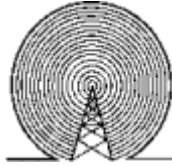


# The Ham Arundel News



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Anne Arundel County's Premier Radio Club

**April 2006**

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## From The Editor

It has been determined that the majority of club members now downloads an electronic edition of The Club Newsletter.

Ergo, *The Ham Arundel News* is now formatted in HTML for easier reading online. A *dead tree edition*, created from a PDF image of the HTML edition will be sent to all who do not download and will not appear in the same friendly format as before. Treat this as incentive to get online.

## The Prez Sez...

We're off to another successful year. Last month was extremely busy for the club. Most, if not all, completed their 40m CW transceivers in the winter project. Everyone enjoyed the project and learned from the experience. Next year is looking like the Elecraft T1 tuner to complement the receiver will be the project of choice.

We're heavily into the swing of service events, having completed the B&A marathon and Cherry Pit (by the time that you read this). We have the Bay Bridge Walk coming in May (wanna chair this one?) SPCA walk for the animals on April 30. Please consider helping out with one of these events.

Fred Koester, Jerry Burdett, John Crawford, Tony Young and I attended the Anne Arundel County schools science fair as judges representing the club. We selected two projects as winners of membership in the club and copies of Now You're Talking. The top winner (since they are not members nor adults I am not putting their names here) will also receive an HT if she completes her technician license.

For those of you who were at the last program meeting, apologies for the last minute change in the program. For those of you who missed it, we still had an entertaining and informative discussion on EMP by Chuck Manto, one of our newer members. The PowerPoint presentation

will be posted on the website. We also celebrated Holly Bevan's 90th birthday that evening with a large and delicious cake. It was one of the best attended program meetings in some time.

Don't forget that Field Day is coming up soon. Please plan to participate in the event. It's a great time with lots of good fellowship and a chance to operate and make LOTS of contacts!

*ROB/N3HU*

## Calendar

### Club Events

**April 8-9** - Roedown - Marlboro Hunt Club

**April 13** - Board Meeting

**April 20** - Program Meeting

**April 22** - Fox Hunt - 8-10 A.M. - Mike/KA2JAI

**April 30** - Walk for the Animals - Quiet Waters Park

**May 4** - Business Meeting

**May 7** - Bay Bridge Run

### Hamfests, Contests and Other Events

**April 21** - Echolink Section Net - 8 PM

**May 13-14** - Mid-Atlantic QSO Party

**May 19-21** - Dayton Hamvention

### VE Testing Schedule

**April 8** - AARC - Robert Rose/AA3RR - 410-437-8193

**April 15** - Laurel ARC - John Creel, 301-572-5124

#### **To all exams bring:**

- Picture ID
- Social Security Number or FCC Registration Number (FRN)
- **ORIGINAL** and a **COPY** of current FCC amateur radio license
- **ORIGINAL** and a **COPY** of all element credits (e.g., FCC letters, old licenses or unexpired Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination-CSCE).

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Meetings:

General Business 1st Thursday at 7:30 PM  
Board Meeting 2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM  
Program/Activity 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM

Dues:

\$20 per year, payable December 1st

**World Wide Web:**

[www.w3vpr.org](http://www.w3vpr.org)

## Club Repeaters

Location	2 Meters	1.25 Meters	70 Centimeters
Davidsonville	147.105+ PL: 107.2	223.880- PL: 107.2	444.400+ PL: 156.7
Glen Burnie	147.075+ PL: 107.2	None	None
Millersville	None	224.560- PL: 107.2	None
Annapolis	None	None	442.300+ PL: 107.2 <a href="#">Echolink Available</a>

*The Annapolis 440 repeater is run jointly with [The Maryland Mobileers](#)*

*Note: The club simplex frequency is 146.430 MHz.*

**Maryland Slow Net:**

3.717 MHz CW 7:30 P.M. Daily

**Visitors are welcome** - at all meetings and nets. Meetings are held in the Clubhouse at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center, Queen Anne Bridge and Wayson Roads off of MD Route 214 near Davidsonville, MD. For en-route directions, make initial contact on the 147.105 repeater.

