# EPARA BEACON



Welcome to the **EPARA Beacon**, the official newsletter of the **Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Association (EPARA)**!

For more than **35 years**, EPARA has proudly served the amateur radio community throughout the **Pocono Mountains and surrounding areas**. Our mission is to provide opportunities for learning, sharing knowledge, and advancing skills in amateur radio—for **Hams and non-Hams alike**.

We take great pride in supporting our local communities and surrounding areas by providing reliable radio communications when needs arise. Whether it's emergency communications, public service events, training, or simply helping others learn about the world of amateur radio, our members are always ready to lend a hand.

EPARA has been affiliated with the **American Radio Relay League (ARRL)** since **1995**. We continue to support the ARRL and its efforts to promote and advance amateur radio around the world. From study materials and licensing exams to club activities, contesting, emergency communications, and much more, there is always something new to discover, learn, and enjoy.

**Amateur radio is a hobby with something for everyone!** Whether you are an experienced operator, a newcomer, or simply curious about what amateur radio is all about, we invite you to come and see what EPARA has to offer.

**Come Join Us!**

Feel free to join us for our **monthly club meeting**, held at **7:30 PM (1930 hours)** at the:

**Monroe County Emergency Center (911 Center)**

Come meet fellow radio enthusiasts, learn something new, and become part of this exciting hobby and our growing amateur radio community.

**We look forward to seeing you on the air and at our next meeting!**

## CLUB OFFICERS

***PRESIDENT***
*Ed Hugele- kc3olb*

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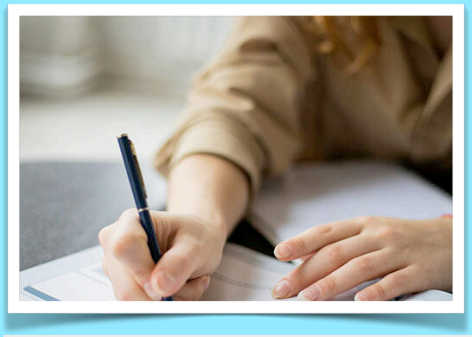
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*John Victor - k3wh*

***MEMBERSHIP***
*Al Brizzi - kb3ovb*

***SOCIAL MEDIA***
*Ray Loewenthal - w3ril*

***PUBLIC INFO OFFICER***
*Position Open*



## Monthly VE Testing

*To schedule you test, contact Chris: aj3c.ve@gmail.com*

*Testing starts at 1800 prior to our monthly club meeting.*

## WEEKLY NETS

*EPARA Tech Net - Mon 2030*
*146.865 Mhz, PL - 100 Hz*

*EPARA Info /Swap Net Tue 2030*
*146.865 Mhz, PL - 100Hz*

*EPARA DMR RAG CHEW Wed 2030*
*Talk Group - 3149822*

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# *President's Comments*





# PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS - OCTOBER 2026

## Dear Club Members,

It's great to see our club continuing to stay active and moving forward! I want to thank everyone for your continued support of EPARA and for helping promote the amateur radio hobby.

Our monthly meetings continue to run smoothly, giving us more time for presentations, demonstrations, and good discussions. Remember, this is **your club**, and your participation makes it better. If you have a topic you'd like to present, something you'd like to demonstrate, or knowledge you can share with fellow members, please contact me or any of our officers. We'd love to hear from you!

## Smithfield Library Presentation

We are planning another amateur radio presentation at the Smithfield Library in October or November. The exact date is still being determined. A special thank you to **Chris (AJ3C)** for agreeing to give the presentation. We'll share more details as soon as they are available.

### Fox Hunt

Our Fox Hunt was held on September 19th on **Kevin's (W3KCF)** property. We had 12 folks come out and participate, and we couldn't have asked for better weather. The food was plentiful, the company was great, and everyone seemed to have a good time.

A big thank you to Kevin for generously allowing us to use his property for the event. We're already looking forward to the next Fox Hunt—and finding a few more good places to hide those foxes!

## Hamfest

This year's Hamfest was once again held at the Moose Lodge on September 20th. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate, and the heavy rain kept us from having vendors outside. Even so, we had five vendors under the pavilion and plenty for everyone to look at.

A special thank you to **John (K3WH)**, who set up an impressive display of equipment for sale. With everyone staying under cover because of the rain, his table saw plenty of activity. John graciously shared a portion of his sales proceeds with the club.

Between John's contribution and the food and breakfast sandwiches sold, the club did just as well financially as we did last year despite the poor weather.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the Hamfest a success. And another special thank you to **John and Rose** for the wonderful breakfast sandwiches and for everything they contributed to the day.

# PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS - (Cont)

## Parks on the Air (POTA)

We are planning a **Parks on the Air (POTA)** event in October at Beltzville State Park. We're hoping to join with **LVARC** and make this a group event. It should be a great opportunity to get on the air, enjoy the outdoors, and spend some time together.

More details will be provided as the plans are finalized.

## Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held at **The Rusty Putter in Stroudsburg**. We'll be ordering directly from the menu, and dessert will also be available.

We're looking forward to getting together, enjoying a good meal, and celebrating another year of amateur radio and fellowship.

## Looking Ahead

We have a lot going on, and it's great to see members continuing to participate and support our club activities. Thank you again to everyone who volunteers, attends our events, shares their knowledge, and helps make EPARA a great amateur radio club.

## Hope to see you at our next meeting!

**73,**
**Ed**

# EPARA MINUTES AUGUST 2026



**Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Association**
**September 10th, 2026**
**General Membership Meeting 7:30PM**

## Open meeting:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm on September 10th, 2026 by Ed - KC3OLB
**Quorum:** Yes

Total attending: 17 Present at 911 Center: 15 Present on Zoom:2 Visitors present: 1

**Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of silence:**

**Membership Meeting – Minutes August 13th 2026**
**Secretary – Kevin - W3KCF:**

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from August 13, 2026, were posted in the EPARA September Newsletter. Ed – KC3OLB asked the members if they had seen and reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. He then asked if there were any questions, corrections, or objections to the minutes as presented. With no objections, Ed asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

***Motion to accept Minutes as Read: Ron – Ne3GGT and 2nd by Pete – KB3YKJ (Passed)***

## Treasurer's report:

***For the September 10, 2026 EPARA Club Meeting***
**By Mike – WR8TH**
**Treasurer's Report - Month of August 2026**

During the meeting, a detailed report itemizing all transactions was read to the membership, all of which are backed by accompanying documentation. Mike is the designated point of contact for anyone wishing to review this detailed report.

***Motion to accept Treasures Report: AL – KB3OVB and 2nd Sean – KC3TPD Motion Passed***

## 2027 Budget Report

After the Treasurer's Report, Mike – WR8TH, gave a detailed report regarding the proposed 2027 budget. He reviewed the club's operating costs, anticipated additional expenses, and possible unexpected costs that may arise during the year.

Members who would like to review the proposed 2027 budget may contact Mike – WR8TH.

**A motion to accept the proposed 2027 budget was made by Pete – KB3YKJ and seconded by Len – KC3OND. (Motion Passed)**

## Comments from the President: Ed – KB3OLB

### Tonight's Presentation:

At tonight's presentation, we will be looking at two exciting aspects of amateur radio.

First, Mike – WR8TH will demonstrate an SWR/antenna analyzer for handheld radios. You'll be able to see how well your antenna is actually performing and learn how to check its performance. Our second presentation will be a group effort by Ralph, Kevin, and Dave, who will demonstrate how to set up and use **QSO One** on your Android phone. We hope you'll join us for these informative and hands-on presentations!

### Upcoming Fox Hunt

We are also planning to conduct a **Fox Hunt on August 19th** at **Kevin – W3KCF's** place. We will assemble around **11:00 AM** and begin the hunt shortly afterward. At the conclusion of the event, we plan to have some **pizza and fellowship**. This will also give us an opportunity to review the hunt, discuss what we did right, and talk about what may have gone astray. We look forward to seeing everyone and having a great time!

### In Search of A Public Information Officer (PIO):

Ed mentioned that we are still seeking someone interested in becoming our **PIO**. This is an important position within the club and provides an opportunity to represent our club in the community, help promote amateur radio, and participate in upcoming community events. If you are interested in taking on this role, please let one of the club officers know. Your involvement can make a real difference in helping our club connect with and serve the community.

**Hamfest:** Sunday – Sept 20

Join us for this year's **Hamfest on September 20th at the Moose Lodge!**

Ed thanked all of the members who have already committed to working the event. We are still looking for a few more volunteers, and **everyone is welcome to help**. Come out, pick a post, and have some fun while supporting the club! Walt mentioned that we have **flyers ready to distribute**, and we need everyone to help pass them out at other ham radio events and gatherings. Bob – W3BMM, is also doing a **mass mailing to other clubs** to help spread the word and get more people to attend.

**John – K3WH** will be setting up equipment he plans to sell at the club's table. He has some really impressive gear and has priced it to sell. John has graciously informed the board that he plans to donate **half of the proceeds from the sales to the club**. We greatly appreciate John's generosity and support of EPARA.

**Club Hats:**

We are excited to offer official club hats! They feature the EPARA logo embroidered on the front and your personal call sign on the back. The hats are $22 each. To place your order, please send an email to eparahamradio@outlook.com with your desired call sign.

