

The Ham Arundel News



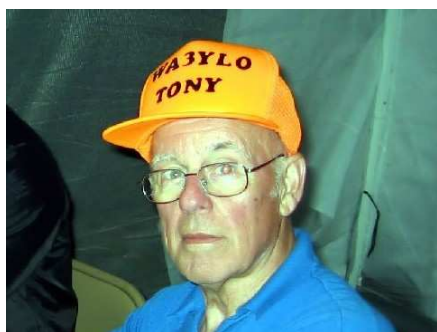
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The Prez Sez...



The best time to volunteer is just before you have an accident . . . so that is what I did. I do not recommend it.

What it did do was to reveal a vast array of fine friends. While in a rehab center, I had no fewer than 30 visitors.

It was enough to bring tears. My bride and two sons were there for me throughout, but friends from church, the AARC and RHS were there also. I got candy, books, toys (really) a "prayer shawl" and encouragement.

It has been almost seven weeks, and I may begin DRIVING again tomorrow. STAY AWAY FROM BOWIE.

I am about to graduate to a cane. That is a reduction of three legs. Thanks to all my visitors.

BIG goings on at the clubhouse! We have some neat programs planned, and gas is down to \$2.50. No excuses!

Bring a friend who doesn't drive and get "radio active"

Tony, WA3YLO

Our Condolences to:

Bill Chase / KB3JME and family. Bill's father, Kenneth L. Chase, Sr. of Winslow, Maine, died on September 13th.

Congratulations to:

Bob / K3REM and Leslie Montagne announce the birth of their sixth grandchild. Nathan Robert was born on September 19th. He weighed 9 lbs. 3 Oz and was 23 inches long. The proud parents are Scott and Stacey Montagne.

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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
Discounts available for family members and students

World Wide Web:

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 en-route directions, make initial contact on the 147.105 repeater.

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Calendar of Events

Meetings

October 5 - Business Meeting

October 12 - Board Meeting

October 19 - Program Meeting

December 15 - Holiday Party – NEED COORDINATOR!

VE Testing Schedule

Second Saturday of each month - AARC - Robert Rose/AA3RR, 410-437-8193

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.

For Sale or Use

Moving - kw xmtr, ant tuner, vfo, fb7 rcvr, q-mtr, rca vom, oscilloscope, tube tester, meters, etc., make offer. Call 410-992-1271 Thanks, Frank Boyd, W3COK

**** FREE ** ROHN TOWER - ROTOR – ANTENNA**

It stands about 45' high. It does not fold over. A gin pole will be required to bring it down. If you are interested in this tower for your own yard and can take it down, please contact me. In addition to giving the tower to anyone who will remove it, I will also give you a brand new antenna coupler and a vertical tower (still in the boxes) and a lot of HF equipment, including a transceiver and an HF receiver. If you don't really need it but would like to help a group of folks who get together to take it down, please give me a call Rudy Naimart 301-464-0163

W3HAM

From the Cheese Hollow ARS: Special Event Nov 18, 2006

Hi Guys and Dolls-

This is Page WA3EOP once again.

As some of you may know, among the current hats I wear, I am editor of the so called QRN Lite, the E-newsletter of the Antietam Radio Association.

You may not know until now, that I am also the Secretary and Trustee for the Cheese Hollow ARS. It is wearing that hat that I'm sending you this announcement to pass among your clubs via newsletters or otherwise in your area.

On The Air Special Event

November 18, 2006 1400-2359 utc

The CHARs club will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of W3HAM as a club call.

Anticipated operation is on or near : 3.92, 7.23, 14.27, 7.061 and 144.990 Mhz at various times during the operating period.

A commemorative certificate will be exchanged for a qso, qsl or log info and a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.

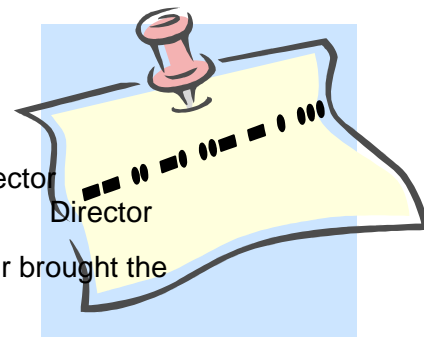
QSL Address: W3HAM
 Cheese Hollow A.R.S.
 22613 Stevenson Rd.
 Smithsburg, MD 21783

AARC Business Meeting for September 7, 2006

Officers present for the meeting were:

Bob Montagne / K3REM	Secretary	Bill Rynone / WB2EIQ	Director
John Williams / K8JW	Director	Fred Koester / K3LMR	Director

In the absence of the President and Vice President Club Director Fred Koester brought the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance



A quorum was not present. The meeting started out by everyone giving their name and call sign.

