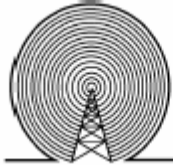


# The Ham Arundel News



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Anne Arundel County's Premier Radio Club

**July 2006**

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## The Prez Sez...

It was wet (\*Really\* WET), it was hot and it was kinda buggy but what a blast! A HUGE, HUGE thank you to Lisa Fairbank K3LUV for running Field Day. The only question is: who's up for maintaining the momentum? We'll need someone to organize us for next year. Anyone up for the challenge?

I love field day. I hope all of you at least had a chance to visit the clubhouse and the Kid's club site or at least had a chance to operate from home. Field Day is a target rich environment, a chance to operate in a new environment, and a great chance to socialize and work with other people in the club. You can also really hone your operating skills. It's Sunday night and I haven't slept since Sat. morning. OK, I cat-napped in the chair for a few minutes. I really love field day!!

The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Bill Smith AB3BZ as VP, webmaster and newsletter editor. Bill did an outstanding job in all of these roles but had some obligations that required him to stand down. Now, a HUGE thank you to everyone who has stood up to fill all of Bill's roles. Tony Young has agreed to move to the VP role. Bill Rynone has volunteered to move into Tony's job as a director (OK we're all volunteers but let's call it a job none-the-less). Andrea Montrose KB3YLW will now edit the club newsletter. Please submit articles for the newsletter to her at [amontros@comcast.net](mailto:amontros@comcast.net). Finally, Skip Johnson K3FOR and Dave Evartt N6TAU have assumed responsibility for the website. We all owe these folks a huge thank you for stepping up to these critical positions.

We are re-invigorating the business meetings. The "business" of the club does not adequately fill the time nor does it "scratch everyone's itch". Beginning with the July business meeting, we will include a "tech talk" session. We have some ideas to start such as grounding techniques, equipment demos, antenna construction, etc. Want to do a tech talk? Talk to someone on the board. Interested in a particular subject? Talk to a board member, send me an e-mail or write it down on the sheet posted at the entrance to the clubhouse. The board will also be providing snacks for socialization at the end of business. We have also purchased some nice door prizes that we will be giving away at the business meetings. Bribery? Maybe... but come on out and meet someone from the club.

*Rob Hurd, N3HU*

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**Mailing Address:**

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Post Office Box 308  
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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 1<sup>st</sup>  
Discounts available for family members and students

**World Wide Web:**

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

**AARC Supports The Maryland Slow Net:**

3.717 MHz CW 7:30 P.M. Daily

**Repeater Frequencies:**

Davidsonville	Millersville	Glen Burnie	Annapolis
147.105+		147.075+	
223.880-	224.560+		
444.400+			442.300+

**PL: 107.2 for all repeaters except Davidsonville 440 which is 156.7**

*Visitors are welcome to 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 enroute directions, make initial contact on the 147.105 repeater.*

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## Calendar of Events

**July 6** - Business Meeting

**July 13** - Board Meeting

**July 20** - Program Meeting - Paul Courson - Bowie Radio and TV Museum

**August 27** - Annapolis 10-Mile Run – Ted, K3TED Coordinator

**September 8-10** - Annapolis Seafood Festival

**October 1** - Metric Marathon – Jerry, N3HKJ Coordinator

**December 15** - Holiday Party – Need Coordinator

## Hamfests, Contests and Other Events

**July 23** - BRATS Hamfest - Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

**August 12-13** - MDC QSO Party

**September 9-10** - FARFEST - Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD

**September 16-17** - Chesapeake Challenge Walk

## VE Testing Schedule

**Every second Saturday of each month** - AARC - Robert Rose/AA3RR, 410-437-8193

**Every third Saturday of each month** - 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).

## ARRL Membership Reminder

**Free Money for AARC!**

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).**
- **Clubs retain \$2 for each renewal. A RENEWING MEMBER can renew at anytime, even before their current membership term expires.**

Send your application and payment (made out to AARC) to the club treasurer.