**Christmas party: December 10th, 2026**

We will be holding our Christmas Party at **The Rusty Putter in Stroudsburg**, located at **1038 Hickory Valley Road, Stroudsburg**. A **menu is available for all to see in our September Newsletter**. The prices are reasonable, and the food is good, so we hope this will be a great location for everyone to enjoy an evening together.

**Smithfield Library:**

Ed announced we have been invited to give a second presentation at the library. When we know the time and date, we will let you know.

**POTA:** We are currently working with LVARC to organize a **joint POTA activation** around the third weekend in October. We are considering **Beltzville State Park** as the activation site, but plans are still in the coordination stage. **Stand by for more details as they become available!**

**Net Participation:** Ed mentioned we have 3 weekly nets. Come out and join us.

**Club Nets:** All nets are up and running. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

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| •Tech Net Monday at 2030 | | WX3OES | 146.865 | PL 100 |
| •Swap Net Tuesday at 2030 | | WX3OES | 146.865 | PL 100 |
| •DMR Rag Chew Wednesday at 2030 | TG | 3149822 | | |

## Reports of officers and committee's:

## Ed - KC3OLB – Program Committee

***If you are interested in giving a presentation in the upcoming year, please contact Ed at KC3OLB@gmail.com***

### Public Information Officer (PIO):

We are looking for a Public Information Officer.
(PIO) If anyone is interested, contact the board.

### QuarterMaster: John – K3WH

Absent

### Ray – W3RIL – Social Media:

Ray said all was going well with social media. Please visit facebook and post. We are getting about 100 views a week. We have 181 followers

### Kevin – W3KCF – Newsletter:

Everything is going well with the newsletter. If you have any tech articles you'd like posted or equipment you'd like to sell, please drop me a note and I'll make sure it gets in. Each month, there will be something new. I'll continue to send out the newsletter via the groups io, but it will always be up on the website.

**Contact information: *eparabeacon@gmail.com***

**AL, KB3OVB: Membership**

AL said the list he currently has show's 41 paid members, plus 4 lifetime members.

**Old Business:**

Ed mentioned that we are still looking for a suitable trailer for the club. We have been monitoring Facebook Marketplace, local newspapers, and Municibid.com, an online government auction site. We have seen several trailers listed, but they have either been too expensive or not suitable for our needs. We are still actively looking. If anyone comes across a trailer that they believe would work for the club, please let us know. Any leads or suggestions would be greatly appreciated!

**Club Id's:** Once again, Ed thanked Craig – W3WWP for his generosity in setting up the club IDs and covering the costs to have them made.

**New Business**:

**Red Cross Radio Support – Little League Championship**

Len – KC3OND mentioned that the Red Cross had radio operators standing by to provide radio support for the Little League Championships in Williamsport, should the need arise.

He asked if there were any club members who might be interested in volunteering again next year with communication support, if needed. If you are interested in helping, please let Len know.

**Len – KC3OND** suggested that we put together a committee to explore ideas for additional club fundraisers. At present, the club has only two sources of income: membership dues and the annual hamfest. The idea was well received, and we will be exploring it further in the coming months. If you have ideas for potential fundraisers or would be interested in serving on the committee, please let us know.

**New Members**

We had the pleasure of welcoming and voting in a new member tonight, **Scott – KD3DRY**. Welcome to EPARA, Scott! Thank you for becoming a member. We're glad to have you as part of the club and look forward to seeing you at future meetings and activities.

**Announcements:** None

**RadioID.net:** Verification is now required for DMR Radio IDs. **Starting July 1, 2026, you will need to go to the RadioID.net website and verify your DMR Radio ID each year.** If you fail to complete the verification, your Radio ID will eventually be **deactivated**. If you use DMR, be sure to check your RadioID.net account and complete the verification when requested so your ID remains active.

**50/50 Raffle**: Tonight's 50/50 Raffle was won by Mike – WR8TH. He received a total of $31.00 in cash.

**Adjournment…** Meeting was adjourned at 2010

***Motion to close Pete -KB3YKJ and 2nd by Ron – N3GGT Motion Passed***

Secretary
*Kevin Forrest*
W3KCF

# Our Fox Hunt Is Now In The Books!

**Fox Hunt Fun at Kevin's**

Our latest Fox Hunt is now in the books—and what a great time it was!

The hunt was held at Kevin's – **W3KCF – house**, and we couldn't have asked for better weather. We had **12 brave hunters** show up, and everyone was ready to put their radio skills and a little detective work to the test.

James – **NV2M –** was the first to track down the first fox. The second fox, however, wasn't going to give up so easily! It took a real **group effort** to locate it. The fox was cleverly buried in a wheelbarrow filled with stone, making it quite the challenge to find.