# Member Information

*by Lisa/K3KUV and Holly/N3MB*

## New Members

Richard Maio KB3MHA General  
Burk Martin WB3BVL General  
Robert Skok KB3MKH Technician

*Quick recovery wishes to:*

- John (Buck) Watson/KC3Y who is recovering from a hip replacement.
- Beverly Watson (Buck's XYL) who has been in and out of the hospital again to have an additional stint inserted.

### ARRL Membership Reminder

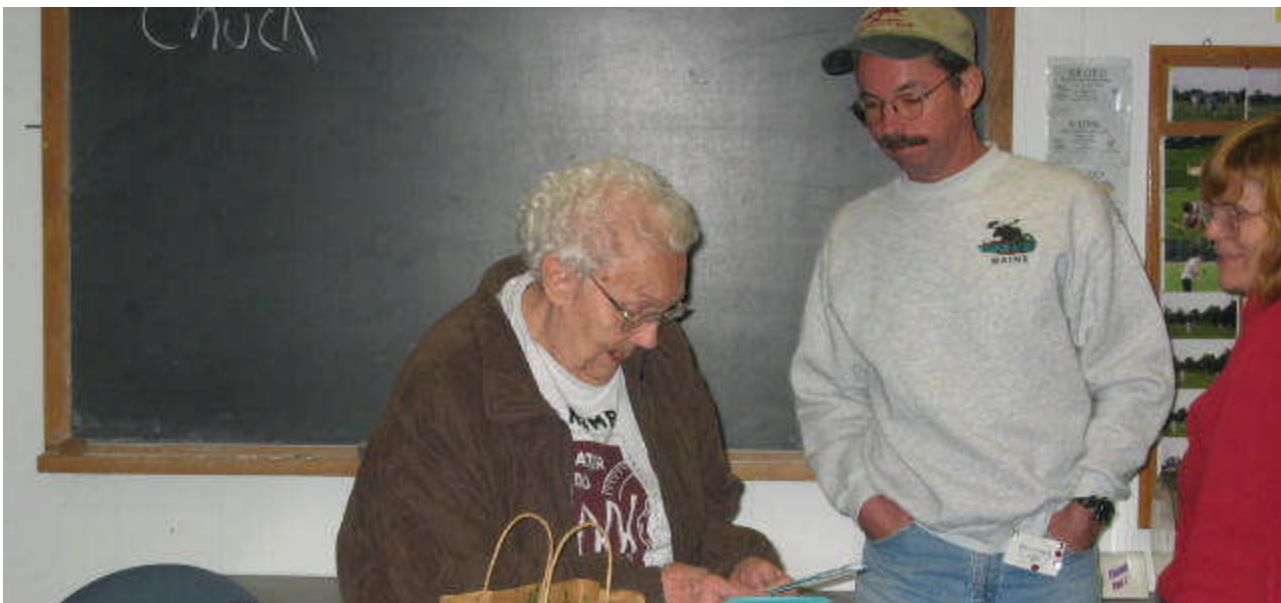
ARRL Affiliated Clubs receive a commission for every new ARRL membership and renewal they submit to ARRL Headquarters.

Clubs retain a portion of the dues for each regular or senior membership submitted to ARRL Headquarters:

- Clubs retain \$15 for each new membership OR lapsed membership (of two years or more). A NEW MEMBER is defined as any individual who has never been a member of ARRL or any individual who has not retained a membership for two or more calendar years prior to the application submission.
- Clubs retain \$2 for each renewal. A RENEWING MEMBER can renew at anytime, even before their current membership term expires.

Just send your application to the club treasurer.

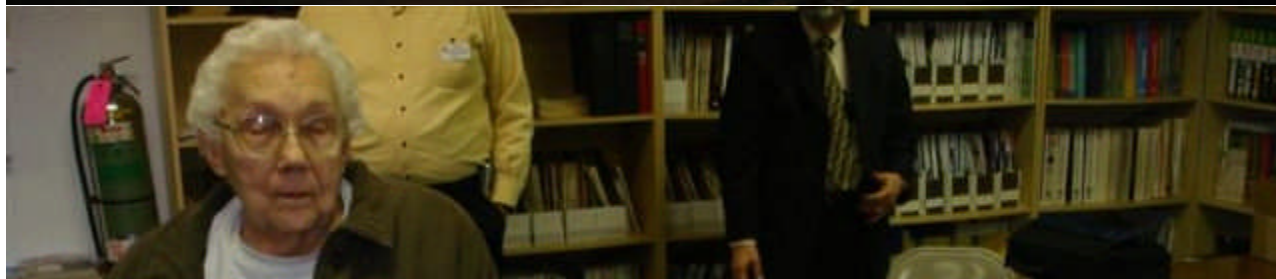
## THANK YOU





I would like to thank all the members of AARC (especially Lisa) who helped to make my 90th birthday a very special occasion. I half expected the cake since Lisa had provided one for my last two birthdays. But the appearance of many friends whom I had not seen for some time was a very nice surprise.

