



# December Exam Session Results

By AA3RR

On December 10<sup>th</sup> the AARC VE Team administered eight exams to eight applicants. As a result of the exam session, we welcomed five new hams to our hobby and congratulate three others who upgraded to General. Congratulations to the following:

- William Ryan - KB3WUE – New Ham (Tech)
- Steve Benton - KB3WUF – New Ham (Tech)
- Randy Dunbar - K3RSD – Upgraded to General
- John Mitchell - KB3WUG – New Ham (Tech)
- Casey Raiford - KB3WUH – New Ham (Tech)
- John Moran - KB3WQX – Upgraded to General
- Thomas Kirwan - KB3WUI – New Ham (Tech)
- Douglas Quamme - KB3VDR - Upgraded to General

If you hear these hams on the air, offer your congratulations.

The VEs who made the exam session a success included:

N3MB Holly Bevan  
 KB3ATI Brenda Diamond-Rose  
 AA3KS Sherrill Bower  
 K3TH Tom Hogevoll  
 AA3CS Chuck Shefflette  
 KB3THK David Blackshear  
 KA2JAI Mike Montrose

This was the last exam session in 2011. So how'd we do?

As the chart below indicates, 2011 was essentially a statistical copy of 2010 and 2009 across the board with a few minor and irrelevant exceptions.

YR	App	2		3		4		Exams Given	Exams Passed	Exams Failed	Pass Pctg	New Class			New Hams
		P	F	P	F	P	F					T	G	E	
9	117	59	9	38	20	12	7	145	109	36	75%	52	37	12	59
10	105	58	11	32	14	12	4	131	102	29	78%	50	31	12	55
11	105	60	13	31	15	15	3	137	106	31	77%	49	30	15	60

The "X Factor". The applicants come to the exam session prepared or not prepared. VE team administers and grades exams. The success of the applicant rests largely on their degree of preparation. The "X Factor" is what the VE Team brings to the equation. The VE Team endeavors to provide a relaxing, friendly, and comfortable environment for the exam session coupled with a courteous and professional demeanor. What impact the "X Factor" has on the applicants is unknown and immeasurable. But it's real and it contributes to the success of our VE Team and speaks to the dedication and professionalism of each member of the team.

Here are the members of the Anne Arundel Volunteer Examiner team. When you see them, thank them for their service to the club and amateur radio:

Call Sign	Name	Call Sign	Name
NY1T	Barnaby, Gaelen	K3ASK	Kelly, Andrew
N3MB	Bevan, Margaret H. (Holly)	K3BAY	Kelly, Steven A.
KB3THK	Blackshear, David	N3CK	Lomangino, Nicholas
N3USP	Bock, Glen	WW3R	Maio, Richard
AA3KS	Bower, Sherrill H.	K3HQ	McKelvie, Richard T.
WA3SKN	Brenza, Jon Michael	AB3AF	Mitchell, Dana D.
N3ADY	Burdett, Gerald L.	K3REM	Montagne, Robert





Sunday, February 26, 2012

# WINTERFEST!

Winterfest

Location: Annandale, VA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Website: <http://www.viennawireless.org/winterfest.php>

Sponsor: Vienna Wireless Society

Saturday, March 31, 2012



(Greater Baltimore Hamboree & Computerfest)

Location: Maryland State Fairgrounds

2200 York Road

Timonium, MD

Website: [www.gbhc.org](http://www.gbhc.org)

Sponsor: Baltimore Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.67 (PI 107.2)

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April 21, 2012

Delaware State Convention ( Delmarva Amateur Radio & Electronics Expo)

Location: Georgetown, DE

Type: ARRL Convention

Website: <http://www.radioelectronicsexpo.com>

Sponsor: Sussex Amateur Radio Association & Sussex Technical High School

If you'd like to search for more hamfests outside the Maryland-DC area, you may click on:

[WWW.ARRL.ORG/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar](http://WWW.ARRL.ORG/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar).

