

Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 26 2026, 7 PM

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

Scott W3EOD

Ed KC3CLZ

Harvey N3RTK

Tim N3PUL

Lars KB3WBT

Jack N3MUX

Mike WB3EQW

The following members participated via cell phone, text messages or via paper ballots:

Doug KC3ZEI

Brian KD3YB

Janet N3ZFX

Rick N3IYZ

Terry KC3TNV

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 7:02PM.

Discussion Items:

Finances:

- Treasurer Ed KC3ZAL reports the treasury balance is \$1,440.25.
- An additional \$70 in donations have been received but were not included in the total..

VE Testing:

- Rich reports that three of our four VE Testing team members participated in a required Laurel VEC Zoom training session on Saturday February 21st.
- 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, Sunday September 13 2026

Repeaters:

W3CPA 147.255 FM Rockton

- Repeater is reported to be working as intended with no known issues.
- Remote Receiver Project.
 - Rich N3RBJ reported that all the Motorola Radius GM300 transceivers that have been acquired for the remote receiver project have been bench tested. The result was that one UHF transceiver cannot receive, but does transmit allowing it to be used as a transmitter in the system. And a second UHF transceiver will not hold its programming.
 - Needed to complete the system is one additional VHF and one UHF Motorola Radius GM300 transceivers.

WRDV964 462.650+ GMRS Rockton

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

W3CPA 444.625 DMR Rockton

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

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

- Off-air/Under Construction. Announcements will be made when it becomes active.
- The W3CPA DMR RadiolD.net account has been accessed and a repeater ID obtained.
- Ed KC3CLZ and Ed K3EDD will be working together to set up the D-STAR settings for the repeater.

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

- Harvey N3RTK donated a 2026 ARRL calendar for use in the radio room.
- Weather damaged UHF/VHF antenna on the EOC Building tower. John N3SPW will attempt to contact Scott at the EMA again.

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.

Hamfest

- John N3SPW reports the Butler County Amateur Radio Club has decided to schedule their hamfest in Butler PA on the same date – Sunday September 13 2026. Reports are that last year this Butler hamfest had a total of 80 attendees, while ours had over 200. Recommendations from trusted hamfest advisors was to proceed as planned and simply over-promote our hamfest.
- Publicity. John N3SPW reports that a list of every Western PA Amateur Radio Club with contact information was obtained and a copy of the hamfest flyer sent to each of them. They were requested to either distribute it to their members or include it in a future club newsletter. The Eastern PA clubs will be the next group targeted.
- Lars KB3WBT suggested we consider using the Clearfield VFW grounds for the 2027 event. Lars is going to check out costs and facilities and report back.
- Scott E3EOD had referred someone to us who does food for events. So far John N3SPW has been unable to reach them. Scott to check with them and gauge their interest.

By Laws changes

- At the December special meeting By-Laws changes were accepted for consideration. Per the existing By-Laws and Constitution, these changes include:
- **In the Preamble, Paragraph 1**
...constitute ourselves the Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club of Clearfield County Pennsylvania and
is proposed to be replaced with
...constitute ourselves the Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club of Clearfield County Pennsylvania for the charitable purposes as such defined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Law of the United States of America...
- **In the Preamble, Paragraph 1:**
It shall be our purpose further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency....
Is proposed to be replaced with
It shall be our purpose to operate for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes and will not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any individual, member, director, officer, or employee except for the reasonable compensation for services in effecting the purpose of the Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club, if authorized by the membership. Further, the Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club is called to conduct club programs...
- **In the Disposition of Assets:**
No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets. All equipment will be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization. All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization.
Is proposed to be replaced with

Upon the dissolution of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, public safety testing, literacy, or educational organizations that at that time qualify under the provisions of Section 510(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future internal revenue law of the United States of America.

- By a vote of 14 in agreement and none in opposition, the motion is approved and adopted.
- Secretary John N3SPW is directed to publish the updated document.

Vacant Director Position – Expiring 12/31/2027.

- Rich N3RBJ was nominated to fill the vacant Director position by Tim N3PUL.
- The nomination was seconded by Scott W3EOD.
- Rich N3RBJ accepted the nomination.
- All present voted to accept the nomination and make the position effective immediately.

Spring Banquet

- Mike WB3EQW spoke with the VFW again and was told they have fewer staff members than in the past. At this point they said our group should expect an hour or more wait for food at our Spring Banquet.
- After discussing all of this with Mike, John N3SPW called Buck's Pizza in Clearfield. They'd be happy to host our group! And better yet, they'll set up a buffet in the side dining room for us so food service will be nearly instant! I'm told the buffet is \$13.99 per person plus tax and 20% gratuity. It includes chips, salsa, fried mushrooms and bread sticks as starters. A salad is included, and entrees are chicken Alfredo, penne and meatballs, specialty pizzas and wings. A dessert and a beverage (soda, tea, etc) are also included. Anything from the bar would of course be additional. So with tax and gratuity, it's looking like about \$18 per person.
- The reservation was made at Buck's Pizza in Clearfield. Friday May 8, 2026, at 6 PM. The location is Buck's Pizza, 3055 Park Place, Clearfield, PA 16830.

New Emergency Response Group

- Jerry WSFU533 Email. John N3SPW reported that he has not yet had the opportunity to talk with Jerry about this. More information at the next meeting.

With no further business Tim asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was put forward by Scott W3EOD and seconded by Rich N3RBJ..

Next CCARC Radio Night:

Thursday March 12 2026, 7 PM

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