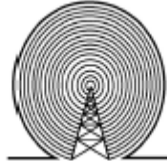


# The Ham Arundel News



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## Prez Sez



The leaves are on the ground already, and soon the frost will be on the pumpkin. Fall is definitely upon us, and with it come good ham radio opportunities, like putting up that wire antenna now that the leaves don't prevent it. You can fill in all the other opportunities, and I hope you are able to take advantage of all of them before winter sets in. Of course, winter also brings good ham

opportunities, since most of us are more inclined to stay inside and huddle around something warm and glowing, like a transceiver!

It seems like most of us fared better than we expected during hurricane SANDY's recent visit. The repeaters kept working, and I don't think any of our sites lost power. I know that some of our members lost power, but considering the predictions, our local area seems to have come out pretty well. Thanks go out to all of you who helped with Skywarn reports and kept in touch with our local EOC's, and just kept us informed about local conditions and events during the storm.

I was sorry to be unable to attend the last club meeting, but I was excited to hear that about 20 people built 2m j-pole antennas before the meeting ended much later than usual! These project build meetings are always popular, and their success depends largely on their leadership. So I want to thank Bob Delamarter, KB3MPR, for doing the work necessary to allow these new antennas to be put into service, and to congratulate all of you who now have a new antenna that you made yourself!

As the year marches toward its conclusion, I want to point out a few events coming up, and encourage you to participate. By the time you read this, we will have had the announcement at the 1 November club meeting of the officer slate for next year. You will have had an opportunity to nominate additional candidates, and the list of candidates appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Then at the Annual Meeting on 6 December, we will elect the officers for 2013. We need a large turnout for the election, so plan to attend that meeting if at all possible. You will be deciding the course the club will take next year, and will be endorsing the

successful candidates and indicating your willingness to support them and their leadership

Then we will wrap up the year with our annual holiday party at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 14 December. This is our biggest social event of the year, and you won't want to miss it! Come and bring the family, and if you will be bringing children, let our party coordinator Kim Delamarter, KB3NGU, know so that Santa can have something for them under the tree. There will be a drawing for prizes for those who have paid their dues for 2013, and if you haven't paid by then, you will have an opportunity to do so at the door. We will be meeting at Ford Hall, the building immediately to the left as you drive in the gates, and we ask members to bring a side dish or dessert, and the club will provide meats, soft drinks, and whatever else is needed. This party will take the place of one of our club meetings in December, so it will mark the conclusion of club events for the year.

I want to take this opportunity to extend a special "Thank You!" to Bob Jeter, K3RSJ, who stepped in this past year to fill the void we had when our leader of public service events resigned. Bob has done an outstanding job of directing these events, and has made many friends for AARC, and even managed to stimulate some donations to the club from grateful organizations. Now Bob has decided to step down, and his shoes will be hard to fill! Thanks again, Bob, for a job well done, and at a critical time. And if anyone would like to take Bob's position, please let a club officer know. In fact, we have one more event this year, which promises to offer a significant donation. We need someone else to step up now, like Bob did, and assume this responsibility

As the end of the year approaches, we are also thinking about next year, and in particular, two of our major events. We had good club participation in Field Day and the MDC QSO party this year, and now it is time to get started planning next year's events. If you would be interested in being the Field Day coordinator or the MDC QSO party coordinator for 2013, please let a club officer know. We are considering dividing the QSO party responsibility into an operational part and an administrative part, so if anyone is interested in either of these parts, that may determine how many coordinators we need. Please give these opportunities careful consideration, and let us know your interest as soon as you can.

73 ---Chuck K3ACT

## Slate of Officers for 2013

**President:** Jim Goldsberry      KB3NQY

**Vice-Pres:** Chuck Tanner      K3ACT

**Secretary:** Milford Craig      N3WYG

**Treasurer:** Rick Creager      KK4GV

**Directors:**      **Vote for 3**

George Socker      N3YSA

Brian Mary      K3HMX

Bruce Strackbein      WR3Q

Many times the question asked, "**What do I get for my dues?**" After all, the newsletter and roster are electronic now and anyone can read the newsletter on-line. (The roster takes a password but any member can see it and even print a copy.) Aside from the obvious, six repeaters, two digipeaters, full blown club station, clubhouse, presentations, operating events, training, and testing, a typical answer could be: "**The value of club membership is inherent in belonging to and supporting an amateur radio organization that you participate in and care about.**" It's not about what you get. It's about why you care. You are a ham and this is your club.

**So get involved!**

## AARC End of Summer Foxhunt/Picnic

On Wednesday, the weather forecast was so bad we were considering postponing the event. On Saturday we had a "bluebird" day.

The foxhunt got started a little after 9:00 with me heading to Riverwood Park about 3 miles away. I parked, made a couple of 5 watt transmissions so everyone could get an initial bearing from the Clubhouse. After that, the "fox" went into a 15 mW mode.

