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### Meetings & Programs

(All Are Welcome to attend public RRC Events)

Board Meeting: August 5th, 2025 @ 7:30 PM (Zoom)  
General Meeting: August 8th, 2025 @ 7:30 (TBD)  
Meeting On the Air (MOTA) - All Other Fridays - 8 PM - W3BN Repeater  
FLDigi Net: August 21st, 2025 @ 7:30 PM (146.91 W3BN Repeater)  
Simplex Test: August 9th, 2025 @ 1 PM (146.55)  
Fox Hunt: TBD. See Page 11.  
VE Exam: Contact Stuart (exam@w2slh.com) to schedule.

### 2025 Board Of Directors & Officers

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PRES	Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI	(27)
VP	Ronald Waszk, K3RJW	(26)
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Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS, Editor	(25)
Jason Potter, NG3F	(27)
Dave Fix, N3AMY	(25)

You can reach the Board of Directors via email at [w3bn.rrc@gmail.com](mailto:w3bn.rrc@gmail.com).

3 Year Terms runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31, Number in parenthesis is term end. Officers are chosen by the Board at the January Board Meeting each Year.

Please note: The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes that are posted online are from the prior month. Email Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI ([JFP0250@comcast.net](mailto:JFP0250@comcast.net)) if you wish to participate in or have something brought up at the board meeting.

Send ALL USPS Mail pertaining to  
the Reading Radio Club to :

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Wyomissing, PA 19610-6453

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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 12:30 AM.

There are currently 92 active members of the Reading Radio Club  
consisting of multiple license classes and supporting members.

Keep up to date with the RRC at <http://www.w3bn.org>  
Manage your club profile & email address at <http://www.hamclubonline.com>

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Club Groups.Io Page: <http://www.groups.io/g/W3BN>  
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It's been a hot and wet month. Solar storms and more have made for an interesting month.

Our hopes are that you have had time to get out and enjoy some nice weather and of course radio time.

We are curious as to how many of you take a radio (either HT or HF) on vacation with you. My family takes the go kits which allow us to use all bands along with multiple antennas.

This year we had some issues as the unit we stayed at did not have ideal conditions for any of the antennas.

One of the things that we've gotten into is Meshtastic. This is a unique system that works on the 900 mhz portion of the ham bands. It allows messaging via a "node" and the nodes talk to each other to pass along messages. They can be direct messages or "channel" messages going to multiple people at once.



Nate G, KC3NJG; Jess L, KC3PIG; Al M, K3AJM; Walt S; KB3SBC;  
Matt D, W3MFD; Stuart L, W2SLH

**Due to the Berks Agricultural Center Building renovation project being behind schedule, The Reading Radio Club will continue to have our in person General Meeting's at the IBEW743 Building.**

**The address is 20 Morgan Drive, Sinking Spring.**

**As any information becomes available to the RRC about our return to the Agricultural Center for meetings the RRC will let you know.**

# **RON'S RAVINGS**

## **by Ron Waszk, K3RJW**

Due to health issues, Ron was unable to write an article for this month.

He sends his thanks to everyone who has asked about or checked up on him.

His column will return in normalcy next month.

# MINI HAM FEST

## The Reading Radio Club August Mini-Hamfest Friday, August 8, 2025

I'm sure that by now you've heard about the fire at the Heritage Park freight station and the cancellation of the 2025 RRC Hamfest. In order to raise our spirits, the RRC will be hosting a mini-hamfest on Friday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. We'll have our usual business meeting first, then have the mini-hamfest in the same meeting room-rain or shine.

Please note: We will be at a different location, NOT at the Berks County Agricultural Center. We will be at the IBEW Local 743 building at 20 Morgan Drive in Sinking Spring (intersects Rt. 724, not far from Lowe's).

Type in "Reading" instead of Sinking Spring if you are using a phone app or GPS.

The Ag. Center is having renovations done, so going forward for an unknown period of time, we will meet at the IBEW building. Thanks to Dave Fix, N3AMY, for arranging this location.

Members and non-members may bring items to sell and set up their ham gear or computer items for sale on tables (at no cost). If you plan to sell items, you may set up at 6:45, well before the start of the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All sales are cash and carry and are final with no returns at the mini-hamfest.

The RRC assumes no liability for any sales. If you sell something, the RRC Treasurer, Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD, will be available if you wish to donate a percentage to the RRC.

Jim Nicholas, W3ITH  
w3ith@arrl.net

# RRC Club Picnic

The Reading Radio Club Picnic  
Saturday, July 12, 2025

By Jim Nicholas, W3ITH

The Reading Radio Club Picnic was held at a different location this year-the Bicentennial House, 201 Playground Drive, West Reading, PA 19611. (Behind the West Reading Fire Department and very close to the West Reading Playground.)

The change in venue was due to the unfortunate fire at Heritage Park earlier this year. But every dark cloud has a silver lining, and the new location was very nice. It had a completely refurbished dining area and kitchen with new appliances and air conditioning. Yes, air conditioning. Thanks to Lori and Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS, for suggesting that we rent this location this year.

