

# The Ham Arundel News



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## The Prez Sez...

Prez Sez October 2013

Margaret and I had a great trip to Labrador. Saw lots of beautiful country lots of gravel road even got to camp out in the tropical storm that went between Labrador and Newfoundland, lots of rain and wind. I will get the pictures together and do a presentation

later on in the year.



It's that time again we need officers and directors to run the club for the coming year. Several of the current board members will be stepping down after 5 or more years of service. The most important positions that will be vacated will be president, and treasurer, of course as always all positions are available. It does take a little extra time but the rewards are worth the effort. Step up and keep this the best club in Maryland if not the United States.

On the web page look through the activities coming up this month just lots of stuff going on, from public service events, CARAFest 2013 including the ARRL Maryland State Convention Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>., to a possible special event station at Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge (waiting approval).

See you at the Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> we have another excellent presentation.

Jim KB3NQY

## Are You Prepared?

We are in the midst of hurricane season. Hurricane season in the north Atlantic lasts from June 1st until December 1st.

Are you prepared?

My ASM, Al Brown KZ3AB, (Assistant Section Manager of the Maryland/DC Region) remembers, when he was a small child and lived in Hagerstown, Hurricane Hazel, in 1954, wreaked a lot of damage to western Maryland.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes made this one of the state's most destructive natural disasters. Many dams were menaced and thousands of people were evacuated, primarily in central Maryland. [And a strategic bridge connecting Howard County to the city of Laurel, was washed out.]

In 1979, Hurricane David produced a tornado outbreak and wind gust up to 60 mph in central Maryland. The Baltimore metropolitan area experienced disastrous flash flooding.

More recently, in 2003, Hurricane Isabel tracked through the state, flooded parts of downtown Baltimore and Annapolis and record power outages plagued the state.

In 2004, Hurricanes Frances, Ivan and Jeanne brought tornado outbreaks and flooding, particularly to central and western Maryland.

And less than a year ago, in October of 2012, Hurricane Sandy lashed Maryland with isolated hurricane force gusts, widespread gales, heavy rain in the eastern two-thirds of the state and significant snow in the west.

It can happen again and it's not too late to prepare.

When all else fails, there's amateur radio!

Even though one of the reasons we manage to keep our frequencies is our obligation under FCC rules part 97.1.A to help out in disasters with emergency communications, only about 6% of the Amateur Radio operators in our MDC Section and the rest of the country step up to get trained to help their families, neighbors and friends when the big one hits.

Why not go to:

[http://www.arri-mdc.net/MDC\\_EC\\_RO.htm](http://www.arri-mdc.net/MDC_EC_RO.htm)

and contact the ARRL Emergency Coordinator in your county and ask how you can help? If your county does not have an Emergency Coordinator, please contact the District Emergency Coordinator. The MDC Section Simulated Emergency Test coming up on Oct 5 and the Marine Corps Marathon on October 27 are two excellent





## AARC History--10

Public Service Events for 1988 included the Marlborough Hunt Club Races at Roedown, a walk for the American Diabetes Association and the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon in April, the Bay Bridge Swim in June, the Annapolis 10-mile Run in August and Chesapeake Appreciation Days in October. Individual members helped with the Marine Police Open House at Sandy Point State Park at the end of April, with the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary Open House and with the Glen Burnie Centennial Parade in May.

On January 20, 1989 an Installation Dinner was held at Bay Ridge Inn for President Tony Yo-ung/WA3YLO, Vice-President John Currey/N3EOB, Secretary Dick Campbell/N3FKV, Treasurer Fred Plitt/W3DCN and Directors Al Nestor/N3EOD, Rick Battle/KB3NG and John Cochran/KC3YS.

During the year several work parties were busy at the club site. Renovating the repeater housing facility called for carpentry, electrical work and painting at a 30-foot level on the radar pedestal. The club's new 440 repeater and an all-band G5RV were installed. The two 220 repeaters (purchased from the former 220 group) were installed at separate sites.

Bob Bruninga linked his ATV repeater with those in Washington and Baltimore. As he pointed out, anyone within line-of-sight of the Naval Academy water tower can receive amateur television at home or mobile. The previous December Bob had led a team of several hams to provide ATV coverage of the Annapolis Parade of Lights to screens on the parade control table in the Eastport Yacht Club, in the Harbor Master's office, on the judges' boat and at the Hilton where WNAV was operating a voice remote for radio coverage of the event. Bob operated a camera and transmitter from the roof of the hospital, providing a wide-angle view of the boats in Spa Creek. The pictures were also fed into the hospital closed circuit system so patients could view the parade.

