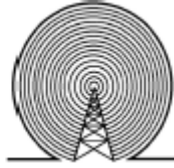


# The Ham Arundel News



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## Anne Arundel County's Premier Radio Club

*November 2009*

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### The Prez Sez . . .

This newsletter was intentionally held until after the November meeting so any nominations from the floor could be printed as required by the club bylaws. I emailed as many of you as I could about a week ago so you would be aware of current club activities. Over the last year we have really moved forward towards making our news, announcements, rosters, renewals, and forums available electronically. This makes the information timelier and saves the club money too.

So 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.

As usual, big things are happening at the club. The yagi is now up on the 45 foot tower and we received many great signal reports and compliments during the JOTA and CQ Worldwide DX Contest.

### **Thursday, November 19 - Presentation Meeting 7:30 PM**

Murray Green K3BEQ - Intrusions into the Ham Bands

Most repeaters cannot escape a certain amount of interference, but what you will hear/see borders on the bizarre. All of the incidents were documented and some forwarded to FCC Enforcement as a matter of record. **DON'T MISS THIS MOST INTERESTING PRESENTATION**

We are very close to completing our 501c(3) status. This will make donations to the club tax deductible to the donor and more attractive for donors to consider the club.

The holiday party is nearly here but it won't just magically appear. Let me know if you can help on the food pick-up, set-up, or clean up. Santa will need to know if you are bringing a child so we will have an age and gender appropriate gift available (email me [kk4gv@w3vpr.org](mailto:kk4gv@w3vpr.org) and I'll tell Santa). The party is on Friday night Dec. 18 at Ford Hall down the hill from the clubhouse. Dinner is at 6 PM with door prizes and other activities to follow.

Remember to renew your membership before or at the party and be eligible to win great prizes. It is really easy to do now on-line. You can even pay on line or just print the application and mail it in. Here is the link: <http://www.w3vpr.org/node/35>

November Sweepstakes is coming up! How many sections can you work? Or join us at the clubhouse for the phone weekend November 21-23, 2009:

73, Rick – KK4GV      AARC President

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**Deadline for submissions - the last Thursday of the month.**

**Mailing Address:**

*Anne Arundel Radio Club  
Post Office Box 308  
Davidsonville, MD 21035*

**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 1<sup>st</sup>  
Discounts available for family members and students

**World Wide Web:**

[www.w3vpr.org](http://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**

***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, November 19 Club Meeting 7:30 PM  
Murray Green K3BEQ - Intrusions into the Ham Bands

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 PM - **Board of Directors Election**

**The only nominee is Bob Frierson/WA3HOO to replace Bob/K3REM as a director. The rest have agreed to serve for another year.**

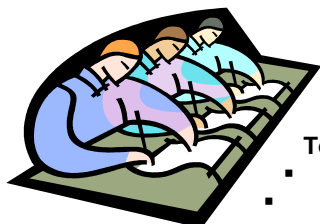
**2009 ARRL November Sweepstakes Operation at the Clubhouse** November 21-23, 2009

**Friday, December 18 - Holiday Party - Dinner at 6PM** At Ford Hall down the hill from the clubhouse. If you pay your 2010 dues before or at the party you will be eligible for door prizes!

**Operators Needed:** Annapolis Striders Cold Turkey Run Nov 22 - Sunday morning Nov 22. We will meet at South River High School 6:45 AM to set up net control and finalize assignments. Everyone should be finished by about 11:00 AM. Contact Mike KA2JAI [mikemontrose@gmail.com](mailto:mikemontrose@gmail.com) or [ka2jai@arrl.net](mailto:ka2jai@arrl.net) with your T-Shirt size

**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



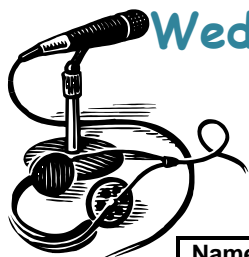
**Second Saturday of each month** - AARC - Robert Rose/AA3RR, 410-437-8193  
**Third Saturday of each month** - Laurel ARC - John Creel, 301-572-5124  
**Fourth Tuesday of each month** - MMARC - Harold Nichols/WB4OGP, 410-757-0493

