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The Prez Sez . . .

We have Club Members who are active and on the move…

We have about 20 members who have made the decision to move up to the Extra Class License. They are meeting as a group at the club on Saturdays to study together. We don't have a formal class; we are holding a study hall. This is great for the learning process as well as the social aspect. Check out the website for details on this or other events.

We also have several club members who are putting up new towers and antennas, rebuilding old rigs, buying new equipment. This club is extremely active, and we have members who are experts in just about every aspect of Amateur Radio. When you need help on something, ask a couple of club members -- they love to come together for an event or project. If they can't help, they will know someone who has that expertise. Don't let the help you need go unnoticed, ask your questions, we have a great group of elmers.

How do you say Thank You?

Whenever you thank people, it is inevitable that you will miss someone or something that they have done. Barb and Terry Nixon are working on an Awards Program for the club so we don't miss saying thank you for all your hard work, dedication and efforts to the club. We have had award programs in the past, and what they are doing is taking the best of the best and rebuilding this new program to roll out by the end of the year. We have members who spend incredible amounts of time working for the club and we need to point that out to everyone.

Some club activities that I am really proud of.

The public service events, the training and class room instruction that bring and grow new hams into the hobby, the contesting events that get hams more involved, the elmering, the VE Testing plus all the great program meetings we have had. Look at all you get as being a member of the AARC. In order to get it, you need to participate in the activities and if you, do a wealth of knowledge is in your hands.

Make sure you are getting the most out of your club, get involved, and learn a new aspect of Amateur Radio.

We are a club of Great People having a Great Time. **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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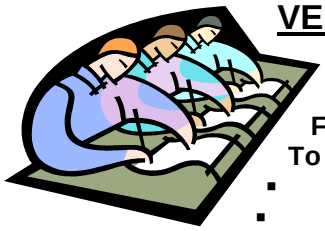
Mark Your Calendar!

Sept 4	Business Meeting	7:30 P.M
	Short Presentation by Mike Brenza Open Wire Feedline	
11	Board Meeting	7:30 P.M.
13	VE Testing	Noon
	AARC Jr. Meeting	3 to 5PM
	Extra Class Study Hall Chapter 4A	3PM – 6
18	Program Meeting	7:30P.M.
	HAARP / Steve Floyd / W4YHD	Website HAARP.Alaska.edu
20	Saturday,, Extra Class Study Hall,, Chapter 4B,,, 3PM – 6	
27	Saturday,, Extra Class Study Hall,, Chapter 5A,,, Noon - 3PM	



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	3.820Mhz		Daily	1800
Maryland-DC-Delaware Traffic Net	3.643Mhz		Daily	1900 and 2200
Maryland Mobileers Net	146.805	PL107.2	Monday	1930
Maryland Slow Net	3.563 MHz		Daily	1930
React Net	147.105+Mhz	PL107.2	1st Sunday	1930

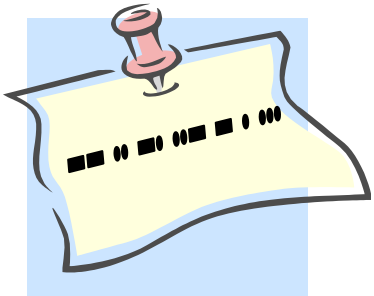
ARRL Membership Reminder: Free Money for AARC!

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.

AARC Business Meeting for August 7, 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 opened the meeting by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge. Bob asked if there was any business that needed taken care of. The following business was discussed:

- 2 Upcoming Public Service Events:
  - Annapolis 10K
  - Triathlon, which may be shortened to 2 events
- Cub Scout Function:
  - October 24 and 25, they will be using the DFRC area
- Ares Mini Set:
  - Frank Winner gave an update on this event
- New Members:
  - N5BHL Allen
- MD QSO Party
  - We will have radios set up at the Clubhouse
- Mildred Fitch
  - The items on the table are for sale with the money being donated to the club
- Manaen :
  - Reminded everyone of the upcoming elections and asked that people think about running for the Board
- Tom Hogevoll:
  - One of the Boy Scouts will be doing an Eagle Project. He will be replacing the picnic tables

After all the business was taken care of, Bob Rose gave a final report of the Kids Club Field Day. He gave a great power point presentation. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU

AARC Board Meeting for August 14, 2008

Officers present for the meeting were:

Bob Montagne / K3REM	President	Mike Brenza / WA3SKN	Vice President
Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU	Secretary	Fred Koester / K3LMR	Director
Oscar Ramsey / NV3G	Director	John Williams / K8JW	Director

Bob Montagne opened the meeting. He invited Terry and Barbara Nixon to give their update to the Volunteer Appreciation Awards. They gave us their presentation and now the Board will try to help them with decisions about how to establish the guidelines for the awards.

