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The Murgas Amateur Radio Club 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

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

Nominations for club officers were open last month and will open up again at the December meeting and voting will follow. It was a great honor and privilege to be the president of a club with such a great bunch of people. It's said quite a bit just how fast the year seemed to fly by but this year it was true! 2017 really did fly by but it was a good year. We had another great Field Day at the EOC and shortly after that the hamfest went well. Larry KA3GRS put on 2 great presentations and really set the bar for presentations. It was also great that no club members were added to the Silent Key list this year!

That's about all. There's not any great contests coming up this month though January looks better with a few decent contests and February should be known as RTTY month as the CQ WW WPX RTTY and the North American QSO Party RTTY are in February! It should be a great month!

Larry Titus KB3VQK lost his mom at the age of 102 years old on November 8. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Larry!

And finally I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy Hanukkah and also a great New Year full of good DX!

-73 till next year

de K3DBG

de KC3FKW

The holidays are fast approaching and as yearend approaches, things should start settling down a little in ham radio. I want to thank Rick K3TOW for his presentation of Logger 32 at the November meeting. It was quite an impressive piece of software, and his shack is equally impressive. I know I will never get to near what he has, but it does open one's eyes to the possibilities.

Rick's program was the last of the year - saved the best till last? Not really, because all the programs presented this past year were excellent. The great thing from my perspective was that I had very little to do, since everyone kept volunteering with their programs. This is a good thing - the programs were in areas in which the presenters were especially interested and proficient. Let's hope that this enthusiasm continues into the next year.

As I said before, there will be no program at the December meeting. We will have elections for next year's officers (there's still an opportunity for more nominations) and door prize giveaways.

Looking forward also to the Club annual dinner on the 8th, and hope to see as many members and their guests there as possible. It should be a really nice affair.

I wish everyone a happy and blessed holiday season.

73 Richard W. Tyira KC3FK

Club Dinner

This is just a reminder for those who have made a reservation for the Murgas Club Dinner. The dinner will be held on Friday, December 8th, at the Coal City Tavern located at 75 Main Street in Luzerne. Social hour will begin at 6:00 PM. Family style dinner service will start at 6:45 PM with salads and hot entrees will be served at 7:00 PM. There will be some prize drawings and the Ham of the Year will be announced.

Correction

I regret that November issue contained several misspellings of Ms. Carmina Chapp's first name. The official copy of the minutes has been corrected.

Nomination of Officers for 2018

The following nominations have been made for club officers in 2018:

- **President** - John Denisco K3DBG.
- **Vice-President** - Bill Waters KC3HLT.
- **Secretary** - Elaine Kollar K3VQR.
- **Treasurer** - No nominations were accepted.
- **Board of Directors** Bob Folmar KB3VS, Rick Rinehimer K3TOW, Walt Jones WN3LIF, Bill Waters KC3HLT, and Rich Tyira KC3FKW accepted the nomination.
- George Miklosi K3ZK and Bill Sweeney KB3KUJ were not present to accept or decline the nomination.

The nominations will be reopened prior to the election for each position. There is no nominee for the office of Treasurer.

MARC MINUTES Monthly Club Meeting For November 2017

The monthly meeting of the Murgas Amateur Radio Club was held on November 1, 2017. President John Denisco K3DBG called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM. Twenty-one members were in attendance. No visitors or guests were present and there were no upgrades or call sign changes noted. Herb Krumich K2LNS reported on the club's finances. The report was accepted. The October minutes as published in the MARC Times were accepted with the correction to the spelling of Carmina Chapp's name. The secretary, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, noted the receipt of the bill for the club's insurance premium and a QSL from the PA QSO Party.

Committee Reports:

Marc Net - President Denisco reported that the net is going well and they hope to have one thousand check-ins by the end of the year.

VE Team - Rick Rinehimer K3TOW stated there will be a Technician Ham Cram on November 18th. This session will begin a bit later and testing is scheduled for 3:00 PM. Tests will be available for all license classes.