Oscar Ramsey NV3G gave an update on how Tony Young is progressing since his recent accident. Everyone wished Tony a quick recovery.

Stan Stanek N3PPJ gave the DFRC report. Two issues he covered were, the fence that needs to be repaired and the dumpster being filled by contractors and yard waste. Stan will be looking for a way to lock the dumpster or control what is put in it.

- September - will feature Bob Rose with the V.E. Report and update on Testing
- October - will feature a presentation on Lighting by John Williams

Ron Boller N3WOF gave a report on the very successful Striders 10 mile run and the use of the emergency communications vehicle.

Holly Bevan N3MB announced that the HEMARC Club is holding classes to help you obtain your Extra Class License. The classes will be on Tuesday nights for 10 or 11 weeks.

Tom Hogevoll K3TH gave the Kids Club Report.

There will be a club meeting this weekend after the VE Testing Session.

October

Webelos Woods at Camp Wakpominee

Webelos Woods at Mary's Mount Farm.

November 18-20

They will operate the first 24 hours of the ARRL Sweepstakes

December

They will be attending the AARC Christmas Party

John Williams / K8JW reported on the Equipment from the EOC that was delivered and will later need to be installed. He updated the group on his research for a club projector. John says we need to hold a Control Operators class for the Repeater. He is also still working on the 220 system at North County.

Barry Lazar K3NDM – Talked about this years winter project. He asked the group to think about what kind of kit they would like to build this year and let him know by email. Several people joined in to say how much they enjoyed the kit building experience. Please contact Barry directly K3NDM@verizon.net

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

## AARC Program Meeting for September 21, 2006

Officers present for the meeting were:

Bob Montagne / K3REM      Secretary      Bill Rynone / WB2EIQ Director  
Fred Koester / K3LMR      Director

Bob Montagne brought the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M., We had a quorum present.

He introduced our guest speaker, who needs no introduction to our group, Bob Rose AA3RR. Bob gave an outstanding presentation on the VE program, some of the areas he covered were testing sessions, new Technician test pool questions, General & Extra exams, Morse Code requirement, the history of the VE program, how and who can become a VE., a close look at the pass/fail ratio, and commonly missed questions.



Bob Rose put together an exceptional PowerPoint presentation with all the bells and whistles. He brought his own computer and projector that really showed the group how the use of this equipment can truly enhance an already great presentation. The audience had a lot of questions and great interest in the topics. If you missed this one, you missed a good one!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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## **SGL Presentation to GEMAC**



Amateur Radio and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) were the subject of a presentation to the September meeting of the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council (GEMAC), held on September 21 at the Anne Arundel County Emergency Operations Center. Dave Prestel, W8AJR, the ARRL State Government liaison for Maryland/DC gave a well received presentation describing the basics of amateur radio and the history and operation of ARES.

His presentation highlighted the training that ARES members receive, through course work, drills, and public service events and their exemplary performance in recent events from 9/11 to Hurricane Katrina. With 11,000 hams in Maryland and an additional 43,000 in the surrounding states, hams, working through ARES represent a valuable resource to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Mr. Prestel concluded by suggesting that a way needs to be found to make ARES a formal part of the Maryland emergency response process, to include ARES in training and planning, and to establish an identification card system to facilitate access of ARES operators into affected areas. Mr. Prestel provided a 63 page handout to the members of GEMAC providing background information and references on each of the points that he covered.

Members of the Governor's staff who were in attendance at the presentation recommended to his administration that Mr. Prestel's recommendations deserved further action. At the request of the GEMAC, there will be follow up meetings with key ARES personnel to form a permanent connection to amateur radio so that the full capabilities of its service can be used in times of need.

GEMAC is the highest ranking advisory board to the Governor in homeland security matters. Its members include representatives from MEMA, state and local public safety agencies, the Citizen Corps, among others.

Mr. Prestel's talk was arranged by Howard Rensin, KD3C, who is a member of GEMAC.

