

## HAMFEST SITE, DATE CHANGE

The 1996 MARC hamfest will be on July 14, at the Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds in Kimberton, Chester County. For the first time, we will have indoor selling space and AC available for vendors. The site is located near Phoenixville on PA 113, just south of the intersection with PA 23. It's just 10.5 miles west of Turnpike Exit 24 and only 8 miles east of Exit 23.



The fairgrounds have ample parking and plenty of space for indoor sales, plus outdoor tail-gating. This site costs more than the drive-in, but it offers much more. Given last year's disaster with the rain and the wobbly future of the drive-in property, the Board decided to move the hamfest. No August dates were available, so after consulting the recent years' hamfest

calendars, the July 14 date was selected.

Running a hamfest at this kind of site requires more advance planning than using the drive-in. That is where YOU come in. The Board held a special meeting on December 5 to identify the tasks that must be done. This show will be a team-managed event, not a burden carried by one or two people as in the past. When we call for volunteers, be one who answers!

General chairman of the event is **Edie KA3NKP**. Publicity will be managed by Bill **W3KRB**. **Bob W3SA** will handle telephone/fax inquiries while **Jeff WA3RIZ** will receive e-mail queries. Jeff set up an Internet account for the club ([wb3joe@voicenet.com](mailto:wb3joe@voicenet.com)), so e-mail inquiries can be handled. **Carter KD3AO** is spearheading volunteer recruitment and will manage a consignment of ARRL publications for sale. **Bob N3JIZ** is investigating the on-site public address system in light of what we will need. **Jeff WA3RIZ** has arranged a 440 repeater talk-in frequency. **Bob W3ZQN** is our point of contact with the property manager. There are plenty more jobs to do, and you'll be hearing from Carter Real Soon Now . . . unless he hears from you first, which would be even better.

Another planning meeting is scheduled for January 7, 1 PM. Members of the 1995 Board and nominees for the 1996 Board are invited, along with anyone else who wants to work on the project. Call **Edie KA3NKP** or **Jeff WA3RIZ** (610-265-6593) for details and directions.

## NEW PACKET SYSOP NEEDED

**Bart KC3BP**, our chief packet sysop, will retire after many years of outstanding service. His meticulous attention to the packet BBS has made it one of the premier systems in the Delaware Valley. We can't thank him enough (though we're certainly trying) for all he has done for us packeteers.



None of the present sysop team has enough free time to serve as chief sysop. This person is responsible for the overall operation of the BBS, especially the software side, and works with the Technical Chairman to keep things running reliably. He or she should be familiar with the FCC's Rules relevant to packet BBS operation; on that score, the chief sysop works with the club callsign trustee to ensure that the BBS and its users are conforming to the rules. A group of other remote sysops helps handle day-to-day operations.

Interested? Contact **Al W3DZI** (610-446-4936, [amaslin@netaxs.com](mailto:amaslin@netaxs.com)). The selection will be made by the Board.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETING



At their November/December meeting, the Board approved a \$100 donation to Paoli United Methodist Church for use of the room for the fall CW class. Rules for the January auction were discussed. In technical matters, repairs to the phone line at the '13 site have not been made by

the hospital. A cost projection will be prepared for what it would cost to add remote receivers to '06. **Jeff WA3RIZ** reported on the digital coordination meeting he attended in November.

The Board voted to continue running an ad in *WORLD RADIO* for \$60/year and for the club to become a dues-paying member of the ARCC repeater coordination organization. Moving the hamfest site and date was approved. The newsletter editor was asked to solicit for a new chief packet sysop in the next issue. A proposed new Field Day site was discussed, but some possible disadvantages led the Board not to take action at this time. Concern was expressed about low participation in club nets. The treasury balance was \$10,033.65.