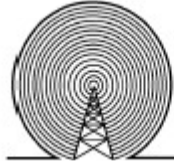


# The Ham Arundel News



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## The Prez Sez:



Nick N3CK

Fall is here. The year seems to have gone by rather fast for me. So it is time to start thinking about succession planning for the club. I have again asked Tony Young WA3YLO and Holly Bevan N3MB to take on the task of the **Nominating Committee**. If you have an interest in serving the club in one of the officer positions or on the board of directors, please contact Tony or Holly. I will not be running for a second term as has been the custom the past several years. I sincerely hope

that one of the Board members or someone from general membership steps forward. The Anne Arundel Radio Club is fortunate to have a large membership, who has a significant fund of knowledge of radio communications. It is important to continue the efforts of all those people in the past that created this great organization of radio enthusiasts.

So far we have close to 20 people who have signed up for the **Tape Measure Yagi Project** night. Even if you have not signed up, please come down to the club to learn the process and plans. We are planning a fox hunt one weekend in October. We will scale it down as this is the first one in recent times and we need to learn to walk before running. If you have experience in conducting a fox hunt and want to contribute in the planning, please contact me.

We want to thank Bob Rose AA3RR, Rick Creager KK4GV, Tom Provenza N3LHD and George Socker N3YSA, and others for their quick action regarding their response in removing the tree that fell on one of the tower guy wires. Job well done!

Bob Rose has stepped down as the Registered Agent, the Anne Arundel VE team lead, MDC QSO party and perennial Field Day Chairman. The club owes Bob a debt of gratitude for all his hard work and years of dedication to the club. Each one of those jobs takes a significant effort to bring together a successful event. He has also left the club with the how to manuals so that those who follow can do so with a lot less growing pains.

Bob Jeter K3RSJ has agreed to become the new Registered Agent for the club. Brenda Diamond-Rose KB3ATI has agreed to be the new VE team Lead for Anne

Arundel Radio Club. Brenda is the most experienced and I'm sure she will do a great job. Let's continue to support her in this position. I have agreed to take on the MDC QSO party chair for next year.

Finally and regretfully, please let us remember two silent keys, John Crawford WB3KDB and Harold A. Molz N3FRD.

### 73 Nick N3CK

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### John Crawford WB3KDB

John Ray Crawford, 63, of Edgewater for 15 years and formerly of Crownsville, died on August 31, at Anne Arundel Medical Center, after a six month battle with lung cancer along with complications.

John was born on January 6, 1948, in Washington, DC to the late John and Shirley Crawford and grew up in Poughkeepsie, NY.

He attended Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY, earning a B.S. in Physics. He spent the majority of his career working as a physicist/engineer for the National Security Agency at Fort Meade.

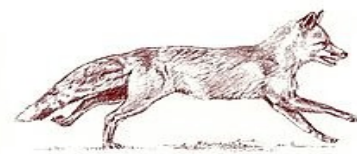
John enjoyed many hobbies with his family including camping, fishing, boating, as well as most anything outdoors. Later in life his favorite hobbies where operating amateur radios and bicycling.

He is survived by his wife Sandra of Edgewater; daughter Christin of Edgewater; son Jeffrey of North Beach; and sister Joan of Marion, OH.

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### Harold A. Molz N3FDH

Harold A. Molz, 87, a longtime Annapolitan, died June 14 in Annapolis. He was born in Baltimore, the son of Otto and Julia Molz. He attended Loyola High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola College in March 1944.







## Visit to W6RO

### Aboard the RMS Queen Mary

by Elmer Phillippe

Working as a consultant to the Naval Research Laboratory I was traveling in Southern California in late July, 2011 on a visit to several radar operation facilities. My last meeting ended on Wednesday afternoon and my plane would not be leaving until the following morning so I had some free time on my hands. I learned that the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln was in Los Angeles Harbor and was giving tours. So I headed for San Pedro and the docks. But when I got there they had closed off the visitor parking for the carrier tours. Although the tours were open until 4 PM all visitors had to be on the tour bus by 2 PM to go out to the Abraham Lincoln. It was 4 PM; so I was too late.

I consulted Bing maps on my smart phone and found that the best way back to my hotel in Murrieta, CA was through Long Beach. And I remembered that the liner RMS Queen Mary, formerly of British registry and operated by the Cunard Line, was berthed there as a hotel and museum. So I decided that my trip would not be a total waste and I would see if the Queen Mary was still open for tours at 5:30 PM.

Driving toward the berthed luxury liner I was quite impressed with her size with an overall length of 1019 ft. Her very deep-throated steam whistles (2 octaves below middle C) weigh over 2000 pounds each. I was elated to see that the ship was open to visitors. It now contains a hotel, a museum and several restaurants.

I proceeded to climb all about her to look at the various facilities. When I got up to the Sun Deck I stumbled across the Wireless Room. That is when I remembered that the Queen Mary was home to a special amateur radio station,



W6RO. I looked in through the half open dutch door to the Wireless Room and saw two volunteer amateur operators at the controls. There was a tall gentleman dressed in a white shirt and black tie with black pants and a young lady in a white blouse with a black skirt. The tall gentleman asked if I was a ham. When I told him that I was indeed an Extra Class ham he introduced himself as Jim, AF6DM, and gave me a warm welcome. He invited me into the shack and introduced me to the other ham, Mary Anne

Golden, KI6JVB, who was just starting to try some DXing on 20 meters.



Elmer Phillippe at the mike of W6RO

Photo by Jim Smith, AF6DM

Jim provided a wealth of knowledge on the history and operation of station GBTT, which was the call sign of the RMS Queen Mary during its days of operation on the high seas. Most of the original equipment is still there, including several transmitters and receivers, although it is now only for display purposes. 90% of the traffic was via CW and radiotelephone was pretty much reserved for paying customers who paid \$4 or more per word to talk to someone on-shore.

Mary Anne, KI6JVB, had just gotten her General ticket, but when she saw that I had my Extra she was elated that she could now operate in the Extra Class bands with me present. She made contact with a station in Denmark and was really thrilled to be doing DX, to the point of jumping up and down with excitement. I recalled how I felt in my early ham radio days when I made a DX contact.

I picked up a lot of my CW skills by listening to commercial marine transmissions from ships at sea like the Queen Mary. I still have the National NC190 receiver that I used and I believe I will get it back on the air with a set of new capacitors and a good cleaning, because I now recall how much I enjoyed listening to the ship-to-shore conversations on that great old tube-type receiver.

I really wanted to stay awhile and do some operating but it was getting late for me and I had a pretty long drive back to the hotel so I did not stay very long.

I recommend checking out the website <http://www.sterling.rmplc.co.uk/visions/wireless.html> which is very interesting and has a sound file of the last official transmission from GBTT, the Cunard station on the Queen Mary. It is in CW.

Elmer Phillippe W3PHI





## 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**

The 147.105 and 147.075 repeaters are frequently linked. Please leave an extra second after the courtesy beep to allow the link to reset as well.

*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 MD Route 214 near Davidsonville, MD. For en-route directions, make initial contact on the 147.105 repeater.*

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### 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

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