The first team showed up within 20 minutes, and a total of 8 teams found the "fox" before the 11:00 cutoff.

There was quite a range of techniques used in the event ... with everything from a 4-element Yagi to just going by driving around trying to determine the location on signal strength alone. Kudos go to Tim's (KB3YQK) team with the "unicorn" rig. It turns out, if you put your mag-mount antenna on the front bumper of your van, the whole vehicle acts as a directional antenna.

The teams that completed the event in the order of arrival were:

1. Gary (K3EEZ) and his wife
2. Les (KH6CUJ)
3. Don (KU4CG)
4. Nick (N3CK)
5. Dave (N3JFY)/Donna (KB3YML)/Andrew (KB3YMK)
6. John (K8JW)
7. Rick (KK4GV)/John (N3JDY)
8. Tim (KB3YQK) and Family

During the picnic we had some practice at "close-in" RDF work. John (K8JW) set up his 3-bucket test to see if you could figure out which bucket the "fox" was under ... not as easy as you might think.

We also set up a "fox" somewhere within the DFRC fence to test the folks with the close-in "sniffer" antennas.

The picnic was well attended and the foxhunt participants got to share some stories about their technique.

Special thanks to our cooks, Terry and Nick ... and Barb, Jim and Chuck ... as well as most of the folks there. I pretty much saw everyone pitching in to make the picnic happen. I have to honestly say what I pointed out before ... These events just need someone to step up and coordinate (plant the seeds), and folks will make it happen. The coordinators should never have to be "burned-out". Again, thanks to all who participated.

We are considering doing more of these "foxhunts" in the future as well as some training workshops to refine your skills. Thanks much, Bruce WR3Q





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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](http://www.w3vpr.org)

AARC Supports The Maryland Slow Net:  
**3.563 MHz CW 7:30 P.M. Daily**

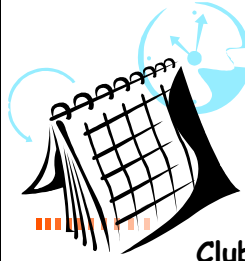
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**Free Money for AARC!**  
**ARRL Membership Reminder**

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 any time, even before their current membership expires.

Send your application and payment (made out to AARC) to the club treasurer.



**Mark Your  
Calendar!**

Club Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:30 to 9PM at the clubhouse located at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center in Davidsonville, MD

**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

Free License Exams every 2nd Saturday of the Month - Check in at Noon, Exams at 1PM - At the clubhouse - Contact KB3ATI

Kit-building, troubleshooting and repair 1 to 4 PM Every 4th Sunday at the clubhouse.  
Contact Raven KB3MUV

2 meter Morning Commuter Net on 147.105 (Typically linked to 147.075 and 444.400) every morning 6:30 to 9

This is the famous Holly-net. Pre-Holly net starts at 5 AM or so.

2 meter Net on 147.105 (Typically linked to 147.075 and 444.400) every Wednesday at 8 PM - All Welcome

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

Thursday, November 1 - 7:30PM Club Meeting - Nominations for Officers and Directors  
Used Equipment Sale

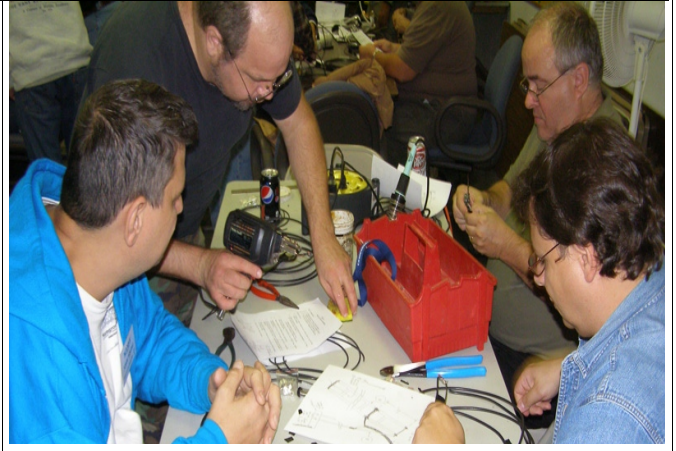
Thursday, November 15 - 7:30PM Club Meeting - Discussion on Grounding of Equipment and Safety

Thursday, December 6 - 7:30PM Club Meeting - Election of Officers and Directors  
Topic/Program to be Announced

Friday, December 14 - 6:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS PARTY at Ford Hall down the hill from the clubhouse. Pay 2013 dues before or at the party to be eligible for great door prizes.

Thursday, December 20 - NO Club Meeting

## The Club Is Making J-Pole Antennas









## REPEATER FREQUENCIES

Davidsonville	Millersville	Glen Burnie	Annapolis
147.105+		147.075+	
223.880-	224.560-		
444.400+			442.3

### 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

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