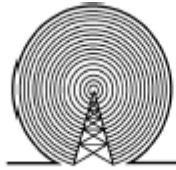


The Ham Arundel News



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May 2008



The Prez Sez . . .

Two things you should start thinking seriously about . . .

Field Day is coming up quickly. Have you marked your calendar to be there and work/operate on Field Day? If you are new on HF this is a great time to hone your skills on the air. If you don't have HF privileges yet, it's a great time to find out what it's all about. Either way, new, old or in between, mark your calendar now for June 28th, 29th. Remember the Club Picnic is on Saturday the 28th prior to Field Day starting. Please don't let the club down, come out and enjoy Field Day.

We are almost half way through the year. Have you given serious consideration yet to running as a club officer for next year (2009)? We have time; October time frame we start looking for nominations. Now is the time to start asking questions of the person holding the position you're interested in. Find out what's involved, what you have to do, how much time is involved. You can also go to our website and look at the bylaws; they will explain the jobs. We need to continue looking for dedicated people to help lead and make decisions for the club. As always, it will be a new year and all positions will be open for a vote. We have a great club! Help us keep the momentum going. This is my second year as President and we will be looking for a new President for 2009. I will still be on the Board next year per our Bylaws. I will be there to continue serving and help any of the new Board Members get adjusted to their new position, so don't let the unknown concern you. You will be fine, plus you will get a lot of satisfaction seeing all the new people join and grow in the club and hobby. Just Do It!

Some house keeping notes:

By now everyone should have the new roster. We had a couple of mistakes in the roster. Let us know as we are going to print another insert. We also had a formatting issue with the printer -- that's why you had an insert in the book. 17 people on the insert did not make it in the book, including myself. You know it's a mistake if the President proof-read the book and he still did not make it in there. Since the book was printed, we have a lot of new members we can also put on an insert.

The website has had some outstanding success. You may have noticed it was unavailable a few times recently. The company that hosts our website had some issues that are now resolved. We should not experience that as we move forward.

Come out for the meetings and programs, get involved, make some new friends.

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.

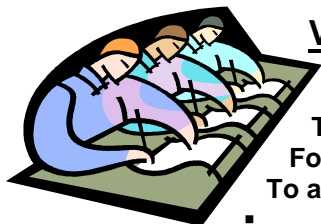
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Mark Your Calendar!

May 1	<i>Business Meeting</i>	<i>7:30 P.M</i>
3	<i>General Class Chapter 3</i>	<i>9:00AM</i>
8	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>7:30 P.M</i>
10	<i>General Class Chapter 4 pt 1</i>	<i>9:00AM</i>
	<i>VE Testing</i>	<i>12 Noon</i>
	<i>AARC Jr.</i>	<i>3-5PM</i>
15	<i>Program Meeting</i>	<i>7:30P.M.</i>
	<i>John Ward W3OJ: "Using Linux in the Ham Shack"</i>	

This presentation deals with Linux; what it is, how it works, who can use it, and the many tools that are available for hams It should be no more than 30 minutes with lots of time to answer questions.



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).



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.

Other Amateur Radio nets

Name	Frequency	Day	Time
Morning Commuter Net	147.105+ PL 107.2	Weekdays	0600
AA County ARES Net	146.805-Mhz PL 107.2	Sunday	2000
Baltimore Traffic Net	146.670-Mhz	Daily	1830
Maryland Emergency Phone Net	3.920Mhz	Daily	1800
Maryland-DC-Delaware Traffic Net	3.643Mhz	Daily	1900 and 2200
Maryland Slow Net	3.563 MHz	Daily	1930Mhz
React Net	147.105+Mhz PL107.2	1st Sunday	1930

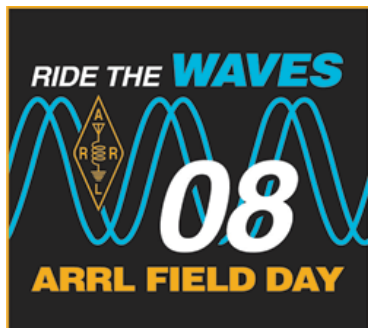
ARRL Membership Reminder

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.



FIELD DAY IS COMING! JUNE 28-29.

