

The Ham Arundel News



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Anne Arundel County's Premier Rodeo Club

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The Prez Sez . . .

We have a great Club!

Tell others about us, what we do, how to join in the fun.

As you talk to Hams who are not members of the club, take time to invite them to come to a meeting. Sometimes people are considering joining a club but just not sure how friendly the group is, most of the time it just takes an invitation. We have a very friendly group. I say the more in the group the merrier. When you look at all the activities at our club house there is always something going on. The AARC is a full service club; we have members that are experts in areas that will interest new members. The tenure and backgrounds of the Hams in this club is unbelievable. When you think about all the Technical and high level jobs in the Washington Area, we have members that do them.

We are planning a club house clean up day on Saturday April 5th starting at 9 AM.

We use the facility all the time, but we need to stop and give it a good cleaning to keep it presentable for our members. Mike Brenza is coordinating this effort. mbrenza@comcast.com. Please volunteer to help.

Club Rosters are being printed now and will be available at the April 3 meeting. Come by and pick up your new roster, save the club the mailing cost.

General Classes are starting on April 19th. If you know anyone wanting to upgrade, this is the perfect time. All the details are on the website, plus you can register there.

Wednesday Night Talk Net: What a popular weekly event this has turned out to be! Last week 3/26 we had 27 check ins with a lot of good conversations. We rotate the Net Controllers each week, and we have people signed up for April. If you would like to sign up as Net Control for May, June, July, please send me an email, we will get you into the rotation.

Our next Presentation at the Club will be from the ARRL on April 17th.

Why should I be a member of the ARRL? What's in it for me?

Section Manager: James E. (Jim) Cross III / WI3N

Assistant Section Manager: E. Allen (Al) Brown / KZ3AB

I would really like to make sure we have a packed house for this meeting. All our new members should attend to get a better understanding of how important it is to join and support the ARRL. For those of you that have been long time members of the ARRL, come out, hear what's new with the ARRL and what they can do for you.

Great People with a common interest 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

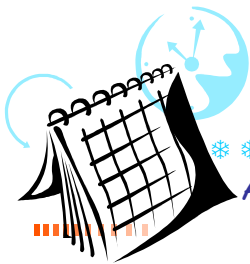
Repeater Frequencies:

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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Mark Your Calendar!

Apr 3

Business Meeting

7:30 P.M

This meeting will be about you and what you want to talk about.

5

Club House Clean Up 9 AM

10

Board Meeting

7:30 P.M

17

Program Meeting

7:30P.M.

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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).

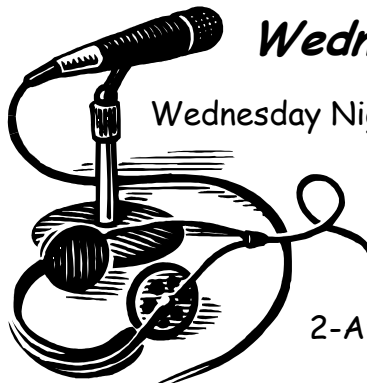
ARRL Membership Reminder

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.



Wednesday Night Talk Net -- All are welcome

Wednesday Night Talk Net at 8PM, On the AARC Repeater 147.105

Please join in. Open to all. Net Control listed below.

Net Control Stations for the Net:

2-Apr Margie KA3PQP

9-Apr Ed KA3ZPE

16-Apr Peter KB3PGU

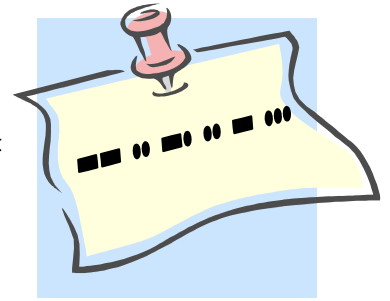
23-Apr Rick KK4GV

30-Apr Margie KA3PQP

AARC Business Meeting for March 6, 2008

Officers present for the meeting were:

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



Bob Montagne welcomed everyone to the meeting. We recited the Pledge and each person introduced himself or herself. We voted in 3 new members:

Gary Mitchelson / N3JPU Glenn Laman / W3GMB John Cumberpatch / NJ3W

Bob gave an update on the new Elmering Program that the club is starting. There is a survey on the website to help get a better idea of the topics the program could cover. Everyone is invited to complete the survey to help the Elmering program get off to a good start.

Tom Hogevoil reminded everyone of the upcoming contest the last weekend of March. There will be several radios set up at the Club and people are encouraged to come by and help with the contest. It will run from 8:00 p.m. March 29 until sometime Sunday afternoon, March 30. The goal for the weekend is to work 100 countries. Tom hopes people will come by and help out.

