

The Ham Arundel News



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Anne Arundel County's Premier Radio Club

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The Prez Sez . . .

Our Membership is growing!

Great Programs continue to bring members out.

Get involved in the club, you will have a great time!

Membership has really grown, especially in September. At the last several meetings we voted in 26 new members. Look around in this newsletter; we will post all the members that have joined the club this year. It's about 45 new members this year.

Hooray!

That's Great!

When you see new members at a meeting or anyone you don't know, make sure you stop and say hello. *New members: don't be bashful*, it's your club too now, take time to say hello to everyone. You will find the club to be very friendly. If you're a new ham our members have a ton of knowledge, get to know them.

We have unbelievably talented club members

We need you! Have you decided to run for an elected office for 2008? Contact the nominating committee now. There are many jobs to be done, pick one you would enjoy doing. If you do not want to run for an elected position, consider starting out leading a project or committee.

It's your club, Get Involved, Make a difference.

The plan is to vote on the 2008 Budget at the October 4th Business Meeting. We will be starting the meeting at 7PM to allow for the Treasurer to present the Budget Proposal to the club.

Be there to vote!

The Christmas Party is always a fun time. It's time to start working on this event and who might want to coordinate it this year. Each year we should try to make it more exciting than the last one. What would you like to do different, what would make this Christmas Party extra special, different, and exciting, think about it and let us know.

Consider volunteering to coordinate this event.

Visit our website for upcoming events. www.w3vpr.org

Great People, radio-active, having fun.

Bob Montagne / K3REM

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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:

3.563 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

- Oct 4** Business Meeting: Frank Winner “Emergency Communications: ARES/RACES
- Oct 11** Board Meeting
- Oct 18** Program Meeting: John Guyton N3ARN
Tornados and Weather Systems up close

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

Fourth Tuesday of each month – MMARC – Harold Nichols / WB4OGP, 410-757-0493

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.

Coming Up in November:

- Nov. 1st** 7:30 - 9pm ***Business Meeting***
Brian Belanger, Executive Director
Bowie Radio & Television Museum
- 15th** 7:30 - 9pm ***Program Meeting /***
Nat Ostroff , W3JXF,
VP for Technology / Sinclair Broadcast Group
WBFF Ch. 45 and Ch.54

You too can be on Maryland's "Best Dressed" list!

Orders are being taken for t-shirts, sweat shirts and jackets. Anyone wanting to order should contact either Kim / KB3NGU or Holly / N3MB.



State of Maryland

Proclamation

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS APPRECIATION DAY September 29, 2007

WHEREAS, Emergency preparedness is the shared responsibility of the entire nation and Amateur Radio operators play a major role in preparedness plans for the nation, state and local government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has more than eleven thousand licensed Amateur Radio operators who have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing emergency radio communications as they are on alert for any emergency world-wide; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Operators donate these services free of charge to the State, in the interest of the citizens of the State of Maryland as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, Maryland recognizes the importance of Amateur Radio Operators role in preparing for disasters and September is National Preparedness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 29, 2007 as AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS APPRECIATION DAY in Maryland and in recognition of this important emergency preparedness service, call upon the people of our state to pay tribute to the Amateur Radio Operators of our State.



Welcome this year's New Members

Adam, David S	KB3OEU	Lund, Austin R	KB3PEA
Ament, Joseph J	KB3LZS	Malone, Robert W	KB3PLK
Benning, Darrin L	KA3CUQ	Martinez, Adrian J	KB3PQY
Beveridge, Bruce H	KB3POU	Martinez-Brown, Eneida M	KB3PQZ
Brady, Robert D	KB3OCI	Metcalf, Gary M	KB3OXO
Brown, Gerda E	KB3PRB	Montrose, James M	K3RUP
Conn, Marvin A	KB3LME	Most, Sara	KB3PDY
Creager, Christopher J	KB3POM	Murphy, Mark	KA3RNW
Creager, Richard	KK4GV	Ostroff, Nathaniel	W3JXY
Crenwelge, Randall	WB5LPN	Pagano, Peter	KB3PGU
Daniel Hahne	No Call	Pfarrer, Daniel N	KB3PRA
Davis, Tonie	KB3PDZ	Polich, George S	KB3POS
Delamarter III, Robert W	KB3PEB	Potanich, Keith	KB3EGL
Don Cox	KN3COX	Reynolds, Ian R	W3IAN
Ehrenfeld, Dan	KB3OYC	Rice, Karin B	KB3PRR
Gillis, Scott	N3UJJ	Robey, Linda	KB3PDU
Goldman, Albert L	KB3POO	Schlabach, Laura L	KB3OGB
Greenstreet, Lance	W3LG	Scholze, Gary M,	KB3POQ
Hawkins, Calvin	KB3PEX	Sheilds, Gerald	KB3PPV
High, Bianco	KB3PDX	Sotiropoulos, Dimitrios	KB3PQI
Holland, Bill	KB3PDY	Spasaro, Joe	KB3PDW
Jones, Norressa	No Call	Stephens, Kimberly A	KI4YQC
Kilmer, Henry W	KB3PRT	Tanner, Arthur C	K3ACT
Lepley, Thomas A	KX3TL		



