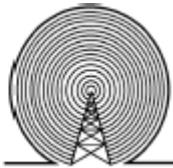


The Ham Arundel News



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The Prez Sez . . .

I hope everyone had a great summer and all the kids are back in school.

I am told that Lee Flick's (N3YWZ) presentation at the August 20 meeting on power generation from landfill gases was a big hit. Meanwhile, our Technician class graduated 9 students and a General class started up right after that.

On August 30, 5,000 runners participated in the Annapolis Ten Mile Run. Mark Murphy, KA3RNW, the new coordinator for this event and his crew handled communications. Look for a report elsewhere in the newsletter.

At the September 3 meeting I shared my Alaska ham radio experience and some slides from the HAARP facility tour as well as the Alaska Pipeline. Bob AA3RR showed us 500 pictures from Field Day in 15 minutes.

On September 17, Elmer Phillippi, W3PHI gave an excellent presentation about NIST and WWV.

The club picnic on September 26 at Davidsonville was great. A lot of club members showed up with a dish to share, chat, and

eat a fantastic meal. We got it done and cleaned up just as the rain started. Special thanks go to: Nick, N3CK who paid for the 100 lb pig, Bob KB3MPR and Steve K3BAY for cooking it all night, and Kim KB3NGU, Robbie KB3PEB, and Gerry, KB3NJT who set it all up and Michael who delivered the grill.

The previous weekend, work was done on one of the smaller towers at the clubhouse to prepare for the Force 12, C3 Yagi to go up. The rotor, rotor cable, feedline, and control cable are all there now.

We still need operators this Sunday, October 4 for the Metric Marathon (south county) public service event. Contact Jerry, N3HKJ, jerryhazell@comcast.net to help out.

Coming up on October 18, the Mid-Atlantic Antique Radio Club (MAARC) will be holding its annual Fallfest at Davidsonville. The flea market will begin at 7 a.m. A huge auction will begin around noon in Ford Hall. In addition to lots of antique radios, we expect that there will be plenty of vintage ham gear in the auction.

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

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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: Thursday, October 1 Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Business Meeting - 2010 Budget, Service Awards Announcement,
Thursday, October 15 Club Meeting 7:30 PM
Presentation Meeting - Topic to be announced

Operators Needed: Sunday, October 4 - Metric Marathon (south county),
Contact Jerry N3HKJ jerryhazell@comcast.net

Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA): Saturday, Oct. 17 - Operation from the clubhouse with K3TH on Saturday afternoon and evening

RadioFallFest 2009 Sunday, Oct. 18, Opens at 7:00 AM - Mid-Atlantic Antique Radio Club (MAARC) will be holding its annual Fallfest at DFRC. The flea market will begin at 7 a.m. A huge auction will begin around noon in Ford Hall. In addition to lots of antique radios, we expect that there will be plenty of vintage ham gear in the auction.

Contest Operations coming up at the clubhouse

The 2009 CQ World-Wide DX Contest - SSB: October 24-25, 2009

2009 ARRL November Sweepstakes - Phone - Third full weekend in November (Nov 21-23)

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

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
MD-DC-DE 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

Area Hamfests

Dates	Event and Contact	Location
4 Oct	CARAFest sponsored by the Columbia Amateur Radio Assn Talk-In: 147.135/R+ (PL 156.7) Contact: Dave Prestel, W8AJR, Phone: 410-552-2652, e-mail: info@carafest.org or click on: www.carafest.org	Howard County Fairgrounds 2210 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
2010		
27 Jan	FREE Mini-Fest - Baltimore Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 146.67 Contact: Bill Dobson, N3WD Phone: 443-590-1444 Email: w3ft67@yahoo.com or click on: http://www.gbhc.org	Maryland State Fairgrounds 2200 York Road Timonium, MD
31 Jan	2010 Post Holiday Hamfest Maryland Mobileers Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 146.805 / 146.205 Mhz Contact: Frank Winner, N3SEO Phone: 410-647-3335 Email: n3seo@aol.com or click on: http://www.mobileers.org	Odenton Volunteer Fire Department Hall 1425 Annapolis Road (Route 175) Odenton, MD
27-28 Mar	MD State Convention (Greater Baltimore Hamboree & Computerfest) - Baltimore Amateur Radio Club Talk-In: 146.67- (PL 107.2) Contact: Bill Dobson, N3WD Phone: 443-590-1444 Email: w3ft67@yahoo.com or click on: http://www.gbhc.org	Maryland State Fairgrounds 2200 York Road Timonium, MD

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

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We anticipate that the Boy Scout troop will be providing coffee and donuts in the morning and hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. Admission is free, there is no charge for being in the flea market, and you do not have to be a member of MAARC to participate.