The Anne Arundel Radio Club will erect their site on the large field of the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center (next door to the club). It will operate as a QRP (low power) site.

Many operators and loggers will be needed for each station since the contest operates from 2 p.m. Saturday, the 28th, until 2 p.m. Sunday, the 29th. Other volunteers are needed to erect the

antennas and shelters, place signs, distribute tables and chairs, work at the reception table, other things that pop up.

Kim Delamarter and Barbara Nixon need help with the picnic before FD operations begin Saturday.

Tom Hogevoll is taking orders for Field Day T-shirts. If you want one contact Tom ASAP. Thanks for taking care of the T-shirts, Tom.

If anyone has an easy-up type of shelter they are willing to lend the club for FD weekend please contact me.

Make a **BIG** note on your calendar for Field Day!

Gerri Harlow, Field Day coordinator, harlowg@comcast.net, KB3NJT, 410-867-8022.

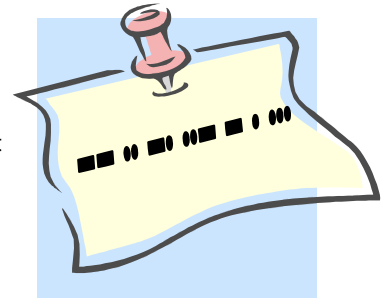


Rob Hurd / N3HU finished first in the Atlantic Division single operator QRP for the Nov 2007 CW sweepstakes contest.

AARC Business Meeting for April 3, 2008

Officers present for the meeting were:

Bob Montagne / K3REM	President	Mike Brenza / WA3SKN	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. Bob said there was no formal meeting for this evening so after we conducted some business we were each going to have a chance to introduce ourselves in a little more detail.

Bob first asked for any business. Fred Koester announced that we had 10 volunteers for Roedown and that everything there was taken care of. The speakers were to be put up Saturday, April 6 and the event would be Sunday April 7.

John Williams reminded everyone of the upcoming Cherry Pit Run. They still need a few volunteers to help with that event. John also said that most of the antennas and mast were in to install at the club for the EOC. The Walk for the Animals event is upcoming but they have enough volunteers for that.

Manaen gave a treasurer's report. He informed everyone that he always posts a copy of the financial report on the bulletin board so that everyone can take a look at it.

Since there was no more business, we went around the room and each person got to share about themselves. We learned a lot about each others' interest and abilities. We have lots of new ideas for upcoming program meetings and what people would like to see happen at the club. It was a very informative time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU

AARC Board Meeting for April 10, 2008

Officers present for the meeting were:

Mike Brenza / WA3SKN	Vice President	Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU	Secretary
Manaen Schlabach / KB3NQD	Treasurer	Fred Koester / K3LMR	Director
Oscar Ramsey / NV3G	Director	John Williams / K8JW	Director

Bob Montagne could not be at the meeting so Mike Brenza called the meeting to order. Kim Delamarter read the minutes from the last Board meeting and they were approved as read.

We had a discussion on upcoming program meetings. There were a few dates open during the summer months and we came up with some ideas for those meetings. We will pass the information along to Bob Montagne so they can be scheduled.

Mike asked for any old business. Kim Delamarter reported that she is still getting information about the possibility of having a booth at the county fair. The booth could represent our club and possibly ARES. She will continue working on this and have more information at the next board meeting.

John Williams reported that things are moving along in regards to updating our club facility to an alternate EOC site. John said that we need to dig a trench all the way around the building so we can put in a ground ring. John will be looking for volunteers to help with this project.

There was a Kenwood TS-4505 donated to the club. The board discussed whether to sell the radio or to keep it for club use. We decided to keep it for the club hamshack. We would like to see the hamshack used more and the radio would also be available when we have contest at the club.

Manaen gave a treasurer's report. He is keeping everyone up to date on our finances. Things seem to be going well in that area.

