

Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 22 2026

The meeting was held at the Clearfield County Emergency Management Agency building in the training/amateur radio room.

The following members were in attendance:

John N3SPW

Rich N3RBJ

Harvey N3RTK

Mike WB3EQW

Tim N3PUL

Lars KB3WBT

Ed KC3ZAL

The following guests were in attendance:

None

The following individuals had previously informed the CCARC Secretary they would not be able to attend:

none

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Tim N3PUL at 7:13PM.

Discussion Items:

Finances:

- Treasurer Ed KC3ZAL reports the treasury balance is \$1,386.25.
- Donations were received at the meeting but were not tabulated.

VE Testing:

- The testing dates for 2026 have been set and are:
 - March 20, 2026
 - May 15, 2026
 - July 17, 2026
 - October 16, 2026
 - In addition to the above dates, there will also be a testing session at the Central PA Hamfest, date and time TBA.
- Rich is continuing to work with the Laurel staff to arrange a training session for our VE Exam team..

Repeaters:

W3CPA 147.255 FM

- Repeater is reported to be working as intended with no known issues.
- Remote Receiver Project.
 - CCARC has acquired some equipment from the Philipsburg ARA for this project. Included was a LDG RVS-8 signal to noise voter and two UHF Motorola Radius GM300 transceivers. Ed KC3CLZ purchased as a donation two VHF Motorola Radius GM300 transceivers for this project as well. At this point we should have everything necessary to assemble the needed parts at the main site.
 - For the Clearfield Receiver Site we are still in need of a 2m band omni-directional receive antenna, a small UHF 70 CM band beam antenna, coaxial cable and connectors as well as a power supply.
 - It's been reported by members in the western portion of Clearfield County that another weak coverage area is in the southwestern portion of Clearfield County. This area extends from the Luthersburg area south toward Punxusantawny. A second remote receiver covering that geographical region would greatly improve coverage. Discussion ensued on the second site.

WRDV964 462.650+ GMRS

- Repeater is reported to be working as intended with no known issues.

W3CPA 444.625 DMR (under construction)

- Repeater is reported to be working as intended with no known issues.

W3CPA 145.370+ D-STAR, P25, DMR, FM (under construction)

- Off-air/Under Construction. Announcements will be made when it becomes active.
- Delay is due to access to the W3CPA DMR RadiolD.net account as well as the winter weather conditions at the tower site.

WinLink

- Gateway W3CPA-10, Clearfield
 - Gateway is reported to be working as intended with no known issues.
- Gateway W3CPA-11, West Decatur
 - gateway is reported to be working as intended with no known issues.
- Gateway W3CPA-12, Houtzdale
 - Off air/Under Construction.
- Gateway W3CPA-13, DuBois
 - Off air/Under Construction.

Radio Room

- Weather damaged UHF/VHF antenna on the EOC Building tower. Scott has not responded to requests to have the antenna replaced. John N3SPW will attempt to contact him again.
- Antenna Connection bus bar project. Several months ago Lars KB3WBT provided the materials needed to start construction of an antenna bus bar to connect and disconnect

antennas at. After some discussion it was decided this would be a project at the next radio night.

Club Net

- Rich N3RBJ reports that with the loss of Tim K5TEL we need someone to volunteer taking turns at net control duties. Volunteers please contact Rich N3RBJ.
- The net participation last week dropped off to 7 stations at the new 8PM time. Early check-ins are starting as soon as net control comes on frequency prior to the official opening of the net.
- Rich has created a Google Docs spreadsheet to track check ins. This is a shared document between all net control stations.

Hamfest

- John N3SPW reports that he reached out to the Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Club who held their hamfest last year on the same date. The idea was to coordinate dates so we don't end up with both events on the same date again. They have not called back or returned emails.
- It was agreed that without any signs of cooperation we should proceed with planning our hamfest ASAP.
- The date of Sunday September 13 2026 would place our hamfest on the same weekend as we used last year. It was agreed to hold the hamfest on this date.
- John N3SPW to make plans with the Clearfield County Fair and arrange for ARRL participation.

By Laws changes

- At the December special meeting By-Laws changes were accepted for consideration. Per the existing By-Laws and Constitution, these changes are to be voted on at the next regular meeting.
- To pass we need a 2/3 approval from all voting members. Tonight's meeting is attended by 7 voting members. Topic tabled to next meeting.
- In preparation for the February meeting John N3SPW will prepare paper ballots on the by-laws modifications vote and circulate them to all voting members. This will allow members to vote by ballot without attending the meeting.
- The incorporation and subsequent non-profit 501(c)3 application is stalled until the By-Laws issue is resolved.

Director Position – Expiring 12/31/2027.

- Tim Leet K5TEL had been a CCARC Director with his term expiring on 12/31/2027.
- In November Tim moved from Clearfield to the state of Arkansas. With his residency outside of Clearfield County, according to the By-Laws he is no longer qualified to hold this position.
- At the February CCARC Meeting there will be a special election to fill the vacancy.

New Business

- Winter Field Day. It was noted that the ARRL Winter Field Day is scheduled for this weekend starting at 2PM Saturday and concluding at 2 PM on Sunday.
- Jerry WSFU533 Email. John N3SPW reported having received an email from CCARC member Jerry WSU533 regarding a new effort to support emergency response in disaster areas. This is not limited to communications, but other areas as needed by local agencies. John will be reaching back out to Jerry to inquire further.

With no further business Tim closed the meeting at 8:55PM.

Next CCARC Meeting:

Thursday February 26 2026, 7 PM.