Kim Delamarter gave a review of the minutes for the last Board Meeting. They were approved as presented.

Manaen was not available to give a treasurers report

John Williams gave an update on the work being done at the Clubhouse. We will be digging a trench around the Clubhouse sometime in the Fall and will be looking for volunteers. There was a discussion on what type of antennae to install and we are still looking into this.

With all the equipment and work at the clubhouse we are concerned about security. We will be looking into a security system and the best way to ensure that all the equipment is secure.

We discussed a membership drive for next year. We talked out several ideas and will continue to give some thought to this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU

AARC Program Meeting for August 21, 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 opened the meeting by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge. We went around the room and everyone introduced themselves. We voted in one new member, Keith Hightower.

Bob asked for any announcements. There were several:

October 19 is the Mid Atlantic Antique Radio Show
August 23 will start the Extra Class mentoring session at 9 A.M.
Glenn Bock donated a computer for the packet station

There were two presentations for this evening. The first one was by Bill Rynone on Power Calculations. The second one was by Bob Zimmerman and was about the Hubble Telescope.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20. Rick Creager set up his telescope after the meeting and we enjoyed looking at the stars.

Submitted by Kim Delamarter / KB3NGU

James Bortner/WA3UJE is Silent Key

Retired Navy Capt. James A. Bortner, 86, of Chestertown died June 24th at Chester River Hospital Center. Capt. Bortner was born April 18, 1922, in York, PA. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics and physics from Bucknell University and attended Officer Candidate School, MIT and the Naval Post Graduate School.

He served in the Navy throughout WWII and was recalled to active duty in the Korean Conflict. His assignments included serving as chairman of the Electrical Engineering Program at the Naval Academy and Executive Officer at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington D.C.

He retired in 1974, moved to Chestertown and taught math, physics and electronics in the Community College. He was a lifelong Mason and he served many years on the vestry of St, Anne's Church in Annapolis and St. Paul's Church in Chestertown.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Sydney Dutton Bortner, whom he married after the death of his first wife of 34 years, Caroline Swain Bortner, two sons, two daughters, two step-daughters and 14 grandchildren.

Jim was an active member of AARC when I became a member in 1980 after attending the Novice Class in the Fall of 1979. He served as treasurer of the club. At one of the first meetings I attended, he volunteered me to edit the Ham Arundel News. He was a dear friend of mine and of my son Michael.

Holly/N3MB

Get Well Wishes

Walter King/N3USB took his family to Hershey, PA to have a fun vacation., but he landed in the Hershey Medical Center for an emergency appendectomy. We hope he is now home and feeling fine.

Public Service!

On Sunday, August 10, the half marathon and 10K **Ben Moore Memorial run** was supported by hams. The date was August 10 and the route was from the Park N Ride on Truman Parkway, into Heritage Harbor and up Crownsville Road and back. We used the 442.300+ (107.2) repeater. Thanks to all who helped . Ham stations were director, four water stops, the 450/Crownsville Road intersection, and a follow bicycle. Those involved were Mike/KA2JAI, Frank/N3SEO, Mark/KA3RNW, Ron/N3WOF, Ted/K3TED, Jerry/N3HKJ, David/WB3IGW, Jim/K3RUP, Terry/KB3CWQ, Barb/KB3LDM, Bruce/AB3AC Tom/W3NI and Hayden/N8MOY.

The picture is from Water Stop 2 featuring Mark/KA3RNW.

As Sunday morning, August 24th dawned, you couldn't have asked for better weather for a foot race! Clad in our ARES tee shirts, sixteen of us public service communicator types gathered at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis for an early morning picture before going off to our various "job sites" to provide race status info for the **Annapolis Ten Mile Run**. Benefitting the Rehab Center at the Anne Arundel Medical Center, this event involved almost 5,000 runners from many different countries. No major incidents occurred, and "a good time was had by all"! We used the county's MCCU (Mobile Command and Communications Unit) for Net Control, and the ops there were able to watch the race progress by using APRS.