We are hoping to have a speaker about vintage hamming, too.

Brian Belanger KB3PRS Home: 301-258-0708



ARES/RACES



Calendar of meetings & activities:

Communication Exercise (COMMEX) at 1930 hours
Oct 13, & Nov 10

ARES Meetings at the EOC at 0900 hours 'til noon
Oct 17, Nov 21 & Dec 19 (?).

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

Frank Winner AA Co. EC



Attention all Skywarn Spotters.

I would like to compile a list of Spotters in Anne Arundel County, and who is active and not active with Skywarn spotting.

I also would like to know which spotters would like to be Skywarn NCS.

Please respond to me with your Name, Skywarn ID, whether you are still active, and whether you would like to be trained to be a net control station.

Virginia AK4EA our loyal Skywarn Coordinator at Sterling NWS is willing to come over here from her home in the Harpers Ferry area and do an NCS class. If you are interested please contact me.

Please let me know of a couple of Saturday or Sunday afternoons when you would be available.

Virginia would prefer a Saturday afternoon but may be able to do a Sunday as well.

Also, if anyone who is not yet a Skywarn Spotter would like to be one, please let me know.

There will be a SkyWarn Basics I Class soon in the Maryland area.

Nov. 9, 6:00 PM

Charles Co. Government Bldg, Commissioners Meeting Rm.

200 Baltimore Street

La Plata, MD 20646

Contact: Jen Adams

(301) 609-3430

adamsjen@charelescounty.org

or

Michelle Lilly

(301) 609-3429

lillym@charlescounty.org

73,

Kurt Fritsch WA3TOY AAE14

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Anne Arundel County, MD

410-360-2260

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Betsy Bodziak made a donation to AARC in memory of
Bob Melville.

Altronix AL600 Series Power Supply / Battery Charger.

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Could use to power equipment from the 6A output, or use to charge
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Battery Not Included.
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Kurt WA3TOY

arswa3toy@verizon.net or 410-360-2260



There was no newsletter last month because I had a bunch of "-itises". (bronch-, laryng-, ot-, and sinus-). I took my Sleepy, Sneezzy, Grumpy, Dopey self to see Doc and, after 2 rounds of antibiotics, I am Happy to be back to normal.

Andrea/K3YLV

A Story, source unknown

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a Morse Code operator. Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office address that was listed. When he arrived, he entered a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter, including the sound of the telegraph in the background. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office.

The young man filled out his form and sat down with the seven other applicants in the waiting area. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, and walked right in. Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They muttered among themselves that they hadn't heard any summons yet.

They assumed that the young man who went into the office made a mistake and would be disqualified. Within a few minutes, however, the employer escorted the young man out of the office and said to the other applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled." The other applicants began grumbling to each other, and one spoke up saying, "Wait a minute, I don't understand. He was the last to come in, and we never even got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair!"

The employer said, "I'm sorry, but the last several minutes while you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.' None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his."

Photos, photos and more photos!



"On September 17, Elmer Phillippi , W3PHI gave an excellent presentation about NIST and WWV."



"The club picnic on September 26 at Davidsonville was great."



Annapolis 10 Mile Run!



Eager radio operators assembled for a photo at 6:20 AM!

Ron N3WOF, John K8JW, Jerry N3HKJ, Andrew K3ASK, David WB3IGW, Rob K3HU, Tom K3TH, Mike KA2JAI, Bob WA3HOO, Glen N3USP, Jimmy KB3PGY, Terry KB3CWQ, Barb KB3LDM, Kim KB3NGU, Robbie KB3PEB, Kurt WA3TOY, Andrea K3YLV, Mark KA3RNW,

