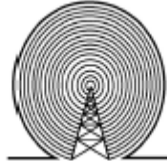


# The Ham Arundel News



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## Prez Sez

Friends: The following is an update of an email I sent out to all members on 18 September 2012. I reproduce it here, because much of the information is still relevant, but please read it carefully, because some new information has been added. Look for changes in **bold italics**.



Dear friends and members of AARC:

As many of you are aware, our web site used to alert the membership by email whenever an update was posted to the blogs or announcement pages. When that feature went wild many months ago, sending multiple copies of the same email to every member, we shut it down. We are still working hard to get that

feature reinstated, but until we do, we are using this mass email capability to update you on several events taking place at AARC, and to request your participation in several of them.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

First, we had an important and interesting meeting last Thursday, 20 September. As required by our bylaws, our treasurer Rick Creager KK4GV presented a review of this year's budget, and the proposed budget for 2013. The club will be voting on the proposed 2013 budget at our 4 October club meeting.

## RADIO DIRECTION FINDING AND FOX HUNT

After that presentation, John Williams, K8JW, gave a fascinating talk on radio direction finding, and Bruce Strackbein, WR3Q, gave us instructions on how to participate in the AARC "foxhunt", which was held on Saturday, 29 September at 9:00 a.m. (***This article was written before the events of that day, so look elsewhere in the newsletter for a report on the foxhunt and club picnic.***)

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Second, this reminds us of our next big social event, which is arguably our biggest of the year: The annual Holiday party. This year it will be held in the usual location, Ford Hall, just down the hill from the clubhouse, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 14 December. Now the board has set the date, but we need your help to assure the success of the party. We need members and spouses to come forward and volunteer to help set up and decorate, to

purchase and deliver major food items, to buy gifts for Santa to give to the kids, to help clean up and leave the room the way we found it. So there is work for many hands, and I urge you to volunteer to do some of this work. Just let one of your club officers know you are willing, and we will let the party coordinator(s) know. ***And yes, we do have a coordinator Kim Delamarter has graciously stepped forward and offered to once again coordinate the party. Thanks, Kim!***

Incidentally, the board considered changing the time of the Holiday Party to mid-day to accommodate those who do not wish to drive at night. However, we thought it better to leave the time at 6:00 and urge you, our membership, to seek out those who might need a ride and to offer to pick them up and take them home after the party.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Third, we have some exciting and interesting meetings scheduled which you will want to attend: **On 4 October**, we have been promised a talk on repeaters and how to use them, by Mark Murphy KA3RNW.

Then, on **18 October** we will have one of our ever-popular antenna building evenings. New hams particularly will want to come and build a "roll-up" J-pole antenna for the 2m band, guided by Bob Delamarter, KB3MPR. If you have one of the Chinese hand-helds given to successful graduates of our technician course, you will be amazed at how this will increase the effectiveness of your radio. And best of all, there will be no cost to club members for this event. Non-club members are asked to donate \$5 to help defray material costs.

For the club meeting on **1 November** we have tentatively planned another edition of a popular event: the equipment sale. Plan to come and buy those bargains and help the club enjoy a little income from the sale.

## VOLUNTEER SLOTS OPEN

### 1. DFRC REPRESENTATIVE

There are a couple more volunteer slots the club needs filled also. First, we were sorry to hear that Bob Delamarter is stepping down from the position of DFRC representative that he has held for several years. We want to thank him for his outstanding service as he has been the liaison between the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center and AARC. But now we need a replacement who will meet with DFRC 4 times a year and coordinate between them and us. Could this be a job for you? Let a board member know.

### 2. EQUIPMENT QUARTERMASTER

AARC has some old equipment stored in our buildings which we would like to find a good home for, and this might be an ideal way to dispose of the equipment while earning a few dollars for our treasury. But we need someone to head this event, assembling the equipment, moving it down the









# ATTENTION!! NEW LAW RE: NON-FUNCTIONING TRAFFIC LIGHTS



Effective **October 1, 2012**, a driver approaching a non-functioning traffic control signal from any direction at an intersection **MUST:**  
**STOP AT A CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE, BEFORE ENTERING ANY CROSSWALK, OR BEFORE ENTERING THE INTERSECTION.**

After stopping, the driver **MUST:**  
**YIELD TO ANY VEHICLE OR PEDESTRIAN IN THE INTERSECTION AND REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO ENTER AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE INTERSECTION.**

Violations of this law carry a fine of \$90 and two points if the offense does not contribute to an accident. If the violation contributes to a crash, the fine is \$130 and three points.

**Remember – If a traffic light is out:  
STOP, YIELD, PROCEED WITH  
CAUTION**

## NEW NON-FUNCTIONING TRAFFIC LIGHT LAW TO TAKE EFFECT

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 12, 2012**

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – Maryland State Police are reminding motorists of a new law about to take effect regarding actions drivers must take when approaching intersections with non-functioning traffic signals.