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## **\*\* Congratulations \*\***

David/N3BFO and Anna/N3JYU Walter celebrate the birth of a new granddaughter. Alice Ena Walter arrived at 8:52 AM on June 7th. She weighed 9 lbs, 6 ozs and was 20.75 inches long. The proud parents are Eric/N3GZB and Diana Walter. Alice is their second daughter.

## Field Day 2006 went out with a SPLASH!

The weather man was predicting a 50% chance of rain for the weekend. Boy was he wrong! It was surely 110% all weekend. Actually, it didn't rain on Friday while we setup the shelters and the antennas but we were all soaking wet 10 minutes into the job. It was as hot and muggy as I have ever seen it. Thankfully, all that mugginess didn't deter 18 dedicated club members from answering the call for help. We started at 2:00pm and got every antenna and shelter up before leaving the site and locking the gate at about 8:30pm. My sincere thanks to each of you who showed up for the setup. I hope everyone learned a little something as we setup a varied selection of masts and antenna's. Thanks to those of you who loaned us a mast for the weekend. It was nice to see and experience so many different options.

The Saturday morning setup began about 9:30am. First to arrive was the Delamarter family, Bob, Kim and Robbie. Oscar, NV3G was back bright and early too and got to work building a new all-band dipole for our GOTA station. More and more showed up to help get everything ready for the 2pm start time. We had quite a few helpers who came out every day (Fri-Sun) of the event to help out. I was so pleased to see so many interested and hard-working members. As I'm sure you witnessed, there is so much to be done. We really need and appreciate all of your help.

Everything began smoothly at 2:00 with every station on-the-air with both an operator and a logger. We had members who came out as greeters, welcoming and showing our visitors around. Speaking of visitors, we had over 50 people sign the visitor log. Included in that list were four special guests; Senator Greenip, Dennis Schrader, the Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, Al FitzSimons representing John Droneburg, director of MEMA and Jim Cross, ARRL's MDC section manager. Our club chef, Fred Koester, K3LMR worked very hard, even in the rain, to prepare a wonderful meal for all of the participants. Great Job once again Fred! About 5:30pm we had the first indication that a storm was heading our way. The sky turned dark and the winds began to blow. You could hear thunder off in the distance. We brought the equipment inside or covered it well with plastic and took advantage of the down time to chat with old friends and make some new ones. It was all over in about 20 minutes and everyone got back on the air. This was the first of many of these little storm breaks we would endure that night. Everyone took it in stride, hung out, had a snack and went right back out when the lightning moved off to a safe distance.

The rains got so heavy at times that you could hardly hear the radio. We also found out the hard way that the 3 club shelters are not really waterproof, at least not when it's raining that hard and steady. Putting a tarp on the roof to act as a rain fly was sufficient to stop the problem but before next year I would recommend purchasing some spray-on waterproofing at a sports store and spraying the roofs of each shelter. We had 5 stations operating until about 4:00am when some of us, who had been there all day, had to crash for a bit. We had a couple of reinforcements show up to work the overnight shift so there were a couple of stations running all night long. I headed home at about 4:00am for a few zzzzz's returning about 9:00am to make breakfast. When I arrived I found most of the stations up and running and it was STILL RAINING steadily. I wasn't sure how I was going to make breakfast in that rain but with a little help we setup an EZ-Up and put the grill just under the edge of it. Someone started the sausage while I made juice and coffee. We cooked a little bacon and mixed up a batch of eggs and cinnamon to make French toast. We put an old fashioned griddle on the grill and made some yummy French toast for everyone. Barry, K3NDM showed up at about that time with some yummy doughnuts for our breakfast dessert.

