



Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club

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# REMARCS

Next Meeting: Sept 20, 2011 at 7:30 PM

Sept/Oct 2011

## 2011-2012 MARC Elections



The MARC Board of Directors is comprised of current club members in good standing who hold an amateur radio license. According to our By-Laws, all Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen and Chairwomen are to be elected annually by the membership. There are two Member-at-Large seats on the board and these are two-year terms that are staggered (i.e. one for 2010-2012 and another for 2011-2013). One of these Member-at-Large positions is up for election this year. The Trustees of the Club Callsigns serve on the Board but do not need to be elected. Currently, the Trustees are **Dieter Hauer K3DK** and **Dennis Silage K3DS**. The election will be held at the September General Membership Meeting on September 20, 2011 at 7:30PM.

The following is a list of positions that will be on the ballot and their current nominees.

Position	Nominees
President	Steve Werner KD3WK
Vice President	Steve Ikler WA2EAJ
Secretary #	(no nominee)
Treasurer	Lou Ruh WX3I
Public Services Chair.	Bob Palin N3JIZ
Technical Services Chair.	Dennis Silage K3DS
Program Chair. *	(no nominee)
Public Relations Chair.	Jim Biddle W3DCL
Membership Services Chair.	Allan Glaser AB3FN
Member-at-Large (2 yr term) #	Brenden McNeil W3VD

\* Position is currently vacant

# Incumbent has chosen not to run for re-election

NOTE: Last minute write-in candidates are allowed on the

ballot. Please do not write in someone else's name without obtaining their permission first. Official Ballots will be emailed to the membership in early September with instructions for voting via email. We will also have paper ballots available at the General Membership meeting on September 20th so you can also vote in person if you did not vote via email. We will conclude the election at the meeting and announce the new MARC Board for the 2011-2012 term.

MARC is a volunteer organization so its future is directly dependent on volunteers that are willing to serve and contribute some of their time and effort on behalf of the club.

## VOX

MARC welcomes the following new members: **Mark Anderson KB7PCN**, **John Callahan KB3MPO**, **Dominic Edinger KB3GNL**, **Peggy Edinger KB3MOX**, **Richard Russo KB3VZL**, and **Sherman Washington KA3RHV**. Welcome back to **Andrew Pavlin KA2DDO**. **Paul Thomas** (formerly KB3VBQ) is now **K3PRT**. **Carl Krauthauser** (formerly K3NTH) is now **NT3H**.

Congratulations to **Doug NE3U** who recently became a grandfather (again).

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## Letter From the MARC President

Dear Fellow Members of MARC,

It seems difficult to believe that it's been a year since you elected me as the president of our club. As we enter our next election cycle I want to thank all the members of the Board and our general membership for the hard work and dedication toward all that was accomplished this past year. Our successes have included an impressive score for Field Day, a successful Hamfest that drew a great crowd and provided additional financial support to the club and good club participation at the Kimberton Fair that allowed us to again enjoy the use of the fire company grounds for Hamfest at no cost to the club.

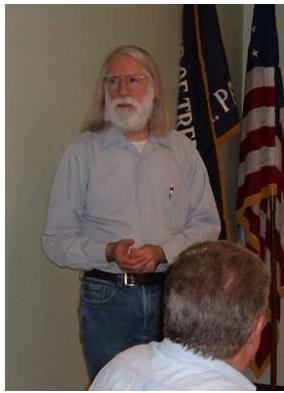
Soon you should receive your ballot for the 2011/2012 Board elections. Please take the time to vote. You will also notice that there are some open slots and I would encourage you to consider running for one of these positions. You can even run at the last minute as a write-in candidate.

Thank you all for your support during this past year and I look forward to another successful year for MARC.

73/Steve  
KD3WK  
President Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club

## From the Editor's Shack

Our string of excellent programs continued at our July general membership meeting. **Doug Fearn K3KW** gave a very informative presentation on the history and development of telegraphy and Morse code, contrasting American Morse code and International Morse Code. Thanks for a great program, Doug.