After about **two hours of searching, strategizing, and probably a little head-scratching**, both foxes were finally located. With the hunt complete, everyone settled down for some well-deserved pizza and conversation.

Of course, once you have a successful hunt, the question becomes: **Where do we hide the fox next time?**

Len suggested trying a new location, perhaps a park. Ron and I have also been talking about the possibility of hiding the fox somewhere in town. That could open up a whole new set of challenges—and maybe give everyone a few more opportunities to practice their direction-finding skills.

For now, we have something to look forward to, along with plenty of time to strategize and come up with ideas for our next adventure.

**A big thank-you to everyone who participated. We're already looking forward to the next hunt!**

# Fox Hunt Sept 19, 2026 (cont.)



**Ed, Ron and Ralph getting it done**



**They might be lost**



**Now What!**

# Fox Hunt Sept 19, 2026 (cont.)



**James with the first fox**



**James holding the 2nd fox**



**At the conclusion of our hunt**

# Hamfest 2026

## EPARA Hamfest — Rain, Rumors and Radios!

This year's Hamfest is definitely **one for the books!**

It all started the night before when a rumor began making the rounds that the Hamfest had been **cancelled**. We have no idea where that information originated, but like a good radio signal, it started traveling! Thankfully, we were able to get the word out and set everyone straight: **THE HAMFEST WAS ON!**

Then came Saturday.

And what a Saturday it was!

The skies opened up and gave us a **torrential downpour**. But did that stop EPARA? **Absolutely not!** We showed up, set up, and figured the weather would eventually cooperate.

Well... it didn't.

We had **zero outdoor vendors**, but five brave souls made their way inside and set up shop. And despite the weather, they had a pretty good day.

John – **K3WH** – strategically set up near the food table. This allowed him to cook breakfast sandwiches while keeping an eye on his impressive collection of equipment. John had some great gear, and he priced it to sell. **And sell it did!** We greatly appreciate John's generosity and his continued support of EPARA.

The food operation also went extremely well. **Dave, John, and Bob** spent much of the day cooking, while **Rose** took on cashier duties and had a great time talking with everyone who came through the door.

When the morning started, we were convinced the rain was going to put a serious damper on the Hamfest. But, much to our surprise, people kept showing up! Ham radio operators are apparently not afraid of a little rain—or perhaps they just really wanted to see what was for sale!

With only five vendors inside, the buyers had fewer tables to visit, which may have actually worked in our favor. John, in particular, moved a lot of equipment.

By the end of the day, we could look back and say that **the Hamfest was a success!** Despite the rain, the rumors, and the lack of outdoor vendors, we raised as much as—or possibly even more than—we did at last year's event.

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who showed up, helped set up and tear down, cooked, sold equipment, worked the tables, bought something, or simply came out to support EPARA.

The weather may have tried to **QRN our Hamfest**, but it didn't work!

**EPARA Hamfest 2026: Rain, rumors, radios, food—and a whole lot of perseverance!**

Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success!

# Hamfest, 2026 (cont.)



**John Cooking Breakfast**



**Just Waiting To Eat**



**Happy Shoppers**



**Waiting For The Breakfast Rush**

# Christmas party:

## 🎄 EPARA Christmas Party – December 10th

This year's Christmas Party **will** be held on **December 10th**!

We are planning on holding our Christmas Party at **The Rusty Putter in Stroudsburg**, located at **1038 Hickory Valley Road, Stroudsburg**, as the location for this year's celebration.