MFJ-932 Small High Efficiency Mini Loop Tuner, 50 Watts, Excellent Condition, Includes Box and Manual, \$50,

Deane Charlson / WB2DCF 410-573-1943, wb2dcf@arrl.net.



Link of the Month

Join AARC's **YAHOO!** GROUPS

If you do not already have Yahoo ID, or if you do and already participate in other Yahoo Groups, in either case, signing up is easy to do at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AnneArundelRadioClub/>

PUBLIC SERVICE



Twenty-three of our fine operators reported for duty for the very first Annapolis Triathlon on Sunday, September 9th. Providing safety communications for some 1200 participants, our folk monitored all three events: a 1.5K swim (at the City Dock), a 38K bicycle jaunt (to Crownsville) and a 10K run (in Annapolis). Frank (N3SEO) had arranged for the county's comm truck (the "MCCU") to be on site at the Navy Stadium, and it provided the gear for our three-way Net Control Stations. We used the joint repeater, 442.300+ (107.2) for the swim, the Mobileers 146.805- (107.2) repeater for the bikes, and 146.430 simplex for the run. The racers concluded by dashing inside the stadium and crossing the finish line at the Navy 50-yard line. Three cheers and a hearty "Thank You" to our crew for tackling this challenging assignment and coming up roses! -Ted (K3TED)

CQ YLs !!!

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Thanks to all of you who stopped by for the September meeting. Hopefully, the October date will be convenient and will see more of you. Also, it was great that there were so many YLs participating in the Triathlon.

Please let me know if you will be coming and if any of you are interested in bringing any goodies to nibble on. And, even more important, what sorts of things would you like to discuss this month?

Participation in a contest in November?

Do we think we are at a point that we would like to become affiliated with the YLRL? Would require 50% of our group to be YLRL members and, of course, we would need to come up with some kind of catchy name. Might be too soon yet, but toss it out as food for thought.

Also, Gerri has a few thoughts on things to work on as a group, which we can also discuss (Gerri, I took the liberty of adding a couple things to your list which may not be guide sheet items, but could be fun things to do):

1. NEW MEMBER GUIDE SHEET

(The following are not in any order)

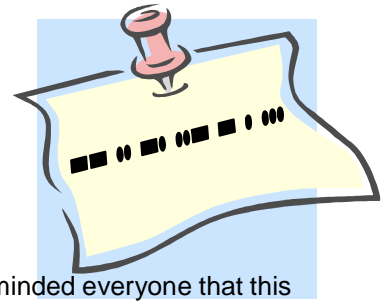
- A. Public service activities approx dates- Bay bridge run – usually 3rd Sunday in May;
10 mile run – 4th Sunday in August; etc
- B. Ham dates
- C. Dayton – May (should we make it a road trip?
Field Day – last full weekend in June
MD QSO Party
Contests
- D. Club –
picnic
Christmas party
- E. ARRL – what it is; web site; "QST" mag; "store" Other mags?
Road trip to ARRL HQs in Connecticut?
Road Trip to TENTEC or other manufacturers?
Road Trip to meet up with PA, OH, etc YLs?
- F. "Current" newsletter
- G. How to get involved with Emergency Services.

2. NEW HAMS – NOW WHAT?

- A. Equipment needed - radio, antenna, etc
- B. Things to consider about each before purchase
- C. Possible sources – HRO, MFJ etc
- D. What are hamfests?

Let's hear your ideas.

