

Central Pennsylvania Repeater Association Inc.

W3ND March 2013

NOTICE: The next CPRA meeting will be on **Thursday, April 18th** at 7:00 PM at The Wharf on Derry Street, Harrisburg. Come early to enjoy the food and drink.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: **From WA3CPO, Gary Blacksmith, MD**

The CPRA, Inc. meeting for Thursday, March 21 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18th, at The Wharf on Derry Street. If a tour of the ANG at Harrisburg International Airport becomes available, the meeting will be postponed until May. Election of officers will be held at the next meeting. If you or someone you know wants to run for an office please contact any Board member.

Warmer weather will permit replacement of the 147.375 antenna. At that time we will also add a stiff arm to prevent the lower mount from rotating in high winds. This project was made possible by donations from members.

The repeater linking is slowly moving forward. Initially Harrisburg, Cornwall, and Reeser's Summit will have full time linking. The equipment has been procured and is in the process of being programmed. Newport and Lams Gap will be added next. Saturday morning learning opportunities will resume after Easter. This will allow hams to learn new skills with hands on training.

The FCC has proposed more sharing of the amateur 5 GHz band. The amateur portion is 5650 to 5925 MHz. The current Part 15 band is 5725 to 5875 MHz. The proposal is to expand the Part 15 band to 5725 to 5925 MHz. Then Part 15 users would be using two-thirds of the ham band. The low power Part 15 users are also allowed to use the lower part of the ham band allocation: 5650 to 5725 MHz. Part 15 users are generally limited to power levels of less than one watt. Amateur users are limited to 1000 watts without any antenna limitations. If approved this change would be effective in one to two years.

The TMI drill will be April 16 & 17. If you are available to volunteer your time contact Marty Ginter, email: marting@comcast.net. If you have never done this before and are eager to learn you will be placed with an experienced person to support the communication needs of a local municipality within the 10 mile zone around TMI.

Remember this is your club. Please come to a meeting to offer your suggestions. We have been able to avoid fund raisers by seeking donations.

ACS/ARES/RACES INFO: **From Your Editor, Roger, W3HUP**

PEMA AND OTHER LOCAL NETS AND FREQUENCIES:

Central Area Net meets on **3993.5 KHz** Sundays at **8:30 AM** Local. **Central Area PEMA frequencies are: 3993.5 KHz - Primary**, Alternates: 3984.5 KHz, 3999.5 KHz, 7248.5 KHz, and 7250.5 KHz The Eastern Area meets on **3987.5 KHz** Sunday mornings at **9:00 AM** Local. The Western Area meets on **3990.5 KHz** Sunday mornings at **9:00 AM** Local. Our **PA State Net** meets the **FIRST SUNDAY** of every month on **3993.5 kHz** at **8:00 AM** Local. This net is usually called by John Kruk, K3KR, Lock Haven; at which time he calls Eastern, Central and Western Area Stations in that order. The **New York State** net usually meets on **3993.5 kHz** at **9:00 AM** right after our Central Area net. **The weekly Harrisburg Amateur Radio Club Information Net** is held Wednesdays at 8:00 PM local on the 146.76 HRAC repeater, except for the second Wednesday of the month which is club meeting night, **and the Capital Area Skywarn Net** meets Wednesday evenings at 9:00 PM local on the 145.11 RACES repeater. All are welcome to check in.

"BOILER PLATE": **From your editor, W3HUP**

Officers, Board, and Committee Members

President:	WA3CPO Gary Blacksmith, MD
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Facilities with the CPRA club call sign W3ND:

144.39	APRS node from Reeser's Summit.
145.11-	Dauphin County RACES repeater, CTCSS 123.0 Hz
29-	IRLP node 7060 Blue Mtn. IRLP CTCSS 123.0 Hz
47-	Med coverage, Blue Mtn, CTCSS 123.0 Hz (Primary HEARS Repeater)
444.45+	Medium coverage from Blue Mountain CTCSS 123.0 Hz
444.55+	Extended coverage to North, CTCSS 123.0 Hz
446.425-	Reeser's Summit, CTCSS 123.0 Hz
448.075-	Dauphin County RACES repeater CTCSS 123.0 Hz
53.01-	RCVR at Blue Mtn (Nally's site), being moved, CTCSS 123.0 Hz
3480	ATV Repeater Output (ATV only when requested)
5GHz	Access Point at Blue Mountain with links to Reeser's Summit, Cornwall and North. Links from Reeser's Summit to Blue Mountain and White Rock.

Monthly Ham Radio Lunch: at the **Old Country Buffet** in east Harrisburg the **last Thursday of each month at noon** unless it is a major holiday. This restaurant is located on route 22 in Colonial Park in the vicinity of Value City Furniture, K-Mart and Home Depot. Good way to meet some new people...this is open to ALL area hams!

Club Web Site: WWW.W3ND.ORG

Pay it a visit...we have links to various services, general information and the current and back issues of the Newsletter.

Dues: are \$20/yr for a single membership and \$35/yr for a family membership, which includes all licensed amateurs living in one household. **If you have not renewed please do so...we need your support! If you have, consider an additional donation! Most renewals are due by April. You must renew to vote in the election. USE THIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Thanks! Please make your check payable to:

**Central Pennsylvania Repeater Association, Inc.
C/O Terry Ash
4335 Rodkey Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110**

DO NOT SEND CASH!

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CPRA

- New Member Renewal Family Updating Information
- Donation _____ Other _____

Dues are \$ 20.00 Individual and \$ 35.00 Family.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____ Call(s) _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip code _____ License class: _____

Email address for newsletters: _____

Phone: _____ Listed Unlisted

Are you an ARRL member? Yes No

Are you a member of WITF Yes No

EMERGENCY RACES VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

This information will only be used in the event of an emergency. This information will only be given to the emergency RACES coordinator and will not be distributed for general information in any form!

Work number including extension: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____