There are several upcoming public service events:

April 5 and 6	Roedown
April 6	Cherry Pit Run
April 27	Walk For the Animals

Volunteers are still needed for all of these events. Please come out and help support these public service events.

Mike Brenza is heading up a Clean Up the Clubhouse Day. Several dates were discussed but no final decision was made. We will announce the date ASAP and hope to have lots of volunteers to spruce up the clubhouse.

Gerri Harlow, our Field Day Coordinator, gave us an overview of the Field Day plans. There was much discussion on what power class we were going to be. Both sides gave pros and Cons. Gerri will make the final decision and make the announcement soon.

Bob Rose gave an overview of the Kids Club Field Day plans. They will be going QRO, high power. Bob invited anyone interested to come by and help them operate on Field Day. By having two locations it gives more people an opportunity to get on the air. There should be something available for everyone on Field Day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU

AARC Board Meeting for March 13, 2008

Officers present for the meeting were:

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

Bob Montagne called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Terry and Barbara Nixon asked to give a presentation on recognizing volunteers. They thought it was important for people to be recognized for the hours they spend volunteering. They presented several ideas and are going to continue to work on this project and more information will be available in the near future.

Kim Delamarter read the minutes from the previous Board Meeting. The minutes were voted on and accepted as read.

Manaen gave a detailed financial report. We discussed many aspects of the budget, got all of our questions answered and then voted for the report to be accepted. There will be postings on the bulletin board of the financial reports for all club members to see.

Bob Montagne is still looking for someone to take over as Program Coordinator. Several of the dates for programs are open for this summer. Anyone interested in doing a presentation or who knows someone who would like to do a presentation should let a Board Member know, so we can get them scheduled.

The clean up day for the Clubhouse is April 5 at 9 a.m. Mike Brenza would like as many volunteers as possible to help with the clean up. We have a lot of things that need minor repair and things that just need to be cleaned, so please come out and help.

The Board discussed getting a laptop computer for the Club. Manaen stated that because it wasn't in the budget we would need to get membership approval for the purchase. Bob Montagne will ask for a vote at the March 20th program meeting to purchase the computer.

Ed Brown would like to represent the club at the FAR Meetings (Foundation for Amateur Radio). Ed will attend the meetings and report back to the club. The Board voted to approve Ed for this position.

Kim Delamarter, on behalf of the YL Club, asked about the possibility of having a booth at the County Fair representing the AARC and Amateur Radio. It was decided this might be a good opportunity to publicize the Club and Kim will look into the dates and cost, and report back at the next Board Meeting.

Bob asked for any more business, there was none, so the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU

AARC Business Meeting for March 20, 2008

Officers present for the meeting were:

Bob Montagne / K3REM	President	Mike Brenza	Vice 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 at 7:30 p.m. We recited the Pledge and each introduced ourselves. Bob said this is a good way to get to know each other and put voices and faces together.

There was one item of business that was discussed. Bob asked the Club for permission to purchase a laptop for the Club. There was some discussion on exactly what we needed and ways to keep the computer secure. It was decided to purchase the computer along with some kind of lock down system. Bob Delamarter is going to purchase it because he gets a discount through his job. The computer will be ordered thru Dell and should arrive soon.

Tom Hogevoll reminded everyone about the upcoming Prefix Contest starting March 28 and continuing until March 30. Someone will be operating at the club all weekend so come by and help out with the contest. The goal for the weekend is to work 100 countries.

Steve Kelly gave an update on the website. The data is growing as well as the web membership. Bob thanked Steve for all the work he's done on the website. Tom suggested everyone use their name and call sign as their username, as it would make it easier to know who was online.

Jim Goldsberry gave a wonderful presentation on Aerial Waterfowl Population Surveys. He had lots of great stories and pictures.

There was some equipment that was donated to the Club by the Tiemeyer Estate. After the meeting, people were invited to purchase the equipment that had been priced. If more than one person wanted it, their name was put in a hat and the winner was drawn. Most of the equipment was purchased.



At the end of the meeting we gathered to celebrate Holly Bevan's birthday. The celebration continued for quite awhile. I'm really not sure what time everyone left but everyone had a good time.

Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU

New
Members!

