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145.450

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145.05

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Every Thursday 9pm

Club Repeater

145.450/PL 82.5

The Murgas Amateur Radio Club Inc. meets on the first Wednesday of each month, 8:00 P.M. at the Luzerne County Emergency Management at 185 Water Street Wilkes-Barre. Guests are always welcome.

Articles for publication may be submitted to the club post office box, given to me at a meeting, or sent by e-mail to

news@murgasarc.org .

de K3DBG

Well, here we are, November 2018... We made it, but already? This really was over of those years that flew by. No matter how long it took us to get here, here we are. That means it's time to pay the HerVster aka "club Treasurer" for the club dinner, think about who you'll nominate for office or board, or think about weather you'd accept a nomination yourself for office or board, and to also get those nominations for a deserving Ham of the Year in by the November board meeting. To nominate someone for Ham of the Year you must submit your selection with your reason (s) why and sign it with your name and/or call sign. It will need to go to any of the current board members or any of the officers using email or in writing, or mail it to the club's P.O. Box.

I think Walt may have given me the flu over the radio during the net this past Thursday. Whatever is going around I hope you don't get it. It's not fun. Take care of yourselves this flu season. You wouldn't want to miss out on the CQ World Wide DX CW contest this month, hi hi...

de K3DBG

Nomination of Officers for 2019

November is the month that we accept nomination for all offices and the Board of Directors for 2019. The election will be held at the December meeting. Nominations will be reopened prior to the election for each office in December.

Nominations for Ham of the Year

Nominations for Ham of the Year are due in time for the meeting of the Board of Directors on November 21, 2018. Nominations in writing can be delivered to any Officer or Board member or mailed to the club post office box shown on the address page. The nomination must be in hand for the November Board meeting.

Murgas Holiday Dinner

The Murgas Club Holiday Dinner will be held on Friday, December 14th, 2018 at the Coal City Tavern, located at 75 Main Street Luzerne, PA 18709. There will be a social hour starting at 6:30 PM and a family style dinner will be served, starting at 7:00 PM with a menu consisting of the following:

- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Pork and Wild Mushrooms
- Roast Beef and Gravy
- Roasted Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Coffee, Tea and Non-alcoholic Beverages (a CASH ONLY bar will be

- available, as well)

The cost per club member and guests is \$20 per person. There will be several prize drawings and the Ham of the Year will be announced. Reservations will be taken until Wednesday December 5th, 2018. If you would like to join us, please make your reservation by signing up at one of the next 2 club meetings or by contacting Elaine Kollar K3VQR at 570-735-8190. Hope to see you there!

MARC MINUTES Monthly Club Meeting For October, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Murgas Amateur Radio Club was held on October 3, 2018. President John Denisco K3DBG called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM. Twenty-five (25) members were in attendance. Visitors present included Jamie from Dallas, Gina from Dallas (niece of Frank Mallock WB3CQD), Michael Goram, Tim, and Bob Brennan KC3CKV. Michael and Tim passed FCC licensing at a testing session held before the meeting. Michael now holds a General License and Tim holds a Technician License. Marty O'Malia N3PF received awards at the Bloomsburg Fair for his paintings. Marty won two first place awards and an honorable mention. Herb Krumich K2LNS reported on the club's finances. The report was accepted. The September minutes as published in the MARC Times were accepted. The secretary, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, noted the receipt of QSL cards from overseas countries.

Committee Reports:

Club Net - President Denisco announced that the Net is looking for more control operators. If you are interested, contact George Miklosi K3ZK.

VE Team - Rick Rinehimer K3TOW reported on the FCC license testing session held before the meeting. One new Technician and one new General received their licenses. Testing sessions can be held upon request with a two week notice.

Old Business:

Bob Brennan KC3CKV previously submitted an application for membership. President Denisco again read Bob's application. Bob Montgomery W3ZR motioned to accept Bob into the club. Matt Kruger K2OZO seconded the motion. After agreeing to abide by the Murgas Constitution and Bylaws, Bob KC3CKV was accepted into membership.