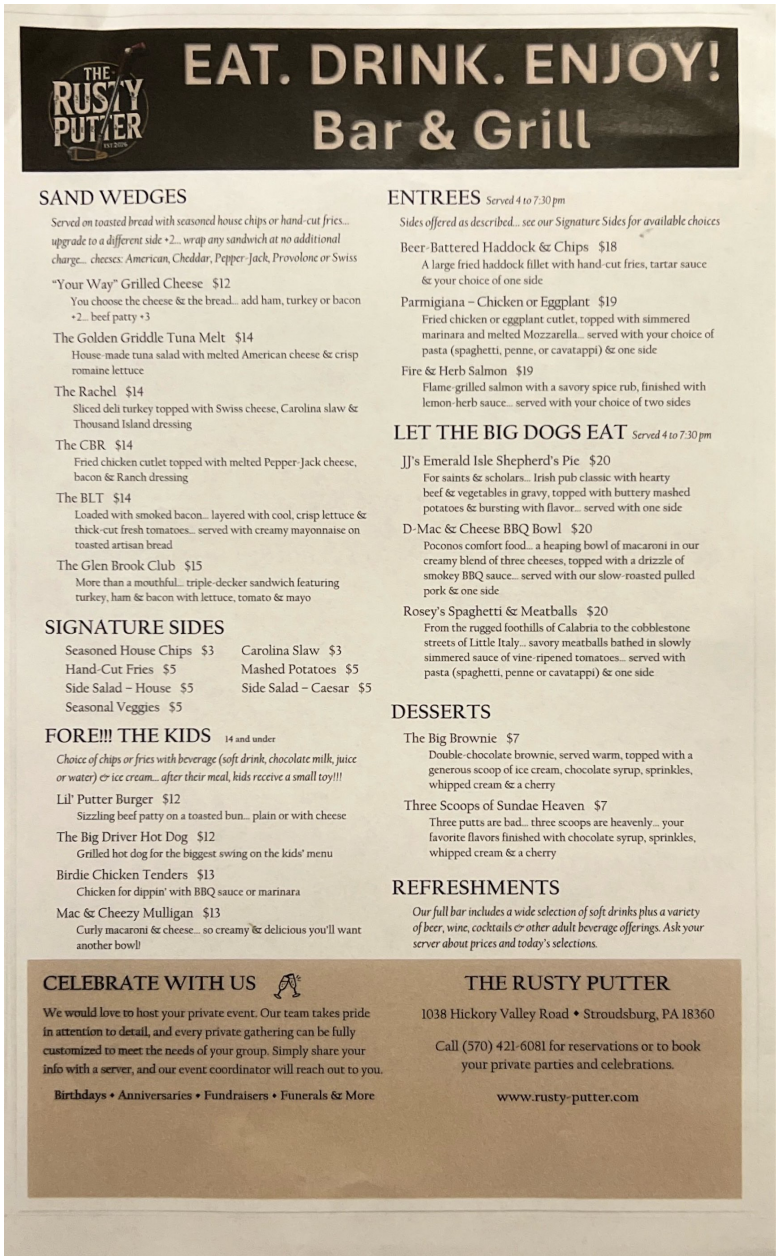
Below is a menu for everyone to look over. The prices are reasonable, and the food is good, so we hope this will be a great place for everyone to enjoy an evening together.

We hope you'll plan to join us for a fun evening of good food, fellowship, and Christmas cheer!
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**Ham's Night Out**

# The Rust Putter - Menu



THE RUSTY PUTTER EST 2026

## EAT. DRINK. ENJOY!
## Bar & Grill

### SAND WEDGES

*Served on toasted bread with seasoned house chips or hand-cut fries... upgrade to a different side +2... wrap any sandwich at no additional charge... cheeses: American, Cheddar, Pepper-Jack, Provolone or Swiss*

"Your Way" Grilled Cheese $12
You choose the cheese & the bread... add ham, turkey or bacon +2... beef patty +3

The Golden Griddle Tuna Melt $14
House-made tuna salad with melted American cheese & crisp romaine lettuce

The Rachel $14
Sliced deli turkey topped with Swiss cheese, Carolina slaw & Thousand Island dressing

The CBR $14
Fried chicken cutlet topped with melted Pepper-Jack cheese, bacon & Ranch dressing

The BLT $14
Loaded with smoked bacon... layered with cool, crisp lettuce & thick-cut fresh tomatoes... served with creamy mayonnaise on toasted artisan bread

The Glen Brook Club $15
More than a mouthful... triple-decker sandwich featuring turkey, ham & bacon with lettuce, tomato & mayo

### SIGNATURE SIDES

Seasoned House Chips $3
Hand-Cut Fries $5
Side Salad – House $5
Seasonal Veggies $5
Carolina Slaw $3
Mashed Potatoes $5
Side Salad – Caesar $5

### FORE!!! THE KIDS 14 and under

*Choice of chips or fries with beverage (soft drink, chocolate milk, juice or water) & ice cream... after their meal, kids receive a small toy!!!*

Lil' Putter Burger $12
Sizzling beef patty on a toasted bun... plain or with cheese

The Big Driver Hot Dog $12
Grilled hot dog for the biggest swing on the kids' menu

Birdie Chicken Tenders $13
Chicken for dippin' with BBQ sauce or marinara

Mac & Cheezy Mulligan $13
Curly macaroni & cheese... so creamy & delicious you'll want another bowl!