Gary Mitchelson / N3JPU

Glenn Laman / W3GMB

John Cumberpatch / NJ3W



Due to medical restrictions I'm unable to climb a ladder or get on our steep roof to do some antenna maintenance. Our home is a Cape Cod style with a pitched roof. All antennas are located at the roof peak. Work to include weather station maintenance, repainting antenna tripods, taking down several antennas and mounting new ones. Willing to pay \$ 10 an hour for work performed. Must be 18 years of age or older and able to follow directions. For more details contact Terry Nixon 410-544-3276 Thanks 73's

Hello,

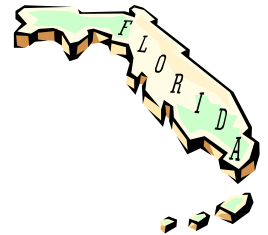
I think Charlie and Bettye Tiemeyer, W3RMD & K3VRZ, were members of your radio club. I got my ticket on 5/12/1951 at age 14. My second QSO was with Charlie, and we had many more after that. I had the opportunity to visit Charlie and Bettye often.

I am very sorry to hear that they both became SK recently.

73,

Jim W4YA

Longwood, Florida



Notes from the editor



If you would like to showcase your hamshack in our newsletter, email a photo or two and a description to kb3ylw@comcast.net.

Remember: This is your newsletter. All input, articles or anything you would like to share with the other members, are welcome.

Andrea / KB3YLW

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AARC Jr. meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 3:00-5:00pm at the AARC clubhouse

April activities:

April 8: COMDEX 1930 at the EOC and 146.805
April 19: ARES/RACES meeting at the EOC at 0900

Every Sunday: ARES NET on 146.805 at 2000
If you are interested in ARES, contact Frank Winner at N3SEO@aol.com



Note: The EOC is located at the Henry L. Hein Public Safety Building, 7480 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd (between Crain Highway and Ritchie Highway) Glen Burnie, MD 21061

ARRL 2008 Field Day Shirt Order -- go to <http://w3vpr.org/node/292>

The club is interested in your opinion. If we have enough interest AARC may be placing an order in the near future for the ARRL 2008 Field Day Shirt. Please let us know by casting your vote. You can view the shirt by using this link <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=NO-1324>

Public Service Event -- April 5th -- Annual Running of the Horses

Can you Help us on Sat. April 5th, or Sun. April 6th, or Both

The Races at Roe Down is like a Steeplechase and it is located right behind and very close to the club house. Roe Down is a huge event with over 5,000 in attendance.

The AARC has supported this event for the last 20 years. Our members provide the Public Address system for the event and it goes on rain or shine.

On Saturday April 5th, The AARC Volunteers gather at the Club House to load up our P.A. Equipment and then head to the track. We install speakers in trees or fence posts, string speaker wire and then test it all for a great sound system. This takes a couple of hours depending on staff available.

On Sunday April 6th Bob Delamarter, KB3MPR is the Control Operator for the P.A. System.

We need a group of volunteers on Sunday afternoon at 5 PM to take everything down and put the equipment away. Again this takes a couple of hours depending on staff available.

If you can help please contact: Fred Koester fkoester@friend.ly.net

This year the walk will be held on April 27th. The location will be Quiet Waters Park, as usual.

We need at least 8 people to support the walk, one person for each checkpoint and a net controller. It is OK if we have more than one person at a checkpoint. This is a pretty laid back event but almost everyone who has worked it in the past has had a good time.



The only communication equipment you will need is a 2-meter handheld radio with a fully charged battery. We will use simplex 146.430 for the walk and check in will be on the club 2 meter repeater.

The seven checkpoints around the course need to be manned at the following times

Net Control 7:00AM (I'll handle this)

Checkpoint One-7:45AM . The checkpoint is on the trail near parking lot L. Lisa and Eric have volunteered to staff this checkpoint.

Checkpoint Two-7:45AM . The checkpoint is located at the turn around point of the trail near parking lot N.

Checkpoint Three-8:00 AM. This checkpoint is located on the trail near parking lot J.

Checkpoint Four- 8:15AM. This checkpoint is located on the trail and is the most isolated. There is no nearby parking but we will make sure that whoever works this checkpoint will be provided transportation.

Checkpoint Five-8:30AM. This checkpoint is just inside the park, about 50 yards after you turn off Hillsmere Drive. It is located where the trail crosses the road. The nearest parking, which has seemed to work best for people in the past, is in the shopping center parking lot across from the park entrance.

Checkpoint Six-8:45 AM. This checkpoint is located on the trail near Sassafras Pavilion. Parking is available in parking lot B.

Checkpoint Seven- 9:00. This checkpoint is located on the trail near Sycamore Pavilion. Parking is available in parking lot F.

ALL CHECKPOINTS WILL CLOSE NO LATER THAN 12 NOON

Talk in on 147.105, walk on simplex 146.430.

There will be no parking or entry to the Blue Heron Center parking area after 7:15 on the day of the walk.

Other items you might want to consider bringing are an extra battery, something to drink, a folding chair and some bug spray.

Please consider volunteering for this event and let me know via e-mail if you have a preference for a checkpoint. I'll have maps of the course available at the April Business and Program meetings.

