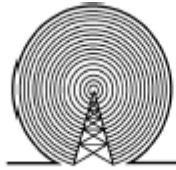


The Ham Arundel News



Providing Fellowship and Community Service through Amateur Radio Since 1951
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Anne Arundel County's Premier Radio Club

October 2008



The Prez Sez . . .

A past U.S. president said something like this: *"Ask Not What Your Radio Club Can Do For You, Ask What You Can Do For Your Radio Club."*

We have a premier club, a very large club, a great facility, unbelievably talented club members, and outstanding programs this year! We have had another great year of well organized public service events. Over the last two years our training classes have grown; we have classes going on all the

time. For me the really neat thing is we have a place to put up towers, play with antennas and experiment to our hearts' content. ***Now that's Ham Radio!***

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

With all that said -- what are you doing to make this the best club in the world? We do have a good group of volunteers who really make all this work, but so many times it's the same people helping. We have a large membership, so my question to you is: what do you have an interest in doing to support the club? See me for some ideas.

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

We need to continue to look for dedicated people to help lead and make decisions for the club. Now is the time to think about and make your commitment to what position you would like to fill next year. (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director)

If you would like to run for a Board Position, and all positions are open for election, please see Holly Bevan/N3MB. If you're not sure what this involves, check the website under bylaws to see a description for each position or ask a Board Member.

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If you would like to get involved in helping out at the club in other ways see me for some ideas and suggestions. We have small jobs, big jobs, something for everyone. Some things you can actually do from home.

Great People, having a great time with Ham Radio!

Bob / 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!

- Oct 2** Business Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Presentation by Manaen Schlabach: *Linux Operating Systems*
- 4** Extra Class Study Hall, Chapter 5B, 9A.M. - Noon
- 9** Board Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- 11** VE Testing Noon
AARC Jr. Meeting 3 to 5PM
Extra Class Study Hall Chapter 4A 9A.M. - Noon
- 16** Program Meeting 7:30P.M.
History of Ham Radio / Murray Johnson / W3YOZ
- 18** Extra Class Study Hall,, Chapter 6B 9A.M. - Noon
- 25** Extra Class Study Hall,, Chapter 7A 9A.M. - Noon

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



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.

Field Day 2009

October Update

You may have heard the rumor that planning for Field Day 2009 has already begun. Well, it's true. And in case you haven't heard, **Bob/KB3MPR** and **Kim/KB3NGU Delamarter** are the Coordinators for Field Day 2009.

Did you realize that as of 1 October there are only 268 days left until Field Day 2009 kicks off? We know; we can't believe it either. Where has the time gone? Before we know it, Field Day will be next weekend. On the other hand, it can't get here fast enough!

Every year, the ARRL introduces a new logo for Field Day and since 2006 they've added a "theme" such as: "*When All Else Fails*" in 2006, "*Bitten by the Bug*" in 2007 and "*Ride the Waves*" this year. While these themes can be thought provoking and humorous, they don't necessarily lend themselves to enhancing the fun associated with Field Day which is why last month we announced a contest seeking your recommendations for incorporating a "fun theme" into our Field Day activity.

We saw what having a theme can do to increase the level of fun and excitement during Field Day when we visited the AARC Jr. Field Day site. The demonstrated enthusiasm and energy were infectious and everybody who visited had a smile on their face and really got into the spirit of the event and the theme and everyone had fun.

We want to try to capture that same enthusiasm and energy we saw this year and apply it to Field Day 2009 and to do so, we need your support. We need your ideas for a theme. We've received a couple of ideas but we need some more. Use your imagination and be creative. Field Day is a team sport and you're part of the team. Remember, it's supposed to be fun!

Warning: The last date for submitting a recommended theme is **31 October**. Send your theme ideas to: fd09@w3vpr.org.

Here's how things are progressing so far and some of what we plan to do over the next nine months:

- **Planning Guide for Field Day.** We've created a comprehensive Planning Guide for Field Day which we believe will contribute significantly to conducting a successful Field day activity. The Planning Guide is based on the personal experiences, recommendations and observations from several club members and other clubs (The Internet is a great resource!). The Planning Guide is a "living document" and will be updated as required. It should be an excellent reference and "how to" guide for planning Field Day. We'll share more info on the Planning Guide in the coming months.
- **Field Day Planning Committee.** We've begun assembling our Field Day Planning Committee and in late October or possibly early November, we will introduce the team members. We expect to add additional members to the planning team in the coming weeks and months to address specific requirements as they arise.

