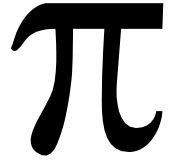
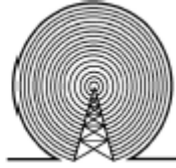


The Ham Arundel News



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Anne Arundel County's Premier Radio Club

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The Prez Sez . . .

I confess, I am a snow lover but maybe even I have had enough. I have measured 65 inches at my QTH this season. Some of you have seen closer to 80 inches or more. Actually most of our club activities took place the day before the big snow if you consider the holiday party and the Feb 4 meeting. But the last big one got us.

Our guest speaker for February 18 was to be Bryan, N3ST, the T-MARC Frequency Coordinator. That meeting was cancelled due to snow as was the first Technician class scheduled for Feb 20. This interesting presentation about how repeater frequencies are planned to minimize interference will be rescheduled.

On Thursday, February 4, Ken / KB3LLA, the President of Handi-Hams, spoke about adaptive technology for people with various handicaps to be able to use amateur radio. The Handi-Ham organization teaches ham radio to handicapped people not only to give them a way to communicate and make friends but also to give them confidence through success at something worthwhile. He showed us a video about Handi-Hams, his screen talker, as well as some Braille equipment.

The Technician Licensing class with eight students is up and running at the clubhouse in spite of the first class being canceled due to snow and having limited parking for the next one. Unless we get more snow the hilltop parking area is looking better each day as I write this. A General class scheduled to wind up just before Field Day will follow the Technician class. Let me know if you can be an instructor. Morse Code training is also occurring at noon just after each licensing class. It's not too late to join in the Morse training.

Sunday afternoon kit-building sessions have begun. There is still time to join in on this one too. You can purchase a kit of your choice from Ramsey or other kit manufacturer or bring items to troubleshoot and repair or just come up to enjoy some technical company. The builders have a lot of fun helping each other and they are a great resource for learning and repairing things.

We have lots of upcoming contest operations so if you have not joined in be sure to check the club's website www.w3vpr.org for the next scheduled contest. These gatherings are an excellent way for newer hams to get some on-the-air HF experience and you can pretty much show up anytime during the event and stay as long as you want. What could be more convenient and fun?

Note that if have not been receiving emails of club announcements you need to go to the website and create a user name and password. Then you can set your preferences to receive the announcements. It really only amounts to one or two emails per week and you get all the latest info. You can also participate in the web forums to buy and sell items and share your ham radio and other adventures. In addition, that is also how club members get access to the roster. When you are signed in to the website the link to the roster will be seen on the menu.

Many exciting presentations are planned for upcoming meetings as well as several public service events, a used equipment sale (date not set yet), and another 10A Field Day plan in the works. The club does best when volunteers come forward early so sign up for public service and field day positions now. See you at the meetings, events, and contests!

73, Rick – KK4GV AARC President



Cody, KB3POM really digs the clubhouse. We thank him for working that evening so the Technician Class could get in the following morning.

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Deadline for submissions - the last Thursday of the month.

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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

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!



Thursday, March 4 - Andrew K3NHT - Trainspotting and Railroad Communications

Thursday, March 18 - Keith KM4AA - All About D-Star Digital Radio Systems

Saturday, March 20 & Sunday, March 21 - Contest Operation at Clubhouse

Oklahoma QSO Party - 9:00 am - 9:00 pm (Sat) and 9:00 am - 3:00pm (Sun)

Sunday April 11 - Cherry Pit 10 Miler

Thursday, April 15 - Club Meeting - Giff K1GAH - Winlink Around the World

Keeping in touch from a sailboat

Saturday April 17 - Contest Operation at Clubhouse Michigan QSO Party - Noon - Midnight

Saturday, May 1 & Sunday, May 2 - Contest Operation at Clubhouse

Combining two multi-state QSO parties!

Seventh Call Area QSO Party - 9:00 am (Sat) - 3:00 am (Sun)

New England QSO Party - 4:00 pm (Sat) - 1:00 am (Sun) and 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (Sun).

Thursday, May 6 - Club Meeting - Topic TBA

Thursday, May 20 - Club Meeting - Bryan N3ST - Frequency Coordinator for T-MARC

How the coordination process works and why it is in place.

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the Month at 3PM - Club Station often OPEN

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

YL Meeting every 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2:00pm

VE Testing Schedule



Second Saturday of each month - Noon - AARC - Robert Rose/AA3RR, 410-437-8193

Third Saturday of each month - 9AM - Laurel ARC - John Creel, 301-572-5124

Fourth Tuesday of each month - 6PM - 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

2010		
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
1 May	Great Hagerstown Hamfest Antietam Radio Association Talk-In: 147.09 & 146.94 (backup) - no tones Contact: Herman Niedzielski, K2AVA Phone: 301-791-5841 Email: k2ava@myactv.net or click on: http://www.w3cwc.org/HamFests.html	Washington County Agricultural Center MD State Route 65 South Sharpsburg Pike Hagerstown, MD

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

Silent Key Dick Merriken/KB3AQV

Richard Carl Merriken, Sr. died Saturday February 20, 2010 at the Seasons Hospice in Randallstown.

