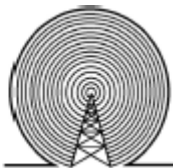


The Ham Arundel News



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July 2009



The Prez Sez . . .

Field Day was a phenomenal success! We made almost 1100 contacts. Over 80 club members participated. Many guests stopped by and some of them even made a QSO. The real Field Day wrap up, presentation, slides, and a professional video will be the subject of the August 6 club meeting but we held the presses so we could at least get some Field Day reports and photos into this issue.

There are so many people to thank for their hard work but several of them deserve special recognition now before the newsletter goes to press. Bob KB3MPR and Kim KB3NGU were this year's FD coordinators and really gave 110%! Bob AA3RR, Brenda KB3ATI, Steve K3BAY, and Tom K3TH were as usual, the driving forces behind the club's contest efforts. Terry KB3CWQ, Barbara KB3LDM, and Fred K3LMR planned, cooked, and served the food and drinks all weekend. The meals were very tasty! Holly N3MB ran the visitor tent and greeted people all day. Robbie KB3PEB must have made 100 trips around the site with the 4-wheeler and trailer to pick up and deliver everything it took to set-up and tear down a 10 Alpha operation.

This year's FD theme featured a Western motif called "Home on the Waves." We had all heroes and no villains unless you want to call Friday's heat and humidity during set-up a villain. The weather on Saturday and Sunday was some of the best Field Day weather ever. There was one other villain. The motor in the clubhouse air conditioning failed over the weekend but two heroes came to the rescue. Dick WW3R and Tom K3TH replaced it. Dick bought the new motor and donated it to the club. Thanks!

Many other club members helped in so many ways. They set up masts, shelters, antennas, radios, power supplies, computers, generators, lights, and ran at least a mile of coax and network cable. Then they ran 10 stations for 24 hours, took it all down, put it away for next year and cleaned the place up. Whew! Look elsewhere in this issue for more info and some photos of these people in action.

Here's what is coming up at the clubhouse:

Thursday, July 2, 7:30 PM - Club Meeting

This meeting is right after Field Day and just before a holiday weekend so we will have an in-person round table. Think of a story, project, anecdote, or something to share. Show-N-Tells and short Mini-Presentations are welcome too. This is actually really fun, informative, and entertaining. Of course your FD comments will surely be a popular subject.

Thursday, July, 16, 7:30 PM - Presentation Meeting

Bruce Carpenter W3YVV - Bonding & Grounding for Lightning Protection and Electrical Safety

Thursday, August 6, 7:30 PM - Club Meeting

Field Day Wrap-up - Photos – Professional video

Saturday, August 8 (noon until midnight) and Sunday August 9 (noon until 8PM)

Maryland QSO Party

Thursday, August 20, 7:30 PM - Presentation Meeting
N3YWZ Lee Flick - Generating Electricity from Landfill Gas

Here are the remaining Public Service Events this year. Come on out and help.

Sunday, August 30 - Annapolis Ten Mile Run (some 5,000 runners), to be handled by new coordinator for this event, Mark Murphy KA3RNW

Sunday, October 4 - Metric Marathon (south county), Contact Jerry N3HKJ

This year the **club picnic** has been scheduled for Saturday, September 26. We still need some volunteers to plan and run this picnic. Once we have a few leaders, I am sure more people will volunteer to help. Don't be shy.

Don't forget to check the website <http://www.w3vpr.org/> often for all the latest AARC news and information. Many clubhouse events on the weekends and meeting topics are listed as they are announced so stay informed and join the fun. Sign up on the site to get automatic e-mails of announcements and posts to the forums. Remember the site is interactive. You can post your own questions, comments, items for sale, items wanted, and things of general interest to the members.