33's - Brenda/KB3ATI



AARC Business Meeting for September 6, 2007

Officers present for the meeting were:

Bob Montagne / K3REM	President	Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU	Secretary
Manaen Schlabach / KB3NQD	Treasurer	Fred Koester / K3LMR	Director
Oscar Ramsey / NV3G	Director		

We started the evening off with the Pledge. Everyone then introduced themselves. Bob reminded everyone that this is a good way to put a name to the voice we hear on the radio.

Bob Montagne asked if there was any business. Ted Riddick reminded everyone about the Annapolis Triathlon on September 9. Ron Boller said that the ARES meetings were resuming on September 15.

Bob introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Tracy Foust. He gave a great Presentation on Sound Resolution. There were lots of questions and Tracy did a great job answering them.

The next YL meeting was to be held on September 16. The meetings are held at the Club House from 2-4 pm.

We voted in 12 new members. Our membership is growing, and we are working on enlisting even more members. We will be looking for these new members to volunteer and help keep the club moving in the right direction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU Secretary

AARC Board Meeting for September 13, 2007

Officers present for the meeting were:

Bob Montagne / K3REM	President	Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU	Secretary
Manaen Schlabach / KB3NQD	Treasurer	Fred Koester / K3LMR	Director
Oscar Ramsey / NV3G	Director	John Williams / K8JW	Director

Bob Montagne called the meeting to order. There was a lot of business to go over for the upcoming year. We needed to discuss the 2008 Budget, Club membership, and upcoming events.

The main point of the evening was the 2008 Budget. We spent a lot of time trying to determine the best way the money could be used. We also discussed things we could do to improve the club. The budget will be presented to the membership in the upcoming business meeting for discussion and approval.

John Williams brought up the topic of getting a rocket launcher for the club. After some discussion as to the pros and cons of this, we decided to look for a used one for the club to purchase.

Jerry Hazell, who is with REACT and a club member asked for permission to sell SKYWARN patches. These would be sold to the people who completed the SKYWARN training. The Board granted him permission to do so. He will put a brochure on the bulletin board for anyone interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU Secretary

AARC Program Meeting for September 20, 2007

Officers present for the meeting were:

Bob Montagne / K3REM	President	Lisa Fairbank / K3LUV	Vice President
Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU	Secretary	Manaen Schlabach / KB3NQD	Treasurer
Fred Koester / K3LMR	Director	Oscar Ramsey / NV3G	Director

The meeting was opened with the Pledge. Bob thanked everyone for coming. We had a great turn out. Bob then asked that we go around the room and introduce ourselves.

Bob told everyone how well the club was doing. Our membership is really growing and we are working on enlisting more members. We voted in 6 new members tonight. We will be providing a list of new members in the newsletter. Bob asked if there was any business we needed to attend to before the Program started.



John Williams informed the Club that we are looking to purchase a rocket launcher. He asked if anyone knew of one for sale to please let him know.

Bob introduced our guest speaker for the evening. He was Rick Creager, KK4GV, one of our very own club members. Rick gave a great talk entitled "Broadband Antennas for Military Surveillance, Jamming, EMC Testing, Tactical and Scientific Application". Rick had a lot of examples with him and it made for a great Show and Tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU Secretary



Club Members helping a club member

Raven KB3MUV hosted an antenna party at his new house, with his new Carolina Windom Antenna and his brand new TenTec radio.
WOW!



Elmers in search of a place to put an antenna, complicated with power lines that run along the back yard -- Mission Complete!

Rob brought his Tennis Ball Launcher, that will fire a tennis ball way over the trees with accuracy and no, Barry is not suggesting launching the umbrella over the trees. I think, I hope. Actually the umbrella rams the tennis ball all the way down for maximum launch.



Assisting in this delicate operation were: Rick Creager / KK4GV, Rob Hurd / N3HU, Barry Lazar / K3NDM.

Pictures by K3REM.



ARES Meeting Minutes Anne Arundel County September 15, 2007

EOC Training on the workstations and activation.