Doug Fearn K3KW at the July MARC Meeting

In August, yours truly gave a presentation on computer-aided logging, including a discussion of

- Various general purpose logging programs and their features
- Various contest logging programs and their features

## MARC Info

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS -

3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 PM (Doors open at 7:00 PM)  
Community Meeting Room (in the front) of the  
Tredyffrin Township Municipal Building, 1100  
DuPortail Road, Berwyn, PA 19312-1079.  
Guests Welcome, Smoke Free, Handicapped-accessible.

### BOARD MEETINGS -

2nd Tuesdays of even months, 7:30 PM  
Paoli Hospital, Willistown Meeting Room, Paoli, PA.  
Members may attend as observers.

**WB3JOE REPEATERS (CTCSS or PL = 131.8 hz) -**  
145.130 - / 147.060 + / 224.420 - / 445.675 -  
The 2-meter repeaters are linked.

### WEBMASTER -

Dennis Silage K3DS  
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### 2-METER NETS -

Club Net, Sundays and Wednesdays, 8:30 PM  
Roundtable Net, Thursdays, 8:30 PM

These nets occur on linked 145.13 - / 147.06 + Repeaters

### NET MANAGER –

Miguel Ramirez KC2HMG  
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### NET CONTROL OPS –

Alan K3WWT, Bob N3JIZ, Marc N3ZAN, Miguel KC2HMG,  
Steve N1HDP and Yak N3MQM

### DUES – Payable at the March Meeting

\$15 Full (licensed Amateurs)  
\$5 Associate (unlicensed persons)  
Family rate \$5/ham - after first member pays full dues

### NEWSLETTER -

The REMARCS editor is Steve WA2EAJ  
610-662-2768 [wa2eaj@marc-radio.org](mailto:wa2eaj@marc-radio.org)  
Do you have anything for REMARCS?  
Please let me know.

- Coordination of logs for purposes of confirming QSO's, including eQSL and Logbook of the World (including a detailed discussion of how to use it)

For our September 20, 2011 General Membership Meeting, we have scheduled **Joe Fell W3GMS** presenting AM for Ham Radio. There is an excellent recording of Joe in an AM QSO with W1AEX on 3.705 Mhz on YouTube. You can go to that video/audio at [http://youtu.be/06O\\_2gntRco](http://youtu.be/06O_2gntRco). His audio is outstanding.

The program for our October meeting (Oct. 18, 2011) will be "**Software Defined Radio (SDR)**". We're still trying to confirm the presenter so stay tuned. From the ARRL:

"Software Defined Radio attempts to place much or most of the complex signal handling involved in communications receivers and transmitters into the digital (DSP) style. In its purest form, an SDR receiver might consist simply of an analog-to-digital converter chip connected to an antenna. All the filtering and signal detection can take place in the digital domain, perhaps in an ordinary personal computer. While there are still good reasons to use some analog components in high-performance gear, the SDR approach is becoming more common in Amateur Radio."

We don't yet have a program scheduled for the November meeting so if there is some topic that you would like to present to the club, please let me know.

And remember that December is the month for the annual Holiday Party. Details to be determined.

73, Steve **WA2EAJ**  
REMARCS Editor

## Board Meeting Minutes

MARC Board Meeting

August 9, 2011

Board members present: **Steve KD3WK**, **Steve WA2EAJ**, **Doug NE3U**, **Miguel KC2HMG**, **Gerry W3GER**.

President **Steve KD3WK** called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Minutes** of the June 14 Board Meeting were approved.

Replacement of the '06 repeater antenna is in progress.

**Programs** for the Sept and Oct meetings are OK. For August, **Steve WA2EAJ** will present **operating-aid software**, particularly logging programs and Logbook of the World (LOTW). W3GER will send out meeting notices.

### ELECTIONS:

--all present board members consented to running again except **Gerry W3GER** (Secretary), **Allan AB3FN** (Membership Services) and **Miguel KC2HMG** (Member-at-Large).