After church the Delamarter family showed up to work once again. Quite a few of us noticed and were very impressed with this family. They are new to amateur radio and to the club. Bob was licensed last year and joined the club at the Christmas party. His wife Kim and son Robbie were in this years Tech class after which Kim got her ticket and has since passed her code exam. Robbie will be getting his ticket any day now. Even son Michael, who initially didn't have an interest, came out to help on Saturday and tear down on Sunday. We may see him get licensed before the year is out. Kim and Robbie both made their first HF contacts on Field Day and were So Thrilled! It was great to see and share in their excitement. I want to acknowledge and thank the Delamarter Family for all their hard work on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and for noticeably having such a good time during every aspect of Field Day 2006. You guys were great! Thanks!

We had a few new helpers show up Sunday to operate or Log and some of our Saturday operators came back Sunday for a little more fun. Every station was humming once again in the pouring rain. At around

noon we had a couple folks show up to help with the tear down. We began tearing down the things that were not required for the stations to keep making contacts. By the time we finished with the non-essentials and the 6M station, it was nearly 2pm and time to start breaking it all down. You have to appreciate all those people working in the rain to clean it all up and pack it away. It finally stopped raining for a while so we could safely bring down all the masts and antennas. You need lots of help to keep it safe.

Whew! It's all over for another year. It was a great time and we had lots of wonderful folks come out to help and enjoy. We do this for all of you... so you can experience this and see how relatively simple it can be to setup a station, a simple wire antenna and get on the air. What a good time it can be. It's a success when you can say no one was hurt, and everyone that came out appeared to have a good time. I haven't calculated up the entire score yet but in brief, the GOTA station had about 160 contacts, and we made 1069 contacts on all of the other stations. There were 441 CW, 18 PSK31, and 610 SSB. This is Great, especially when you consider the conditions we were working in and all of the forced breaks we had throughout the night. I want to thank everyone who took the time to participate and contribute to the success of this event. Without your help, it just wouldn't happen. I especially want to thank my right and left hand men, Eric, N3EF and John, K8JW. They have been beside me and helping with every aspect of Field Day for the past three years. I can organize but I don't have all the technical knowledge that is required for some aspects of coordinating Field day. Thank you both for helping to make me look good! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & HARD WORK!

I have truly enjoyed coordinating AARC's Field Day for the past three years. It's now time to give someone else a chance to see how much fun this can be. Would you like to coordinate Field Day 2007? The position is open. Contact a board member if you are interested. It's never too soon to begin planning this event.

*Lisa Fairbank / K3LUV*

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## **For Sale or Use**

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I have a number of HF tribanders (\$100-\$150) and 10m, 6, and 2m yagi antennas (\$50-\$75) available for anyone interested. Also, a 40' Rohn Tower (interested party to take down).

Reasonable offers accepted. As Is. Cash only. All sales final.

Please contact NA1DX via email only at [doug@ellmore.net](mailto:doug@ellmore.net).

I have a cushcraft X-9 tribander in my back yard which I'd like give to anyone who can use it. This is a large antenna, 28 foot boom and full size reflectors. I've replaced it with a stepper. Contact me via phone or e-mail if you are interested. Tim / K3DPT 410-280-1915 or [tabowen@erols.com](mailto:tabowen@erols.com)

For Sale: AMERITRON HF POWER LINEAR AMPLIFIER, AL-811 600 WATTS- REG \$429. SALE \$ 300.

ANTENNA- 20/15/10 METER BEAM CUSHCRAFT REG \$429, SALE \$200

MFJ SWITCHING POWER SUPPLY 35 AMP REG \$170, SALE \$80.

Contact: George (Mac) Mc Kay AA3YN at 410 643 3262 or e-mail: [mdmckay@atlanticbb.net](mailto:mdmckay@atlanticbb.net)

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### **The Annapolis 10-Mile Run**

Coordinator: Ted Redick, K3TED

[tredick@verizon.net](mailto:tredick@verizon.net)

The Annapolis 10-Mile Run is one of the largest events we support each year. There are usually 5,000 runners. Ted usually needs at least 20 volunteers to supply the level of support this event requires. Contact Ted to sign up.

## A Note of Thanks

In acknowledgement and thanks to those who came out to support Field Day 2006. I want to personally thank each of you. From those who were there through every stage of the event, to those who stopped by to see what it was all about and sign the visitor log. I appreciate you taking the time to support AARC and this event.