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



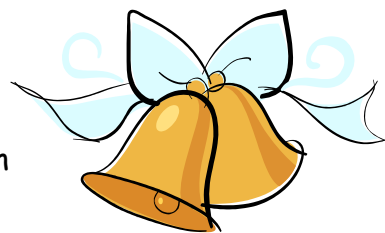
Club member Margie Currey, KA3PQP made a donation to the club, in memory of long time club member, Arthur H. Page III, W3PPK

The following people gave donations in the memory of Robert Melville, K3WRV:

- Betsy Bodziaz , Arnold, MD
- Margaret Lynne Macadan, Galesville, MD
- Cora Drumgo, Huntingtown, MD
- Buddy & Virginia Hillis, Lothian, MD
- Don & Pam Madsen, Bert, IA
- Deann Schmidt, Mitchell, SD

Mr. Melville's wife, Pat Melville, donated his station equipment to the club.

Neil Bloomberg/W3NTP is pleased to announce the marriage of his daughter Melissa to Cory Snyder on July 18, 2009. Melissa was a charter member of the AARC Kids Club KI3DS. Prior to the formation of the AARC Kids Club, Neil and Melissa ran a Kids Net on the club repeater. The couple will be residing in Baden, PA.



The used equipment sale on November 5 was a great success and netted the club \$1367.

Thanks to Bob/KB3MPR, Kim/KB3NGU, Robbie/KB3PEB, Nick/N3CK, and Steve/K3BAY for all the work they did setting up, pricing, running the sale, recording the items sold, and accounting for the cash.

## It's time to renew!

Paying your dues is now easier than ever. Not only can you renew on-line, you can even pay on line. Or you can renew on-line and bring a check to the clubhouse or party. Or mail it in or renew at the party. There is even a "renew with no changes" short form that you can if all your information is the same. The most common change we need to know about is if your e-mail address changes. We are going almost totally electronic with newsletters, announcements, and rosters. This really saves the club a lot of money and keeps you informed with more timely information. Thanks to Steve/K3BAY, Nick/N3CK, and the other board members for all they have done to make this possible.

Renew here: <http://www.w3vpr.org/node/35>

If you receive a paper copy of this newsletter, a renewal form is enclosed.



## ARES/RACES



### Calendar of meetings & activities:

The November 21 ARES meeting at the EOC has been canceled.  
The next meeting is Saturday, Dec 12 at 0900

**Winter Storm Exercise** at the EOC has been postponed from Nov 12 to Dec 1 at 9:30 AM. ARES/RACES members should contact Frank at [n3seo@aol.com](mailto:n3seo@aol.com) to register.

**Emotional Go Kit: Are You Prepared?** - Webinar Friday November 13. from 9PM to 10:30PM,  
To register go to: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/333780681>

**The ARES roster update** has been completed. If you have not received a phone call, contact [jerryhazell@comcast.net](mailto:jerryhazell@comcast.net) or [aa3fb@aol.com](mailto:aa3fb@aol.com) to verify your information.

**The VoIP Hurricane net** Saturday evenings will be one hour earlier at 7:00 PM eastern standard time due to the time change from daylight saving to eastern standard time. The net is always at 0000 Z Sundays. The net will continue to be held weekly until the first week of Dec when it changes to first Saturdays into May

Visit the Anne Arundel County ARES/RACES website

[www.tinyurl.com/aacaresraces](http://www.tinyurl.com/aacaresraces)

If you are interested in ARES, contact Frank Winner AA Co. EC at [N3SEO@aol.com](mailto:N3SEO@aol.com)

## Echolink Website

[www.tinyurl.com/ka2jaiecholink](http://www.tinyurl.com/ka2jaiecholink)



I can set up Station Shortcuts ("speed dial") numbers for anyone who wants them. Information is on the web site.

Mike/KA2JAI

## Amateurs in Action!

### METRIC MARATHON

On Sunday, October 4, 2009, the Anne Arundel Radio Club supported the Metric Marathon.