Beginning **October 1, 2012**, a driver approaching a non-functioning traffic control signal **from any direction** at an intersection shall stop:

- at a clearly marked stop line;
- before entering any crosswalk; or
- before entering the intersection.

After stopping, the driver

- yield to any vehicle or pedestrian in the intersection; and
- remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.



Intersection traffic control signals, most commonly called 'red lights,' or 'stop lights,' direct the safe and orderly flow of traffic in and through thousands of intersections across Maryland. Most are powered by electricity that can be interrupted because of storms, traffic crashes, or other incidents that cause power outages. Just

because a traffic control signal is not functioning at an intersection does not mean drivers are relieved of their duty to exercise care and caution. The new law makes clear the procedures each driver must now follow.

Violations of the new law carry a fine of \$90 and two points if the offense does not contribute to an accident. If the violation contributes to a crash, the fine is \$130 and three points.

### REMEMBER EXISTING LAWS:

If two vehicles approach an intersection without a traffic control device or with a non-functioning traffic control signal from different roadways at the same time, there is existing motor vehicle law that applies. In this situation, the driver on the left must yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on his or her immediate right.

There are also times when a traffic control signal that normally operates green, yellow, and red lights may be in 'flashing' mode. This usually means red lights may be flashing in one direction and yellow lights are flashing in another direction. Flashing red and yellow lights on a traffic control signal do not mean the light is 'non-functioning.'

In this situation, the drivers approaching the red flashing light must stop and can only proceed when the intersection is clear. Drivers approaching the yellow flashing light should slow down and use caution, but are permitted to proceed through the intersection without stopping. Drivers are also reminded that if a police officer is directing traffic in the intersection, they should obey the directions of that

officer, regardless of the signal indicated on the traffic control device.

It is difficult to describe every potential intersection situation. Above all, drivers are reminded that it is their duty to always drive with care and caution, especially when approaching an intersection with a non-functioning signal. If other drivers are present at the intersection, remember to be courteous, use caution, and do everything possible to try to determine the intentions of other motorists and communicate your intentions, if you are unsure of how to proceed. Even if you have the right of way, it is better to allow another driver to proceed if it appears he or she is going to do so, instead of risking an intersection crash.

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## NEW LAW ALERT ISSUED FOR MOTOR SCOOTER AND MOPED RIDERS

(PIKESVILLE, MD) -- Maryland State Police and local law enforcement are reminding the owners and riders of motor scooters and mopeds that a new law taking effect in less than two months will make significant changes in the use of their chosen form of transportation.

On October 1, 2012, new Maryland vehicle laws will take effect that require all motor scooters and mopeds to be titled and insured, while all operators and passengers must wear a helmet and eye protection. These new requirements are in addition to the existing law that requires all motor scooter and moped operators to possess a valid driver's license or a moped operator's permit.



All drivers and passengers of motor scooters and mopeds will be required to wear motorcycle helmets that meet safety standards set by the United States Department of Transportation. Drivers and passengers must also wear eye protection, unless the vehicle is equipped with a windscreen.

Motor scooter and moped owners will be required to insure their vehicles. They must obtain at least the minimum vehicle liability insurance and must carry proof of the insurance with them whenever they are operating the scooter or moped.

Motor scooters and mopeds will be required to be titled by the Motor Vehicle Administration. Owners will be able to obtain titling information through the MVA website at [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov) beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. When the title is obtained, the vehicle owner will be provided with a decal that must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.

Maryland law defines a motor scooter as a non-pedal vehicle that has a seat for the operator; has two wheels, of which one is ten or more inches in diameter; has a step through chassis; has a motor with a rating of 2.7 brake

horsepower or less, or a 50 cc engine or less; and is equipped with an automatic transmission.

A moped is defined as a bicycle that is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of a motor; is equipped with pedals that can drive the rear wheel(s); has two or three wheels, one of which is more than 14 inches in diameter; has a motor with a rating of 1.5 brake horsepower or less and a 50 cc engine or less.

The drivers of motor scooters and mopeds are required to follow the same rules of the road as bicycles. Those rules include:

- Drivers must ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical and safe as possible, except when:
  - Making a left turn;
  - Operating on a one-way street;
  - Passing a stopped or slower moving vehicle;
  - Avoiding pedestrians and road hazards;
  - The right lane is a right turn only lane;
  - Operating in a lane too narrow for a bicycle or motor scooter and another vehicle to travel safely side by side.
- Drivers may ride side by side only if flow of traffic is unimpeded;
- Drivers must exercise due care when passing;
- Headsets covering both ears, or earplugs in both ears are not permitted;
- Scooters or mopeds may not be operated on roadways with speed limits greater than 50 mph;
- Scooters or mopeds may not be operated at more than 30 mph;
- Drivers may not operate on a roadway where there is a smooth paved bike lane or paved shoulder available, meaning they must use the bike lane or paved shoulder instead of the roadway;
- Drivers must obey the rules of the road applicable to all vehicles.

