

Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 23, 2025

The following members were in attendance:

- John N3SPW
- Mike WB3EQW
- Harvey N3RTK
- Ken KE3M
- Tim K5TEL
- Ed KC3ZAL
- Rich N3RBJ
- Tim N3PUL
- Steve K3SKS

The following guests and/or perspective members were in attendance:

- Gary KC3DDB

The meeting was called to order by CCARC President Tim N3PUL at 7:06 PM

Finances

- Treasurer Ed KC3ZAL reports the current balance is \$1,202.25.
- Payment due to Lawrence Township Volunteer Fire Co in the amount of \$53.75.
- Received at today's meeting was \$0 in donations.
- The final balance after today's expenses is \$1,148.50

Membership

- Pending membership applications that are awaiting final votes by membership:
 - Justin N3OG
 - Kevin W3XOX
 - Randy KO4WTB
- All three applicants were approved with a unanimous vote by the members present.

VE Testing

- Rich N3RBJ is working with Mary from the Elk County VE Team to set up a training session for our members involved with VE testing. He will let everyone know when details are firmed up.
- Test session dates for 2026 have not yet been set.
- With the passing of John NA2BA we are in need of one additional Extra Class operator for our VE Team. We have enough Extra Class people if everyone shows up, but there is no room for anyone to be sick or have others obligations which prevent them from attending a test session. We need one more to assure we can offer General and Extra class examinations.

Repeaters

- W3CPA 147.255 FM
 - All working as intended.
 - Discussion about upgrading the repeater with a remote receiver for downtown Clearfield and the addition of an All Star node.
 - John N3SPW reported that the Philipsburg ARA has a LDG RVS-8 signal to noise voter as well as two Motorola receivers rack mounted. This would be an ideal starting point for a remote receiver system. They had agreed to sell this equipment to CCARC but withdrew that offer yesterday. Apparently one of their members feels they may use this equipment at some point in the future.
 - John N3SPW agreed to investigate further and report back at the next meeting.

- WRDV964 462.650 GMRS Repeater
 - All working as intended.
- W3CPA 444.625 DMR repeater
 - All working as intended.
- W3CPA 145.370 D-STAR repeater
 - The antenna for this repeater has been delivered to the Wallaceton repeater site. Allen has moved it into the building and it is awaiting the availability of a tower crew to install it.
 - John N3SPW reports that Ed K3EDD has approached us asking if we would consider modifying this project to become a multi-mode repeater rather than a dedicated D-STAR repeater. The enabled modes would be D-STAR, P25, DMR and standard FM. Ed is proposing that all additional equipment needed would be provided by himself.
 - All present agreed that was a good idea and approved the project change.

WinLink Project

- W3CPA 10, Clearfield - functioning as intended.
 - Ed KC3ZAL reports that the county had a spare power supply which was perfect for use on the WinLink node in the EOC center. Dave approved the use of this power supply and it has been installed.
- W3CPA 11, West Decatur - functioning as intended.
- W3CPA 12 Houtzdale – Planned for 2026.
- W3CPA 13 DuBois – Planned for 2026.

Club Net

- Rich N3RBJ mentioned that this past Tuesday the net had a total of 3 check-ins.
- Last week's net was #51. Next week's net will be #52 – the one year anniversary.

Hamfest

- Discussion about Kitchen operations at the hamfest. Mike WB3EQW stated that he and Caroline are not interested in running the kitchen next year. Their recommendation is that we find a food truck or a non-profit that has more experience and available labor to provide this service for us.

Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

- John N3SPW addressed all present about his recent appointment as the Clearfield County ACS Radio Officer. Scott Minot, Clearfield County Department of Emergency Services Director, announced this appointment following the October SET. In addition Joe Shupinus W3BC, the Western PA Section ARRL Section Manager, also announced that John N3SPW has been appointed to be the Clearfield County ARES Emergency Coordinator. Both appointments were effective immediately.

December Meeting Date

- Due to the Thanksgiving holiday falling on the 4th Thursday of November, it was decided to move the November meeting to the 3rd Thursday of the month – Thursday November 20th at 7 PM.

Close of meeting

- With no further business President Tim N3PUL closed the meeting 7:50 PM.