



Kent County  
Amateur Radio Club  
News

KC3ARC  
[www.kc3arc.org](http://www.kc3arc.org)

August 2015



### Operating Mode Idea - FSQ

Here is an e-mail from John Spickes KB3V SX

Hi everyone,

I want to bring FSQ to your attention. I just learned about this via an article in September's QST magazine. "FSQ (Fast Simple QSO) is a new type of digital mode that is keyboard 'chat' oriented and supports a good typing speed. It has a low error rate, is highly versatile, and supports image transmission and selective calling with a wide range of commands. FSQ was designed for simple, enjoyable chat operation, but with public service and disaster communications operations in mind. Other than a transceiver, all you need is a sound device interface."

I've played with the mode a little bit today and found it easy to use and enjoyable. You can use it by getting the FSQCall application, or by running a recent version of fldigi.

More information and software downloads can be had in the QST article (page 34 of the September 2015 issue), or at the website here: <http://www.qsl.net/z11bpu/MFSK/FSQweb.htm>

I'd encourage anyone with an interest in digital modes to check it out. If you'd like to experiment, I'm interested in participating. Drop me a line and we'll set up a time.

73,

--John (ko3i)

### September Meeting Speaker

What do you know about an EMP attack and what it would do to electronics - and our nation? At the next club meeting on September 8, Doug Covert's son-in-law, Tom Dawson WB3AKD will be making a presentation on EMP survival.

### Coming Events...

- \* Club Trailer Cleanout prior to Emergency Preparedness Day, Sept 12, 9am
- \* License Testing Sept 12, 9 am Wyoming United Methodist Church
- \* Emergency Preparedness Day September 19 at the Delaware Agriculture Museum.
- \* Delaware Hamfest October 3 At the Sussex Tech High School in Georgetown
- \* ARRL National Simulated Emergency Test (SET) October 4-5
- \* Need volunteers for the Apple Scrapple Festival October 9-10 in Bridgeville
- \* Punkin Chunkin Nov. 7-8 at Dover Downs

### Special Event Help Wanted

Pope Francis will be in Philadelphia on September 26-27. The New Jersey Section is in need of 75 operators in Philadelphia to help with this massive event. If you are interested in helping please contact Bill Duveneck KB3KYH.



Each month I will try to spotlight one of our members. I am a new ham (since 2013) with my General license but have played with electronics off and on for years. I looked at getting licensed years ago but never got up to speed on code. I am working on learning it now. For the last 13 years I have been a commercial insurance agent at Pfister Insurance in Dover. I am a US Navy veteran having served on nuclear submarines doing chemistry and radiation control on the power plant. I also am Associate Pastor of New Harvest Baptist Church and on the board for the Shepherd Place.

Jim Moore KC3BTW