Old Business:

The information that Bill Sweeney KB3KUJ presented about club shirts and hats from Mad Tees was discussed. Walt Jones WN3LIF motioned that the Murgas Club proceed with an initial order and pay the set up fees of \$25 dollar each for front and back logos. The motion was seconded by Bill Waters KC3HLT. Motion passed.

Bill Waters reported that he is still waiting on word from Geisinger Wyoming Valley to proceed with having inpatient children talk to Santa before Christmas. Rick Rinehimer K3TOW motioned to spend up to \$200 on appropriate gifts for the children. Motion was seconded by Bob Folmar KB3VS.

Elaine Kollar discussed plans for the club dinner as reported in the MARC Times. Members planning to attend should enter their name on the sign up sheet or get in contact with Elaine before November 27th.

Rick Rinehimer K3TOW noted that he helped a Boy Scout Troop from Swoyersville with their annual "Jamboree on the Air". The scouts were able to make the necessary contacts and exchange of information to complete their goals. (Details of the event were published in the November Marc Times.)

New Business:

Larry Kwasnick KA3GRS spoke about his idea to create an Emergency Preparedness Committee. Larry stated that many of the things that amateurs learn would trickle down to family and friends. Rich Tyira KC3FKW thought the committee could present more emergency preparedness programs and information. Walt Jones WN3LIF noted that many of the things that Larry proposed are now done by ARES. Walt would like to see more involvement in ARES from club members. It was also noted that on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM there is an ARES Net on the 146.46 repeater. All are welcome to participate. Howie Weinstein WA3MCK stated that a recent ARRL letter addressed emergency preparedness. For the present, more emergency preparedness programs will be presented throughout the year.

Bob Nygren N3RN motioned to send the Nittany Amateur Radio Club \$50 to defray the costs they incur in managing the PA QSO Party. Joe Caffrey W3DZH seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bob N3RN also motioned to increase the Robert Michael N3FA/Murgas FAR Scholarship from \$500 to \$750 a year. Walt Jones WN3LIF seconded the motion. A discussion then followed with some members speaking in favor the motion and others speaking against it. A show of hands vote revealed a tie vote. Motion did not pass.

The club then turned its attention to nominating individuals to serve as officers and on the board of directors for 2018. Bill Waters KC3HLT motioned to open the nominations for President. Ray Gusher KB3ACO seconded the motion. John Denisco K3DBG was nominated by Rich Tyira KC3FKW and seconded by Bob Montgomery W3ZR. John accepted the nomination. Rick Rinehimer K3TOW motioned to close nominations. Walt Jones WN3LIF seconded the motion. Bill Waters KC3HLT motioned to open the nominations for Vice-President. Ray Gusher KB3ACO seconded the motion. Rich Tyira KC3FKW was nominated but declined the nomination. Rich Tyira KC3FKW nominated Bill Waters KC3HLT. Nomination was seconded by Bob Montgomery W3ZR. Bill accepted the nomination. Frank Czock WB3BOT motioned to close nominations. Bob Folmar KB3VS seconded the motion. Bill Waters KC3HLT motioned to open the nominations for Secretary. Bob Folmar KB3VS seconded the motion. Bob Montgomery W3ZR nominated Elaine Kollar K3VQR. Walt Jones WN3LIF seconded the nomination. Elaine accepted the nomination. Frank Czock WB3BOT motioned to close nominations. Bob Montgomery W3ZR seconded the motion. Bob Montgomery W3ZR motioned to open nominations for Treasurer. Rick Rinehimer K3TOW seconded the motion. Herb Krumich K2LNS was nominated, but declined. With no other individuals nominated, Rick Rinehimer K3TOW motioned to close nominations. Bill Waters KC3HLT seconded the motion.