Troopers and local law enforcement across Maryland have received training regarding the new laws. Scooter and moped drivers who violate the new law can expect to be stopped and issued traffic citations or warnings, beginning October 1.

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**The HAM ARUNDEL NEWS is for all members of the Anne Arundel Radio Club.**

**IF YOU KNOW OF HAMS WHO ARE NOT GETTING THIS NEWSLETTER THEN PLEASE:**

- 1, LET THE EDITOR KNOW WHO THE HAM IS, (Send to [Newsletter@w3VPR.org](mailto:Newsletter@w3VPR.org))**
- 2. WHAT IS THE BEST MEANS HE CAN RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER**
- 3. CORRECT AND COMPLETE INFORMATION TO GET THE HAM ARUNDEL NEWS TO HIM.**



## 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	442.300+Mhz    PL107.2	1st Sunday	1930

## Notes from the BOD Meeting September 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Tanner, K3ACT. The minutes of the August 9, 2012 meeting was read and returned to the Secretary for completing. The Treasurer gave his report to the club and will refine it for a timely presentation to the club meeting on September 20, 2012.

A set order of business is that the meter of the propane tank is read and written into the minutes. This month's reading is 74%.

Bob Delamarter, KB3MPR came to the meeting from the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center (DFRC) meeting to determine the date and time of the Christmas dinner to get it on the DFRC calendar. The BOD made a decision to have the Christmas Party on Friday December 14, 2012, starting at 6 p.m.

This decision generated some discussion and an Action Item for the BOD is to develop some coordinators for this function. This will be brought to the club at the earliest possible meeting date.

Bob also requested to be replaced as the AARC Representative to the DFRC. The BOD thanked Bob for his work and great efforts in representing the AARC to the DFRC. A request will be made at the earliest club meeting date to get a replacement for Bob whose term of office is up on December 31, 2012.

The bench outside of the club house is the result of a request by Dr. Bill Rynone, WB3EIQ.

The Fox Hunt and Club Picnic is coordinated with Bruce Stackbein WR3Q handling the Fox Hunt and Rick Creager, KK4GV and Terry KB3CWQ and Barb KB3LDM Nixon working to bring the Picnic together.

Jerry Hazell, N3HKJ of the local REACT unit has contacted the AARC to move the Sunday night REACT net to the 442.300 (PL 107.2) repeater on the first Sunday of each month. The BOC granted this request and Jerry was notified.

Kim Delamarter, KB3BGU is moving ahead with the AARC branded clothing sale. She will need number of shirts and sizes so that she can put an order together.

The BOD Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Notes were taken by Milford Craig, N3WYG

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## Metric Marathon - Oct 7 - Contact N3WOF

We still need 2 or 3 more volunteers to help with the communications for the Strider's Metric Marathon on Sunday morning, October 7, at Southern High School, Harwood, MD. We also need another bike mobile to monitor the course. For more information please contact Ron Boller, at 410-956-6127 or [n3wof@verizon.net](mailto:n3wof@verizon.net).

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## ARRL CONVENTIONS

There are two conventions coming up. One will be our Maryland State Convention that will be held at the October 7 CARAFest at the Howard county Fairgrounds. There will be an ARRL Forum and Ken Bailey, K1FUG, from ARRL headquarters will be speaking on emergency communications. There will be other speakers also.

On November 10, clubs are asked to provide a space for the Atlantic Division very first virtual convention. In case you missed the first one, there will be another webinar on Wednesday, September 19. This is open to anyone interested in learning what is required to host the convention. Click the following link to register for the webinar:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/400339936>

Also, you can follow this link to see the powerpoint and learn more about the convention:

<http://www.atldiv.org/convention.htm>.

Everyone is encouraged to take the survey on that website to tell the planning committee what topics you would like to see:

<http://www.bestvote.org/phpQ/fillsurvey.php?sid=33>

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## Sean Smith, KG4WSS, Killed in Libyan Consulate Attack

Sean P. Smith, KG4WSS, of Falls Church, Virginia, was killed when the US Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was attacked on September 11. He was 34. Smith was one of four Americans, including Chris Stevens -- the US Ambassador to Libya -- who was killed in the attack.

Smith -- a native of San Diego -- enlisted in the Air Force in 1995 at age 17. He served six years as a ground radio maintenance specialist, including a deployment to Oman, before leaving the service in 2002 as a staff sergeant.

He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. Smith, who had worked at the State Department for 10 years, was in Libya on a temporary assignment when he was killed; Before his temporary assignment to Benghazi, Smith served for the State Department in Brussels, Baghdad, Pretoria, Montreal and The Hague.

"Sean was a friend of mine, and while he was not a very active operator he was an extremely skilled electronic technician," James Kirkham, W4HFK, told the ARRL. "He was instrumental in getting me back into the hobby after a 10 year hiatus."

Smith is survived by his wife, Heather, and two young children, Samantha and Nathan. "They will grow up being proud of the service their father gave to our country, service that took him from Pretoria to Baghdad, and finally to Benghazi," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement.

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