--**Miguel KC2HMG** will serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The other members of the Board will

## MARC Board of Directors 2010-2011

### PRESIDENT

Steven Werner **KD3WK**

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### PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

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### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

To 9/30/2012 -

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To 9/30/2011 -

Miguel Ramirez **KC2HMG**

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## Upcoming MARC Meetings

**September 20, 2011** – Election Meeting. Presentation on AM for Ham Radio by Joe Fell W3GMS

**October 18, 2011** – Program on Software Defined Radio (SDR). Presenter to be announced

**November 15, 2011** – Program to be announced

**December, 2011** – Holiday Party. Date, time and location to be determined

serve as the body of the Nominating Committee.

--The floor will be opened for nominations at the August 16 General Meeting.

--**W3GER** will include an announcement of nominations in the meeting notices.

--The slate is to be formalized by the end of the August 16 meeting.

--KC2HMG will see that the elections are publicized on the club nets.

Since the position of Program Chairman has been vacant for several years now, it was suggested that the By-Laws be amended to eliminate this position, and to make the Hamfest Chairman a board position so as to provide a voice commensurate with responsibilities. These suggestions were all left pending.

**2011 Hamfest** was a success. Preliminary assessment of profits: approx \$2500. Nine VE candidates.

**2012 Hamfest scheduled** for Sunday July 8 so as not to conflict with Harrisburg (June 30), Wilkes-Barre (July 1), or Sussex NJ (July 15). (Though such conflicts might have only minimal effect on attendance, they might have a great effect on vendor participation.)

--Discussion of increasing fees is tabled until the next Board meeting.

Revival of the suggestion to hold a monthly **breakfast meeting**. Venue would be determined so as to be central to the membership. Unable to agree on a time; it will be investigated what time other clubs successfully hold breakfast meetings. The subject will be opened for discussion at the August 16 club meeting.

**PA QSO Party**, October 8 and 9. A central station is NOT contemplated, but members should indicate MARC affiliation on their entry sheets. Suggestion of combined participation with other area clubs.

We still seek a volunteer to become an **Echolink node** to allow remote participation in the club nets.

It was noted that to **amend** minor details in the By-Laws is every bit as onerous as amending major aspects. (Two-thirds of the membership. And that's the ENTIRE membership, not just those present at a meeting). Some clubs have a Constitution, which specifies fundamental aspects, and is (rightfully) onerous to change, and separate By-Laws for specifying minor matters and which is easier to change. But MARC has everything in a document called By-Laws. The Board will investigate and contemplate a solution.

Steve KD3WK **adjourned** the meeting at 8:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerry W3GER  
MARC Secretary

## 2011 MARC Hamfest

The annual MARC Hamfest and Computer Fair was held on July 17, 2011. We always seem to have good weather but this year the weather was spectacular. In a July that saw many record high temperatures, hamfest day was extremely comfortable. With beautiful blue skies, you couldn't ask for a better day. Attendance was on par with recent years and so were profits. This event is the club's largest fundraiser.

This year saw the return of VE Testing at the hamfest. Under the direction of MARC VE Test Coordinator Bob Lees W3ZQN, we had a very successful VE test session. (See article on VE Testing elsewhere in this newsletter.)



Pres. Steve KD3WK at MARC Table



Stuff We All Can Afford

It takes a lot of volunteers to make a hamfest a success. We owe a big thank you to Hamfest Chairman **Mike Pilotti KF3CD** and those that volunteered. Below is a list of members who provided valuable volunteer services for the hamfest.

Name	Call	Name	Call
Dieter Hauer	K3DK	Anthony "Yak" Yakonick	N3MQM
Will Emmons	K3WIL	Doug Wilkens	NE3U
Andrew Pavlin	KA2DDO	Bob Lees	W3ZQN
Dennis DeMarco	KA3QOT	Ron Kenwood	W3ZV
Phil Cauffman	KB3MAW	Ned Smith	WQ3Z
Steve Werner	KD3WK	Lou Ruh	WX3I
Mike Pilotti	KF3CD	Sam Mitchell	WA3LGL
Steve Blatman	N1HDP	Julia Chappell	
Bob Palin	N3JIZ		

(This list includes those that signed the sign-in sheet. If someone else volunteered and is not listed, MARC apologizes for the omission.)

MARC also gives out a big “**Thank You**” to **Anro, Inc. Print and Digital Solutions** for their support by providing tickets and flyers.



