

Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 23 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

Ed KC3CLZ

Harvey N3RTK

Tim N3PUL

Rich N3RBJ

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

Mike WB3EQW

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Tim N3PUL at 7:09PM.

Discussion Items:

Finances:

- Treasurer Ed KC3ZAL reports the treasury balance is \$1,530.25.

VE Testing:

- Our March testing session was the first one entirely administered by CCARC.
- Rich N3RBJ now has all materials printed and organized.
- Mike WB3EQW was also to be part of our VE Exam team. Rich is missing Mike's paperwork.
- The remaining test dates for 2026 are:
 - 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.
 - The receive antenna, a Diamond X50N, has been installed on the Market Street tower. Feed line is ½" hardline. Thank you to Centre Communications for their assistance with this project.

- Rich N3RBJ is working on programming the tx and rx hardware in preparation for installation at the tower sites.

WRDV964 462.650+ GMRS Rockton

- Repeater is reported to be working as intended with no known issues.
- Steve K3SKS has started a GMRS Net on this repeater Mondays at 7:45PM.

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.
- Ed KC3CLZ and Ed K3EDD have not yet discussed 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.

Club Net

- Discussion about the new 8PM time slot. It was the general consensus that participation is a bit better since we moved the start time back one hour.

Hamfest

- Publicity. John N3SPW reports that an email campaign of promotion to clubs has been started and will continue.
- Food sales will be handled by Tia this year. No exposure to the club.
- The new facility was toured and plans are in place to make the best of this aging building. The VE Exam/SKYWARN meeting room will be in a military style tent on the front lawn.

Spring Banquet

- It was suggested that we provide name tags for all that attend. Agreed.
- It was suggested that the banquet open with some remarks from our president. Tim N3PUL agreed.
- Friday May 8, 2026, at 6 PM. The location is Buck's Pizza, 3055 Park Place, Clearfield, PA 16830.

Newsletter

John N3SPW committed to publishing a newsletter by the weekend.

Equipment Suppliers

- Harvey N3RTK reports that Cushcraft and HyGain have been purchased from what remains of MFJ. Details in the ARRL Newsletter.

Field Day

- June 26 and 27 2026
- Site location. There was a general discussion on the site location and how that ties into member participation and visitors. Topic tabled to the May 2026 meeting.

John NA2BA/SK Estate

- Tim reports that the ham shack from John NA2BA will soon be available for sale. Details to be published in the CCARC newsletter.

With no further business Tim asked for a motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 818PM