Left to right in the picture you can see Ron/N3WOF, Peter/KB3PGY, Bruce/AB3AC, Dave/KB3CJT, Jim/K3RUP, Mike/KA2JAI, Andrea/K3YLW, David/WB3IGW, Rick/KR3LC, Kurt/WA3TOY, Terry/KB3CWQ, Barb/KB3LDM, Tom/K3TH, Jimmy/KB3PGU, Frank/N3SEO and Ted/K3TED. Not able to make it for the picture, but helping provide key comms nonetheless, were Art/KB3DCA, Tom/W3NI, Jerry/N3HKJ and John/K8JW. Thanks to all!

Ted/K3TED

Field Day 2009

In case you haven't been keeping up with current events, Field Day is just around the corner. As of September 1st, 2008 there are only about 300 days until Field Day 2009 officially begins at 2:00 pm EDT (1400 local or 1800Z) on Saturday, 27 June 2009. Mark your calendars now and inform your spouse that you have plans for that weekend.!

Over the coming months you'll learn more about Field Day 2009. As planning and preparation continues, frequent updates will be provided on the club website, in the club newsletter, in e-mails, and during club meetings.

The Coordinators for Field Day 2009 are Bob (KB3MPR) and Kim Delamarter (KB3NGU).

As many of you know, during this year's Field Day event, AARC Jr. incorporated a theme (Field Day in Hawaii from Davidsonville) into their Field Day activities. At first the theme was limited to just wearing flowered shirts but it quickly took on a life of its own. Adding the Hawaii theme injected a special "pizzazz" or enthusiasm into their Field Day operation and significantly increased their fun factor. Those of you who visited their site, whether for 10 minutes or an hour understand what I mean. They took time to greet and welcome every visitor (Usually with "Aloha" and a lei). They were having lots of fun.

Not wanting to let a good idea pass us by, we are going to incorporate a theme into the AARC Field Day 2009 operation. So what's the theme going to be? That's a good question and that's where you, our club members have an important role. We need ideas. We could easily copy the theme used by AARC Jr. this year, but let's see if there are any other good ideas out there.

Field Day 2009 Theme Contest

The contest rules are simple:

1. The theme must be family oriented. (Victoria's Secret is out of the running)
2. The theme must promote fun and be enjoyed by participants of all ages.
3. You can submit more than one proposed theme
4. Include a brief description of activities that could be associated with your proposed theme.
5. The cutoff date for submitting a proposed theme is 31 October 2008.
6. Send your theme suggestions to: fd09@w3vpr.org
7. Two or three of the best proposed themes will be presented at the club meeting on December 4th and the attending club members will vote on their favorite. The results of that vote and the selected theme will be announced during the Christmas party.
8. The author of the winning proposal will receive a prize in recognition of their contribution.

Let's have lots of fun with Field Day 2009!

Missing Items:

From: Bill Rynone/WB2EIQ Date: 29 August 2008

During the last Club meeting, I gave a presentation and retrieved two boxes of calculators that I had stored in the Club closet. I passed these calculators to the attendees. I had also stored a third box containing handouts for my presentation plus a green laser pointer that I intended to use for the presentation. When I attempted to retrieve that box, it was not in the closet . . . I would appreciate the return of the box (plus its contents). Thanks...

ARES/RACES

Calendar of meetings & activities:

- Sep 6 AALERT refresher Training at 0900
- Sep 7 Support "Triathalon"
- Sep 9 Health Dept mtg at EOC (N3SEO)
- Sep 9 RACES COMMEX at EOC at 1930
- Sep 13 ARES Meeting at EOC at 0900
- Sep 20 RACES Off Meeting at PG Co. (N3SEO)
- Oct 4 Simulated Emergency Test (Annual)
- Oct 5 Metric Marathon at Southern HS

If you are interested in ARES, contact Frank Winner at N3SEO@aol.com

HURRICANE BULLETIN

From: n3sb@qis.net
To: mdc-ec@mailman.qth.net
Sent: 9/1/2008 4:11:32 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: [MDC-EC] Hurricane Gustav Bulletin

Folks;

Given the current status with Hurricane Gustav hitting the Gulf Coast, and another hurricane (Hanna) expected to track up the East Coast and be in our area this weekend, please have your ARES members review their pre-activation checklists (or prepare their lists if they don't have them yet).

