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Meetings & Programs

(All Are Welcome to attend public RRC Events)

Board Meeting: January 6th, 2026 @ 7:30 PM (Zoom)
General Meeting: January 9th, 2026 @ 7:30 (AG Center) - Online Presense
Meeting On the Air (MOTA) - All Other Fridays - 8 PM - W3BN Repeater
FLDigi Net: January 15th, 2026 @ 8 PM (146.91 W3BN Repeater)
Simplex Test: January 10th, 2026 @ 1 PM (146.55)
Fox Hunt: TBD. See "The Fox Hole" in the Bulletin
VE Exam: None Scheduled - Contact Stuart, W2SLH

2026 Board Of Directors & 2025 Officers

PRES	Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI	(27)
VP	Ronald Waszk, K3RJW	(26)
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	Craig Wanner, K3CRG	(28)
	Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS, Editor	(28)
	Jason Potter, NG3F	(27)
	Joe Morrissey, KZ3OWL	(28)

You can reach the Board of Directors via email at 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) 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 :

READING RADIO CLUB INC
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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.

The Reading Radio Club is an ARRL affiliated club and non profit organization made up of licensed amateur radio operators, friends, family, and other supporters.

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

Find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RRCW3BN>
Discord Server: <https://discord.gg/nv4BCY5nHC>
Club Groups.Io Page: <http://www.groups.io/g/W3BN>
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2026, How did you get here so fast.

Wow another year in the books. Amazing how fast time flies sometimes.

I won't boar you with the typical yearly goals for the club since we do that every other month.

What I will do is invite you to check out all the fun and activities the club has planned for 2026.

I for one, plan to get on the air from home as much as possible. I'm hoping the wife (Lori) will get her license this year (she's shaking her head at me). She says shes done trying but I always have hope.

I'm excited to see 2 new board members this year including a younger one. The board should reflect the club and it's diverse membership ranging from young to old, men and women.

What will this year bring, we can only imagine.

Perhaps, check out a new facet of the hobby. Whether it be digital modes, satellite, dx or even just upgrading your license. Make the most of amateur radio and have some fun at the same time. All it takes is a radio and a wire.

We are also hoping to get a parks on the air activation going this year (last year didnt go so well).

I am looking forward to the new repeater getting up and on the air. Being part of the committee responsible for the upgrades (and learning along the way), has been educating to say the least.

Happy new year to everyone and here's to a great 3026.

I'll be listening for everyone on the airwaves.

RRC Bulletin Editors

RON'S RAWINGS

by Ron Waszk, K3RJW

OH MY Old age is really among us.

I wrote an article and before I sent it I think I deleted it by hitting the wrong button. so Here is my updated article the way I remember most of it.

'HI EVERYONE, and Merry Merry. The holidays are among us. Trying to play HF with the sites out there, I only had time to get ONE . W2D, which was 12 Drummers Drumming. It was fun, but the backlog was so great that I had to wait over 35 minutes for him to hear me. I was surprised that he said he was from Lower Ohio, yet his call sign said he was in Maine. Oh well, I got ONE anyway.

HERE comes the weather. Watch out, Its a shame that it wont be a white Christmas, but prior to and after looks to be white for a little while.

(and thats all I remember from the other article.)

Here is the updated one AFTER Scott reminded me that he never to that one

Its between the holidays and the weather REALLY did turn. I still got out for breakfast and I was the ONLY one at the restaurant for breakfast for the whole hour. I sat there talking and eating with the workers. We had a ball,,

PLEASE everyone, before your radios show the magic smoke, CHECK your wires, antennas and connections. Snow gets heavy and weighs on your equipment and makes everything wet even INSIDE the connections.....then freezes and disconnects the parts and wont allow your check with Santa properly,

Well I hope everyone had a good one. Since we had elections, there might be a whole new board of directors positions. I hope it will be for a great new year.

Thank you all for being there in December , and look forward to a great new year,

Ron, K3RJW.

I hope things get better for ALL of us this coming year.

REPEATER NEWS

All of the equipment for the repeater itself are purchased and in hand. This includes the repeater, controller, computer, and cabling.

In the next few weeks, we will be installing the equipment and testing it out.

Please do not be alarmed if the repeater sounds or acts different. We may alternate between the current repeater and the new one based on testing needs.