Mike asked for any more business, there was none so the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

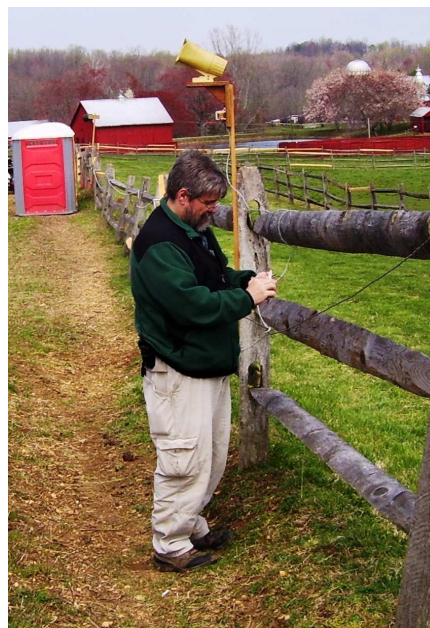
Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU

Public Service!

Roedown Races 2008

It was the first weekend in April and time again for the annual Marlborough Hunt Club Races at Roedown in Davidsonville P.A. installation.

Saturday morning April 5, nine volunteers arrived at the Club House to load up the P.A. equipment and take it to the hill at Roedown for installation. Several speakers were installed around the perimeter of the parking area by the sound crew. Again this year we had special help from Bob and Kim's son Michael Delamarter who brought his Jeep, trailer, and A.T.V. so we could spool the many yards of wire out for speaker installation.



Saturday's weather was good but Sunday it rained and was very muddy. But Bob, Kim, and Robby Delamarter and John Williams kept everything operating for the event. Everyone returned at 5 p.m. to disassembled and stow the equipment.

I would like to thank the loyal volunteers whose help made it all happen and John Williams our technical advisor:

Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU
Bob Delamarter / KB3MNR
Robbie Delamarter / KB3PEB
Michael Delamarter
Jim Goldsberry / KB3NQY
Ron Boller / N3WOF
Rob Hurd / N3HU
Bert Thompson / KB3MHB
John Williams / K8JW



Let's hope for better weather next year.

Fred Koester / K3LMR

Hello Everyone:

We did it again! Sunday the 27th of April we supported the SPCA Walk for The Animals. For the 2nd year in a row we did not have to compete with Dayton or Armed Forces day.

The Weather was not the best but everyone was in a good mood -- especially the dogs and cats.

Simplex worked fine for all but one checkpoint. Next year if everyone has 440 capability I would like to use the AARC/MMARC repeater if the repeater controllers would agree.

Thanks to all who participated: Lisa Fairbank / K3LUV, Eric Fairbank / N3EF, Tom Hogevoll / K3TH, Jimmy Hogevoll / KB3PGY, Bill Powell / N3PZB, Ted Reddick / K3TED, David Rinker / WB3IGW, Amy Groover / KB3QOU, Glen Bock / N3SUP, Ron Boller / N3WOF, Rita Boller and my wife Jean both without license.

Special thanks to Ron who covered two checkpoints by biking between them and using FRS to communicate with his wife when he was not at the same checkpoint and she needed to pass information.

General information for ARRL: 11 radio operators, at least 15 handheld radios, total of 44+ man-hours.

Submitted by Stan / N3PPJ



May activities:

There will not be an ARES meeting due to busy weekends.

May 13: COMDEX 1930 at the EOC and 146.805 at 1930

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

Dear Anne Arundel County Spotters,

There is an upcoming Skywarn Class scheduled for Baltimore County! The class information is listed below.

"Flooding" May 8th 7PM

Location: Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department
900 Bowleys Quarters Road
Bowleys Quarters, MD 21220

To Register for the class, please contact: Terri Brush

Email: tbrush@baltimorecountymd.gov Telephone: 410-887-5996

The Skywarn Flooding Class is *optional*. If you have any further questions, please visit our website at: weather.gov/Baltimore



FOXHUNTS, SATURDAY, MAY 10

Sharpen your antennae!

The members of the small, but vibrant Free State Amateur Radio Club will be fox-like, and go into hiding with 2 meter transmitters, Saturday morning (May 10) in the Anne Arundel, Howard, Prince Georges counties area.

Tentative plans are for a TWO stage hunt. Participants may hunt in both, or either the lowest-mileage winning hunt, or after, on the short on-foot hunt.

Activities after the hunts depend on the hunters. (TBA)

No license is required to hunt these animals, although as easy as it is to have an FCC ticket, it might help. Friends and family welcome too!

The only qualification or charge is to have fun safely and have your start odometer recorded.

Start: 9:A.M, Saturday, May 10

Location: TBA

Area borders: TBA

First hunt end: Shortly after heavy hinting and clues are revealed after around 11A.M. on the foxes' frequency, and possibly the WA3DZD repeater too.