**The following people joined me on Friday to help setup the site. It was hot and miserable and these people worked very hard to get everything done.**

Eric Fairbank / N3EF	John Williams / K8JW	Oscar Ramsey / NV3G
Dick Maio / WW3R	Andrew Buskey / N3GVL	Barry Lazar / K3NDM
Rob Hurd / N3HU	Harry Suit / N3DE	Bob Delamarter / KB3MPR
Ron Boller / N3WOF	Robbie Delamarter	Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU
Bert Thompson / KB3MHB	Gerri Harlow / KB3NJT	Dick McKelvie / K3HQ
Fred Koester / K3LMR	Burk Martin / WB3BVL	John Crawford / WB4KDB

**Saturday - Field Day Setup, Participation, Teardown, and General Support:**

**Because showing up during the event to see what it's about is support and participation, the end of this list includes the names of these member supporters also.**

Eric Fairbank / N3EF	John Williams / K8JW	Oscar Ramsey / NV3G
Bob Delamarter / KB3MPR	Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU	Robbie Delamarter
Michael Delamarter	Dick Maio / WW3R	Barry Lazar / K3NDM
Andrew Buskey / N3GVL	Terry Nixon / KB3CWQ	Barbara Nixon / KB3LDM
Dick McKelvie / K3HQ	James Wieland / KB3MUV	Harry Suit / N3DE
Bud Williams / AF3V	John Crawford / WB4KDB	Joe Duggan / KB3MNZ
Bob Baltz / N3MNT	Fred Koester / K3LMR	Holly Bevan / N3MB
Tony Young / WA3YLO	Rob Hurd / N3HU	Bill Rynone / WB2EIQ
Deane Charlson / WB2DCF	Gerri Harlow / KB3NJT	Bert Thompson / KB3MHB
Jerry Herman / N3BDW	Huey Treadwell / KA3URG	William Kelly / N4GUN
Richard Kelly / KB3KFA	Bob Frierson / WA3HOO	Carol Daniels / KB3NJR
David Baker / KB3HTD	Carol McKelvie / KB3FYS	Al FitzSimons / W3YRS
Skip Johnson / K3FOR	William Stanek / N3PPJ	Thomas Mielke / KE6INX

**I want to acknowledge our radio operators and loggers who worked tirelessly and had the Best Time for it. One note... the figures quoted are based on the logs and my recollection. If no one changed the operator ID when a new operator sat down, the logs are not completely accurate.**

**Rob Hurd / N3HU** was Working It! He didn't arrive until after dark Saturday but he operated All Night Long and into Sunday morning racking up about 280 contacts. He had them PILED UP! Great Job Rob!

**Eric Fairbank / N3EF** took an interest in CW one year ago. He has worked hard to get his speed and comprehension in top shape and this is evident when you consider he made about 235 CW contacts. Go Eric!

**John Williams / K8JW** worked Very Hard throughout the Entire Event. He was on the air almost the whole 24 hour period. He worked with many people switching off as operator and logger giving many their first Field Day experience. Thank you John! According to the logs John made about 225 contacts but they are not all Johns. This is a case where no one changed the operator id. **Harry Suit / N3DE** came out and worked for hours on 20M CW but there is no record of it. **Bob Baltz / N3MNT** also worked with us for many hours on Saturday and into Sunday. There are only 4 contacts associated with Bob I know he did more than that. Maybe reading this will help folks remember to change the operator ID next year. Thank you John, Harry and Bob for coming out, working hard, and having fun with us.

**John Crawford / WB4KDB** is our CW-MAN! As usual John spent nearly the entire event working the 40meter CW station and racking up about 135 contacts. Saturday afternoon a guest to Field Day, an inactive HAM, said he wanted to get on the air. I told him what we were doing on each of the stations and he excitedly said, "I want to work CW!" I sent him over to work with John. John graciously moved to the logging seat while Andy Germaine / KW3G took over the key. As the two worked together they found they had a zillion things in common. It's a funny small world. Before the 1<sup>st</sup> storm blew in Andy had racked up 25 contacts. Thank you John!