## House-Passed Payroll Tax Bill Includes Amateur Radio Study

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### SEC. 4205. STUDY ON EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BY AMATEUR RADIO AND IMPEDIMENTS TO AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

- (a) In General- Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the [Federal Communications] Commission, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Communications in the Department of Homeland Security, shall--
  - (1) complete a study on the uses and capabilities of amateur radio service communications in emergencies and disaster relief; and
  - (2) submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the findings of such study.
- (b) Contents- The study required by subsection (a) shall include--
  - (1)(A) a review of the importance of emergency amateur radio service communications relating to disasters, severe weather, and other threats to lives and property in the United States; and
  - (B) recommendations for--
    - (i) enhancements in the voluntary deployment of amateur radio operators in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts; and
    - (ii) improved integration of amateur radio operators in the planning and furtherance of initiatives of the Federal Government; and
  - (2)(A) an identification of impediments to enhanced amateur radio service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use restrictions on residential antenna installations; and
  - (B) recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments.
- (c) Expertise- In conducting the study required by subsection (a), the Commission shall use the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the amateur radio, emergency response, and disaster communications communities.

Such a study has long been sought by the ARRL.

*HR 3630 is now up for consideration in the Senate where its prospects for passage are dimmed by the inclusion of a controversial provision concerning a pipeline project.*

## CQ CQ CQ Calling All Radio Amateurs

Rick Creager KK4GV has submitted the net control schedule for 2012. As Rick so eloquently puts it, "So I copied down 52 more rows in the same spreadsheet I have had running now since January of 2009. Since then we have had 153 nets. There were at least 40 more prior to that in 2008. I think Peter KB3PGU made the suggestion to start it up in early 2008 and it has been going strong ever since." through the diligence of Rick, he has recorded all of the swaps and substituting of net control operators. This helps in the gathering of your efforts as service hours which he reports to Barb and Terry.

Since the Wednesday evening net was reformed at the behest of Peter W3PGU, it has been a regular weekly occurrence. participation in the net also allows members to hear about even more events to participate in. This is a fun net with serious overtones. . We have fun in following the net and at the same time we are learning how to operate under a controlled setting. In time of an emergence this practice will help greatly because we have learned to take notes, be patient, and follow the authority of the Net Control Operator (NCO).

This position of NCO is a great training ground so that when you are called upon to perform these duties, you will have had the training in how to control and follow procedure. Yes it is a fun net but the fantastic part is that it is teaching us how to handle emergency traffic and work.

Here is some interesting facts:

The Net Control Operators for the 153 nets is broken down into this roster:

<b>K3ACT</b>	<b>Chuck</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>KA3ZPE</b>	<b>Ed</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>KB3PGU</b>	<b>Peter</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>KA3RNW</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>K3MAW</b>	<b>Mike</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>N3USP</b>	<b>Glenn</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>KK4GV</b>	<b>Rick</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>WA3SKN</b>	<b>Mike</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>KB3WAP</b>	<b>Stephen</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>

As you can see there is plenty of room and help if YOU want to learn a unique and fascinating part of this hobby.

Here is the schedule for Net Control Operators for 2012. Please look over it. If your date presents a problem, NOW is the time to change it. Also, the following week NCO should work as an Alternate NCO for the this week. ie., if your scheduled as the NCO for the second week in January, then, you should be the Alternate NCO for the first week. If you do not have a script for NCO, see Rick, KK4GV.

**Sign up to be a New Control  
Operator. Training will be provided**

## N C O SCHEDULE Wednesday 2 Meter Net 2012

12/14/2011	K3MAW	Mike
12/21/2011	KA3ZPE	Ed
12/28/2011	KB3WAP	Stephen
01/04/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
01/11/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
01/18/2012	K3MAW	Mike
01/25/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
02/01/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
02/08/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
02/15/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
02/22/2012	K3MAW	Mike
02/29/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
03/07/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
03/14/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
03/21/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
03/28/2012	K3MAW	Mike
04/04/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
04/11/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
04/18/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
04/25/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
05/02/2012	K3MAW	Mike
05/09/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
05/16/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
05/23/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
05/30/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
06/06/2012	K3MAW	Mike
06/13/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
06/20/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
06/27/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
07/04/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
07/11/2012	K3MAW	Mike
07/18/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
07/25/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
08/01/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
08/08/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
08/15/2012	K3MAW	Mike
08/22/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
08/29/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
09/05/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
09/12/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
09/19/2012	K3MAW	Mike
09/26/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
10/03/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
10/10/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
10/17/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
10/24/2012	K3MAW	Mike
10/31/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
11/07/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
11/14/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
11/21/2012	K3ACT	Chuck
11/28/2012	K3MAW	Mike
12/05/2012	KA3ZPE	Ed
12/12/2012	KB3WAP	Stephen
12/19/2012	KB3PGU	Peter
12/26/2012	K3ACT	Chuck





## 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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