Holly/N3MB





## **Coordinator Needed for The Bay Bridge Run**

This year's Bay Bridge Run is scheduled for May 7th. The Striders have already contacted me and are looking to begin working with this years communications coordinator on the race details. I need to find a coordinator NOW! Please check your calendar and give it some thought. I am including If you think you would like to help out please let the board know ASAP and they will give you the contact info for your Striders counterpart.  
**PLEASE HELP!!**

## **Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day**

Amateur Radio Operators have begun a unique way of showing support for our Military Veterans, and Active Duty Members. Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, founded ARMAD - Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day as a way to allow the people of communities worldwide to express thanks, and appreciation to those that serve in the military.

Since the inception of ARMAD in May 2004, ARMAD has grown, at a rapid rate, with Amateurs joining in from locations around the world to spread messages of support during this "LIVE" forum.

It all started when Amateurs from Two local clubs decided to hold an event during Memorial Day weekend at a local Baseball stadium. Amateurs were able to set up radio stations inside and around the stadium to allow the fans a chance to say thanks to military members, and to show support to their families during the game. The idea took off with over 25 other Amateur radio

groups from around the US, and 7 International groups joining in the effort after hearing about the idea. The Fort Wayne, Indiana event at the stadium drew a crowd of over 6,600 people. Contact was made to several military bases, ships, and foreign military units serving as part of the Coalition Forces. ARMAD 2005 involved over 100 locations worldwide, and troops from Iraq were on the air to listen to the members of our communities say thank you. These troops also responded, and let the world know how much it meant to them to hear our LIVE voices. Emails, and letters are great, but through the gift of Amateur Radio those that serve heard expressions of appreciation LIVE, and were also able to respond back with joy, and thanks to us.

ARMAD expects to continue to grow, and invites amateur Radio Operators, Clubs, local community members, and Military Amateur Operators to participate in future events. Amateurs can help to bring awareness to our hobby by spreading the word about ARMAD, and setting up for these events at public venues. Together we can "Ham It Up For The Troops."

The next ARMAD event will be on May 27, 2006.

For more information please visit [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net), and get involved.

Please post this information for your members, and consider a link to the ARMAD web page. Thank you.

Also check out our ARMAD Yahoo Group, and our ARMAD Forum @monroe ARMAD. Lots of information and help for stations that want to operate ARMAD 2006.

Sincerely;  
Emery / KB9IBW  
[www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net)

## **Vanity call sign fee poised to drop slightly later this year**

The FCC wants to reduce the Fiscal Year 2006 regulatory fee to obtain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign to \$20.10 for the 10-year license term. The current vanity fee is \$21.90. The Commission proposed the new fee in a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2006," in MD Docket 06-68, released March 27. If ordered as proposed, the new vanity fee would become effective in August or September. The FCC is obligated to collect nearly \$289 million in regulatory fees during FY 2006 to fund its operations.

Comments on the proposed fee schedule are due Friday, April 14. Reply comments are due Friday, April 21. The FCC has projected collecting \$171,188 in vanity call sign fee receipts from 8500 applications in FY 2006.

The vanity call sign fee has assumed somewhat greater significance this year as the renewal window is about to open for the first Amateur Radio licenses assigned vanity call signs in 1996. Applicants who wish to keep their post-1995 vanity call signs must pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee in effect at the time the renewal application reaches the FCC. Any Amateur Radio renewal application may only be filed within 90 days of the license expiration date.

Amateur Radio licensees holding vanity call signs granted prior to 1996 do not have to pay a regulatory fee when renewing. This is because Congress did not begin requiring the FCC to annually recover its regulatory costs until 1993. Additionally, such licensees are not specifically tagged as vanity call sign holders in the ULS.