**Tony Young / WA3YLO** came in around midnight to work the grave yard shift. He knew just what we needed! Tony had racked up about 55 contacts before he headed out. Thanks Tony!

**Barry Lazar / K3NDM** helped out every day of Field Day. He operated on Saturday and returned Sunday morning to give the overnight crew a break. Sunday mornings we always need help. Barry logged about 50 contacts for the club. Thanx Barry!

**Terry Nixon / KB3CWQ** worked the GOTA station with wife **Barbara / KB3LDM** Saturday and Sunday. Terry and Barb helped a lot of people, members and guests alike, who were experiencing their first Field Day. They even helped Senator Greenip make a contact! Terry & Barb racked up about 50 contacts on GOTA and made lunch for everyone on Sunday! Thanks guys!

**Andrew Buskey / N3GVL** was on-site to help out every day of Field Day setting up his little tent out in the field. Andrew helped us earn 100 bonus points by setting up an APRS demo station. Andrew is currently hooked on PSK31. He brought his gear and made about 20 digital contacts at the same time showing this mode to some members who hadn't seen it before. He seemed to have a great time working the GOTA station and helping others while making about 50 contacts. Great Job Andrew!

**Bob, Kim & Robbie Delamarter** were on-site all weekend. From 2pm Saturday they spent the majority of their time at the GOTA station, each of them making contacts and logging. They did a little bit of everything this weekend. Son Michael even spent some time at GOTA but wasn't quite ready to get on the air yet. This didn't stop him from helping out. He was a great help tearing down Sunday afternoon. Thanks to you all! What a Family!

**James Wieland / Raven / KB3MUV** worked nearly the entire event. This was his first Field Day and he logged a long time for many operators before finally grabbing the mic and getting on the air. Congratulations! Before we left on Sunday he told me what a great time he had working Field Day. I couldn't have been happier. That is why I do this, so at least one person will get excited about amateur radio and Field Day. Thanks Raven!

**Joe Duggan / KB3MNZ** came in Saturday evening and stayed into early Sunday working GOTA and logging. This is Joe's first Field Day and we hope he had a good time and will come back next year for more. Thanx Joe!

**Oscar Ramsey / NV3G**'s name doesn't show up in the log but I know that Oscar was always there and always helping. Oscar was there Friday, Saturday and Sunday doing whatever needed to be done. Although he didn't get on the air (according to the log), I saw him logging for lots of people throughout the event and he helped me do SO MUCH! Thank you Oscar! You're Amazing!

**Deane Charlson / WB2DCF** showed up around 3am on his way home from a concert. He was going to work the graveyard shift but all stations were still up and running so he went home and crashed. BUT, he came back bright and early Sunday morning to relieve a very tired operator. The log doesn't reflect an accurate count for Deane's contacts but he worked for a few hours and had a fun time. Thanx Deane!

**Bud Williams / AF3V** joined the club at Field Day after being away for a number of years. After joining he jumped right in and spent most of Saturday and into the wee hours of Sunday morning logging contacts for different people. I don't know if he ever got on the air but, he was having a good time logging and we were thrilled to have him. Welcome back Bud!

**Dick McKelvie / K3HQ and Holly Bevan / N3MB** came out again this year to serve as Greeters. It's an important job and they take it seriously. We want to make our visitors feel welcome and explain what Field Day is all about. They have done this for us for 3 years now and they are Wonderful! Thank you very much!

**Gerri Harlow / KB3NJT**, a new ham and club member came out on Friday to help with shelters and antennas. She couldn't make it out on Saturday but she was back Sunday morning for a taste of Field Day. She did a little logging and stuck around to help with the tear down. Thanks Gerri!