Ron W3ZV and Sam WA3LGL Collecting Admissions



Mobile Sixers Table in the Flea Market

The hamfest was held at the Kimberton Fairgrounds near Phoenixville, PA. Many years ago, MARC would rent the fairgrounds at a cost of \$900 to the club. In recent years, the Kimberton Volunteer Fire Company (owners of the fairgrounds) offered the use of the fairgrounds to us for our

hamfest at no cost if we could supply a minimum number of volunteers to help them collect parking donations and sell ride tickets at their Fair. Again this year the MARC membership (and friends of MARC) stepped up to the plate and volunteered to help the Fire Company. MARC thanks those volunteers because it directly contributes to the profits we see from our hamfest.

Below is a list of members and friends who volunteered their time to help the Fire Company at their Fair.

Name	Call	Name	Call
Allan Glaser	AB3FN	Ron Kenwood	W3ZV
Dieter Hauer	K3DK	Steve Ikler	WA2EAJ
Will Emmons	K3WIL	Sam Mitchell	WA3LGL
Andrew Pavlin	KA2DDO	Ned Smith	WQ3Z
Dennis DeMarco	KA3QOT	Lou Ruh	WX3I
Phil Kauffman	KB3MAW	Julia Chappell	
Scott Pilotti	KB3RBU	Anthony Pilotti	
Miguel Ramirez	KC2HMG	Dominic Pilotti	
Steve Werner	KD3WK	Lauren Pilotti	
Mike Pilotti	KF3CD	Kevin Roussey	
Bob Palin	N3JIZ	Justin Smith	
Bill Palin	N3NUL	Carol Ward	
Gerry Cechony	W3GER		
	W3ZQN		

The date for the 2012 MARC Hamfest and Computer Fair will be Sunday, July 8, 2012.



Great Crowd in the Flea Market on a Beautiful Day



Buyers and Sellers in the Flea Market

## Monthly Breakfast Get-Together



In an effort to promote some additional camaraderie amongst our members, MARC is going to begin having a monthly breakfast get together. Since the membership is spread out across several counties we'll hold these sessions at different locations in an effort to make it accessible to as many folks as possible. At the last membership meeting, it was decided to have these breakfasts on the second Saturday of the month at 9 AM. This is purely a social gathering – no business will be conducted and there will be no 'presentations.'

The first breakfast get-together will be on Saturday, September 10th at Ray's Restaurant and Malt Shop, located at 14 East Germantown Pike, Norristown, PA (near the intersection of Germantown Pike and Rt 202). Their phone number is 610-279-3555.

Steve Werner KD3WK would like to let the restaurant know how many folks to expect. We're sure the restaurant will appreciate that and we will likely get better service if they are expecting us. Please let Steve know if you are planning to attend. You can contact Steve at [kd3wk@marc-radio.org](mailto:kd3wk@marc-radio.org) or 610-574-6836.

We hope to see you on the 10th and we hope this becomes a regular feature of the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club.

## DX Code of Conduct

1. I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.
2. I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.
3. I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.
4. I will neither interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSX slot.
5. I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.
6. I will always send my full call sign.
7. I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.
8. I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.
9. I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.
10. I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.
11. When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.
12. I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.
13. I will respect my fellow hams and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.

## MARC to Participate in 2011 Pennsylvania QSO Party



The 2011 Pennsylvania QSO Party (The Friendly QSO Party) will be held from 1600Z October 08, 2011 to 0500Z October 09, 2011 and 1300Z October 09, 2011 to 2200Z October 09, 2011. A state QSO Party is an on-air event where amateur radio stations in the host state try to contact as many in-state and out-of-state stations as possible. Stations out of the host state try to contact as many host state stations as possible. Points are awarded for each contact and scoring multipliers are awarded for each county contacted in the host state. Host state stations can also get additional multipliers for each state or ARRL section worked.

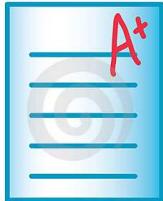
The PA QSO Party (PAQP) is our chance to be the desired station. We, in PA, can contact any station, anywhere. Stations outside PA can only contact PA stations so everyone is looking for us!

