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## MEETINGS

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

Next General Meeting: **Fri, December 10th, 2021 at 7:30 PM (Auditorium)**

Topic: Board Elections, Mini Ham Fest, Holiday Gathering

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.

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

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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.

# TAKE NOTE

There is no QCWA Breakfast this month. Instead, there is a Christmas Luncheon by prearranged invitation at the Yellow House Hotel, Dec 1st, 1230 pm. Please email Steve Sobota ([stevek3alv@gmail.com](mailto:stevek3alv@gmail.com)) for details.

The **50 Years Ago** column is available on our website. Be sure to check out the history of the club from 50 years ago written by Rich Ahrens, W3WJC. He takes a lot of time combing through notes and writing this section.

From the Fundraising Committee:



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IS THERE A TOPIC OR PRESENTATION YOU'D LIKE TO SEE AT A CLUB MEETING? ARE YOU WILLING TO PUT ON A PRESENTATION?

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS SCHLEGEL, K3ADA AT [K3ADA@ARRL.NET](mailto:K3ADA@ARRL.NET) WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS OR VOLUNTEER TODAY.

**The Reading Radio Club is an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) organization holding tax identification number 23-1660585. Contributions to the Reading Radio Club are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

# Reading Radio Club Christmas Dinner

## Saturday, December 11, 2021

Jim Nicholas, W3ITH, Co-Chairperson

Mary Anne Nicholas, N3TVT, Co-Chairperson

This year, we will again meet at Wegman's Restaurant, 4401 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605. That is the same location as the 2019 Christmas Dinner. We did not have a Christmas Dinner in 2020.

The RRC has had many banquets and breakfasts at Wegman's. In earlier years, the restaurant was known as Reeser's Restaurant and later Wegman - Reeser's Restaurant.

Doors will open at noon, and dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. in the Pine Room, which is the large room at the rear of the restaurant. The cost is \$ 17.00 per person and includes all costs and gratuities. We have been able to keep the cost down due to donations made by RRC members.

The event is handicapped accessible and there is a large parking lot available. All are welcome.

The dinner includes the following all-you-can-eat holiday meal: fruit cup, tossed salad with dressing, roast turkey, grilled ham, potato filling, French fries, corn, green beans, coffee, iced tea, and hot tea. This is the family-style dinner we enjoyed in 2019 and it was truly great.

After dinner, we'll have cake with a whipped cream icing and ice cream. Also after the dinner, we all will join in playing a trivia game in which the prizes are candies. As usual, the RRC 146.91/31 repeater (tone 131.8) will be monitored during the event, just in case someone gets lost. Jim's cell phone number is 610-781-5508 and that will be monitored as well.

Tickets will be on sale at the next general meetings of the RRC. You may also reserve a ticket by calling Jim on the phone at 610-678-9243 and leaving a message. Or email at [w3ith@arrl.net](mailto:w3ith@arrl.net). Just mention how many tickets you need to reserve. Leave a call-back phone number as well.

Another way to reserve a dinner ticket is to check into the Friday 8 p.m. Meeting On The Air on the club repeater (when we do not have a general meeting at the Berks County Agricultural Building) and tell Jim you need a ticket reserved. Remember, we have a Friday evening Meeting On The Air when we do NOT have an in-person monthly general meeting.

# RRC VE TEST SESSION NOVEMBER 12, 2021

**By Harry Hoffman, W3VBY**

On Friday evening, November 12, 2021 the Reading Radio Club sponsored its 105th Volunteer Examiner Amateur Radio Test Session. The Test Session was held prior to the RRC General Meeting in the Main Auditorium of the Berks County Agricultural Center, Leesport, PA. There were four candidates in attendance. We started early, about 5:45 p.m., as the candidates began to arrive.

The Test results were as follows:

- 1 - General Class
- 2 - Extra Class

The candidates came from Mohnton, Wernersville, and West Reading. The candidates were invited to stay for the RRC General Meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. The candidates were all invited to join membership in the RRC.

Our Volunteer Examiners for this test session were: Dennis Goodling, N3JRW; Harry Hoffman, W3VBY; Stuart Higgins, W2SLH; Joe Pietruszynski, AC3DI; Jason Potter, K3WDF; Nate Rosenthal, N2ADD; Scott Scheirer, KC3PCS; and Ron Waszk, K3RJW.