### ENTREES *Served 4 to 7:30 pm*

*Sides offered as described... see our Signature Sides for available choices*

Beer-Battered Haddock & Chips $18
A large fried haddock fillet with hand-cut fries, tartar sauce & your choice of one side

Parmigiana – Chicken or Eggplant $19
Fried chicken or eggplant cutlet, topped with simmered marinara and melted Mozzarella... served with your choice of pasta (spaghetti, penne, or cavatappi) & one side

Fire & Herb Salmon $19
Flame-grilled salmon with a savory spice rub, finished with lemon-herb sauce... served with your choice of two sides

### LET THE BIG DOGS EAT *Served 4 to 7:30 pm*

JJ's Emerald Isle Shepherd's Pie $20
For saints & scholars... Irish pub classic with hearty beef & vegetables in gravy, topped with buttery mashed potatoes & bursting with flavor... served with one side

D-Mac & Cheese BBQ Bowl $20
Poconos comfort food... a heaping bowl of macaroni in our creamy blend of three cheeses, topped with a drizzle of smokey BBQ sauce... served with our slow-roasted pulled pork & one side

Rosey's Spaghetti & Meatballs $20
From the rugged foothills of Calabria to the cobblestone streets of Little Italy... savory meatballs bathed in slowly simmered sauce of vine-ripened tomatoes... served with pasta (spaghetti, penne or cavatappi) & one side

### DESSERTS

The Big Brownie $7
Double-chocolate brownie, served warm, topped with a generous scoop of ice cream, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whipped cream & a cherry

Three Scoops of Sundae Heaven $7
Three putts are bad... three scoops are heavenly... your favorite flavors finished with chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whipped cream & a cherry

### REFRESHMENTS

*Our full bar includes a wide selection of soft drinks plus a variety of beer, wine, cocktails & other adult beverage offerings. Ask your server about prices and today's selections.*

### CELEBRATE WITH US

We would love to host your private event. Our team takes pride in attention to detail, and every private gathering can be fully customized to meet the needs of your group. Simply share your info with a server, and our event coordinator will reach out to you.

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THE RUSTY PUTTER EST 2026

## EAT. DRINK. ENJOY!
## Bar & Grill

### THE FIRST TEE

Chicken Wings 6 for $8 / 12 for $14
Sauces: classic Buffalo (mild – medium – hot), BBQ, Teriyaki, Sweet Chili, Garlic Parmesan or Kickin' Bourbon... try our dry Cajun spice blend... with carrots & Ranch or Blue Cheese

Chicken Tenders $8
Three crispy chicken tenders served with wing sauce

Hand-Cut French Fries $8
Basket of hand-cut fries... for a flavor boost, try a dusting of spice with Louisiana Cajun or Maryland Boardwalk Old Bay

Fried Mozzarella $8
Crunchy fried mozzarella paired with marinara

Jumbo Soft Pretzel $9
Buttery soft pretzel served with cheese or yellow mustard

Coop or Coast Quesadilla $11 / $13
Chicken ($11) or shrimp ($13), grilled and topped with sauteed onions & Cheddar cheese... served in a crispy flour tortilla with sour cream & salsa

### ON THE GREENS

*Dressings: Ranch, French, Caesar, Parmesan Peppercorn, Blue Cheese, Thousand Island, Creamy Italian, Balsamic Vinaigrette or Oil & Vinegar... add grilled chicken +3... grilled shrimp +5... grilled salmon +7*

Hearty Caesar Salad $12
Romaine lettuce, shaved Parmesan & seasoned croutons... tossed with creamy Caesar dressing... make it a wrap!

Rusty Wedge Salad $14
Iceberg wedge topped with tomatoes, bacon & blue cheese crumbles... served with chunky Blue Cheese dressing

Mediterranean Strawberry Salad $14
Romaine lettuce & spinach topped with strawberries, feta cheese, toasted almonds & a drizzle of balsamic glaze

California Cobb Salad $17
Romaine lettuce with grilled chicken, hard-boiled egg, fresh avocado, crispy bacon, blue cheese crumbles & tomatoes

### FROM THE KETTLE

French Onion Soup $7 *crock*
Deeply caramelized onions simmered in savory beef broth, finished with a seasoned slice of French baguette & a layer of melted Swiss & Provolone cheese

### HOUSE SPECIALTY BURGERS

*Our burgers* feature two quarter-pound beef patties, smashed on the griddle... served on a toasted bun with choice of cheese: American, Cheddar, Pepper-Jack, Provolone or Swiss*

*Includes house chips or hand-cut fries... upgrade to a different side +2... add bacon or caramelized onions +2*

The All-American Burger $13
Classic beef burger with fresh lettuce, sliced tomato & red onion

The Cowboy Burger $14
Giddy-up...smothered with sweet, smoky BBQ sauce & a fried onion ring

The Bacon-Bomb Burger $15
Calling all bacon-lovers... piled high with crispy bacon

The No-Moo Burger $15
No beef... no problem... try a California Veggie Burger with fresh lettuce, sliced tomato & red onion... plus your choice of cheese

### CLUBHOUSE CHEESESTEAKS

*Beef or chicken on a fresh hoagie roll with choice of cheese... served with house chips or hand-cut fries... upgrade to a different side +2... make any cheesesteak a wrap for no additional charge*