The Planning Committee has already begun meeting and will meet once per month to develop, review and update the plan, identify requirements and "problems" and identify or create solutions. We'll provide a monthly update on our progress, problems, and requirements at a club meeting, on the website and in the newsletter.

- **Field Day concept.** In January (or early February at the latest) we hope to give the first of two or three presentations during a club meeting on our Field Day concept and general plan.
- **Equipment Sources.** We've already identified the sources for quite a bit of the equipment (e.g., radios, antennas, shelters, etc.) necessary for our Field Day operation.
- **Training Classes.** Starting in May, we'll conduct several training classes in support of Field Day. These classes will cover putting up shelters, raising antennas, making contacts, operating radios, using the logging software as well as other subjects.
- **Participation.** In order to have a fully successful Field Day activity, two things are absolutely necessary:
 - A good plan (we have one) and most importantly,
 - **Your participation.**

We don't care if you can only . . .

- participate during the set-up or take-down phases or
- participate for two hours or 24 hours or
- participate at night or operate a CW station on Sunday or
- help prepare meals or greet and escort visitors.

We'd like to see 100% participation in Field Day 2009 by the members of AARC. But that's not realistic for many reasons good and bad. We think a goal of having 30% of the club membership or about 100-125 members participating in some activity related to the 2009 Field Day event is a realistic, challenging and attainable goal. By the way, we have more goals which we'll share with you later on.

It doesn't matter what you do because no task is unimportant.

Your participation is what's important.

Field Day Wrap-up. In July or August at the latest, we'll give a final presentation about Field Day 2009 during a club meeting.

Remember: Good friends and ham radio equal fun at Field Day. Won't you join us?

Bottom line: Your participation in our 2009 Field Day activity is absolutely essential to making it a successful event. Without "U" it's just FN.

To volunteer, send an e-mail to: fd09@w3vpr.org

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ARES/RACES



Calendar of meetings & activities:

- Oct 4 Simulated Emergency Test (Annual)
- Oct 5 Metric Marathon at Southern HS
- Oct 14 - COMMEX (1930-2030)
- Oct 18 - ARES Meeting in the EOC (0900-1200)

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



Open House Weekend

On Saturday October 18th and Sunday October 19th, The National Weather Service in Sterling, VA will host their second semi-annual Open House. During the Open House weekend, the brand new Baltimore/Washington Forecast Office for the National Weather Service will be dedicated at 1 PM on Saturday. Hours of operation will be 9am-5pm on Saturday and Noon-5pm on Sunday.

The Open House is a great chance to bring the family and learn a little bit about what goes into the daily forecasts as well as life-saving watches and warnings that NWS issues 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There will be exhibits, demonstrations, and talks about the various roles the National Weather Service plays in the weather forecasting enterprise in this country.

There will be tours of our new facility and technology, with regular weather balloon launches for our site. There will also be tours of NOAA's Testing and Evaluations facility across the street, including their building sized wind tunnel and various environmental test chambers. At the end of each day, there will be a multimedia music show on 'Weather in Music and Prose'.

In addition to National Weather Service presentations and demonstrations, there will be various mobile command centers and exhibits from the various partners we work with. These include local state and federal government, internet groups, the University of Maryland and Howard University, NOAA agencies, the Red Cross, and the Skywarn Amateur Radio program.

If you're inclined to learn even more and become one of our registered weather spotters, we will be training new spotters each day during our Basics I Weather Spotter Training classes. These classes go over the basics of severe weather in the Mid-Atlantic, what to look for, and how you can protect yourself from the myriad of weather threats we face in this region.

Bring the family and come on down to the big event, meet some of our forecasters, and learn a bit about weather!

DIRECTIONS FROM I-495 (BELTWAY) in VA:
Dulles Toll Road (VA-267) West toward DULLES AIRPORT
Take the VA-606 W exit, EXIT 8, toward US-50.
Turn LEFT onto VA-606 W/OLD OX RD.
Turn LEFT onto THUNDER RD (Gate access required).
Turn RIGHT onto WEATHER SERVICE RD.
[43858 Weather Service Road](#)
Sterling, Virginia 20166
Free Parking On-Site



SkyWarn Basics I

October 29, 2008 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Henry Hein Public Service Building Auditorium
7480 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Please email fdwelk00@aacounty.org to register.