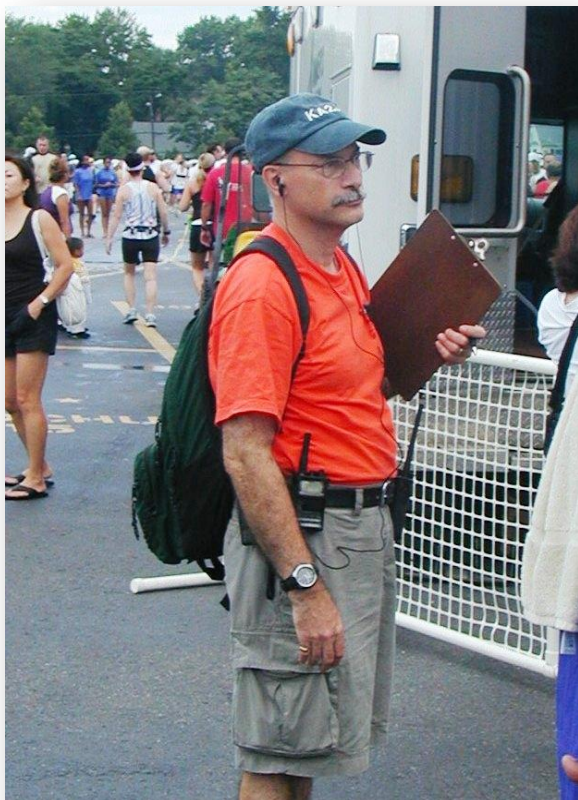
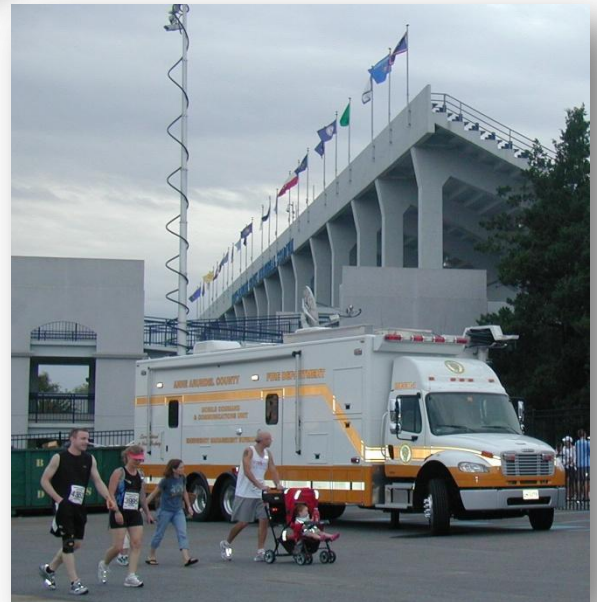


Frank N3SEO, John K8JW and Ron N3WOF hard at work in the MCCU.



Kurt, WA3TOY rode in the First Car

The event went great and it was nice to have the MCCU available for use as the NCS



Mike, KA2JAI was kept busy shadowing the Director

NEWSLETTER - MARYLAND SLOW NET

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

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2009

July Honor Roll (15+ check-ins)

N3AEA, W8CPG, N3ZOC

August Honor Roll

N3AEA, W8CPG, WE2G

N3ZOC, KA1LPW (visitor)

July Statistics

Sessions: 31 Minutes: 712

QTC: 32 QNI: 142

August Statistics

Sessions: 31 Minutes: 898

QTC: 44 QNI: 171

TO: MSN

FROM: W8CPG

Student News

- Mike /KI4NGA is working through the Basic course, and dealing with the demands of work and QRN. Student activity is very low. Please note the attached letter composed by Roy/WA2TWS for use in soliciting new students. Roy did a terrific job on this letter and is offering it for your use. Please look for opportunities (check the FCC webpage for new hams) to develop and encourage new interest in the MSN.

Net Protocol

- MSN offers a great opportunity to send local traffic through the Net. If you have traffic for MD, DE, WV, PA OH, list it as City, State, Quantity and if QSP is available, it can be sent through an MSN operator. It's good practice for the Net.

Around The Net

- There is an APB out for the "Ether Gremlin" who snuck into the July Newsletter and falsely ID'd K4OSO as Bill, when we all know that Milt/K4OSO is the builder of Trey's classy new tree house.
- Roy/WA2TWS is also known for his musical talents and key/keyer collection. Lately Roy has been transcribing from tape to CD the music of The Sons of the Whiskey Rebellion. Roy played electric mandolin with the group in the 60's and the music is truly great. In a recent presentation to the QCWA in NJ, he clearly explained why CW is such a valuable tool even in today's clutter of electronic opportunities, e.g. Twitter, Internet, etc. The Internet offers a feature new to me, called DDOS or Distributed Denial of Service. In addition, Roy noted the signature ZUT is Coast Guard shorthand for "CW Forever," a phrase popular with Fran/WA3GYW, and which I hope we hear more often when appropriate.
- "Traffic Handling Experiences" from Zeak/KA3LTN. "Hello, my name is Clair, more commonly known as Zeak on the Amateur Radio bands. I have had some experiences in handling traffic on the ham bands that some may be interested in. This little story involves a day in the life of a traffic handler. At the time this happened I was an active net control for the Western Pennsylvania CW traffic net. I did my duties as an NCS this particular day and the dated is unimportant and as usual there were no volunteers to take Third Region liaison for either the early 3rn or the late 3rn nets so, as is customary I took both." (To be continued).

Cryptoquips, Quotes, and Philosophy du Jour

- *Life is sexually transmitted. There are two kinds of pedestrians, the quick and the dead. I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes. Healthy is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.*

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	N3ZOC

73, Bruce/W8CPG AR

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Send your application and payment (made out to AARC) to the club treasurer.

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