

Notes from the shack...

We got mail! from Jay Silber (WA2UAR), Public Information Coordinator . ARRL Eastern PA Section



New Weekly Statewide WIRES-X C4FM Net and Eastern PA DMR Talkgroup

Sunday nights at 8 PM choose ID#60328 on your C4FM radio and join the statewide WIRES-X net. The Keystone-Wide room, (formerly the Uniontown Amateur Radio Club's Keystone-West room) is now open to everyone in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. Steel City ARC's Christine Rial, N3LRG, reports that the net has already attracted as many as 50 hams including folks from as far away as Australia.

Most recent Yaesu radios have C4FM (WIRES-X) functionality, but if you're unfamiliar with how it all works, here are a few tips.

Perhaps the easiest way to connect to a WIRES-X room is by connecting to a local repeater that's part of the WIRES-X international network of internet connected nodes. There's a list of Pennsylvania repeaters with that capability right here:
https://www.repeaterbook.com/repeaters/feature_search.php?state_id=42&type=YSF.

If you'd like to know more about WIRES-X including how to setup your own WIRES-X node checkout a series of YouTube videos by John Kruk, N9UPC, including this webinar on the subject: <https://youtu.be/t9VVkx0ANas>

The Eastern PA ARRL Section has a DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) Talkgroup that meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30PM. The Talkgroup is called %EPA Section+ and its number is 31426 on the Brandmeister Network.

Here's a list of DMR repeaters in Pennsylvania that may allow you to connect to the EPA DMR Talkgroup.
https://www.repeaterbook.com/repeaters/feature_search.php?state_id=42&type=DMR.

George Miller, W3GWM, EPA Section Manager runs the Talkgroup. George says %the purpose of the net is to discuss all things DMR. We'd try to answer questions and provide information about DMR and even other Talkgroups you might find interesting. Everyone is welcome. If you have a Radiogram you'd like to send, we'd accept

messages to be sent via the National Traffic System. This will be a low-key net stressing good fellowship between Hams active on DMR in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Anyone from anywhere is welcome to join us. Possibly, once we're established, we could have check ins from virtually anywhere in the world!

There are a number of YouTube instructional videos about how DMR works. Here are a couple you may find interesting:

Ham Radio - DMR radio discussion How it works

<https://youtu.be/5ZawJek5z9c>

Using DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) A Quick Introduction - Ham Radio Q&A

<https://youtu.be/TSkzrAglfmw>

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See ya down the log.

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