*Thanks to the ARRL Letter*

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**Minutes of AARC Program Meeting for March 16, 2006**

*Officers present for the meeting were:*

Robert Hurd N3HU President  
Robert Montagne K3REM Secretary  
Lisa Fairbank K3LUV Treasurer  
Fred Koester K3LMR Director  
Tony Young WA3YLO Director  
John Williams K8JW Director

The Meeting came to order at 7:30 P.M.

A quorum was present.

Rob Hurd announced the winner of the Science Fair and a runner up. Lexus Gross was the winner and Danny Degudas was the runner up. They will be at an upcoming meeting to share their projects.

Marge handed out the Weather Net Packages

Holly Bevan N3MB announced they need about 3 more people for the April 2nd Cherry Pit Run

Program Meeting is on Electro Magnetic Pulse by Chuck Manto  
Visit [ChuckManto.com](http://ChuckManto.com) for additional information, His information will be  
Featured on HGTV on April 9 at 11PM and 3 AM  
Holly Bevan N3MB celebrated her 90th Birthday with a great turnout of  
Club members to help her celebrate

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

## Maryland Slow Net

March 2006

### February Honor Roll

(15+ check-ins)

KA3AKC, W8CPG, WE2G, KG2H, AW4XJ, VE2KRM. W4XJ, KG4YLZ, W3LYS

### February Statistics

Sessions:28 Minutes: 939

QTC: 238 QNI: 257

TO: MSN

FROM: W8CPG

### *Student News*

- Congratulations to Bill/WB9LBI and Nick/N2QZ on completing the Basic portion of the training course. Great going, men, and it just keeps getting better. .
- Welcome to Frank/W2FPG of Schenectady, NY. Looking forward to working with you, Frank, and hope you enjoy the course.
- All of our students are working steadily and Bill/WB9LBI, Nick/N2QZ, Lloyd/W3LYS and Bill/KB3JAJ are about 75% through the Advanced course and making great progress.

### *Net Protocol*

- We are still experiencing QRM up the band. Remember the Receive station must find a clear spot and call the Transmit station continuously until contact is made. The Feb. '05 MSN Newsletter noted the ARRL definition of QRL is to leave between 150 and 500Hz between you and an ongoing QSO to be courteous. If you're using your 250 Hz filter and can't hear anyone, you should be good to go.
- Newsletters and monthly Rosters are usually sent within the first week of each month. Snail mail copies are, you know, "snailly." If you do not receive your copy, please let me know.

### *Around The Net*

- A sincere thank you to Tom/WE2G for preparing the 2

nd Call Area Liaison section for the MSN Training Manual. Tom did a great job on this, and it's attached to (or enclosed with) this Newsletter. Please include this with your Training Manual and use it with 2d Area students. The Manual now includes Liaison Sections for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 8th Call Areas. Thanks to Carol/KC8VFO for putting the Manual on CD, which is how it will be distributed in the future, saving us postage.

§ Milt/K4OSO mentioned the "Extendadot Bug Tamer" device now available to users of mechanical "bugs" such as the Vibroplex Original and Lightning models to slow the key down without adding cumbersome weights. Check out the website listed below.

§ Website <http://www.radiotelegraphy.net/>, will lead you to interesting radio sites. Download "The Art and Skill of Telegraphy" which covers not only the history of CW but techniques for learning to copy and send CW. An interesting read covering history and practices of using CW.

§ The March QST offered congratulations to many Hams who completed three levels of the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course including MSN ops N3AO, W8CPG, KB3HOO, WA2IAX, N3OR, AD3X and W3YRS. Great preparation for working under emergency conditions.

*"Cryptoqwticisms" and Philosophy dujour*

"You don't seem to realize that a poor person who is unhappy is in a better position than a rich person who is unhappy. Because the poor person has hope. He thinks money would help"- Jean Kerr. "The spirit in which a thing is given determines that in which the debt is acknowledged; it's the intention, not the face value of the gift, that's weighed" – Seneca, 1st Century.

## Donations

We would like to acknowledge and thank each of you who make donations to our club. Both monetary and equipment donations are much appreciated. Here is a list of those individuals who have made donations in the past month. A great big THANK YOU to each of you. Your generosity truly makes a difference.

- George Scott WA3FKT**
- Fred Koester K3LMR**
- Norm Chipps N3RZU**
- Stanley Taylor W3ZNK**
- Richard Maio KB3MHA**
- Budd Johnson W3TRR**
- Marlboro Hunt Club**

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