Upcoming events:

- 1) 9/16 MS Walk
- 2) 9/27 EOC Training #2 and MEMA meeting
- 3) 9/29 Fire EXPO at Millersville (0730-1530)
- 4) 9/29 Get-on-the-Air Day
- 5) 10/01 Nuclear Incident training at EOC.
- 6) 10/04 RACES Presentation at AARC meeting
- 7) 10/06 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) (1000-1600)
- 8) 10/07 CARA Hamfest at Howard Co. fairgrounds
- 9) 10/07 Metric Marathon
- 10) 10/09 COMMEX at the EOC
- 11) 10/13 ARES meeting at the EOC
- 12) 10/14 Open House at Fire Co. 12 (w/MCCU)
- 13) 10/21 Open House at Fire Co. 20 (w/MCCU)
- 14) 10/28 Open House at Fire Co. 13 (w/MCCU)
- 15) 11/03 ARES Meeting at the EOC
- 16) 12/15 ARES Meeting at the EOC

The Shelter Kits now have locks and need some power poles installed. This will be accomplished on a work party on Sept 22, starting about 0900.

The Department of Health GO Kits are complete and training on the use for Packet will come soon.

The SET is coming soon and Frank is looking for sign-ups to assign to Shelters, Hospitals and EOC's.

Ted/K3TED showed off his motion/heat sensor acquired at Harbor Freight that he uses to detect intruders into his driveway.

Art/KB3DCA showed off a solar battery charger acquired at Harbor Freight.

It was suggested that we install PDF manuals on the Kit laptops.

It was suggested that we use the MCCU in the SET.

It was suggested that the PIO create a flyer to hand out at the Open Houses related to joining the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications.

Frank Winner

AA Co. EC/RO

NEWSLETTER - MARYLAND SLOW NET

MEETS DAILY AT 3563 @ 7:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME

September 2007

August Honor Roll (15+ check-ins)
W8CPG, WE2G, KG2HA

August Statistics
Sessions: 31 Minutes: 791
QTC: 82 QNI: 132

TO: MSN
FROM: W8CPG

Student News

- Ron /N3AEA is working through the Basic course and making good progress, and Bill/K3ZYK has completed the Advanced course and working on the Liaison section. Dave/WB4FUR has begun the Basic course. Good to hear you, Dave. Joe, KB3LNM has taken a leave of absence to work on CW speed, learn more of the Q signals and to build an 80 meter dipole to help reduce noise problems. We expect to hear Joe back on MSN in the near future.

Net Protocol

- The Good Ship MSN seems still mired in the doldrums. Hopefully late summer and fall winds and cooler temperatures will fill our sails. Please contact any of our students (via Radiogram on the net) and encourage them to continue with the course. More traffic and Student activity on the net makes it more fun for us all.
- Thanks to Pete/K3IN for volunteering to take the Alt NCS spot on Tues. nights. Anyone willing to take on Wednesday nite NCS will be most welcome. Please let me know if you would enjoy the experience.
- The Net Roster has been rearranged to omit inactive Students and Instructors primarily to eliminate clutter and make the Roster more easily read. Newsletter distribution also will be directed to active members effective as of the October 2007 issue. If you wish to continue to receive the Roster and/or Newsletter, please let me know and you will be reinstated in the distribution system.

Around The Net

- Pete/K3IN is now an independent engineering consultant and has developed contractual arrangements with NASA. Pete said life will be clearer, calmer and much more fun. Congratulations, Pete.
- Katydid's were heard in the Holler on August 5. In mountain lore, the arrival of Katydid's signals the first frost may be expected in 6 weeks. Time will tell how accurate the little guys are, but the noise level is about S-9 in the evening. Global climate change may alter their forecast a bit this year.

Cryptoquips and Philosophy du Jour

For our times: "And Man created the plastic bag and the tin and aluminum can and the cellophane wrapper and the paper plate and the disposable bottle, and this was good because Man could then buy his food all in one place and he could save that which was good to eat in the refrigerator and throw away that which had no further use. And pretty soon the earth was covered with plastic bags and aluminum cans and paper plates and disposable bottles, and there was nowhere left to sit down or to walk. And Man shook his head and cried 'Look at all this God-awful litter.'" Art Buchwald, 1970. "I always turn to the sports pages first, which record people's accomplishments. The front page has nothing but man's failures." Earl Warren. Men are born with two eyes, but only one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say." Charles Caleb Colton.

MSN NET ASSIGNMENTS

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

73, Bruce/W8CPG AR

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Christmas Party	<i>Position Open for this year 2007, Please Consider this opportunity</i> 		
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