The Classic Philly $15
The legacy... gooey American cheese loaded with sautéed peppers & onions

The Bunker Buster $15
Bursting with melted Cheddar, bacon, pickled jalapeños & hand-cut fries

The BBQ Pit $15
Grilled chicken with fried onion rings & BBQ sauce drizzle... for extra heat, add a splash of our house-made Buffalo sauce (mild – medium – hot)

The Rooster $15
Cluck! Cluck! Grilled chicken with bacon, crispy fried onions & Cheddar cheese... topped with house-made Rooster Sauce for a creamy & tangy kick

The Wrecking Ball $15
Not a cheesesteak, we know... but you'll love our house-made meatballs, melted Mozzarella & slowly simmered marinara... dusted with Parmesan & Romano cheese

### WELCOME TO ALL...

We are proud to share The Rusty Putter experience with you. If there's anything our team can do to improve your visit, please let us know.

Thank you for being part of our Glen Brook family… we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Sincerely, JJ & Dustin

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SERVER OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS. WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR NEEDS. BECAUSE ALL MENU ITEMS ARE PREPARED IN A KITCHEN USING SHARED EQUIPMENT, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE ABSENCE OF ALLERGENS.

* CONSUMING RAW OR UNDERCOOKED MEATS, POULTRY, SEAFOOD, SHELLFISH, OR EGGS MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

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# Points of Interest in Amateur Radio

## 📻 EPARA DMR Radio ID Annual Verification

**EPARA Members:**

**If you use DMR, please take a moment to check your RadioID.net account and verify that your DMR Radio ID is still active and your information is current. This will now be an annual requirement.**

Beginning **July 1, 2026**, RadioID.net is asking account holders to verify their information and confirm that their assigned DMR ID is still needed.

This annual verification is intended to:

- Keep the RadioID database accurate and up to date.
- Remove IDs that are no longer being used.
- Make unused DMR IDs available to other amateur radio operators.

RadioID is addressing IDs belonging to operators who may have stopped using DMR, allowed their license to expire, changed callsigns, or simply stopped participating in DMR networks.

**Important:** RadioID IDs are **not issued by the FCC**. Your FCC amateur radio license authorizes you to operate, while RadioID provides the numerical identifier used by DMR systems.

**If you use DMR, please log in to RadioID.net and check your status. Make this part of your yearly DMR check!**

# Points of Interest in Amateur Radio (Cont)

## POTA Has a New Website — Here's What's Changed

**Parks on the Air (POTA) has a new website in beta testing!**

POTA operators and hunters may want to take a look at **next.pota.app**. This is the next-generation POTA website and it works with your existing POTA account—there is no need to create a new account.

Some of the improvements include:

- A cleaner, more modern layout
- Improved operation on phones and tablets
- Better filtering of POTA spots by band and mode
- Improved park maps and park searching
- More control over what information appears on the spotting page
- Persistent comments on spots
- Better identification of parks you haven't worked before, including **ATNO (All Time New One)** information
- Additional language support

The new site is still being developed and tested, so you may occasionally find something that doesn't work as expected. The regular POTA website remains available while the new system is being tested.

POTA has also made updates to its rules and park qualification guidelines during 2026, so both activators and hunters may want to review the latest POTA documentation.

**Give the new site a try:**
next.pota.app

It is worth taking a few minutes to explore before your next POTA activation or hunting session.

**73,**
**EPARA**

# Points of Interest in Amateur Radio (Cont)

## Changes Coming To POTA

The **current official POTA Rules are Version 1.3, dated August 18, 2026**. That is the latest version shown in POTA's official documentation as of September 2026. Parks on the Air Documentation

Official POTA Rules — Version 1.3

The two most recent changes are particularly worth mentioning to EPARA:

- **Version 1.2 — July 10, 2026:** clarified the rules for **"passing the microphone."** When several licensed operators are participating, each operator making contacts under their own callsign submits their own log, essentially as their own activation. The documentation distinguishes this from a **guest operator**, who operates using the control operator's callsign; in that situation the POTA credit goes to the control operator. Parks on the Air Documentation
- **Version 1.3 — August 18, 2026:** updated the **Park Qualification Guidelines**, including which government-owned/operated parks qualify for inclusion in POTA and requirements for official park information and boundary documentation. Parks on the Air Documentation

For club members who activate, the current **POTA Activator Guide** is also worth bookmarking. It covers park boundaries, multi-park activations, trails, logging, P2P contacts, digital modes, guest operators, and mic passing. Parks on the Air Documentation

Current POTA Activator Guide

One rule that can be especially useful to mention at a club meeting: **for trails, an activator may operate no more than 100 feet (30.5 m) from the trail, and the station must be entirely within that distance.** For multi-park activations, the station must be completely inside the boundaries of every park being claimed; simply straddling the border between adjacent parks doesn't qualify. Parks on the Air Documentation