The kinds of things that go into a pre-activation checklist are:

- ✓ Filling water jugs
- ✓ Checking flashlights and spare batteries
- ✓ Checking operation of battery powered radios
- ✓ Checking that gel-cells are charged
- ✓ Having candles and matches ready
- ✓ Have some extra cash on-hand
- ✓ Have some non-perishable foods ready
- ✓ Have extra pet food ready for your pets
- ✓ Have extra medications on-hand if you need them
- ✓ Make sure you have phone numbers to reach your family and friends

I keep a list like this in my PDA, and refer to it when there's the possibility that ARES / RACES may have to activate. I hope that all of you have a list like this prepared already.

Also, please advise your ARES members that they can obtain the latest information and volunteer resource request status directly from the ARRL website: www.arrl.org

Here's the most recent posting:

ARES Volunteers that have the desire to travel into the impacted areas of Gustav should make their availability known to their Section Manager and/or Section Emergency Coordinator. Individuals should not directly contact Field Organization Leadership in the impacted Sections.

When a resource request is made by an impacted Section, this information will be transmitted to all SM/SEC's and will be posted on this page.

Details on the request and how Field Organization Leadership will respond to the request will also be posted.

AT THIS TIME THERE ARE NO PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE IMPACTED AREA

K2DCD

73; Steve, N3SB

SEC-MDC

Shack of the Month! Tony/WA3YLO

(A picture is worth a thousand words!)

NEWSLETTER - MARYLAND SLOW NET

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

August 2008

July Honor Roll (15+ check-ins)	**July Statistics**
W8CPG, WE2G, KG2HA, KB3LNM	Sessions: 31 Minutes: 797
KA3LTN, KA3NZR, N3ZOC	QTC: 117 QNI: 207

TO: MSN
FROM: W8CPG

Student News

- Congratulations to Joe/KB3LNM and Roy/WA2TWS who have completed the MSN Training Course with honors. Welcome to the Instructor Corps, men. We're fortunate to have you as part of the team. Roy said: "I would like to express my appreciation to all of my Instructors for their considerable help and patience in delivering the MSN courses through the QRN. Special thanks to VE2KRM, WE2G, KG2HA, KA3LTN, W8CPG, N3ZOC, KA3NZR, K3IN, and in memory, VE1CB (SK). MSN is staffed with an outstanding team; I am both proud and humbled to be able to join them." Thanks for the nice compliment, Roy, and for the donation to the AARC. BTW – Roy did an exemplary job of tracking his progress through the course. His chart will be useful to me in the future. Thanks, Roy!

Net Protocol

- NCS and Members – please remember this is a Training and Traffic net and we lead by example as we're training for all CW nets. Net speed is **10 wpm**, and *always* QNI with full call signs. Less formal usage during the net is fine. We hope to attract newcomers and slower net speed may help in that effort.
- Urgent: Students are needed to keep the Net purposeful. Please recruit (see Roster).

Around The Net

- Thanks to Harry/KA3NZR for the correct answer to last month's query: the pear was grown to maturity in the bottle before adding the brandy.
- Hoot'NHoller WV was the site of mild revelry this summer with visits from Hal/AD3X & Terry and Frank/N3ZOC & Sue. Lots of global issues were discussed and some even resolved over tasty and aromatic beverages. Gordon/WV3G & Darlene/N3ONO joined Bruce/W8CPG & Carol/KC8VFO for a day of great banjo, fiddle and guitar music in Elkins, WV at the Augusta Heritage Fair in early August. Just can't beat that Old Timey mountain music and happily clogging feet.
- Robin/AA3SB & Rusty/N3WKE enjoyed a steam boat trip from Pittsburg, PA to Nashville, TN early this spring. Some of the Ohio River was in flood stage and the boat had to tie off to nearby trees in some places because of the high water. In other areas Robin said the locks seemed unnecessary as the water levels were nearly the same on both ends. An adventurous but fun trip.
- This Month's Query – Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw." Name two of them – via radiogram to W8CPG.

Cryptoquips and Philosophy du Jour

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt – Unknown. He who hesitates is probably right – Unknown. If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody – Unknown. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity – Unknown. If you're too open minded your brains will fall out – Unknown.

MSN NET ASSIGNMENTS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
MSN NCS	K4OSO	N3ZOC	KA3LTN	WB9LBI	K3IN	N3WK	AA3SB
ALT. NCS		K3IN					KA3NZR
MDD REP	W3CB	N3ZOC	KA3LTN	N3ZOC	K3IN	N3WK	KA3NZR

73, Bruce/W8CPG AR

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