**Thanks to everyone who participated in Field Day.**

**I hope you enjoyed the event.**

*Lisa Fairbank / K3LUV*

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**Tell me about your day...**

If you participated in Field Day 2006 I'd like to hear from you. Please tell me about your experience. If you agree, I'd like to share your experience with the rest of the club in next month's newsletter. E-mail me at [lisa.fairbank@eds.com](mailto:lisa.fairbank@eds.com)

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## Minutes of AARC Business Meeting for June 1, 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

- Rob Hurd brought the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
- A quorum was present. The meeting started out by everyone giving their name and call sign.
- Andrew Buskey N3GVL was accepted as a new member
- Rob Hurd N3HU announced the program meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> would be Jim Cross, WI3N, the ARRL MDC Section Manager, Rob also requested the membership suggest any ideas they have for upcoming program meetings.
- Lisa Fairbank K3LUV gave the treasury report
- Dick McKelvie K3HQ will be the Coordinator for the AARC Picnic
- Bob Montagne K3REM will Coordinate the Club House Clean Up on Saturday 6/3
- Fred Koester K3LMR is coordinating an event at Tipton Airport. This event is sponsored by the Columbia Amateur Radio Assoc. They will be using the AARC Public Address System. Fred is looking for help setting up the system at this event.
- We are still looking for a Coordinator and support staff for the Seafood Festival, the event is Sept. 8, 9, 10
- John Williams K8JW reported on work that is being performed on the repeaters, 220, 440, and 105 machines.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

## Minutes of AARC Board Meeting for June 8, 2006

Officers present for the meeting were:

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

- Rob Hurd brought the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
- Bob Montagne passed out the meeting minutes from the June 1 Business meeting.
- A new ham requested some Elmer support, Rob Hurd to send information to John Williams.
- Fred Koester will run the Program Meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> and introduce our guest speaker.
- Lisa Fairbank will coordinate the clean up of Ham Shack II on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The surplus equipment will be dusted off and priced for sale at the Mini Ham Fest before the picnic.
- The Board has decided to purchase a LCD or DLP projector. This will allow our guests or club members give presentations using their computer. It will presented for approval to the membership at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- We will start a Refreshment Program for all upcoming Program Meetings. The club Directors and Officers will rotate, below is the schedule  
June - Bob M.                      August - Tony                      Oct. - Fred K  
July - Rob H                              Sept - John W.
- The club will provide a door prize for upcoming meetings plus continue with the 50/50 drawings
- The Program Meeting for July will feature Paul Courson and the Ham Radio Station at the Bowie Radio and Television Museum.
- Discussion on a replacement for our Webmaster and Newsletter Editor.
- Tech Talk will be a feature at the upcoming business meetings. Bob M. will handle the Tech talk at

the July Business Meeting.

- Bob Montagne put together a list of possible program meeting topics for the remainder of the year. Rob Hurd wants everyone to continue looking for program topics so we can pick the most interesting.
- Rob H requested that we put up 2 suggestion lists, For possible program meetings For Tech Talks The membership can always tell an officer or director, but they can also just put their idea on the sign up sheet.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:30

#### Possible Program Suggestions.....

- Skywarn, it's been a long time since many of our members were certified. We have a lot of members interested in the weather.
- Show & Tell, invite the Anne Arundel County Command and Communications Mobile Unit to come out to the Club House to demonstrate all the capabilities they have.
- Summer Workshops, Implement Lisa's idea on topics people are interested in and want to learn about. How to install a mobile radio, how to install the antenna, just some plain best practices and common sense gathered after years of working with radios.
- Vendor Show & Tell, invite someone local like R.F. Connections to come and talk about Coax Cables and connectors, we are one of their target audiences with a very large membership.
- Radio Club Exchange, Invite another club to come and talk about the good stuff they are doing. Example: Recently a local club had a High Altitude Balloon Launch with a tracking unit/transmitter. Why did they do it, what did they find out? This was talked about on our repeater for at least a week.
- Emergency Power Supply, A Program on how to build a back up power supply using a storage battery, and photo electric cells, etc.
- Contesting, What is Contesting? Review upcoming contest, awards, certificates, and logging software available.
- AARC Website, Show everyone all the information available on the site as well as all the links with endless information and ideas. We have a great website.
- A Digital Evening, A program teaching about all the digital avenues that are now popular like PSK31, Echolink, and some of the old like Packet and CW.
- Tuner Up, A program discussing Antenna Tuners, why you may need one, what makes a good one, How do they work?
- VSWR, How to measure, understand Impedance, inductance and resonance. Do you really need to worry about it?

