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Prez Sez ...

Summer is on the downhill slide, we have had a very nice one with just a couple of hot periods, but generally very nice. I recently spent a week canoeing in the Adirondacks, with my granddaughter; she was very surprised to actually see her breath one morning.

MARYLAND QSO PARTY

Two things come to mind for August; the first is the "Maryland QSO Party", August 9th, and 10th. AARC is the sponsoring club for this event. We will need a few operators at the clubhouse to provide contestants with an opportunity for bonus points. What is needed most is for club members to get on the air to see if they can make contact in all counties etc. Some mobile operators would be even better to hit those counties which are hard to get i.e. the eastern shore and western Maryland. Grab a fellow ham and take off see the state and challenge Rick (KK4GV), and Terry (KB3CWQ). The trip will be great fun.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Second, to come to mind is the Service Awards Program. The program was established several years ago accomplishes two tasks, to provide a record of public service members have provided to the citizens of state of Maryland, Anne Arundel, and the surrounding counties. This record of service is very important in justifying our standing as a 401(c3) organization. The program also is an attempt to reward those who participate in the programs with a token of appreciation from the AARC, in the form of a great name tag and stickers each year that the member has provided at least 25 hours of public service.

Barb (KB3LDM) and Terry (KB3CWQ) who do the recording and reporting of the service tell me that we have not received very many reports this year. So if you have taught a class, Participated in field day planning, setup or take down, served as a net controller, worked on the club repeater system or provided communication at one of the many public service events, please take the time to go to the website click on Public Service Form, and submit your hours. If your report is a duplicate because an event chairman has reported your hours already that is OK, we can work that out. If you not sure if the hours count submit them we can work that out also. AARC just wants to make sure that you and the club gets credit for your helpful and hard work.

See you on the air, and at the meetings. Check the website for meeting dates and subjects.

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Maryland QSO Party is Soon

In less than a month from today, the Maryland-DC QSO Party kicks off another exciting weekend of fun on the airwaves starting at Noon on Saturday, 9 August 2014. As some of you may know, the Anne Arundel Radio Club (*Our club*) is the sponsor of the Maryland-DC QSO Party (MDC QSO Party).



The contest is conducted in two operating periods over Saturday, 9 August and Sunday, 10 August. Noon to Midnight (EDT) on Saturday Noon to 8pm (EDT on Sunday* Historically, getting members of our club to participate in any aspect of the MDC QSO Party has been something akin to herding cats, pushing wet spaghetti noodles uphill, sticking either elbow in either ear, etc.

Because we are the sponsor of the contest and because we offer 50 bonus points for a single contact with W3VPR during the contest, we want to put W3VPR on the air during a portion of the contest.

Here's what we need:

1. Several hams to help put W3VPR on the air using Phone, CW and Digital during the contest. This can be done at the clubhouse or possibly from your home station or as a mobile station but we need to coordinate this effort. If you are a Technician class licensee, you might prefer to come to the clubhouse where we'll have Control Operators available to assist you in making contacts outside your current frequency privileges.

2. *Club members to get on the air using their own call sign during the two operating periods of the MDC QSO Party using CW, Phone and/or Digital and make some contacts*. The goal is to put as many Maryland-DC stations on the air as possible for those radio amateurs in Maryland and the District of Columbia as well as those in other states. You don't have to submit a log but we hope you will.

Newcomers are always welcome. Click on the MDC QSO Party link on the upper right corner of the AARC webpage for more details.

Contact Mike/K3MAW at mdqsop@w3vpr.org if you are interested in helping out.

Amateur Radio Parity Act

What is HR 4969?-

In June, 2014 with Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) as the sponsor and Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2) as co-sponsor, HR 4969 – the “Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014” - was introduced into the 113th Congress. This bipartisan effort would direct the FCC to extend the “reasonable

accommodation” provisions for Amateur Radio antennas to include all types of land-use regulation, including deed restrictions and restrictive covenants



What will HR 4969 do?-

Most importantly, it will ensure that every ham in the US, regardless of the community they live in, will have the opportunity to practice their avocation from their own homes without breaking any rules or fear of reprisal.