There is a Club Competition but unlike an operating event like Field Day, operators usually just operate the contest from their home station location. After the contest ends, participants submit their scores on forms supplied by the contest sponsors. For the PAQP there is a question on the Summary and Score Sheet asking the operator for their PA Club Affiliation. We would answer that with "Mid-Atlantic ARC". All submitted scores with the same club affiliation would be added together for a total club score. This is how the various clubs in PA can compete against each other.

MARC is asking all members to participate in the PAQP if they can and indicate "Mid-Atlantic ARC" as the affiliated club. This way we can compete for club awards and bragging rights. You don't have to be a big contest to participate. Anyone, no matter how much time they spend in the contest or how many contacts they make, can submit a score to help the overall MARC score. The PAQP is also a great way to learn how to participate in ham radio contests. That's why they call it the "Friendly QSO Party".

A special MARC certificate will be given to the top five scoring MARC members. So besides helping the overall club score, you are also competing against other MARC members for a certificate. For more information and rules, see: 2011 PA QSO Party at <http://www.nittany-arc.net/PAQSO.html>.

## MARC Sponsored VE Test Sessions



After being absent for several years, the MARC VE Test Session at the annual Hamfest at the Kimberton Fairgrounds returned for 2011. Here are the July 17, 2011 VE test session results.

Technician earned	3
General earned	5
Extra earned	1
Passed an element but did not upgrade	0
Did not pass an element	0
Total candidates served	9
Total elements administered	15

One MARC member took advantage of the free test session.

The following VE's took part in the session: **Bob W3ZQN, Steve KD3WK, Sam KF3G, Ron W3ZV, Paul K3PRT, and Doug NE3U.**

**Bob Lees W3ZQN** coordinated this session.

The regularly scheduled VE Test Session was held August 6, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church, 113 East Airy Street in Norristown, PA.

Technician earned	3
General earned	1
Extra earned	0
Passed an element but did not upgrade	0
Did not pass an element	0
Total candidates served	4
Total elements administered	?

The following VE's took part in the session: **Dennis K3DS, Steve KD3WK, Sam KF3G, Ned WQ3Z, Josy WQ3E, and Doug NE3U.**

**Dennis Silage K3DS** coordinated this session in Bob's absence.

The next scheduled MARC Sponsored VE Test Session will be on **November 5, 2011** in Norristown.

## Public Service Events

It's that time of year again. The fall season is the busy season for MARC to provide radio communications for various local Public Service Events. Below are several events that need our help. Please consider one or more to help out.

The **MS City-to-Shore Bike Race** will be held Sept 24-25, 2011. Operators are still needed, though their signup deadline has officially passed. If interested contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

The **Main Line Chamber Foundation 5k Run** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011. The event is in Wayne, PA. The Foundation awards scholarships to deserving local individuals meeting certain criteria, including financial need. They also support issues that impact the recruitment and recognition of volunteer firefighters and EMT's, and the funding of the 17 local volunteer fire companies and emergency medical services in the region.



We need several operators for this event that we support annually. If interested in providing radio communications for the event contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

The **Penn Wynne Library** is again sponsoring a **5K Run and Walk** on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Proceeds benefit the library. We need several operators for this event that we support annually. If interested in providing radio communications for the event contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

**Penn Medicine Radnor** is the presenting sponsoring for the annual "**Radnor Run**" on Sunday, October 30, 2011. Proceeds benefit the American Lung Association in Pennsylvania. The event is a 5-mile run and a 1-mile fun run/walk. We need several operators for this event that we support annually. If interested in providing radio communications for the event contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

The **Vietnam Veterans 5K Run** will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2011. This event takes place at the Norristown Farm Park at North Wales and Germantown Pike. Proceeds from the run benefit Vietnam Veterans community projects. We need several operators for this event that we support annually. If interested in providing radio communications for the event contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

## 2011 PHL EPEX Airport Drill

The important EPEX PHL Airport Drill is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th at 1000 hours. As in past years, Delaware County ARES-RACES will take a lead role in organizing the auxiliary communications response and providing the lion's share of operators for the large-scale exercise. The drill will test municipal, county and federal response to a major aircraft accident at PHL Airport.

