC3HRX; Christopher Schlegel, K3ADA; Harold Messer, K3ATO; Robert Plummer, W3RP

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March 1st, 2021 - EMAIL VERSION STARTED ON FEBRUARY 10, 1998.  
CIRCULATION: 90 RRC - 106 RRC ELIGIBLE NON-MEMBERS,  
FIVE CLUBS WE SWAP BULLETINS WITH, PLUS 10 OTHER CLUBS.  
THE FREQUENCY OF PUBLICATION IS MONTHLY.  
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