If enacted, HR 4969 would direct the FCC to extend the the reasonable accommodation protections to those amateurs who are living in deed-restricted communities. Known as “CC&Rs” (covenants, conditions and restrictions) are the prohibitions and limitations placed on properties by builders or home-owner associations (HOAs) which prevent licensed Amateurs from erecting even modest antennas.

HR 4969 would would not give Amateurs “carte blanche” to do whatever they wished. It would require HOAs and other private land use regulations to extend reasonable accommodation to Amateurs wishing to erect antennas.

How can I help to get HR 4969 passed?-

The first step in this process is to garner support among members of the US House of Representatives. Each ARRL member needs to contact their member of the US House to state their support for HR 4969 and to ask their Representative to please sign on as a co-sponsor for the bill.

If you have an existing relationship with your Congressperson, try to arrange a meeting with them (usually at their district offices) to express your support for HR 4969.

Write your member of the US House Representatives and ask them to become a co-sponsor for HR 4969. A sample letter can be found [here](#).

When addressing the letter to your Representative, make certain you have included their name and mailing address in the header. add your full name, callsign, and address to the bottom of the letter, and please make certain you have signed your letter. Letters that have not been signed have little benefit.

If you wish to write and sign your letter then send the signed copy to the ARRL as an attachment (PDF or scan) to an email, please send them to n1nd@arrl.org with the words “HR 4969 letter” in the SUBJECT field of the email.

Who is my Congressperson?-

[Follow this link to find the name and address of your Member of the US House of Representatives.](#)

At this time we are asking that you only contact your representative in the US House of Representatives. This bill has not been introduced into the US Senate yet so we are not asking you to contact your Senators right now.

Where should I send my letter to my Congressperson?-

To expedite delivery of your letter once you have printed it out and signed it, you should mail your letter to:

ARRL

Attn: HR 4969 letter campaign

225 Main St

Newington, CT 06111.

We are frequently asked why the ARRL asks that letters be mailed to ARRL for delivery instead of simply mailing them directly to the Congressional offices. The answer is two-fold. First, since the 9/11 attacks and subsequent security threats, all incoming mail to Congressional offices is first diverted to a holding area outside of Washington DC. Once at that facility it undergoes a series of scans to test for a variety of problems. Only after it passes the security tests is it forwarded on to Capitol Hill for delivery. The delay in delivery is generally in the 5-7 week range. By mailing the letters to the ARRL, we are able to have the letters and-delivered to the various congressional offices in a timely manner.

The second reason is just as important. When our Washington team delivers letters to a Congressional office, it provides them an opportunity for at least a brief face-to-face meeting with some of the key staff members in each Congressional office they visit. Each in-person meeting is another opportunity for the ARRL's story to be told – and is another chance to answer questions that may arise.

Most Congressional offices do provide some type of on-line email or web-based form for submitting comments. These too have their place in helping ensure our message is conveyed personally. Just remember when contacting your Congressperson to be Professional, Authentic, and Personal!

What are the key Talking Points I should know when discussing HR 4969?-

Keep these key points in mind if writing a letter to or speaking with your Member of Congress one of the legislative assistants. They will help focus the discussion on HR 4969 and why it is important to you:

► The American Radio Relay League, Incorporated (ARRL) is the representative of Amateur Radio in the United States. There are more than 720,000 Amateur Radio operators licensed by the FCC. ARRL's membership of over 160,000 includes the most active and dedicated Amateur Radio operators.

► Radio Amateurs (hams) provide, on a volunteer basis, public service, emergency, and disaster relief communications using radio stations located in their residences. Their services cost taxpayers nothing, and are provided are at no cost to any served agency or to any government entity. FEMA has stated that when Amateur Radio operators are needed in an emergency or disaster, they are really needed.

► Served agencies include the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Defense.

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

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