Nominations then moved to the Board of Directors. Walt Jones WN3LIF moved to open nominations. Bob Montgomery W3ZR seconded the motion. Nominated were Bob Folmar KB3VS, Rick Rinehimer K3TOW, Walt Jones WN3LIF, Bill Waters KC3HLT, and Rich Tyira KC3FKW. All accepted the nomination. Also nominated were George Miklosi K3ZK and Bill Sweeney KB3KUJ. Neither was present to accept or decline the nomination. Bob Montgomery W3ZR motioned to close the nominations. Herb Krumich K2LNS seconded the motion.

Announcements:

Walt Jones WN3LIF announced that a program on Winlink will be presented on Saturday, November 11th, from 1 to 3 PM at the EOC.

Herb Krumich K2LNS noted that the CW Sweepstakes will be held this coming weekend, November 4th to 5th.

The Murgas Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 15th at 7:30 PM. The meeting is held in the conference room at the WBRE-TV Building on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre. All club members are welcome to attend.

The next monthly club meeting will be held on December 6th at 8:00 PM. The meeting is held in the Luzerne County Emergency Operations Building.

With no further business, Larry Kwasnick KA3GRS made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Rinehimer K3TOW seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Rick Rinehimer K3TOW presented a program on Logger 32 and demonstrated how he controls his radio station remotely.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting November 2017

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Murgas Amateur Radio Club was held in the WBRE-TV conference room on November 15, 2017. President John Denisco K3DBG called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. Directors present were John Denisco K3DBG, Rich Tyira KC3FKW, Herb Krumich K2LNS, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, Rick Rinehimer K3TOW, Bob Folmar KB3VS, Bill Sweeney KB3KUJ, and Bill Waters KC3HLT. Also present were Walt Jones WN3LIF and Tina Waters.

Elaine Kollar K3VQR announced that as of the last count, thirty (30) people have signed up to attend the Club Dinner. The last date to make a reservation is November 27th. Elaine also reminded the directors that there is a pending membership application from Carmina Chapp KC3JXM.

Bill Waters KC3HLT noted that he still has not received permission from Geisinger Wyoming Valley to have the children talk to Santa. If we can not get permission for this year, the club can try next year and start making plans earlier in the year.

Herb Krumich K2LNS stated that the club was running low on checks and asked the bank to waive the cost of printing checks. They agreed. Herb also proposed making a donation to the St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen. It was noted that the club can sponsor a day and members can volunteer to help serve the meals. This will be discussed at the next meeting. It was suggested that if the club doesn't spend the money allotted for toys for the children at Geisinger, perhaps we can donate the money to Toys for Tots. This will also be brought up at the next meeting. Prizes for the club drawing at the December meeting were discussed.

Walt Jones WN3LIF noted that since the new carpeting has been installed at the EOC, the club has been asked to not have food in the meeting room. Drinks will still be allowed in the meeting room and food can be eaten in the kitchen area. Walt also voiced his concern about having enough operators for the October 2018 SSES Drill. The Murgas Club is allowed to use the EOC with the expectation that we will participate in the drill. Luzerne County has also spent money on equipment so that "Go Kits" can be built and be available when needed. Walt would like to see younger members get involved. It was suggested that one of the programs in the early part of the year focus on the drill. Setting up equipment for members to get hands-on experience was proposed. Also suggested was contacting the civil service classes at Wilkes-Barre Vo-Tech School and setting up a radio station at flea markets such as Hunlock Creek and Old Forge.

Rick Rinehimer K3TOW stated the Yahoo Group is now sending notices about meetings and the club net. It had been inactive due to changes made by Yahoo.

Rich Tyira KC3FKW noted that he researched the voting by the President on a motion at the last month's meeting. The procedure followed was indeed correct. The Murgas Constitution calls for a Parliamentarian to be appointed by the President. The newly elected President will be reminded of this duty.

The Directors then turned their attention to selecting the Ham of the Year for 2017. Walt Jones WN3LIF and Tina Waters were asked to leave the room during this discussion. An individual was chosen and that selection will be announced at the Club Dinner.

With no further business, Bob Folmar KB3VS made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Waters KC3HLT. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Kollar K3VQR, Secretary

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.

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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

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

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