The annual Club Dinner will be held on December 14th at the Coal City Tavern in Luzerne. Social hour starts at 6:30 PM and family style dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Menu options include: stuffed chicken breasts, pork and wild mushrooms, and roast beef with gravy. The cost for the dinner is \$20 per person and there will also be a cash bar. Please sign-up if you want to attend.

New Business:

The PA QSO Party takes place on October 13th and 14th. The "feeding frenzy" (a time when club members work other club members on 2, 6, and 10 meters) will begin at 4PM on Sunday, the 14th. Members will begin on 2 meters at the 146.55 frequency and work their way through 6 and 10 meters. Rovers and portable stations are asked to post their locations.

President Denisco announced that today, October 3rd, marks 50 years since Phil Galasso K2PG received his amateur radio license. Phil received a round of applause.

President Denisco read an application for membership from Mark Sklaney WB3FKP. A vote on the application will be held at the next meeting that Mark attends.

President Denisco reminded members that at next month's meeting, nominations for club officers and board of directors will be held. Voting will take place at the December meeting.

Announcements:

Walt Jones WN3LIF announced that there will be a brief meeting next Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 PM in the EMA building for those participating in the SSES drill. Participants are asked to bring their computers for an update of forms. The meeting should be very brief.

Ian Kellman K3IK is recovering from heart surgery. He is having physical therapy and may go home on Monday. Members signed a get-well card for Ian.

Herb Krumich K2LNS asked for help in raising an antenna on Friday, October 5th. Herb has a bucket truck that is coming to move the antenna.

It was announced that Christophe Waters KC3HLS is officially a Marine.

Marty O'Malia asked a question about isolation and received some recommendations.

As of October 1st, Walt Jones WN3LIF retired as Emergency Coordinator between the amateur radio community and Luzerne County EMA. President Denisco presented Walt with an engraved plaque to recognize his many years of service. Walt received a standing ovation. A decorated cake to mark the occasion was served for refreshments.



The Murgas Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 17th at 7:30 PM. The meeting is held in the conference room at the WBRE-TV Building on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre.

The next monthly club meeting will be held on November 7th at 8:00 PM. The meeting is held in the Luzerne County Emergency Operations Building.

With no further business, Ray Gusher KB3ACO made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Montgomery W3ZR seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting October 2018

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Murgas Amateur Radio Club was held in the WBRE-TV conference room on October 17, 2018. President John Denisco K3DBG called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Directors present were John Denisco K3DBG, Bill Waters KC3HLT, Herb Krumich K2LNS, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, Rick Rinehimer K3TOW, George Miklosi K3ZK, and Rich Tyira KC3FKW. Also present were Kyle Burke KC3JMO, Christophe Waters KC3HLS, and Tina Waters. Later Walt Jones WN3LIF checked via phone.

Secretary, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, presented the membership application from Mark Sklaney WB3FKP. It was noted that Mark previously belonged to the Murgas Club.

Tina Waters stated that she is still working on details for the Club Dinner. There is a question if salad, rolls, and dessert are included with the dinner. The club will furnish cookies, if dessert is not included.

Bill Waters KC3HLT noted that he would like to make the favors for the dinner. Bill has a new machine that he would like to try. There will not be a program for November since nominations for officers and board of directors will take place.

Rick Rinehimer K3TOW reported that he has entered the Murgas Hamfest into the Icom hamfest net. Our Hamfest will be advertised in whatever promotions Icom develops. We are also entitled to a 35% off discount on any purchases that we make. This could be helpful in purchasing prizes for the Hamfest. Also there is a raffle to have an Icom representative attend hamfests. Rick also noted that there may be another exam session before next month's meeting. Initial inquiries have been made.

Herb Krumich K2LNS stated that before the SSES Drill be checked the antenna at Hollenback Township, and it is not working. Herb has made contact with a township supervisor and will try to meet him and resolve the problem.

Walt Jones WN3LIF checked into the meeting via phone. Walt reminded the Directors about inviting the EOC Staff to the Club Dinner. Walt will extend invitations to Lucy Morgan, Dave Elmore, and Bill Sharksnas.

