



# REMARCS



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## MARC CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

Our club was founded by users of the 147.06 repeater twenty years ago in November, 1976. This issue of *REMARCS* commemorates that event with a special feature section tracing the club's history. Beginning as a repeater-support organization, MARC has grown into a general-interest club whose members are involved in many aspects of today's diverse Amateur Radio. Happy birthday to us!

### DECEMBER 18 HOLIDAY PARTY DOUBLES AS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Fun Starts at 7 PM

Once again, the December club meeting will be a holiday party. No technical program . . . just lots of good food, holiday fun, and enjoyment for the whole family. Come and enjoy good fellowship with other MARC members. The location is the

regular club meeting site in the Winsor Room at the Library in Wayne, but we will start at 7 PM instead of 8. Party coordinator is **Edie KA3NKP**, in case you're inspired to bring something good to eat to share.

### MARC APPLIES FOR SECOND CLUB CALLSIGN

MARC has received a second club callsign in addition to WB3JOE. Under the present club callsign program, radio clubs can hold more than one callsign. The callsign is KB3BQP. . . for a while, that is.

To replace this unmelodious 2x3, MARC has applied for a callsign with special historic meaning for the organization: W3NWA, the callsign used at the very first MARC Field Day in 1977. It was then held by **Bob Young W3NWA** (SK), one of the club's founders, whom **Gene WB3FTJ** calls "the heart and soul of MARC."

Under Gate 2 of the Vanity Callsign program, we first had to apply for an off-the-rack club callsign, like KB3BQP. When that license arrived, we could apply for W3NWA as a vanity call to replace it. Trustee of the second club callsign is **Kay WT3P**.

Our repeaters and packet BBS will continue to sign WB3JOE. The additional club callsign will be used for special operating events, as approved by the Board.

### NOMINATIONS FOR 1997 BOARD ARE OPEN NOW

All licensed club members are eligible to run for seats on the 1997 Board of Directors. Nominations are now open for the election, which will be held at the January club meeting. Although many incumbents plan to run again, nobody owns an office. Except for callsign trustee, which is appointive, and the

1996-97 Member-at-Large seat currently held by **Deb AA3HE**, all positions are up for grabs. Deb is chairing the Nominations Committee. Please contact her at (610) 644-5392 or [kendziers@ucis.vill.edu](mailto:kendziers@ucis.vill.edu) to find out about running for office. Nominations close on the date of the December club meeting.

### FCC STOPS THE FORM 610R PROGRAM

As of October 22, the FCC stopped issuing Form 610R license expiration/renewal notices. The last notices sent by the FCC covered into February, 1997. The specific date was not available at press time. If you already received a Form 610R for renewal, you can still use it. You can also renew using a regular Form 610.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY ANYBODY TO RENEW YOUR TICKET FOR YOU! Don't be a sucker! An FCC spokesman in Gettysburg says the Commission hopes to have a Form 610 available soon on the World Wide Web to permit on-line renewals.