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PARA repeaters serve the Amateur Radio community for normal everyday hobby communications as well as provide a system for emergency and disaster communications. PARA also promotes technical developments which ham radio has done so much of in the past.

PARA has four quadrant repeaters and one regional system on the 2-meter band as well as other repeaters on the 224 MHz and 440 MHz bands. PARA also has an Amateur TV System that relays television signals in the Philadelphia and Wilmington metropolitan areas.

Your membership dues support those repeaters listed below and help assure availability for emergency communications: 146.76 MHz, 146.82 MHz, 146.94 MHz, 146.97 MHz, 443.90 MHz, 223.86 MHz, 224.94 MHz, 224.98 MHz, 52.41 MHz, and all links between the remote receivers.

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Members also gain one free month on their membership for each new member you sponsor.

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From the President - Spring 2011

By Gene Mitchell K3DSM

Most of you know, I was in the hospital for bilateral hip replacement as the November meeting was held. I spent 2 and a half days in Riddle Memorial and 6 and a half days in Bryn Mawr Rehab. I took a step or 2 right after the surgery and was walking several steps the next day and over a hundred feet the day I left the hospital with the assistance of a walker. There was no pain until they tried to sit me in a very low chair the day I left. At Bryn Mawr Rehab, I was climbing a few stairs with a cane the next day. Still no pain the whole time I was there. Out-patient therapy, including water therapy, got me going even better. There are some aches and pains associated with the stretching of parts that don't want to move as far as they should. I even had a chance to relate about ham radio while there and found no one knew what it was. Anyway, as I write this, I am doing very well and without the assistance of any cane or walker.

While in Bryn Mawr Rehab, I saw one of our former members. I asked what happened and he said PARA isn't doing anything at our meetings. Guess he hadn't been reading PARAGraphs, because we have had some interesting programs before he disappeared. I thought the one on the Turnpike Communications System was very interesting. It is hard to get a good program with attendance down.

As you may recall, just before surgery, I attended the Lower Providence Township meeting and received a \$500 donation to PARA. Thanks to Piero, this continued, even though he is no longer a supervisor. I did get a thank you letter off before going to the hospital. Also, special thanks to Dick, K3ITH for chairing the semi-annual meeting in November.

PARA's repeaters are relatively quiet. "Up and running" as we say. Somehow, we lost 88 coordination. Mail was not received to respond for a request for information. We are resubmitting the paper work and also moving the repeater, thanks to Mark WB3BJE and Dave N3KKL.

Also, thanks to the hard working central core of PARA, the maintenance items always get taken care of. They are Dave N3KKL, Dick K3ITH, and Mark KA3VTM. I certainly hope I haven't missed anybody.

There have been some comments about our meeting location. In case you missed what happened, we lost our church in Conshocken because of liability. That little detail has cropped up every time you turn around these days. We are open to ideas as long as it's free and along the corridor of easy access.

Most of you know by now that Verizon's iPhone is out. Maria wanted one because she was so used to the iPod Touch. (The Touch is an iPhone without the phone). I have tried her iPhone and still like my Droid much better. She just didn't want any learning curve. Androids are popping up everywhere, including now in tablet form. Speaking of tablets, if you have one, why not bring it to the meeting in May and we can compare. Between the iPad, Xoom, Galaxy, and others, they are very interesting toys.

I only missed one radio show, the one while in the Rehab. Thanks to Joe, N3YGW, he kept the show going for that. I was able to produce every one since, although sitting comfortably was a big problem for over a month. Computer Corner has new followers now at the Rehab.

The Computer Corner Radio Show is still on Saturday mornings. Joe Myshko N3YGW and I do talk about ham radio frequently, and several of the listeners have told us that they have gone on to get ham licenses because of the show. Take a listen Saturdays at 8am or listen to the stream or podcasts on 5DRadio.com. On the radio, tune to 1520am or even the stream on WCHE1520.com. There is an extra half hour that doesn't get broadcast but can be heard on 5DRadio or the podcasts. 73, Gene K3DSM

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Full Page \$125. Half Page \$75. Quarter Page \$50. Business Card \$25. Non-Commercial Classified 3 lines \$10. Repeat ad in following issue(s) will receive a 10% discount. Contact Dick K3ITH to place an ad.

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INTERESTED IN WRITING FOR *PARA-graphs* ??

Several great articles have been submitted in past issues by your fellow **PARA** members such as Hank W3GSC with help from Vince N3AGD, and Gene K3DSM. Please feel free to submit anything Amateur Radio related.

Articles may be mailed to our PO Box, or e-mailed to k3ith@arrl.net

Thank you. Dick K3ITH

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NEW MEETING DAY: “TUESDAY”

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2011

Doors open at 7:15 PM, Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

SAME MEETING LOCATION:

Lower Providence Township Building

100 Parklane Drive

Eagleville, PA 19403

(Some GPS units will show Norristown or Eagleville)

Directions:

- 1. From King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, take Rt. 202 South to Rt. 422 West to the Oaks Exit.**
- 2. At the exit ramp turn Right onto Egypt Road and take the second Left onto Pinetown Road.**
- 3. Go to the second stop sign and turn Left onto Eagleville Road.**
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