#### **Minutes of AARC Program Meeting for June 15, 2006**

Officers present for the meeting were:

Fred Koester	K3LMR	Director
Bob Montagne	K3REM	Secretary
Lisa Fairbank	K3LUV	Treasurer
John Williams	K8JW	Director
Bill Rynone	WB2EIQ	Director

- Fred Koester K3LMR brought the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

- Fred updated the group on the recent CARA Event at Tipton Airport
- The topic of a Projector for presentations was brought up. A motion was made by Barry Lazar K3NDM to purchase a projector for presentations at the club. Stan Stanek N3PPJ added to the motion that the board was approved to spend up to \$2,000.00 John Williams K8JW is going to research and make his recommendation. The motion was Voted on and approved unanimously.
- The Group extended their thanks and appreciation to Ted Reddick for his leadership and support during the recent Public Service Events. An outstanding job.
- Dick McKelvie K3HQ updated the club on the AARC Picnic. Fred Koester agreed to help Dick, he was also looking for set-up and teardown support.
- The Program Meeting for July will feature Paul Courson and the Ham Radio Station at the Bowie Radio and Television Museum.
- Rob H requested that we put up 2 suggestion lists; Lisa Fairbank took care of that. For possible program meetings For Tech Talks
- Program meeting was on The Amateur Radio Relay League, Benefits, Structure, Web Site provided by Jim Cross WI3N, Doug Lindsey KB3HER, Allen Brown KZ3AB
- The meeting adjourned at 9:30

## Maryland Slow Net (MSN) NEWSLETTER

### June 2006

#### **May Honor Roll** (15+ check-ins)

KA3AKC, W8CPG, WE2G, KG2HA  
KB3HOO, VE2KRM, VE1CB.

#### **May Statistics**

Sessions: 30 Minutes: 1000  
QTC: 151 QNI: 262

#### ***Student News***

- Congratulations to Nick/N2QZ on completing the MSN training course. Welcome to the Instructor Corps, Nick and your Certificate and Instructor's Manual are in the mail. Rene/VE1CB completed the Basic course and Gery/VE2KRM administered a tough exam. Rene is working through the Advanced Course. Oops, an identity theft happened in the May Newsletter as I commented on Bill/WB9LBI completing the Advanced Course – at that very moment an ether gremlin jumped in and changed his name from Bill to Lloyd even as I watched. Such audacity, but we'll catch 'em next time Bill! Bill has nearly completed the entire course. Instructors needed - please share your skills with new Students.
- Welcome to Jon/KC8UUG /Charlotte, MI, Arnold/ N1JX /Roseland, NJ, Bob/KB3HPK/Washington, D.C., Bill/AA3YR/Meadowbrook, PA and Marty/W4MY/Rocky Mount, NC. The "What Is The MSN?" article in last month's FISTS "Keynote" brought several new students. NCS if you get a new QNI, please ask if s/he wants training and if they have received an info packet. If not, please QNY to the Net Mgr or an Instructor for a "welcome" and to obtain an email/snail mail address.

#### ***Net Protocol***

- NCS please remember to have Instructors QNV new students through Tng Msg Nr 10. This helps new students to understand who they will meet for training and where to QSY. Instructors need to follow these directions, also. Don't just hit "G" and run – call your Student on net frequency and then QSY.
- Net speed remains a problem. All net members need to remember that net speed is 10 wpm, so that we can attract new students and not intimidate them with our dazzling CW speed. Training sessions can be any speed comfortable for both Students, Instructors and in keeping with band conditions. The ability to operate slowly with good character rhythm and spacing is also a CW skill.