Thanks to our VE Team for a job well done. The test session was completed by about 6:55 p.m. The test materials were packaged and ready to be delivered to the Sinking Spring Post Office on Monday morning November 15th for shipment by Priority Mail to the ARRL/VEC.

The next VE Test Session will be announced at a future date.

If you need more information on Amateur Radio testing or wish to register for an exam, call the VE Team Liaison, Harry Hoffman, W3VBY, at 610-678-8976 or send an E-mail to [harryhoffmanjr@juno.com](mailto:harryhoffmanjr@juno.com). The cost for participating in a test session this year is \$15 payable by check to the ARRL/VEC.

73, Harry Hoffman, W3VBY

**RRC MEETING ON THE AIR (RRCMOTA)**

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**By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC (11.23.2021)**

**Check into the RRC MEETING ON THE AIR on the Friday evenings that we do not have an in-person meeting. The net, on 146.910 MHz, starts at 8:00 p.m. with the latest AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLINE REPORT from the West Coast.**

**We then have an exchange of information that may be of interest to the members of the Reading Radio Club as well as those that are not RRC members.**

**The last part of the net is a roll call where we usually have 13 to 56 stations check-in and test their two-meter FM analog equipment. The roll call is last, so that late comers are not missed.**

**NOTE: The Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System, (CTCSS) frequency is 131.8 Hertz (3B). The CTCSS is often referred to as "PL" (Motorola's trade name).**

**The net has been in operation since Friday January 21, 1994, when we had thirteen check-ins during that first session, almost 28 years ago.**

**On Friday November 26, 2021, we had session number 1180. Jim Nicholas, W3ITH, was the Net Control.**

**The next RRCMOTA will be on Friday December 3, 2021, starting at 8:00 p.m., on the Reading Radio Club's 146.910 MHz, W3BN analog repeater. Dave Wiley, K3MXS, will be the Net Control for session number 1181.**

**NOTE: The next in-person RRC meeting is scheduled for Friday December 10, 2021, starting at 7:30 p.m., at the Berks County Agricultural Center, in Bern Township. Put the following address in your GPS device or GOOGLE MAPS:**

**1238 County Welfare Road Leesport PA**

**FYI: AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLINE is the "Amateur Radio's independent on the air news and bulletin service" and is not a service of the American Radio Relay League.**

**BRING MASKS BE PREPARED  
BERKS COUNTY COULD CHANGE THE GUIDELINES**

**Everyone, RRC Members and those that are not members,  
are invited to tune in and check into the,**

**READING RADIO CLUB MEETING ON THE AIR**

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**Tune in Weekday mornings to the W3BN Repeater from 6 am until about 7 am for our informal morning group. We've been dubbed the "Sunrise Crew". Everyone is welcome to join in. No net control. We just have a nice roundtable discussion of different topics.**

**Be sure to also tune in to the ARES/RACES net on Monday night on 147.18 at 8 pm and QCWA net on the W3BN Repeater at 9 pm.**

**Don't Forget the 3/7/10 Initiative started by Rich Ahrens. Hop on the repeater at those times and see who is on. No net control, just friendly chat.**






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mic,  
metered external power supply, power cable  
and manual.  
Cosmetically and functionally very good.  
**\$ 700**  
Call Bill Wentzel, K3BW at 610-488-0231.

FOR SALE: RRC Baseball Hats. \$15.  
  
**\*\*\* ONLY 4 LEFT \*\*\***  
  
Contact Rich, W3WJC,  
at [W3WJC73@gmail.com](mailto:W3WJC73@gmail.com) or 610.929.8829  
with an answering machine.



**Free to a good home.**

Interested parties, please contact  
Joel Berish (WB3ADK)  
at [berishjoe@gmail.com](mailto:berishjoe@gmail.com)

Or  
610-823-9218

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# 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

(11.23.2021)

## STATS AS OF DEC. 1, 2021

Full Voting Members: 70

Associate (Non Voting) Members: 15

Supporting (Non Voting) Members: 3

Total: 88

1/4 of Full Voting Members  
 required for a quorum. (18)

40 RRC voting FULL members, are members of the ARRL (57%).

To be a "Local Amateur Radio Club" affiliate of the ARRL, 51% of the voting members must be FULL or Associate members of the ARRL. Note: This is the club's voting members, (Full Members). Not necessarily the total membership.