The main documentation home is here:

Official POTA Documentation

# EPARA SWAP AND SHOP

If you have anything you'd like to buy, sell, swap or trade, this is the place to post your gear. Share your information here and then again on Al's Swap Net. Tuesday Night at 2030 WX3OES 146.865 PL 100

## Send information you'd like posted to Kevin - W3KCF

## eparabeacon@gmail.com

**Equipment for Sale – Bill, AB3ME**

Bill, **AB3ME**, has decided to step away from the amateur radio hobby as he prepares to move to Tennessee to be closer to his grandchildren. He is offering his entire station, along with other items, for sale.

**Radio Equipment Available:**

- Icom IC-7610 HF Transceiver (approximately 1½ years old)
- Icom PW2 Solid-State 1000W Amplifier (approximately 1 year old)
- Palstar HF Auto Tuner (approximately 3 years old)
- LP-100A SWR/Wattmeter
- Two Ameritron 5-position Remote Antenna Switches
- 50-foot Universal aluminum tower (approximately 3 years old)
    - Includes coax, galvanized guy wire system, and approximately 200 feet of Belden 9913 coax
    - Also includes a new 100-foot spool of 3/16" galvanized wire rope
- Two Tailtwister rotors with control boxes
- Several 2-meter/440 MHz radios
- Yaesu FT-65 handheld (includes desktop charger and extra antennas)
- Anytone DMR/2m/440 handheld (includes desktop charger and extra antennas)
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Bill is also planning to sell several laptop computers, furniture, tools, and other household items. If you're looking for something, give him a call before you buy elsewhere—he may have exactly what you need.

He is accepting **reasonable offers** and asks that buyers **please don't lowball**. Bill has always taken pride in owning and maintaining quality equipment.

For more information or to arrange a viewing, contact **Bill, AB3ME**, at **570-215-4268**.

# Getting the Word Out!

EPARA has been around for a long time, and many people in our area know our name. But now it's time to do even more to get the word out to our communities and show people what amateur (ham) radio is all about.

With the implementation of **digital testing**, we have a great opportunity to serve both new and experienced amateur radio operators. We want everyone to know that **EPARA is here to help with their amateur radio testing needs** and to make getting licensed as easy and welcoming as possible.

We need everyone's help to spread the word!

Let's get our flyers out into the community—at local businesses, community organizations, libraries, schools, and anywhere else we may reach someone who has wondered about ham radio but isn't sure how to get started.

And getting licensed is only the beginning. Once someone becomes a ham, let's make sure they know there is a place where they can come, learn, ask questions, get involved, and enjoy the hobby with other like-minded people.

**Help us get the word out about EPARA and amateur radio.**

The more people we reach, the stronger our club—and our amateur radio community—can become.



# EPARA VE Training & Amateur Radio Exam Sessions

**Become a Volunteer Examiner or Take Your Amateur Radio Exam!**

As the world of communication continues to evolve, the **Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Association (EPARA)** invites you to explore the exciting world of amateur radio testing. Today, innovative digital testing options make obtaining your amateur radio license more accessible and convenient than ever.

📻 **Interested in Taking Your Amateur Radio Exam?**

If you are interested in taking your **Amateur Radio License Exam**, please register through **HAMSTUDY.ORG**.

**To Register:**

1. Visit **HAMSTUDY.ORG**
2. Select **"Find A Session"**
3. Locate an **EPARA** exam session
4. Register online for your preferred session

Our VE team is available to help answer questions about the examination process.

**Questions about taking an exam?**
Contact our Lead VE:

**Chris – AJ3C**

📧 **AJ3C.ve@gmail.com**

📍 **EPARA VE Exam Location**

VE examination sessions are held **in person** at:

**Monroe County 911 Emergency Control Center**
100 Gypsum Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

## EPARA Volunteer Examiners

Would you like to become part of the EPARA Volunteer Examiner team?

If you have not yet registered your VE credentials with **Exam Tools**, please do so if you would like to participate in administering amateur radio examinations.

**Important: Register on BOTH Exam Tools Sites**

You must register with **both** sites because they serve different purposes:

**EXAMTOOLS.ORG** — Live Exam System
**EXAMTOOLS.DEV** — Offline Exam System

Registering with both systems ensures that you are prepared to participate in EPARA VE sessions whether the examination is being conducted online or using the offline system.

### 📡 Help Grow Amateur Radio

Our Volunteer Examiners play an important role in helping new operators enter the amateur radio community and helping existing operators advance their licenses.

**Interested in becoming an EPARA VE? Get registered today and join the team!**