Delaware County ARES-RACES will coordinate the communications response with other ARES-RACES units in the EPA's First District. Operators will man radio positions in the airport's ramp control tower, all of the patient recovery buses and at a large net control station located at the west end of the airport. Approximately 20 operators will be needed for the exercise and volunteers will need prior ARES-RACES experience. Please mark your calendars for this important drill.

Radio operators will need a dual-band (2m/440) mobile or portable transceiver, mag-mount or other portable antenna and battery that will power the radio for at least 6 hours. If you wish to volunteer for this important exercise please send an email to [W3BIG@comcast.net](mailto:W3BIG@comcast.net).

We look forward to working with a talented team of radio operators again this year.

Bob Wilson, W3BIG ARES Emergency Coordinator RACES  
Radio Officer Delaware County

## Hamfests and Contests

The following hamfests and contests will be held in the next two months.

### Pocono Area Hamfest & Electronics Expo

**Date:** Sept. 10, 2011

**Location:** Stroudsburg Jr. High School, 1198 Chipperfield Drive, Stroudsburg, I-80 Exit 302 (eastbound) or Exit 303 (westbound)

**Website:** <http://www.arvelo.net/PARK/Park-v001/hamfest-index.html>

**Sponsor:** Eastern PA ARA (EPARA) and Pocono ARK (PARK)

**Opens:** 8:00 am, **Vendors:** 6:00 am

**VE Testing\***: 9am (registration from 8 to 9am); pre-

registration required (e-mail: [wx3k@arrl.net](mailto:wx3k@arrl.net))  
Amateur Radio, R/C Hobbies, Arts&Crafts, Trains, etc.

### Gloucester County ARC (GCARC) 50th Anniversary Hamfest

**Date:** Sept. 18, 2011

**Location:** 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 77, 2 miles south of Rt. 45 / Rt. 536, Mullica Hill, NJ

**Website:** <http://w2mmd.org/>

**Sponsor:** Gloucester County ARC (GCARC)

**Opens:** 8:00 am (general), 6:00 am (vendors)

**VE Testing\***: 9:00 am; Fee \$15

**QSL Card Checking** (DXCC, WAS, VUCC) at 11:30 am

### Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club (Packrats) Hamarama (40th Annual!)

**Date:** October 2, 2011

**Location:** Middletown Grange Fairgrounds, 576 Penns Park Road, Wrightstown (Newtown), PA

**Website:** <http://www.packratvhf.com/latest.htm#Hamarama>

**Sponsor:** Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club (Packrats)

**Opens:** 7:00 am buyers, 6:00 am sellers

### RF Hill Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

**Date:** October 16, 2011

**Location:** Sellersville Fire Company, 50 North Main Street Sellersville, PA; Rt. 309 to Sellersville exit (Main street), follow to center of town; Firehouse is next to Perkiomen creek near intersection with Diamond Street;

**Website:** <http://www.rfhill.ampr.org/>

**Opens:** 7:00 am, Vendors 6:00 am

**VE Testing\***: 10:00 am (across street at American Legion Hall)

## Contests

### WAE (Worked All Europe) DX Contest, SSB

0000Z, Sep 10 to 2359Z, Sep 11, 2011

Find rules at:

<http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/waedc/en/rules/>

### CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY

0000Z Sep 24 to 2400Z, Sep 25

Find rules at: [http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq\\_contests/index\\_cq\\_contests.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/index_cq_contests.html)

### TARA PSK Rumble Contest

0000Z-2400Z, Oct 1

Find rules at:

[http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara\\_rumble\\_rules.html](http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_rules.html)

### Pennsylvania QSO Party

1600Z, Oct 8 to 0500Z, Oct 9 and

1300Z-2200Z, Oct 9

Find rules at: <http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso09rules.html>

### CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB

0000Z, Oct 29 to 2400Z, Oct 30

Find rules at: <http://www.cqww.com/rules.php>

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2100Z, Nov 5 to 0300Z, Nov 6

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