73, Rick – KK4GV AARC President

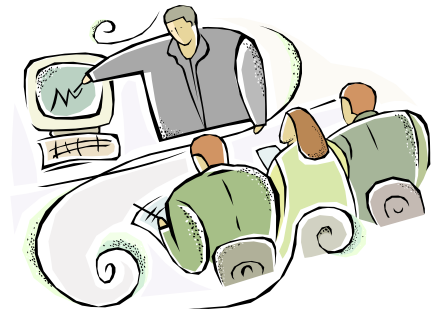
Looking for instructors!

I am planning a technician class for Saturdays 9am-Noon, starting July 11.

Please contact me if you are interested and available.

The plan is:

July 11	Intro.
July 18	The dreaded chapter 2!
July 25	Chapter 3.
Aug 1	Chapter 4.
Aug 8	Chapter 5 and 6!
Aug 15	Chapter 7 and Review.



-Mike WA3SKN

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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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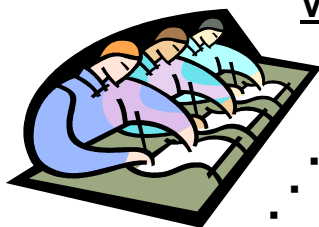
Mark Your Calendar!

Meetings: See Prez Sez for details of upcoming meetings

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the Month at 3PM - AARC Jr. (The AARC Farm Team)

Also meets on dates when specific contests are scheduled. They are available to assist club members, especially new hams, in getting on the air and operating the club's HF station.

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

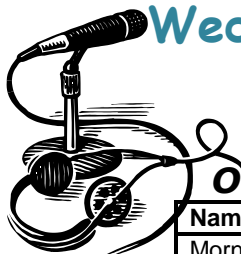
Fourth Tuesday of each month - MMARC - Harold Nichols/WB4OGP, 410-757-0493

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

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	3.557Mhz	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



Do you use Facebook?? Search on "ARRL" and join their group. There are several Amateur Radio groups available. Check them out!

Area Hamfests

Dates	Event and Contact	Location
19 Jul	Hamfest and Computer Fest: Baltimore Radio Amateur TV Society (BRATS) Talk-In: 147.03/R, 224.96/R, 448.325/R Contact: Les McClure, W3GXT Phone: 410-461-1212 Email: hamfgest@bratsatv.org or click on: http://www.bratsatv.org	Howard County Fairgrounds 2040 Fairgrounds Road West Friendship, MD
16 Aug	Carroll County Tailgate Fest Carroll County Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 145.410 Contact: Steve Beckman, N3SB Phone: 410-876-1482 Email: n3sb@qis.net or click on: http://www.qis.net/~k3pzn	Carroll County Agricultural Ctr 700 Agriculture Center Drive Westminster, MD
4 Oct	CARAFest sponsored by the Columbia Amateur Radio Assn Contact: Dave Prestel, W8AJR, Phone: 410-552-2652, e-mail: info@carafest.org or click on: www.carafest.org	Howard County Fairgrounds 2040 Fairgrounds Road West Friendship, MD
25 Oct	Mason-Dixon Hamfest Carroll County Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 145.410 Contact: Steve Beckman, N3SB Phone: 410-876-1482 Email: n3sb@qis.net or click on: http://www.qis.net/~k3pzn	Carroll County Agricultural Ctr 700 Agriculture Center Drive Westminster, MD

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



Yaesu FT-897 and an Icom IC-706mk2g in excellent condition. Asking four hundred a piece. They are ten months old.

Call 410-852-1735 or Email: bill5790@comcast.net

Bill/kb3rot



Were "U" there?

Over 80 Club Members were!





Raising the Mast!

Robbie's Hauling Service



Bob wants the shelter over there!



**Rocket Launcher
Yagi**



Yagi Up!





K3ACT



This 7 year old shows that you are never too young to enjoy Amateur Radio.





