



THE FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

PROFICIENCY THROUGH COMPETITION

CALENDAR

May:

8-9 CQ-M Int'l DX Contest

**11 Regular Meeting, 8PM
Awards Meeting**

**13-15 DAYTON meeting
Crowne Plaza Suite**

28-30 CQ WPX CW Contest

June:

**5 FRC Summer Meeting
at W2OX (map in June)**

**19 Joint PVRC-FRC
meeting at W3LPL, Noon**

July:

**25 FRC Summer Meeting
at W3PP**

August:

**22 FRC Summer Meeting
at N3RD**

CHANGES

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President's Column

Spring is here: our major contest season is over. Now is the time for those in FRC who did the work and



produced the points to get their accolades. The awards are not just for the few but for all who contributed to this year's efforts, from the top of the list, W2GD, as usual, to the smallest score. Every bit helps. Come cheer the winners and pat yourself on the back, as well, at the May meeting. As an added treat, the V26B group will give an intro into their fall plans.

But don't get too carried away.

From what we can see, this has been the first losing season in twenty years. Second place is not much to cheer about.

But it's spring, the time to lay the groundwork, as nature does, to reap the fall harvest.

We will have to work hard to beat the competition. Read their newsletters. They put in the effort and are reaping their deserved rewards.

Now is the time to plan, build and analyze. As a dedicated member says, "block out the contest weekends for the fall and winter with you family now, so you can be free when you will need to be on the air. Get help now so you will be ready". Where will you be? Home or away? DXpeditions are available for an experience you will never forget. Plan it now.

Have any gripes? Have any good suggestions? Are you looking out for new members and encouraging the existing members? Let us know. Write or call us. The repeater is up and many of us are on it. Going to Dayton? There's plenty of room and great fun. Talk it up now.

We have planned at least four summer meetings. Come out and share fun, food and fraternity with FRC. Above all, start thinking about the upcoming contest season NOW.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Check the list below to be sure that your contribution (received by April 29) is listed. If you are not in the first big group, be sure to send in your contribution today.

AA1K	KB3MM	W2RF
AA2FB	KD2KS	W2SAI
AA2NS	KD2RE	W2TV
AA2WN	KG2MY	W2UDT
AA3B	KQ2O	W2VJN
AA3TT	KQ3F	W2XT
AJ2U	KU3X	W2YC
K2AZ	N2CQ	W2YR
K2DM	N2ED	W3AP
K2FL	N2LT	W3BEN
K2JLA	N2MM	W3BGN
K2NJ	N2MT	W3CC
K2PS	N2NT	W3EA
K2QMF	N2NU	W3FV
K2SQ	N2TK	W3KV
K2SWZ	N2VW	W3MA
K2TW	N3ARK	W3MF
K2UT	N3BB	W3MM
K2WJ	N3DL	W3NX
K2WS	N3ED	W3OV
K3ANS	N3IDP	W3RAT
K3AR	N3KR	W3SDH
K3CP	N3KW	W3TPC
K3CT	N3RD	W3UM
K3CY	N3RX	W4AA
K3GYS	N3SS	W4EN
K3II	N3ZW	W7CT
K3KFD	N7UN	W8FJ
K3NW	N9GG	W9NGA
K3NZ	NA2U	WA3LRO
K3OO	NA3K	WA3RHW
K3PP	NN3Q	WA3YOB
K3RL	NO2R	WB3CIW
K3TEJ	NR2H	WF3H
K3WW	W2CG	WM2H
K3ZA	W2GD	WQ3E
K5KG	W2HCA	WT3P
KB2BF	W2RD	WT3W

N3RU earns Eagle Scout

Rob, N3RU, received the Eagle Scout Award in a ceremony on April 18th. Those of you familiar with scouting know that is quite an accomplishment. Rob is a new FRCer. His last contest was ARRL Phone from W3EA where he helped man Wayne's Multi crew.

