

20 Years of MRCA

N3FRQ

16 Oct 2020

Y2K – Founding of MRCA

8-9 Sep 2000

- Meet was held in conjunction with Red Ball Military Transport meet at the Tobyhanna Army Depot.
- Radio people had participated in earlier Tobyhanna meets, but this time the Army wanted to get a handle on who was operating radios on their property.
- The Tobyhanna Depot people wanted an organization name. They also required a written description of what we wanted to do, and to get permission from them for specific operating frequencies & power output restrictions during the show date/hours.
- A small group, led by Steve Finelli – N3NNG established the name Military Radio Collectors Association, took care of the paperwork, distributed a flyer, and arranged for a circus tent.

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- Who were these kids?
- [Meet Coverage](#)



Tobyhanna 2001

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, 13 September: Initial setup. Everyone welcome, but provide you own entertainment.

Friday, 14 September: Tailgating, radio operation, and informal displays and demos.

Saturday, 15 September: 05:00 - The Old Military Radio Net, W3PWW – NCS
07:00 - Swapmeet
10:00 – Formal Presentations
All day – More radio operation, demos, and displays.

Sunday, 16 September: 09:00 – Site clean-up (We must vacate completely by 12:00.)

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We were all set. We even had a logo. Then 9-11 happened. The base was closed to use by outsiders, and the meet was cancelled.



Gilbert 2002

- The Redball Military Transport Club found a new home at the West End Fairgrounds in Gilbert, Pa.
- We negotiated the use of the Howell Building, a really nice timber-frame structure which has been our home ever since.
- 2002 also marked out first organized radio field exercise.
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Gilbert – 5-6 Sep 2003

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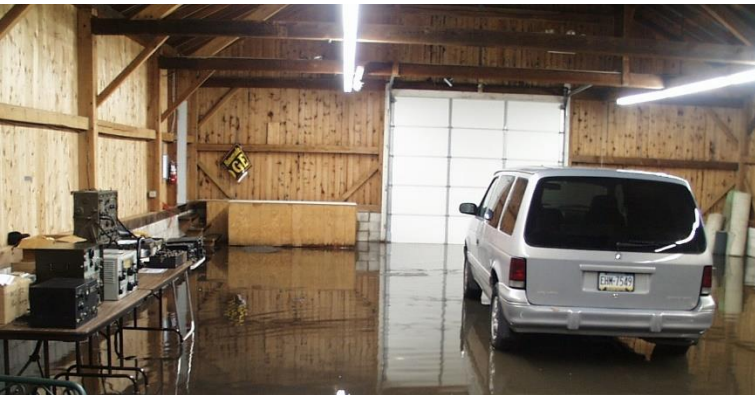
Gilbert – 17-18 Sep 2004

- Hurricane Ivan! (Reduced to a tropical storm with a lot of rain.)
- We conducted the Field Exercise as scheduled on Friday.
- Pix from Big Pocono



Gilbert 2004

- Ted – W3PWW and Al – N3FRQ pulled their vans into the Howell Building for the night, and turned off the lights.
- When Ted got up for the Old Military Radio Net at about 04:30 he found himself in ankle-deep water.
- We had to literally dump water out of the power supply to get on the air. The net was a success.



Gilbert 2004

- As others arose, we swept most of the water out of the building, and conducted Saturday's activities.



More Meet Coverage