2nd hunt details: TBA

2 meter frequency or frequencies of Fox(es): TBA

Announcements: Several times on the hour the Friday night before, and Saturday Morning on 146.76, 224.76, and 444.0 MHz WA3DZD repeater. (107.2 Hz PL most inputs)

Winners: Winning mobile team certificates will be determined by lowest elapsed mileage in several classes: Doppler, Mobile beam antenna, Portable beams, No beam.

The first hunters to arrive at the fox's emitter at the 2nd hunt will be certified winners. We hope to give all participating teams certificates.

Please spread the word!

Comments, suggestions, possible commitments: n3dci@amsat.org, Bill Boston, -73



LIGHTHOUSE SPECIAL EVENT

Special Event Station W3S will be operating from the grounds of the Piney Point Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-601), St. Mary's County, MD, during their annual Waterfront Festival Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 1300 UTC to 2000 UTC on 80/40/20 & 17 meters. We hope to have 3 active stations; SSB, CW and BPSK-31. Photo QSL. Certificate on request. QSL with S.A.S.E. via KA3UNQ. (See and follow QSL instructions on QRZ.com.)

Thanks and 73,

Jim Elliott / KA3UNQ

Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society



NEWSLETTER - MARYLAND SLOW NET

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

April 2008

March Honor Roll (15+ check-ins)	March Statistics
W8CPG, WE2G, KG2HA, VE2KRM	Sessions: 31 Minutes: 900
WB9LBI, KA3LTN, KA3NZR, KX0T, N3ZOC	QTC: 132 QNI: 246

TO: MSN

FROM: W8CPG

Student News

- Welcome to two new students. Arnold/K3TEL of Baltimore, MD and Bryan/N4UXA of Luray, VA. We're glad to have you join the Net and begin the training course. It's fun and hopefully you will enjoy not only learning the art of traffic handling, but also the great new friends you will meet. Many Students are nearing the end of the Advanced Course and soon will join the Instructor Corps. It's great to see net activity picking up again after the dreaded winter doldrums – look at the stats!

Net Protocol

- NCSs- Please remember to QNV new Students up to Tng Msg Nr 10 to give them practice at meeting their Instructors and moving off net frequency to another location.
- NCS's – It's good practice to match your Students with Instructors as early in the Net as possible not only to operate efficiently but to minimize time spent by volunteer Instructors. Both Students and Instructors are encouraged to QNI early for the same reason. As Larry says, "GitRDone".
- Punctuation: the letter "R" is used as a decimal point in figure groups, e.g. 3563R5 Hz is 3563.5. "X" is used as a period, but never to end the Text of a formal message – instead the BT ends the Text. The new character added to Morse code recently is "AC", called a "comat" and is the Morse character for "@" in email addresses now in common use and often exchanged on MSN and elsewhere.

Around The Net

- I regret to advise that Rene/VE1CB became a Silent Key January 2008. His widow, Phyllis, advised me of his passing. We will all miss Rene as a friend and his terrific work as a NCS on MSN.
- Frank/N3ZOC and Harry/KA3NZR and ladies recently enjoyed an eyeball QSO lunch over crabcakes and "grape juice". The lunch resulted in an outline for solving numerous global problems. Great!!
- Bill/WB9LBI advised that the FISTS Club (www.fists.org), for a donation, offers a CD CW course prepared in MP3 form by K7OQ. Twenty hours of practice ranging from one letter at a time to 30 wpm groups to build speed. XYL, KC8VFO vouched for the course and now copies the MSN regularly. The first 100 audio files are downloadable from www.k17c.com/codecourse.htm. This is a great resource for CW students, and an excellent opportunity for experienced operators to build their speed.
- There were no inquiries regarding the merger of Victoria's Secret and Smith and Wesson. Hmmm.

Cryptoquips and Philosophy du Jour

Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries. Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you. Many girls like to marry a military man – he can cook, sew, and make beds, is in good health and he's already used to taking orders. One of my computer keys appears to be sticking, but I can't put my finger on it. If you're trying to pick the right spell to cast, would you call it witchful thinking?

MSN NET ASSIGNMENTS

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

73, Bruce/W8CPG AR

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