The AARC Board of Directors voted to present Life Membership Certificates to William (Bill) Cooke/K3CN, Joseph (Joe) Evans/K3KJZ, Paul (Nick) Buinicki/WB3KIW and James (Jim) Suite/W3AAE for their significant contributions to the club.

The 1989 Novice Class had a total of 80 registrants. Fifty-six attended the first class and close to 50 earned their licenses. (Tony/WA3YLO and Jerry/N3BDW must be doing something right). In February a group of club members participated in the ARRL DX CW Contest from the clubhouse. They made 800+ CW contacts mostly to Europe and Asia, resulting in a club score of 377K. With good conditions on 10 meters, 386 QSOs were made to 56 countries on that band alone.

On June 4th the second annual DFRC Fair was held. Club members cooked and served food and beverages, helped with the parking, set up and operated the public address system, served as communicators for officials and operated demonstration HF and packet stations.

The weather cooperated beautifully with Field Day activities. Coordinator Fred Plitt/W3DCN was pleased with the results. The club qualified for all bonus points (including

100 for packet contacts and 100 for contacts through the satellite). AARC came in fourth in the 3-A Battery Class with 1195 contacts, just 39 short of 3rd place.

The September program meeting was especially enjoyable. Three of the seven original founders of AARC discussed the early history of the club. George Schmitt/W3NAE (president for 4 terms in the 50s and 60s) led the discussion. Eight past presidents were present. Each reminisced briefly as they remembered both humorous and trying times during their terms in office.

Public Service Events for 1989, under Coordinator Rick Battle/KB3NG, included a 15-mile Walk-a-Thon for the American Diabetes Association in March, the Marlborough Hunt Club Races and the Annapolis March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon in April, the Bay Bridge Swim in June, the Annapolis 10-mile Run in August and Chesapeake Appreciation Days in October. The weather refused to cooperate for CA Days. On Saturday minimal to nil winds were not enough to move the Skipjacks. They had to be assisted across the finish line by their push boats. On Sunday the boat races had to be canceled due to a dense fog. Individual members set up PA systems for the Riviera Beach Fire Department Parade and the St. Margaret's Pony Club Round Robin.

An installation dinner was held on January 12, 1990 at Bay Ridge Inn for: President David (Walt) Walter/N3BFO, Vice-Pres. Douglas (Doug) Sweely/N2IBM, Secretary Debbie Rogers/KA3TDD, Treasurer Alvin (Al) Carter/KA3URB and Directors Tony Young/WA3YLO, Rick Battle/KB3NG and Rick Hambly/WB2TNL.

Operating and Training Coordinator Rick Battle/KB3NG made a valiant effort to entice members to the club hamshack from 7 to 9 PM on the second Thursday of each month to use the club equipment. Rick Hambly/WB2TNL with a crew of five able helpers worked through an often frustrating weekend to bring the club generator on line to have emergency power available. Programs-Social Events Coordinator Ike Lawton/W2EOS spearheaded a successful club auction in February. In May Facilities Coordinator John Cochran/KC3YS led an energetic work crew to strip, mop, seal and buff the floor of the clubroom, vacuum the hamshack, mow the grass, repair the trailer, etc.

On May 12th Nancy/NT3Z and Dean Alley/NS3V held a License Exam Session for the first time at the AARC clubhouse. It proved to be so successful that the Board voted to hold one on the second Saturday of each month. The Novice Class graduated about 30 new hams. For Field Day the Club (3A-Battery) ran stations on 10, 20, 40 and the Novice Station on 80 meters. Contacts were made all over the US on 40. DX on 10 and 20 produced some fine contacts with a beam headed west. One of the highlights of the event was the Saturday evening barbecue.

The Club's summer picnic was held on a breezy, sunny day in September in the gazebo on the DFRC grounds. A GREAT time was had by all. Over 100 persons (about 20 of whom were children) attended the Club's Christmas Party. As usual, it was a great success. Betty Tiemeyer/K3VRZ crocheted a large, multi-colored afghan and gave it to the Club to be raffled off. Tickets were sold for 3 or 4 months and the drawing was held at the Christmas Party. A total of \$365. was collected.

AARC was invited by FIRST NIGHT ANNAPOLIS to





# REPEATER FREQUENCIES

<b>Davidsonville</b>	<b>Millersville</b>	<b>Glen Burnie</b>	<b>Annapolis</b>
<b>147.105+</b>		<b>147.075+</b>	
<b>223.880-</b>	<b>224.560-</b>		
<b>444.400+</b>			<b>442.300+</b>

**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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