



TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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A Non-Profit 501c3 Organization

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OFFICERS:

President: Frank D'Amato, KB2MXV

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Public Information Officer: Jim Munley KB3FET

Secretary: Tom Lesisko K3TE

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Webmaster: Frank D'Amato KB2MXV

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Schuylkill County AREAS/RACES NET

On the last Tuesday of the month, at 8PM
our NET Control Operator is Jim,
KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system

Roundtable NET

Every Wednesday, at 8PM

Many club announcements can be heard.

- Need Emergency Service in Schuylkill County? **Dial 911**
- Need Amateur Radio Service? Visit W3TWA.org. Under "Info" click on "Contact us"
- We are here to serve the community. If you need radio communications for an event let us know. We will gladly help.



Minutes from our April 2025 TWA Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Tamaqua Wireless Association was held on Saturday April 12, 2025. The meeting was held at the Tamaqua Municipal Building, 320 East Broad Street in Tamaqua. Presiding was President, KB2MXV. The meeting was called to order at 8:30AM.

The following members were present and/or on Zoom for the meeting:

KB2MXV, WY3K, KC3PJJ, KB3FET, KC3VPZ, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: KB2MXV

Minutes were distributed via email and reviewed, after a discussion, on a motion by:

1. WY3K
2. KB3FET

To accept the minutes of our March 8th meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

General Fund: \$0.00

Account Balance: \$ 0.00

Cash on Hand \$0.00

Bills: \$0.0 PPL charge for electricity at Bears Head

Motion to accept the Treasurers report:

Motion 1: K3TE Motion 2: KB3FET

Motion passed

If anyone would like a copy of the bank statement or any bills, email Frank at kb2mxv@gmail.com.

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: KC3PJJ

1. Field Day June 28th and 29th – TWA will be at the Owl Creek Reservoir Dam. We are planning on operating with a few stations at this time. One QRP rig and one or two 100-watt stations. More to follow. We will discuss in more detail with our May meeting.

TWA Website & Calendar: KB2MXV

Took off Sunday breakfast, otherwise the website and calendar are up to date.

Application for Membership: K3TE

None at this time.

VE Session: K3TE

Dan Koloski who tested in March received his call sign, KD3AUN

Three people tested on Saturday April 12, 2025

1. Bonita Moyer passed her General Class License.
2. Ken Schwartz with a call sign of WB2LNO passed his General Class License.
3. Tim Corby passed his Technician Class License.

VE Test Sessions for 2025		
Month	Time	Location
March 8th	10AM	Tamaqua Borough Hall (rear) 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
April 12th	10AM	
June 14 th	10AM	
August 9 th	10AM	
November 8 th	10AM	

Congratulations everyone. TWA would also like to thank the VE's and their dedications to assisting the test takers. Thanks go out to VE's Jim Munley (KB3FET), Frank D'Amato (KB2MXV), Bill Dale (WY3K), Tom Lesisko (K3TE) and Joshua Zimmerman (KC3PVZ).

Public Relations: KB3FET

Field Day announcement going to the paper(s) and commissioners

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

Nothing to report

ARES County EC: KB3FET

Jim sends a report to Larry WR1B, Dan Cook, Bob McClintock N3RZI and members of TWA. There was a discussion about ARES Net. TWA's response is until we get something officially from ARRL side and the RACES side about changes to Schuylkill County Nets. TWA will continue to do the NET on the last Tuesday of the month on the Bears Head repeater.

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net: KB3FET TWA Check-Ins for 2025

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 28 th	7	April 29 th		July 29 th		October 28 th	
February 25 th	7	May 27 th		August 26 th		November 25 th	
March 25 th	7	June 24 th		September 30 th		December 30 th	
1 st Quarter	21	2 nd Quarter	0	3 rd Quarter	0	4 th Quarter	0

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. The communication cabinet is now directly grounded to the tower. This way there is no static charge built up between the two. We will also be grounding the cabinet to the ground wire around the fence.
2. A huge thank you to Bill, WY3K, Kevin, N3KJL, and Frank, KB2MXV for removing the antenna and swapping it for a different one at our Tamaqua site on Friday March 14th. We can't forget Tony Fannock for helping TWA get the antenna down from the high-rise too.

TWA Roundtable NET at 8PM: KB3FET

May 2025 NET Control Operators are:

May 7th, Jim, KB3FET

May 14th, Jim, KB3FET

May 21st, Jim, KB3FET

May 28th, Jim, KB3FET

You can use the Bears Head repeater, our Pottsville repeater or the Mountain Valley repeater to check in.

Month 2025	Number of Wednesdays	Number of Check-Ins
January	5	28
February	4	30
March	4	35
April	5	16
May	4	
June	4	
July	5	
August	4	
September	4	
October	5	
November	4	
December	5	
Total	53	109

Old Business: KB2MXV

1. Meshtastic update – KC3PJJ, a node called Bears Head W3TWA was installed at the top of the fire tower on March 9th. Mason will donate the node to TWA.
2. Mason said TWA is part of the NEPA Meshtastic link system.

New Business & Correspondence: KB2MXV

1. Jim, KB3FET thought it would be a great idea to offer a VE Test session on Field Day June 28th.
2. Equipment insurance is coming due in June.
3. There was a discussion about putting a Mestastic link at the top of the high-rise in Tamaqua. After the discussion, on a motion to purchase a Mestastic link by 1st: Mason, KC3PJJ and 2nd by Joshua KC3VPZ

Good for the Order: KB2MXV

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Saturday May 10th, at 9:00AM at the Fairlane Diner, 7330 Pottsville St Clair Hwy in Pottsville. Listen to the club announcements on the Roundtable Net for any last-minute changes.

With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 9:20AM by:

1. KC3PJJ
2. KC3VPZ

Motion passed.

Minutes prepared and submitted by

Tom Lesisko, K3TE

Secretary, Tamaqua Wireless Association.

VE Test Session from April 12th



In the picture to the left:
Frank KB2MXV, Jim KB3FET, Tim Corby, and Josh
KC3VPZ

Pictured below are Bill WY3K, and Bonita Moyer



In the picture to the left, Tom K3TE and Ken WB2LNO



Congratulations to everyone and thank you to all VE's