### "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.*

88 = Total RRC membership as of Dec. 1, 2021

91 = Dec. 2020	103 = Dec. 2009
89 = Dec. 2019	106 = Dec. 2008
92 = Dec. 2018	118 = Dec. 2007
87 = Dec. 2017	118 = Dec. 2006
78 = Dec. 2016	127 = Dec. 2005
81 = Dec. 2015	124 = Dec. 2004
84 = Dec. 2014	138 = Dec. 2003
86 = Dec. 2013	131 = Dec. 2002
89 = Dec. 2012	134 = Dec. 2001
91 = Dec. 2011	134 = Dec. 2000
97 = Dec. 2010	127 = Dec. 1999

There were 193 Members in 1978

**Extra Class:** 35 40 %

**Advanced:** 5 6 %

**General:** 22 25 %

**Technician:** 23 26 %

**Novice:** 0 0 %

**No License:** 3 3 %

May not total 100% due to rounding.

Data may not be up to date.

Checked FCC for upgrades Sep. 4, 2021,

by Rich Ahrens, W3WJC.



# READING RADIO CLUB, INC

## 2022 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

The RRC 2022 annual dues are payable starting November 1, 2021. This is the only notice that will be issued. The dues are payable in full by January 1, 2022. The dues are unchanged from 2021 and are per the following schedule for Full and Associate members.

- UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, \$5.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
OR
  - AGE 18 OR OLDER, \$21.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - SUBSEQUENT FAMILY MEMBERS AGE 18, OR OVER, LIVING IN  
THE SAME HOUSEHOLD – HALF RATE, \$10.50 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - REJOINING, \$5.00 INITIATION FEE (Former members who did NOT  
pay their 2021 dues) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - DONATION (Tax deductible – we are 501(c)(3))..... (OPTIONAL) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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Please complete the following information to insure credit to your membership account and to confirm our records. Also, if your US mailing address, email address, telephone number, or license class has changed in the past year, **please print** the new information on the “NEW INFO” lines below.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW INFO: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW INFO: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE CLASS: (circle one) EXTRA ADVANCED GENERAL TECHNICIAN NO LICENSE

LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF THE ARRL: (circle one) YES NO EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNET SERVICE: (circle one) BROAD BAND (DSL, CABLE) or DIAL-UP

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE RRC BULLETIN: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Thank you for your payment and continued support of the READING RADIO CLUB.***

# RRC Calendar of Events

## December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 QCWA Luncheon By invitation only	2 Digi Net 146.91 7:30 PM	3 MOTA (8 pm)	4
5	6 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	7 RRC BOD Meeting ZOOM 7:30 PM	8	9 Digi Net 146.91 7:30 PM	10 RRC Meeting AG Center 7:30 PM	11
12	13 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	14	15	16 Digi Net 146.91 7:30 PM	17 MOTA (8 pm)	18
19	20 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	21	22	23	24 * NO MOTA *	25 
26	27 ARES/RACES (8 pm.) 147.18	28	29	30	31 * NO MOTA *	

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Dec 1st, 2021— QCWA Breakfast Luncheon—12:30 pm by prearranged invitation only—Yellow House Hotel

Dec 7th, 2021—7:30 PM — Board Meeting— ZOOM

Dec 10th, 2021—7:30 PM — Club Meeting— AG CENTER (and streaming online)

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.

**December Birthdays:** Brian Beitler, KC3QB; Charles Zechman, W3CMZ; Jeffrey Nash, KC3QLR; Kevin Stodart, N3SYT; Keith Schmehl, N3LUU; James Scheibner, KC3CIK; John "Jason" Potter, K3WDF; Craig Huntsinger, K3CWH; Evelyn Augustine, KC3JPY; Don Boulanger, WA1ELA;

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December 1st, 2021 - EMAIL VERSION STARTED ON FEBRUARY 10, 1998.  
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FIVE CLUBS WE SWAP BULLETINS WITH, PLUS 10 OTHER CLUBS.  
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