**Bob AA3RR with
MEMA Director
Richard Muth**



**KB3NQY helps to
make some of our
1100+ contacts.**



If you participated in this year's AARC Field Day operation we would like to hear your comments good and bad. If you think something needed to be done better or if we overlooked something, please let us know. We want to collect as many "lessons learned" as possible so we can pass them along to the next Field Day team. Please send them to: fd09@w3vpr.org

Wow!

Thank you for making our Field Day operation such a huge success!

We probably set a record for participation in an AARC Field Day operation

We probably set a record for contacts made during an AARC Field Day operation

We proved the nay-sayers and doubters wrong. It is possible to have a large Field Day operation, make lots of contacts and have fun.

The plan and your participation made our Field Day a success



ARES/RACES



Calendar of meetings & activities:

No RACES activity.

ARES will have a mini-SET on July 18 at various sites within the County. If you would like to join in, contact Ted Redick (tredick@verizon.net).

There will **NOT** be a COMMEX in June, July or August.

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

Frank Winner

AA Co. EC

NEWSLETTER - MARYLAND SLOW NET

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

June 2009

May Honor Roll (15+ check-ins)
N3AEA, W8CPG, VE2KRM,
KA1LPW (visitor)

May Statistics
Sessions: 31 Minutes: 839
QTC: 42 QNI: 197

TO: MSN
FROM: W8CPG

Student News

- Laura/NT3Y completed the first half of the Basic portion and successfully passed the awesome exam. Mike /KI4NGA is working through the Basic course and making good progress. Congratulations to both for not being “fair weather operators” and persevering through the bad QRN conditions.

Net Protocol

- If you are unable to make contact with your assigned station either to relay, QNB, or deliver a message, always notify the originator of the message regarding the result of your effort.
- Regarding the above – add redundancy to your message text. For example, when referencing a message, use both the message number and either last name or the call sign of the addressee.
- Have you wondered why ARL numbers in the ARRL Numbered Radiograms are spelled out? Well, if ARL 58 telling Aunt Susie in MI that you hope she has a great time on the Bahamas cruise is mistakenly sent or heard as ARL 59, it would be a big surprise if Aunt Susie didn't remember, at age 70, that she recently had been pregnant. Perhaps it might surprise Uncle Zepp, as well. *Thanks to Frank/N3ZOC for these important protocols.*

Around The Net

- Harry/KA3NZR “Experiences On Other CW Nets” series (Part 5). This experience so soon into my CW net “career” was very unsettling and at first my thoughts were to just “bag” nets other than the MSN. But, in the end I decided to persevere. I decided that like any new experience there will be bumps on the road to becoming a proficient net operator. Some of the bumps will be caused by my lack of experience and others by the lack of understanding by experienced net folks. My third piece of advice to graduates of the Maryland Slow Net – if you have a similar experience, FORGET IT. The passing of traffic is more important than a petty “bark.” Heck, I'm still nervous and a bit intimidated when participating in “upper echelon” nets. I now have the attitude that I will eventually, through practice, become as competent as the “old guys.” So will you. Also, I am sure that some of the “older guys” feel a sense of ownership unequalled in other hobbies. An ownership that drives them to ensure “their” net is as professional as any other net on the air. (To be continued.)

Cryptoquips, Quotes, and Philosophy du Jour.

Life is a series of steps. Things are done gradually. Every once in a while there is a giant step, but most of the time we are taking small, seemingly insignificant steps on the stairway of life – Ralph Ransom, Steps on the Stairway. For a perfect marriage Red Skelton suggested: 1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays. 2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas. 3. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. ‘Somewhere I haven't been in a long time’, she said...So I suggested the kitchen.

MSN NET ASSIGNMENTS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
MSN NCS	K4OSO	N3ZOC	N3AEA	WB9LBI	K3IN	N3WK	AA3SB
ALT. NCS		K3IN					KA3NZR
MDD REP	W3CB	N3ZOC	W8CPG	N3ZOC	K3IN	N3WK	KA3NZR

73, Bruce/W8CPG AR

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