## Shack of the Month! Bill AB3BZ



On the top shelf is my MFJ-993B automatic antenna tuner. To the right of that is a switching power supply. On the shelf below is an ICOM IC-718 HF transceiver. To its right is an ICOM IC-V8000 2-meter 35W VHF rig. On the shelf below that is an MFJ-1118 DC power strip, and a RigBlaster Pro soundcard interface. You can also see one of my HTs (A Kenwood TH-79A 144/440 dual bander), which I use for Public Service Events. Out of frame are my PC and peripherals.

The spherical object on the left is a plasma ball novelty.

I generally work SSB on 17, 20, 40 and 80m and PSK31 on 20m. I have a G5RV inverted vee antenna, at about 12m, suspended from a tree. Of course I work 2-meters on the morning "Holly's Follies" net and the Chesapeake Bay WX Net, with a 3-element Yagi.

73,

Bill/AB3BZ  
See my blog, "Over the Waterfall,"  
at [www.ab3bz.net](http://www.ab3bz.net).

*If you would like to spotlight your shack in this newsletter send a photo and a description to the editor at [KB3YLW@comcast.net](mailto:KB3YLW@comcast.net)*

# Maryland Slow Net (MSN) Newsletter

October 2006

**September Honor Roll** (15+ check-ins)  
KA3AKC, VE1CB, W8CPG, WE2G, KG2HA  
KK3OQ

**September Statistics**  
Sessions: 30 Minutes: 868  
QTC: 131 QNI: 238

TO: MSN  
FROM: W8CPG

## *Student News*

- Congratulations to Rene/VE1CB on completing the training course; welcome to the Instructor Corps. He thanks Instructors/NCS for a job well done. Rene said he may be off the net a short while for an antenna repair. Bill/AA3YR finished the Liaison portion of the course and is working on the Instructor portion. Won't be long now, Bill.
- **NOTE: New students are needed.** All members who are active and receive the Newsletter, please make a concerted effort to contact potential students and advertise the MSN and its benefits, mention the website, and encourage them to take the course.

## *Net Protocol*

- Please remember (and this is for all Net participants), Net operating speed is 10 wpm. We wish to attract new students and not scare them off with higher operating speeds. Gauge speed by the NCS.

## *Around The Net*

- Hal/AD3X and XYL, Terry, visited the Holler over Labor Day weekend and helped resolve some serious global problems (It's sad that we're not in charge of the "Gummint"). Hal's Wm. Tell skills helped replace W8CPG's G5RV which had been "grounded" by Ernesto. We added a 3dB element to the 2 meter Copper Cactus, but still have to get around a mountain to reach the local repeater.
- Robin/AA3SB and Rusty/N3WKE enjoyed a water based vacation in the WV Stateroom aboard the Delta Queen steamboat navigating parts of the Illinois and Upper Mississippi Rivers and visiting the top of the St. Louis Arch, and the Chicago side of Lake Michigan.
- Ernie/AA3GV noted that he and his family enjoyed nearly 4 weeks on Chesapeake Bay in their sailboat. They returned home to find a July 4 storm had caused severe damage to several neighborhood homes including theirs. Four antennas were reduced to none and the trees supporting the 80 meter dipole were down. Fortunately not much damage was done to the house, and Ernie is building a vertical to get back on the air. Best of luck, Ernie, and we hope to hear you on MSN again soon.
- Randy/W4XJ noted that he has left his Episcopal parish and will be starting a new ministry this November. Our very best wishes for a great new ministry, Randy.
- Bill/WB9LBI was appointed Net Control Station for Thursday nights, replacing retiring Jim/KG4YLZ. Many thanks Jim for doing an outstanding job as NCS and setting an example for others to follow.

## *"Cryptowiticisms" and Philosophy dujour*

*What does it cost for a pirate to have his ears pierced? (pse Radiogram replies to W8CPG). Mr. Meant-to has a friend, his name is Didn't-Do. Have you met them? They live together in a house called Never-Win. And I am told that it is haunted by the Ghost of Might-have-Been. --Marva Collins*

## MSN NET ASSIGNMENTS

|          | MON   | TUE   | WED  | THU    | FRI   | SAT   | SUN    |
|----------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| MSN NCS  | K4OSO | N3WK  | K3IN | WB9LBI | AA3GV | N3ZOC | AA3SB  |
| ALT. NCS |       | AK4GY |      |        |       |       | KB3HOO |
| MDD REP  | W3CB  | N3WK  | K3IN | N3ZOC  | AA3GV | KC3Y  | AA3SB  |

**73, Bruce/W8CPG AR**

## AARC STAFF - 2006

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