#### ***Around The Net***

- From QRZ.com: Bill/AA3YR was a Merchant Marine and a Chief Radio Op in WWII. Bob/KB3HPK is an LD trucker using an FT-897 and screwdriver antenna while traveling across country. His QTH sports a TS-520 and a G5RV. Marty/W4MY was licensed in 1972 at age 14 and enjoys CW, PSK, contesting, DX and ragchewing. Dean/KB3HOO tells us that as an Extra Class op licensed in 2002, he enjoys building antennas, working with RACES and ARES, and has completed Level III of the ARECC, as well as training with the National Incident Command System, Skywarn, and Red Cross.

#### ***"Cryptowiticisms" and Philosophy dujour***

"Seek not to follow in the footsteps of men of old; seek what they sought" Matsuo Basho. He who forgives ends the argument – African proverb. The NYC mayoral candidate kept exclaiming his campaign promise, "No new taxis." If a critic panned a play's original actors, some might say he's stoned the first cast.

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## **The 2006 Chesapeake Bay Challenge Walk** **September 16 and 17, 2006** **Communications Support**

Request for amateur radio operators for public service event:

To any and all amateur radio operators who can help out, I have once again volunteered to coordinate Amateur Radio Communications in support of the Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 4th annual Chesapeake Challenge Walk. This year's Challenge Walk will be quite a bit different than the past 2 years, it will be held on Saturday and Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2006. The walk will be a 2 day 50 Kilometer event scheduled to begin Saturday in Annapolis and conclude Sunday in downtown Baltimore. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of and to raise funds for research that will hopefully find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. As an EMT and through working public service events for the MS Society as a ham radio operator, I have seen some of the effects of this devastating disease and I firmly believe that this is a worthwhile cause. For more information about the walk itself, feel free to visit the walk website at: <http://www.baychallengewalk.org> Walkers and volunteers will be staying overnight at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Linthicum, MD. Radio Operators who will be working both days will also be welcome to stay overnight as well, there will be no fees for the radio operators. Each operator will also get a T-shirt and meals are provided. I am looking for operators to help out with either fixed positions at rest stops or mobile along the course for each day. I will need some experienced operators for the Net Control station each day. I would also like to use a few Shadows for key event staff and Bicycle Mobile operators. I am considering using APRS this year to track various logistics and key figures. Anyone is welcome to come help out, with or without experience in working public service events. I welcome all to come out and put in as much or a little time as available. The MS Society people always put together a great event with a lot of good times and good food and camaraderie. The hams always seem to have a good time as well, I know I always have. If you are interested in helping out with this Public Service Activity, please contact me at: kb3cjt@arrl.net or drollhauser@comcast.net.

I thank you all in advance for your assistance.

73's de, Dave Rollhauser/KB3CJT, Communications Coordinator, 2006 MS Challenge Walk

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### **New Members**

Andrew Buskey – N3GVL / General	Gregg Daum – KB3NNQ / Tech
Al Genola – W3REG / General	Ray Sewell – K3RPP / Advanced
Mark Hartz – KB3NNZ / Tech	Bud Williams – AF3V / Extra
Scott Muessig – WD4LYN / General	Pierce Muessig
Richard Couture – KB3NJV / Tech	Alexa Couture

### **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.

Mark Wilson (? KA4LJP ?)  
Todd Bruner – WB1HAI  
Marlboro Hunt Club  
Annapolis Striders

# Field Day Photos

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## Field Day in the Desert

You can do Field Day wherever you are. Our friend Norm / N3RZU who has always been a staple at AARC Field Day has moved to AZ. He hasn't forgotten Field Day or us. I received a note this morning along with some photos to share with you. Here is Norm's Field Day in the Desert.



## AARC Field Day

I am going to put all of our Field Day photos on-line somewhere and I'll send you that link when they are available for you all to see. I chose one to represent us in the newsletter. This is the Nixon's and the Delamarter's at the GOTA Station. Having Fun!



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