Dick fell from a ladder at his home some weeks ago and landed on his head. He has been from intensive care in a hospital to a nursing home and to a hospice where he died.

He was born in Baltimore on October 27, 1927. He was the husband of Mary Randall Merriken, his wife of 62 years.

Dick was a retired logistics manager for Westinghouse Electric. He was a Scoutmaster for Boy Scouts of America for 61 years. He was past president and life member of the Glyndon Volunteer Fire Department. He was Scholarship Trustee Chairman for the Baltimore County Firemen's Association, a member of American Legion Post 116, the D.A.V., Chestertown Elks Lodge 2474, and All Saints Episcopal Church in Reistersown.

Dick had been a member of AARC since 1994. He and Mary lived too far away to attend meetings regularly, but they can be remembered as the couple who always arrived early at the picnics and Christmas parties to help with preparations.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, three sisters, one brother, nine grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church, P.O.Box 279, Reisterstown, MD 21136, Boy Scouts Troop 315, c/o Jay Simond, 5715 Deer Park Rd., Reisterstown or to Glyndon Vol. Fire Dep't, P.O. Box 3671, Glyndon, MD 21071.



ARES/RACES



Calendar of meetings & activities:

RACES COMMEX on March. 9 at 1930 hours.
ARES Meeting on Feb. 20 at 0900 at the EOC.
Meetings: Mar 20, Apr 24, May 15

Visit the **Anne Arundel County ARES/RACES website**

www.tinyurl.com/aacaresraces

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



Training Classes

Basics I	Mar. 13 10:00 AM	6751 Columbia Gateway Dr Columbia , MD, 21046 - Rm 401	Skywarnregister@howardcountymd.gov
Flooding/Coastal Flooding	Mar. 16 6:30 PM	Henry Hein Public Service Building Auditorium 7480 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd Glen Burnie, MD 21061	Cathy Welker fdwelk00@aacounty.org



QST Magazines - Free to Good Home - From 1994 to present, each year separated and organized. Some of the early years are missing an issue here and there but most are complete. Contact Eric, N3EF at 410-741-1022 or fairbank@usna.edu if you are interested in any or all magazines.

NEWSLETTER - MARYLAND SLOW NET

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

February 2010

January Honor Roll (15+ check-ins)
N3AEA, W8CPG, WE2G, VE2KRM,
N3ZOC

January Statistics
Sessions: 31 Minutes: 1039
QTC: 53 QNI: 215

TO: MSN
FROM: W8CPG

Student News

The January thaw was disappointing to say the least, but I'm pleased to welcome back Laura/NT3Y. Laura returned to the MSN and picked up on her training with Gery/VE2KRM. Glad to see some Student activity pick up and hopefully we'll see our other Students become more active as the weather warms.

Net Protocol

- Milt/K4OSO suggested that we revive the (informal) QPC signal for "please call the net". This Q signal was popular with the HBSN and HBN for years and is a proven time saver. Let's try it and see how it goes. For example NCS calls W8CPG and asks "QPC" – W8CPG responds with a Net Call.
- Thanks to Bill/WB9LBI, Frank/N3ZOC and Ron/N3AEA for bringing traffic to the Net. We need the practice and it helps keep the Net members alert and active. Please bring more QTC to the Net.

Around The Net

- Pete/K3IN advised that he has earned a Commercial Driver's License that permits him to operate any vehicle short of a tractor trailer. Pete will be working with the USDA measuring soil moisture during the growing season in various parts of the country. The data collected will be used by both NASA and the USDA in conjunction with satellite monitoring of growing conditions.
- Winter in Hoot'NHoller, WV has been more than the usual this year and keeps on coming. It was interesting to see Punxatawny Phil (PA) expects six more weeks of winter while French Creek Freddie (WV) expects spring to arrive soon. Hmmm, sounds like a Congressional "decision". Snowshoeing through the mtns. with our 3 Goldens is fun, but after 40"+ of snow spring is growing in importance.
- Congratulations to Milt/K4OSO on being inducted into the First Class CW Operator's Club. This international club began in England and maintains its membership at 500. According to Club information it considers membership not an award but rather a goal as the club promotes first class operating including a clean signal, willingness to QRS to 3 wpm when appropriate, and offering a helping hand to encourage growth in ham radio.

Quotes, Trivia, and Philosophy du Jour

Half your wood and half your hay you must have on Candlemas Day, states the rhyme. History tells us that Feb. 2/ Groundhog Day was called Candlemas Day by our farming forbearers as the cross quarter between the first day of winter and the spring solstice. So the day is recognized as the true midpoint of winter weather and the time to check your wood and hay supplies, plan for spring and reflect on the past year. So, browse through your seed catalogs and tune up the tiller! "Barking at a knot" means that your efforts were as useless as a dog barking at a knot. "Between hay and grass" means neither a child nor an adult, as in teenager.

Happy Valentine's Day

MSN NET ASSIGNMENTS

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

73, Bruce/W8CPG AR

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- **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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