



REMARCS



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1991 HAMFEST MONSTER SUCCESS

The '91 hamfest was the biggest ever . . . gorgeous weather . . . lots of money for the treasury. MARC appreciates assistance from Phil-Mont Mobile RC, via JIM SPENCER W3BBB, for use of a public address system; also on the "to be saluted" list is Suburban REACT, whose members supervised the buyer parking area. Prize donors this year included the ARRL, A&A Communications, Ham Radio Classifieds, Hamtronics, The DX Magazine, Varian Eimac, and Worldradio. Special confabs were held by the Rooster Net, traffic handlers, and packet radio system operators.

We had over 1500 paid admissions, including over 200 vendors. That's about 500 more admissions and 60 more vendors than last year! Our gross was \$5,792. Late expenses are still coming in, but we estimate total expenses to be not more than \$1300, which will give a very nice net income on the event.

Everyone who worked on the hamfest, before/during/after the event, has the satisfaction of having made a tremendous contribution to the club. The turnout of member volunteers on August 11 was not quite large enough, however, to manage such a big hamfest without some hassle. Please plan now to be there next year on the second Sunday in August and help for a few hours. It's fun to be part of the event crew.

NOMINATIONS OPEN SOON

The annual search for next year's slate of club officers and committee chairmen will kick off soon. Several members of the Board do not plan to run for re-election. If you are interested in serving on the Board in some capacity, contact a Member-at-Large. All licensed club members are eligible; there are no license class or length-of-membership restrictions.

CALLSIGN BADGES

Prices on the MARC callsign badges from the Sign Man of Baton Rouge will go up in 1992. This, and the fact that the badges are sharp-looking, is a good reason to order yours now. The cost is \$5.00, plus 70 cents for shipping if you cannot pick up the badge at a club meeting. You can order at a club meeting, or mail your order. Make your check payable to "Mid-Atlantic ARC" and state your callsign and name exactly (Robert, Bob, Rob, Bobby, Spaceman Spiff?) as you want it on the badge, to MARC, PO Box 352, Villanova, PA 19085.

FIELD DAY

For the first time, our Field Day QSO total went over 1000, according to WES WB2SVF. Watch QST for the Field Day results, later this fall. Field Day operators are recognized on page 6.

ATTENTION ARRL MEMBERS!

There will be a balloted election in the ARRL Atlantic Division for both Director and Vice Director this fall. Ballots will go in the mail about October 1. Please study the candidates' statements carefully and vote for the most qualified person. Don't think it doesn't matter: it does matter, and not just because your editor is personally involved. If your ballot does not arrive by October 25, contact the office of the Executive Vice President at ARRL HQ (203-666-1541) for a replacement.

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT

Communicators will be needed for an equestrian event at Thorncroft in Malvern on October 27. Contact Public Service Chairman TOM K3YPO (642-0135) to volunteer. Great outdoor event. Do it!