Rob is currently building a new station at the scout camp. He has a small tribander on one tower and another 70' of Rohn 55g that is bare. I imagine he could use some donated aluminum (or wire). He has a pretty good start with an FT-1000MP and my old Alpha 76CA. Give him a call if you care to help him out. He's active on Charlie's node, too.

We need to support these young men and women who work so hard to be model citizens.

Congratulations Rob! Well Done!

Submitted by W3CF

From the Editor

Each of us has a point at which we realize we haven't done nearly enough for the organizations to which we belong. For me, regarding FRC, that moment came in early April. Looking at the 0 meetings attended on my mailing label, my lack of contest participation and, more importantly, seeing the tremendous effort put in by active club members brought me to the point where I simply decided to become more active. I read the repeated requests for a newsletter editor and figured "why not?". So here I am.

I'd like to thank Chas, K3WW, for his tremendous help in getting me started, not only with the newsletter, but with contesting in general (has it really been 25 years?).

I'd also like to thank those who eased my initial voyage into newsletterdom by submitting articles and photos. It's nice to see blank pages fill up with articles. Please don't be afraid to make submissions. I may tweak a word or two, but I won't growl (though my XYL of one month probably disagrees).

Don't expect too many changes right away. There's enough to figure out without upsetting things. However, if anyone has comments, criticisms, article submissions, etc., feel free to let me know. You can call me at 717-657-9792 or email at joe@microserve.net.

73, Joe KQ3F

Doug, W3CF submitted these pic-

tures of the new repeater installation.

The photo on the left is the business end of the repeater, and the photo on the right is, of course, the tower for the repeater (among what looks like a LOT of other services).

Thanks Doug!!

WPX SSB Score Rumors

FRC "West" Meeting



CALL	QSOS	PFX	SCORE	CLASS
AB2E	2321	839	5,326,811	SOA
K3WW	1306	686	2,487,436	SOA
KB3TS	664	400	757,200	SOQ
KQ2M	3781	994	11,061,231	SOH
N2ED	1380	618	2,103,672	SOH
N3ED	747	471	1,035,258	SOA
N3MKZ	1689	717	3,640,926	SOA
N3RD	741	463	1,022,767	SOA
P40W	5134	1052	18,335,308	SOH
W3PP	1973	781	4,313,463	SOA
W6XR	3432	961	8,930,573	M

OPS:

W2GD at P40W
W6XR and N2AU at W6XR

On April 29, 11 FRC members from the western portion of the FRC coverage area met at Zinn's diner for the inaugural FRC "West" gathering, organized by Dale, N3BNA. This was a wonderful opportunity for those FRCers from south central PA who often find it difficult to make the Tuesday evening meetings in Philly.

One of the issues discussed was communication. For people who's hobby is communication, we found that we often don't do very well in communicating among club members.

Specifically, we discussed the need to improve communication among club members via the Internet (perhaps a reflector?), the repeater, packet and email. All members listed their email addresses to begin the process of improving contact among the "westerners".

Everyone had a great time, and agreed to meet again on either a bi-monthly or quarterly basis.

If you're in Lancaster, Berks, Dauphin, York, Lebanon or other area counties, contact KQ3F (email address on page 2) for further details regarding the next meeting.

The Frankford Radio Club

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Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (Sep through May) at 8 PM at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, 43rd and Kingsessing Street, Philadelphia. Summer meetings are held at member homes (one Saturday/ Sunday per month).

Packet Cluster Contest/DX System

144.910	N2MT
144.930	W3FRC
145.610	K2TD
144.950	KD3CN
145.530	K3WW
145.530	AA1K
145.530	K2SG
145.570	WT3Q
145.570	K2TW
145.590	N2NT
144.950	K3GYS
145.710	W3EA
145.730	N2BIM
147.495	W3MM
441.050	W3MM
445.525	K3GYS
445.525	W3EA
445.850	KD3CN
..TBA	N3ED