

AARC History Part 7

In June the Board of Directors voted to recommend that the tower not be erected, and at the June 5th club meeting, those present voted not to erect the tower. When news of the vote reached some of the past officers and others who had helped to obtain the tower, the President received many irate letters asking that the matter be reopened for consideration. This was done at the July 17th meeting which was devoted to hearing the pros and cons of the matter. The final vote was held at the August 7th meeting. The vote was very close: 18 votes in favor of erecting the tower (including three written proxy votes) and 17 votes against. But the Board of Directors determined on August 19th that the proxy votes were illegal since there is no provision in the Constitution for proxy votes.

Because of the closeness of the vote, the Board selected a committee of three to investigate and to present to the Club within 90 days detailed reports on the comparative costs of erecting a 250-ft. tower as against refurbishing the present tower and repeater housing. This action was authorized by the membership, who also authorized an expenditure not to exceed \$350 to have a professional tower expert check the actual condition and safety of the present tower, perform routine maintenance as needed and to verify orientation of the antenna.

On September 20th East Coast Antenna Services inspected and serviced the repeater tower. They checked everything, tensioned the guy wires, straightened the 220 antenna. They gave the tower a clean bill of health. They also oriented the antenna slightly to the west.

Al Jeweler/N3BIN tendered (for personal reasons) his resignation on August 19th as president and as a club member. Carl Menchey/N3CVO also resigned as Vice-President, stating that his full schedule with other commitments would make it impossible for him to fulfill the duties of president adequately. At the Club meeting of September 4th, Abe Parys/N3CZX was elected interim president and Tony Young/WA3YLO was chosen interim vice-president.

Public Service Events for '86 included: the Marlborough Hunt Club Races, the Bay Bridge Run and the Natural Resources Police Open House at Sandy Point in April; the 3rd Annual Bluefish Tournament and the Annapolis Striders' Triathlon in May; Ride-a-Bike for the Retarded and the 3rd annual Lee Airport Open House in June; Annapolis 10-mile Run in August; the Bluegrass Festival in September and in October the Annual Children's Festival at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary and Chesapeake Appreciation Days.

Attendees who braved the miserably inclement weather to drive to the November 20th Club meeting enjoyed a very informative and entertaining program by Al Brogdon/K3KMO of Damascus, MD. His topic: "Simple but Effective 2-Meter Antennas You Can Build from Common Household Items, Leftover Plumbing Parts and Old Hats".

The 1987 Installation Dinner was held January 9th in Ford Hall on the DFRC grounds. The Board of Directors decided to have a catered meal in a less formal atmosphere: New officers: Pres. Abe Parys/N3CZX, Vice-pres. Tony Young/WA3YLO, Secretary Doris Parys/KA3MQW, Treasurer Bill Cooke/K3CN and Directors John Currey/N3EOB, Jerry Herman/N3BDW and Dave

Perka/KA3PRB.

At the April 2nd Club meeting Dick Jessup/N3FN was honored for his many years of dedicated service to AARC. He was presented with a desk pen set inscribed with his call. Dick ably chaired many committees and he served as president in 1978 and in 1982. He served as Club Trustee for a number of years. That stewardship was formally transferred to Buck Watson/KC3Y following the presentation.

Novice Enhancement brought one quick change in AARC schedules. The frequency for the Club's Tuesday Evening 10-meter net was changed from 28.710 to 28.410 so that novices and techs could participate. In answer to the growing interest in "packet radio", Rick Hambly/WB2TNL wrote a series of explanatory articles for The Ham Arundel News. Dick Campbell/N3FKV became interested in satellite chasing and wrote a series of articles about that for the newsletter.

The big tower sections were sold for \$1500 and when the buyer came to pick them up, he cleaned up from the grounds all the odds and ends associated with the tower. Work parties were formed to complete work on the kitchen and bathroom and to paint the outside wall of the PA System storage room. The generator obtained with the big tower was finally put on line. It replaced the bank of batteries which served to power the repeater in case of electrical failure. Through the efforts of Tony/WA3YLO, AARC participated in the Bicentennial of the Ratification of the U.S. Constitution during the summer of 1987. A program was designed to air "special event" stations in each of the original 13 states as well as in Washington and Philadelphia. Special QSL cards were designed for use by each state, and special call signs were used. AARC operated two stations as W3VPR/200 on November 7th and 8th. The Club's TR7 operated on the higher bands, including the novice/tech section of ten meters. The reach of the tri-bander antenna was great. Patty/N3EOC worked Hawaii and Alaska, back to back. The second station, a Yaesu 757GX located in the main room of the clubhouse worked about 25 states and provinces. Jerry/N3BDW and Jim/N3DTD strung an all-band dipole for it. A total of about 650 contacts were made. The special QSL cards were mailed in response to SASE requests, which came from as near as a mile away to as far away as New Zealand.

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| N3BIN | Al Jeweler | Still Active |
| N3CVO | Carl Menchey | Call Not Assigned |
| N3CZX | Abe Parys | Call Not Assigned |
| WA3YLO | Tony Young | Still Active |
| K3KMO | Al Brogdon | Call Reassigned |
| KA3MQW | Doris Parys | Call Not Assigned |
| K3CN | Bill Cooke | Call Reassigned |
| N3EOB | John Currey | Still Active |
| N3FN | Dick Jessup | Call Reassigned |

REPEATER FREQUENCIES

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| 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 |

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