The group met at 11:00 a.m. and lunch was served promptly at noon. The RRC Club Repeater (146.91/.31 tone 131.8) was monitored in case anyone needed directions. No one got lost and needed assistance.

The event was free for Reading Radio Club members and significant others.

The RRC supplied hot dogs, American cheese, Angus hamburgers, rolls, potato salad, baked beans, potato chips, pretzels, sodas, water, ice, utensils, sauerkraut, mustard, ketchup, relish, table cloths, napkins, utensils and ice. We enjoyed vanilla and chocolate ice cream for dessert.

In addition, Elaine and Dave Wiley, K3MXS, brought delicious cut fruit for the group and Dave Fix, N3AMY brought his famous peanut butter fudge. Everything tasted great. Below is the list of the 25 attendees.

Jim Nicholas	W3ITH	Social Events Chair
Mary Anne Nicholas	N3TVT	XYL of Jim
Joe Pietruszynski	AC3DI	RRC President
Joanne Pietruszynski		XYL of Joe
Tara Pietruszynski		Daughter of Joe
Dave Fix	N3AMY	RRC BOD
Scott Scheirer	KC3PCS	RRC BOD
Lori Scheirer		XYL of Scott
Jessica Landis	KC3PIG	
Tyler Scheirer	KC3LVS	
Becca Hohl	WB3CCA	Guest of Tyler
Craig Wanner	K3CRG	RRC BOD
Nate Rosenthal	N2ADD	RRC Treasurer
Tom Mounce	KC3VZJ	
Mrs. Mounce		XYL of Tom
Don Boulanger	WA1ELA	
Donna		Daughter of Don
Ron Adams	KC3FJY	
Mrs. Adams		XYL of Ron A.
Ron Dietrich	KC3WBA	
Miligros Dietrich		XYL Of Ron D.
John Engle	AB3SR	
Dave Wiley	K3MXS	
Elaine Wiley		XYL of Dave W.
Hank Schott	KA3BMS	



When a group of radio operators begin calling “CQ International Dog Day” in August, they’re not just looking for QSOs.

They are in search of people who have room in their hearts to help the abandoned, abused and homeless dogs around the world in whatever way they can. These dozen or so special event operators know the power of rescue because they’ve been deeply involved in it themselves : Hanz YL3JD and his wife opened their home – first in Holland, later in Latvia – and have given needy dogs a second chance at a new family. In Australia, and later in Germany, Ed DD5LP and his wife discovered – several times – that their household was incomplete without canine company. Many of the other operators’ rescued dogs were adopted after hard lives on the street; others were at the pound, hours away from being euthanized.

International Dog Day (and in the US, National Dog Day) is August 26 every year. The tradition was created by US pet advocate Colleen Paige as a day to recognise the needs of society’s unwanted and cast-off dogs and affirm the commitment to adopt, donate or raise awareness of their special needs.

Hanz amplified the original message by adding an amateur radio component in 2022, taking the special-event callsign YL1DOG and operating as a single station. The following year he was joined by Chris, G5VZ, and David, G4YVM, in the UK. By 2024, a team of eight US rescue-dog advocates, operating as K2D, had come on board. This year is the biggest yet, as hams in Germany and other countries run with the pack. All operators will be looking to hear from dog-lovers and supporters in either CW or SSB on HF, on VHF/UHF simplex, or via DMR and Echolink.

The international team has added incentive certificates, including special endorsements such as “Full Kennel,” the equivalent of a clean sweep. Their website, [dogdayradio.org](http://dogdayradio.org), is updated regularly with the operators’ special-event callsigns, their operating schedules, a chance to meet the dogs who inspired them and hear their stories.

In case you are wondering where the cats are – well, they’re running ahead of the dogs! International Cat Day will be operating as a separate event, two weeks before the Dog Day operators get on the air – and they will be carrying a similar message for cat-rescue awareness. See [catdayradio.org](http://catdayradio.org) for details.

For live updates of both events, to search for the different callsigns, to see the operators' schedules or to apply for and download award certificates visit these links when they become available:

<https://hamlog.online/icd>

<https://hamlog.online/idd>

Meanwhile, be aware that all special-event operators will be working like dogs – and why not? – because they want to hear and share as many rescue stories as they can.

Caryn Eve Murray KD2GUT  
United States Team Leader for K2D





# Notes From The Field Comms Committee

We apologize for not getting the Field Day results out but the committee has been rather busy with personal events.

We are looking to schedule a group POTA event in August. If you are interested, please let us know.

We are looking at activating at Nolde Forest right off of Church Road in Mohnton.

Anyone is welcome to operate with their Call Sign (We will have 2 radios going). If you've never activated, we are more than happy to help you with your first activation. For the seasoned pota operator, it's a good way to show others how much fun POTA is.

We will let the club know a date as soon as one is set.

Be sure to check out the <http://pota.app> website as well. There is usually a good amount of park operators out there and they are always looking for "hunters" to log.

That's it for this month.