We will also be testing a meshtastic node as well. Please stay tuned to the discord for more details.

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

The Repeater Committee wishes everyone a Happy New Year and best wishes in 2026.



William H, N3VMT; Don M, W3FCT; Troy L, K3TKL; Roger R, W3SZ;
Joe P, AC3DI

The Reading Radio Club December Mini-Hamfest

by Jim Nicholas, W3ITH

The Reading Radio Club December Mini-Hamfest was held on Friday, December 5, 2025 after our regular monthly meeting. We completed our normal business meeting, including voting for candidates to the RRC Board of Directors. As the RRC is a non-profit corporation, the board will conduct an election of the four officers during its January 2026 board meeting.

RRC members were given a chance to win a door prize. Members were given door prize tickets, the number of which corresponded to how many RRC activities they had attended.

Everyone at the meeting received some kind of door prize. First, RRC members whose tickets were a match for those drawn picked items from the front table. These prizes included two large LED flashlights, ten small LED flashlights, three MFJ mobile/base speakers, four Beofeng 2-meter / 70cm handi-talkies, one HF balun (donated by Peter Nicholas, WA3EJN), and three large cookie packages and candy bars.

Then, those few members and guests who did not win a prize were given the opportunity to come up to the front table and pick out a candy bar of their choosing.

Members and non-members who brought items to sell proceeded to sell ham gear at good prices. As usual, there was no table fee for anyone attending. A variety of items were seen, from antennas to HTs.

A friendly time of ham fellowship followed until the Ag. Center closed for the day.

Jim Nicholas, W3ITH
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SIMPLEX RADIO TEST

SIMPLEX RADIO TEST GETS A GOOD SENDOFF FOR 2025 By Mark Abramowicz NT3V

The Reading Radio Club-sponsored Simplex Radio Test for Saturday, Dec. 13 drew a respectable turnout for the final month of the year.

There were 18 check-ins from throughout the area, responding to the call of net controls Dave Fix N3AMY and Jason Potter NG3F on 146.550 Megahertz. The team set up north of Reading on the parking lot near Planet Fitness and behind the AMC theater in Muhlenberg Township, on the site of what's left of the Fairgrounds Square Mall.

It was a good spot to catch the calls of area hams who took a few minutes from their busy Saturday routines to take part in the monthly exercise. Signals were strong from the location and signal reports back to the net controls were encouraging.

Looks like this site could serve as a good emergency communications checkpoint in the event the amateur radio community needs to deploy and use simplex communication in the event of a failure of one or both of the repeaters serving the Reading area.

Thanks to those who participate in the monthly SRT, data is gathered on possible sites for use in a time of emergency. The team is encouraged by those who faithfully check in each month and more are welcome to join us. It gives you an opportunity to test the simplex capability of your base, mobile or HT as well as your local antenna.

The monthly Simplex Radio Test will continue into the new year with the first one set for Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026 at 1 p.m. local time on 146.550 Megahertz. Give some thought to joining us and becoming part of a VHF exercise that's unique to our region.

Show a family member or friend what your role is from the check-in side and be sure to let the net control team know you have "visitors" to your home shack or in the car with you!

The Fox Hole

SORRY THERE ARE NO SCHEDULED FOX HUNTS AT THIS TIME HOWEVER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN, BUILD, WITNESS A HUNT JUST CONTACT DAVE FIX, N3AMY, 484-529-1746 AND SEVERAL OF US INTERESTED IN THIS PART OF THE HOBBY WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU. THANKS



MEMBER ITEMS
WANTED / FOR SALE

Please email the editors if you want to post an item here.

You can also post items in the club discord.

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2026 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

The RRC 2026 annual dues are payable starting November 1, 2025. This is the only notice that will be issued. The dues are payable in full by January 1, 2026. The dues are unchanged from 2025 and are per the following schedule.

- 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, \$21.00 \$ _____
 - UNDER AGE 18, \$5.00 \$ _____
 - SUBSEQUENT FAMILY MEMBERS AGE 18, OR OVER, LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD – HALF RATE, \$10.50 \$ _____
 - DONATION (Tax deductible – we are 501(c)(3) (OPTIONAL) \$ _____
- TOTAL \$ _____
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Thank you for your payment and continued support of the READING RADIO CLUB.

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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).

If you have any questions, please contact us at w3bn.rrc@gmail.com