At 6:30 a.m. the club members assembled at Southern High School in Harwood to set up the net control station. Paul (KB3KWT) and Ed (KA3ZPE) acted as net control. Mike (KA2JAI) kept up with the Striders race coordinator. Ron (N3WOF), Ted (K3TED), Stan (N3PPJ), Terry (KB3CWQ), Barb (KB3LDM) and Jim (K3RUP) were water stop workers. Grant (N3VAR) and Mike (K3MAW) were course monitors. Rob (N3HU) followed the last runner operating bicycle mobile.

Thank you to everyone. Jerry (N3HKJ)

### Club Meeting

Tom Abernethy - W3TOM  
(ARRL Atlantic Division Vice  
Director)

*Reflections of the F-4 LaPlata  
Tornado - Lessons Learned*



### Club Picnic

Chef Robbie Delamarter/KB3PEB

Prepared a Feast at the AARC Picnic!

## AARC Yagi Party



**SET**  
Ted/K3TED,  
Mike/KB3CPV,  
Ron/N3WOF,  
Jerry/N3HKJ and  
Rob/N3HU were among  
the participants in the SET  
(Simulated Emergency  
Test) held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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# NEWSLETTER - MARYLAND SLOW NET

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

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OCTOBER 2009

**September Honor Roll** (15+ check-ins)  
N3AEA, W8CPG, KA1LPW (visitor)

**September Statistics**  
Sessions: 30 Minutes: 708  
QTC: 31 QNI: 132

TO: MSN  
FROM: W8CPG

### *Student News*

- Student activity is very low. Please look for opportunities to promote the MSN traffic training course, even checking the FCC web info for a list of new hams to contact. Feel free to use the letter drafted by Roy/WA2TWS attached to the last newsletter as a recruiting idea. Please help!

### *Net Protocol*

- When transmitting messages care should be taken to use clear properly formatted characters with proper spacing between characters and longer pauses between groups. Pauses strengthen clarity. Use slightly longer pauses between the Preamble, Text and Signature. As in grouping numbers in a telephone number, pauses help the RX operator, are important to use, and they're free to all.
- MSN offers a great opportunity to send QSP traffic. Bill/WB9LBI recently sent traffic to long term visitor Skeet/KA1LPW for delivery to ME. It's good practice for the Net.

### *Around The Net*

- The Katydids arrived at Hoot'NHoller, WV Aug. 14 this year and mountain lore tells us the first frost should occur in 6 weeks. Frost arrived on Oct. 11, but a 2 week variance is probably OK for insects.
- Carol/KC8VFO and Bruce/W8CPG helped provide communications for 3 bicycle events: Cheat Mountain Challenge, 100 miles (over 10,000 feet of climbing), Greenbrier River Challenge (challenged riders on the rail trail) and the Multiple Sclerosis 150 Ride. Great tactical radio practice for us all and it was fun to meet some of the 250 – 300 riders of diverse backgrounds and QTH's.
- A genuine pleasure to host and chat with Gordon/WV3G and XYL Darlene/N3ONO to celebrate Darlene's birthday in Hoot'NHoller in September. Gordon is a longtime Instructor for the MSN.
- "Traffic Handling Experiences" from Zeak/KA3LTN. I went, with out-of-Section traffic in hand, to the early 3RN net and I heard no net taking place. As it turned out there was no net. I held my traffic and went about my business until time for the late session of the 3RN net. The band conditions were bad and I couldn't get checked into the late net. Well, now I had a problem. I had this traffic going out of Section and in fact it was going to 1RN and no way to get it serviced! With nothing else going on I decided to go to the big net, EAN, the Eastern Area Net. The signals were up and I could copy the NCS and most of the other reps that were checking in. So I waited for the net call and checked in. Well, to my surprise the NCS acknowledged me but informed me that I should use alternate routing for my traffic. He suggested the Section Net or 3RN. I was shocked! (To be continued).

### **Cryptoquips, Quotes, and Philosophy du Jour**

- *If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about it? The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them – Mark Twain. If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest - Benjamin Franklin*

*Happy Halloween!*

### 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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## 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.

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