RRC Field Comms

The Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club presents the



**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Kimberton Fire Co. Fairgrounds**

762 Pike Springs Rd. (Rt. 113) at Firehouse Lane, Phoenixville, Pa.  
( 40.12748° N, 75.56720° W )

**Admission: Buyers 8:00 AM / Sellers 7:00 AM**

\$10 – Admission (free admission for unlicensed spouse and children of licensed Hams)

**\*Tailgate Space:**

\$10 – Admission

\$10 – Car width space/head in parking

No reserved tailgate spaces

**\*Indoor Tables:**

\$ 10 – Admission

\$ 10 each for 1 - 4 tables

\$ 8 each for 5 or more

*For updates and info, contact Bob Palin, N3JIZ, Hamfest Chair, at (610) 420-1535  
or [hamfest@marc-radio.org](mailto:hamfest@marc-radio.org), or visit our website: [www.marc-radio.org](http://www.marc-radio.org)*

- ✓ Rain or shine  
Indoor & Outdoor Facilities!
- ✓ VE tests at 10 a.m.! Register by contacting  
Brian Kelly at [bjkelly45@gmail.com](mailto:bjkelly45@gmail.com).
- ✓ QSL Card checking on site!
- ✓ Food Vendor on site!
- ✓ Lots of great  
door prizes  
from over  
20 vendors!

Talk In: 145.130/- and  
147.060/+ CTCSS 131.8

Food and beverage sales  
by approved vendors only

**Vendor set up starts Sunday  
8/10 at 7:00 AM. No early setup  
without prior authorization from  
the Hamfest Chair!**

**Indoor table reservations**

(LIMITED ELECTRICAL) –

Contact: Bob Palin, N3JIZ,  
Hamfest Chair, at 610-420-1535



# *The Fox Hole*

The fox is hibernating this month. If you are interesting in learning more about fox hunting (signal tracking), please reach out to Dave Fix.



# Reading Radio Club's 2025 Raffle

**Date: August 2, 2025 at 4:30p.m.**

**Cost: \$15.00 per ticket**

**Prizes:**

- 1. \$300 Visa Card**
- 2. \$125 Amazon Card**
- 3. \$75 Target Card**

**Drawing Held At:**

Tractor Supply Parking Lot

5370 Allentown Pike, Temple

**You do not need to be present to win.**



Proceeds benefit the Reading Radio Club, Inc. Please visit [www.w3bn.org](http://www.w3bn.org) to find out more about our organization and what we do.

For tickets contact Amy Lindenmuth at 610-406-2238 or [w3bn.rrc.tickets@gmail.com](mailto:w3bn.rrc.tickets@gmail.com).

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# Reading Radio Club's

## Kauffman's Chicken BBQ



**Date: August 2, 2025**

**(Rain or Shine)**

**Time: Pick up 2 - 5 pm**

**Cost: \$12.00 per dinner**



### **Chicken BBQ Dinner includes:**

½ chicken, baked potato, and water

Tickets must be purchased in advance  
by July 27, 2025.

### **Pick Up At:**

Tractor Supply Parking Lot

5370 Allentown Pike, Temple

For tickets contact Amy Lindenmuth at 610-406-2238  
or [w3bn.rrc.tickets@gmail.com](mailto:w3bn.rrc.tickets@gmail.com).



# MEMBER items WANTED / FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Gonset Communicator III.  
Transmitter – Receiver.  
Six-Watt output AM transmitter.  
With five crystals: 144.14 MHz, 144.7,  
145.0, 145.4, 146.0.  
With all manuals and cables.  
As is, where is: \$225 Cash.  
771 Beach Street, Reading, PA 19605-1503  
**W3WJC73@gmail.com Rich Ahrens, W3WJC**

# RRC HAMWARE

We have RRC merchandise for sale at each RRC general meeting. See Amy Lindenmuth for jackets, hats, and t- shirts. Amy is taking orders for RRC jackets. The next jacket order will be placed when we have 12 people signed up to purchase a jacket. See below for pricing details.

**Gildan Short Sleeve T-Shirt:** Small \$13, M-XL \$15, 2XL-3XL \$18

**Gildan Long Sleeve T-Shirt:** Small-XL \$16, 2XL/3XL \$18

**Next Level Long Sleeve T-Shirt:** Small–XL \$18, 2XL/3XL \$21

**Hooded Sweatshirt:** Small-XL \$24, 2XL/3XL \$28

**Sweatshirt:** Small-XL \$19, 2XL/3XL \$21

**Gildan Full-Zip Hoodie**

Size	Price
S-XL	\$40.00
2XL	\$46.00
3XL	\$48.00
4XL	\$50.00
5XL	\$50.00



**Hats \$15**

**Port Authority Light Weight Jacket**

Size	Price
S-XL	\$58.00
2XL	\$59.00
3XL	\$62.00
4XL	\$63.00
5XL	\$65.00
6XL	\$66.00



**Dri Duck Torrent Waterproof Jacket**

Size	Price
S-XL	\$87.00
2XL	\$89.00
3XL	\$92.00
4XL	\$94.00



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We are also using the site to keep track of attendance, and events.

They use the latest encryption and are very secure. Nobody's information is public (other than what the FCC Records list).

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