This course is a prerequisite for all other courses. "Basics I" is a good general overview of severe weather for the general public. Upon completion of the course, you will be registered in the program by the NWS. You will receive a spotter code from the NWS within 6 weeks. Training in Basics I includes:

- ✎ The basic organization of the National Weather Service
- ✎ The role and importance of the Skywarn spotter
- ✎ NWS Products and the Watch/Warning/Advisory system
- ✎ Thunderstorms
- ✎ Thunderstorm threat
- ✎ Lightning
- ✎ Flooding
- ✎ Hail
- ✎ Tornadoes
- ✎ Downbursts
- ✎ How to report vital info to the NWS
- ✎ The role of amateur short-wave (HAM) radio in the Spotter Program

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Speaking of the weather: The Fall 2008 edition of the Sterling Reporter (newsletter of NOAA's Baltimore/Washington National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office) is available on:

http://www.erh.noaa.gov/lwx/reporter/fall_2008.pdf

ed.

Fire Prevention Open House October 18th

Bring Kids or Grand Kids!

Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Dept., 500 Londontown Rd, Edgewater, Md. is having a Fire Prevention Open House on October 18 from 10 AM till 2 PM. The Anne Arundel County Mobile Command & Communication Unit (MCCU) will be on display. This unit includes 4 radios used exclusively by the county RACES members, operating in the HF, VHF and UHF bands. Please bring your kids and/or grand kids for fire prevention.

From Paul KB3KWT



The 2008 ARRL On-Line Auction will open for bidding on October 23rd at 10AM ET.

Bidders will be treated to over 100 items to browse through and bid on, including a vast array of QST Product Review items, new and pre-owned equipment and other goods and services.

Proceeds from our yearly On-Line Auction benefit ARRL education programs including activities to license new hams, strengthen Amateur Radio's emergency service training, offer continuing technical and operating education, as well as creating instructional materials.

This event would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. Our sincere thanks to all who donated items for this year's auction and a special mention to the two organizations below who have chosen the highest level of participation as 2008 ARRL On-Line Auction Golden Gavel Sponsors.

So please join the fun on October 23. To ensure that you have adequate time to register, browse and bid, the auction site will be opened for preview and registration beginning October 16, 2008 at 10 AM ET at:

www.arrl.org/auction

Area Hamfests

Dates	Event and Contact	Location
5 Oct	CARAFest: Columbia Amateur Radio Association http://www.carafest.org Talk-In: 147.135/R+ (PL 156.7) David Prestel, W8AJR Email: carafest@columbiaara.org	West Friendship, MD Howard County Fairgrounds 2210 Fairgrounds Road
19 Oct	Vintage Fall HamFest MidAtlantic Antique & Anne Arundel Radio Clubs http://www.maarc.org/RadioFallFest.htm Talk-In: 147.105 (PL 107.2) Manaen Schlabach, KB3NQD Email: manaen@verizon.net	Davidsonville, MD Davidsonville Family Recreation Center 3789 Queen Anne Bridge Road
26 Oct	Mason-Dixon Hamfest Carroll County Amateur Radio Club http://www.qjs.net/~k3pzn Talk-In: 145.410 (PL 114.8) Pat Kilroy, N8PK Email: n8pk@arrl.net	Westminster, MD Carroll County Ag Center 700 Agriculture Center Drive

From: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html?dosel=1&selsect=MDC&subtype=section>

A Blast from the Past

The following article appeared in the October 1998 issue of the Ham Arundel News:

The Four C's of Emergency Communications

Tom Currie, N4AOF, recently suggested a few simple ways to improve your overall emergency communications capability. Although Tom has a background with Kentucky REACT, his advice can apply to any organization utilizing emergency communications, either paid or volunteer:

"The best advice for anyone performing emergency communications can be summarized by the four C's: Calm, Courteous, Correct, and Concise.

CALM. Try to keep emotion out of your voice. No matter what the emergency, a calm, professional attitude will help keep things cool and get the message through more quickly and accurately. Losing your cool, calm attitude may cost an important message. The more reason you have for getting excited, the more important it is for you to remain calm. As an emergency communications volunteer you should set a good, calm example for the other people to follow.

