



REMARCS



MARCH/APRIL, 1993

ELECTION RESULTS

Sixty-five ballots were cast in this year's election, out of 186 members eligible to vote. Not a great turnout, but better than last year's **40** ballots. For President, AL W3DZI received 62 votes, CARTER KD3AO and SEAN N3EOG 1 each. For Treasurer, JANET KA3VTQ received 60 votes, CAROLE KA3UUQ 3, BOB WA3PZO 1. For Technical Chairman, JEFF WA3RIZ received 59 votes, SEAN N3EOG 6. For Member-at-Large, DAVE N3LHY received 44 votes, HUGH KC3IE 20. For the other races, the candidates on the ballot received all votes cast: Vice President, BART KC3BP; Secretary ALEX KE3DF; Membership Services Chairman NED WQ3Z; Public Relations Chairman ROB WI3S; Public Service Chairman STEVE K3KFD; Program Chairman TOM N3JMA. The committee of tellers consisted of BOB W3ZQN, BOB WA3PZO, and NORM N3KNW. The new Board took office February 1.

Leaving the Board are AL WA3JKB and HUGH KC3IE. Thanks to both of you for your help in the past.

LAST CALL FOR 1993 DUES!

There are always people who were asleep or in jail or sitting on a flag pole or playing on the Tasmanian Vulture-Plucking Team or competing in the national "Make An Amplifier Out of a Turnip" contest. That's why they didn't remember to pay their MARC dues by March 1. If your mailing label says *MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED*, this is the last newsletter you will receive. If you really did pay, please contact Treasurer JANET KA3VTQ (384-3163) to have the records corrected. Sending out "yoo hoo?" notices wastes the club's money and uses up personal time your editor/membership chairman could have spent chasing DX, annoying her OM, or working on the next newsletter. *Reminder: MARC dues are NOT tax-deductible.*

1-800-32 NEW HAM ARRL's Recruitment Line

If you know somebody who wants to become a ham, he or she can call a toll-free phone number: 1-800-32 NEW HAM (800-326-3942). An ARRL HQ staff member will answer callers' questions Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM Eastern time. An answering machine will be on the line at other times. ARRL's Educational Activities Department sends callers a free information package, including a booklet, a list of nearby instructors and clubs, and details about ARRL's license manuals and CW training material. *This number is only for prospective hams, no other ARRL business.* No exceptions can be made.

PROGRAMS

The March 18 program will be on DXing, featuring a panel of club members who enjoy this aspect of ham radio and can answer your questions. You don't have to own a huge tower and high-priced rig, or be able to copy 30 words a minute, to get in on the fun of DXing. The April program will be on commercial applications of packet radio, presented by a speaker from Bell Atlantic. February's program was on Amateur TV, presented by RON COHEN K3ZKO.

"AMATEUR RADIO CONVENTIONS TO GO COMMERCIAL..." ... With What Effect on Club Hamfests?

The following is excerpted and condensed from WESTLINK REPORT (March 4, 1993, page 6): "The basic structure of ham radio conventions is undergoing a major change as the result of a new company called HamShows. Headed up by former Kenwood USA representative MIKE FORSYTH N7KQE, HamShows is a professional promotion and production company that plans to put on its first 'mega-show' in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, this coming August 21st and 22nd. Every amateur within a 200 mile radius of a given HamShow will receive at least three mailings. Exhibitors will be able to advertise in the mailings and area clubs will be invited to participate by purchasing group discount tickets and reduced cost flea-market spaces. Clubs may also earn additional money and prizes by providing volunteer labor for a given HamShow. Forsyth . . . says that he and other industry leaders have long noted the need for such an organization to produce high quality shows of this sort in areas where most hams live. *[continued on page 7]*

“HAMSHOW” COMING TO VALLEY FORGE

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“Forsyth also notes that the association of HamShows with CQ Magazine will benefit the whole hobby, saying that the synergy of both companies working together means that they can offer an outstanding marketing opportunity for the exhibitors and an informative show for the ham community to attend. For further information, contact HamShows, P.O. Box 3865, Shawnee, KS 66203 (913) 422-4646; fax (913) 442-4848.”

What effect will this commercial venture have on area clubs' hamfests scheduled in the same time frame? The Gloucester

County (NJ) ARC's hamfest, scheduled for August 22, is about an hour's drive from Valley Forge. Delaware-Lehigh ARC's Easton, PA, hamfest is scheduled for August 15, and of course MARC's hamfest is August 8. Was research done on the regional hamfest calendar before the HamShow's date was selected? If an event might reduce participation in local clubs' hamfests, would it 'benefit the whole hobby? Area hams will ask their own questions and draw their own conclusions, as this interesting story develops.

OPERATING FUN

March 26: W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, 1400Z. See details, page 110, March QST. Also April 14 at 0200Z and April 24 at 2300Z.

March 27-28: CQ World-Wide WPX Contest, phone. The idea is to work as many prefixes as possible. Details p. 44, Feb. CQ. The CW version is in May.

April, various dates: ARRL VHF/UHF Spring Sprints. See page 110, March QST. Work grid squares from 2m through the GHz.

Special Event Stations: Columns in the major magazines are devoted to special event stations, most of which offer unusual QSL cards or certificates. Some of the stations may be hard to find, and some of the events are kinda strange -- but it's fun to hunt them.

The Amelia Earhart Radio Wing just sent several people you never heard of on a DXpedition whose itinerary includes Sts. Anheuser and Thorazine (ZZ), Squidly islands (PU), and West Bend, Indiana (*what?*) . . . I don't care, either.

Did you hear about the new rag called 86: *The Magazine for Lids?* Articles in the first issue will include 'Real Men Don't Zero-Beat,' 'Fifty-nine Tiresome Things to Say about Computers,' 'Fatuous Platitudes You Can Build,' 'Getting the Most Out of Ethnic Slurs,' and a guest editorial by Chiquita Banana.

And did you read about the new underwater HT from Kenwon't Electronics of Supine, California? Hyped as 'the last HT you'll ever want to buy,' the SK-007 model whams a full kilowatt into your rubber duckie while you enjoy a bathtub ragchew. Or use it maritime mobile while snorkeling in the islands. The perfect gift for someone who's all wet anyhow....

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL -- 1993 MID-ATLANTIC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed -- Full Member First member in family = \$15 Each additional member = \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member Unlicensed persons only Dues = \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> Callsign badge \$5.50 each
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED WITH THIS FORM: \$ _____
 FOR CLUB LOGO CALLSIGN BADGE: (remember to include payment)

Print first name exactly as desired on the badge: _____

One copy of REMARCS is sent to each household. Each licensed family club member has membership privileges. A separate form for each member is appreciated for our records,

NAME _____ CALL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

HOME TELEPHONE () _____ OK to publish phone in club list? Yes No

ARRL MEMBER? Yes No LICENSE CLASS: E A G T N None

Membership year begins March 1. We do not accept more than one year's dues at a time. **Dues are NOT tax-deductible.** Make checks payable to Mid-Atlantic ARC, P.O. Box 352, Villanova, PA 19085. (3/93)

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