Stan / N3PPJ

xwayne@comcast.net

Field Day June 28-29, 2008

SCHEDULE (tentative)

Fri, Jun 27

1400 - Setup antennas, shelters. Antenna chief & volunteers.

PM - Security

Sat, Jun 28

0900-1200 (maybe earlier) finish set up. Antenna & radio chiefs & volunteers.

1200-1400 AARC picnic. volunteers.

1400-2400 Radio operation (24 hours). Radio operators & loggers.

PM dinner

Sun, Jun 29

Midnight-1400. Radio operation. Radio operators & loggers.

Breakfast

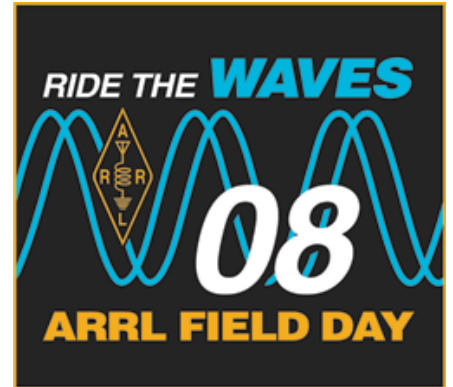
Begin takedown - volunteers

1400 End radio contest/transmission.

1400 Finish takedown, putaway, cleanup. Radio operators, loggers, volunteers.

Go home & rest.

If you can help in any way, contact Gerri Harlow 410-867-8022.



Q: How do you greet a ham radio operator?

A. With a short wave!

NEWSLETTER - MARYLAND SLOW NET

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

March 2008

February Honor Roll (15+ check-ins)
W8CPG, WE2G, KG2HA, VE2KRM
N3ZOC

February Statistics
Sessions: 29 Minutes: 736
QTC: 98 QNI: 171

TO: MSN
FROM: W8CPG

Student News

- Congratulations to Roy/WA2TWS and Bob/KX0T on completing the Basic portion of the training course. Great going men, keep up the hard work as it gets to be even more fun as you work through the Advanced portion of the course. Both Roy and Bob endured the grueling exam dealt out by the Net Mgr. and did a fine job of demonstrating procedure and protocol.

Net Protocol

- Students – please listen closely to the NCS and your Instructor when one is assigned. If the NCS says QNV – it means for the Instructor to call the Rx station and be sure reasonable copy is attainable, before moving off net frequency. If your Instructor asks you “QRK?” he wants to know if you copy well or not, before moving to the designated frequency of “up” or “down”. This is all part of the art of communication. Do not send “G” and head off frequency until both parties are sure of good copy.
- NCS’s – please remember to follow the Net operating speed of 10 wpm. It’s easy to forget, but newcomers may be a bit intimidated by faster speeds, and with the poor band conditions we’ve been having, 10 wpm may be easier for all of us to copy.
- When listing traffic, remember it’s listed as Destination first, then How Many messages. For example: DE WA2ABE QTC MA 2, AL 1, WV 2. The NCS uses this information to decide how to route your traffic and who might be the best RX Station(s) to handle it if more than one station is needed.
- The letter “R” is used in place of a decimal point when dealing with numbers in CW. For example, the VA Net meets on 3578R5. On FSD-218 (Pink Card) see “Abbreviations, Prosigns and Prowords”.

Around The Net

- Welcome back to Zeke/KA3LTN. Zeke is an MSN graduate and Instructor and has served as NCS and Liaison to MDD, 3rd Region, and EAN. He holds an Extra class license and lives in western PA.
- Bob/KX0T and wife Jody live in Dubuque, IA where they operate a dog kennel and train dogs in obedience and hunting skills. Bob, a former HS teacher, has nearly completed restoring a '48 ford Coupe, and Jody writes for several dog training magazines offering tips on pointing and other hunting techniques. They also enjoy two Quarter horses for trail riding on their farm.

Cryptoquips and Philosophy du Jour

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a 4-leaf clover? A rash of good luck. What do you get when you cross a stream and a brook? Wet feet. More investing tips for '08 – FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS and become FedUP; Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become Fairwell Honeychild (that’s for us Rednecks) and Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become Poupon Pants, Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization for Women will become KnottNOW! and Victoria’s Secret and Smith and Wesson will merge ...(send Radiogram for details). Good luck investing.

MSN NET ASSIGNMENTS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
MSN NCS	K4OSO	N3ZOC	VE1CB	WB9LBI	K3IN	N3WK	AA3SB
ALT. NCS		K3IN					VE2KRM
MDD REP	W3CB	N3ZOC		N3ZOC	K3IN	N3WK	AA3SB

73, Bruce/W8CPG AR

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