COURTEOUS. You must think of yourself as a public servant. Regardless of provocation, remain courteous at all times. Never display temper on the air. Remember the "Golden Rule" at all times and practice it. Never fight with other operators over calls or reports. Always follow the instructions of the Net Control Station - whether you agree with those instructions or not. Most problems can wait until after the emergency situation is over. If some problem absolutely must be ironed out, do it by telephone or on another frequency -not on the net.

CORRECT. Work to keep errors out of your communications. Use the phonetic alphabet and repeat the message where appropriate to get names, locations, and other information accurately. Write everything down for reference. Remember, your role is communications - you are not in charge of anything - most communications will be between the people who are in charge - when the Emergency Operations Center or Net Control Station asks a question, go get the answer from the person responsible, don't just give your best guess. It is always better to admit you don't know rather than give out information that is wrong. Always use plain language -- Don't use jargon, Q-signals, 10-codes, etc., which may not be understood by everyone. Avoid using specialized words and codes, even those of the agency you are supporting unless the message is going specifically to the same agency.

CONCISE. Your job as a emergency communications volunteer is to get the message transferred while also allowing time for the other operators to get their messages transferred. Avoid tying up the net by keeping your transmissions as brief as possible. Always leave a few seconds between transmissions in case someone needs to break in with an emergency call. A strictly business attitude is your best technique for assuring time saving communications. You must consider the conditions - if everyone is full-quieting, there is little need to spell words, but if conditions aren't good or the word is particularly difficult, then it makes sense to spell it. Don't rush - speaking a little bit slower often gets the message through faster because the other operator doesn't have to ask for repeats. Don't assume everyone has a pad and pencil instantly ready when you need to send them a long or complex message - ask first, it saves time in the long run.

NEWSLETTER - MARYLAND SLOW NET

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

September 2008

August Honor Roll (15+ check-ins)
W8CPG, WE2G, KG2HA, KB3LNM
KA3LTN, KA3NZR

August Statistics
Sessions: 31 Minutes: 874
QTC: 122 QNI: 224

TO: MSN
FROM: W8CPG

Student News

- Ron/N3AEA is working his way steadily through the Advanced course. Keep up the good work, Ron, the end is nearly in sight.

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. Our slower speed may help attract newcomers.
- The MSN Recruitment Plan was launched this month with a request to all MSN Instructors to solicit new students from the FCC roster of new licensees. The Plan is the result of innovation and initiative by Bill/WB9LBI who did the leg work of developing suggested Radiogram/letter ideas for easy use in contacting prospective students from the FCC database. We began with MD licensees and will expand to surrounding states this month. Six members advised that they had sent letters, Radiograms and made announcements to clubs and other nets to solicit newcomers. Please suggest that more information on MSN is available on the MSN website. Thanks for your active participation and hands on help with the Plan. Let’s hope for great results and keep plugging.
- When sending QTB: frame your response with the prosign BT. This will let the RX station know the exact beginning and ending of the QTB text, e.g. “QTB BT WSAQT RAGCFR TCWTP B BT” K.

Around The Net

- Thanks to Cliff/W3CB for modifying the MSN website to add a link to Nu-Ware software which allows one to use a PC to learn CW. Software varies in price and is downloadable.
- As fall approaches mountain lore reminds us that we may expect the first frost 6 weeks after the Katydid started to sing which was August 14. The last hummingbirds flew south September 13.
- Last month’s True Questions query – The Committee Judge sez: 1st place – N3NNH for using all three recognized words in a sentence – “the delighted dwarf did not dwell on his dwindling donuts”; 2d place to AA3SB - dwell, dwarf, dweeb, dwindle, and dwine – style points deducted as dweeb is a slang term, and Dwine is an ex US Senator from OH; 3d place K4OSO for dwarf, dwindle, dwain (is what falls from dwoof [may be a pun penalty here]). Thanks to all for playing. Wait ‘till next month.

Cryptoquips and Philosophy du Jour, and the ever popular – etc. As heard on Hollywood Squares:

Q: Do female frogs croak? Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough. Q: If you’re going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be? Charlie Weaver: Three days of drinking should do it. Q: True or false – a pea can last as long as 5,000 years? George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes. Q: You’ve been having trouble going to sleep. Are you a man or a woman? Don Knotts: That’s what’s been keeping me awake.

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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