The Directors then discussed the SSES Drill. For the amateurs the drill went well. There were some messages that needed to be resent. Suggestions were made to add a field for a number to the current form. Alternately a field for "resent" would be useful.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, Secretary

FREE

- A 2 meter 5/8 wave ground plane vertical with coax.
- A home brew six meter 3 element beam with coax, antenna modeled after the Cushcraft 3 element 6 meter beam.
- Also a rotor and controller

73 Joe Smalley WA3CKA Call me at 570 654 1927.

de K2PG

Last month, it seems like we went straight from summer to winter, from humid days with temperatures in the eighties to early morning frost and temperatures well below freezing. Welcome to our area's six months of winter!

In my October trivial question, I asked what the callsigns of the two amateur radio operators were in the 1938 classic radio drama *War of the Worlds*. They were 2X2L and 8X3R. Of course, these calls are fictional. To my knowledge, there were no numeric prefixes in 1938, anyway.

In the late 1890s, British author H.G. Wells wrote *The War of the Worlds*, a science fiction novel about an attempt by Martians to invade Earth after the natural resources on Mars were depleted. In the 1930s, Orson Welles (no relation) produced *Mercury Radio Theatre*, a program that aired sustaining (without commercial sponsorship) on the CBS network. He adapted the H.G. Wells novel to America in the 1930s and produced the radio adaptation of *War of the Worlds* on October 30, 1938 for the *Mercury Radio Theatre*. His program started out as typical 1930s evening radio fare, with dance music broadcast from a (fictional) hotel ballroom. The music was interrupted by several news bulletins about unusual activity seen on the planet Mars by astronomers at the observatory in Princeton University. A Martian spacecraft, a metal cylinder, landed in a cornfield in Grovers Mill, New Jersey (a real rural town near Princeton) and the rest is history. At the height of the mayhem, 2X2L and 8X3R had a contact. Later, as the destruction continued, one heard, "2X2L calling CQ. 2X2L calling CQ. Isn't there anyone on the air? Isn't there anyone?" Welles' broadcast created a national panic and the FCC drafted a rule against the broadcasting of hoaxes. As 73.1217, that rule is still in effect. Oh yes, *Mercury Radio Theatre* did pick up a sponsor. The Campbell Soup Company sponsored this show, figuring that, if Orson Welles and his cast could get a whole country to run from fictional Martians, maybe they could get people to run to the store to buy Campbell's Soup.

My November trivia question concerns November 22. For us older folks, that was the infamous Friday in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Dealey Plaza in Dallas. But for us radio enthusiasts; at least two other things happened on November 22. What were they?

Later, Phil Galasso K2PG

Editors Note:

I would like to thank all the authors who have contributed to this issue and invite all members to submit an article for publication. I will help with grammar and spelling.

Articles may be published in other amateur publications provided credit is given for the author and the source.

Ads for amateur related items will be published for members without charge. They may be submitted to me at a meeting, by mail to the club box, or by e-mail to news@murgasarc.org.

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THANK YOU de N3KGC

I have also recently been discharged from the Hospital with a new stent to open up a blocked artery as well as a replacement of my pacemaker whose battery was due to expire soon. Hopefully I am good for another eight years at least.

I would like to thank the membership for the card. A good reminder that laughter is the best medicine. Thank you all.

QSL Cards via the Bureau de N3KGC

Have you been waiting a long time for cards via the QSL Bureau? Do not despair – On Halloween I received a Package from the Bureau that contained a card from FY5KE in French Guiana for a contact on December 14, 2003 as well as one from CS2T in Portugal for a contact on March 29, 2008. Although I don't chase paper there is still a chance you may get that "one" you are waiting for.

My envelope was so old it contained a First Class postage stamp with additional 10 cents postage.

Thank the ARRL for the Log Book of the World.

**Murgas Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 1094
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703**



**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS
FOR 2019**

**First Class Postage
Meeting Notice Enclosed**

**CLUB MEETING
November 7, 2018
Luzerne County Emergency Management 185 Water Street,
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

**PROGRAM
NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2019**

**BOARD MEETING – November 21, 2018
WBRE Offices – 7:30 PM
68 S Franklin St, Wilkes-Barre
All welcome to attend**

**Deadline for the MARC Times
December – November 28, 2018**