



# REMARCS



**JANUARY / FEBRUARY, 1997**

## **ELECTION, AUCTION HEADLINE JANUARY MEETING**

The 1997 Board of Directors will be elected at the January 16 meeting. Ballots are enclosed with this newsletter. If yours is missing or mangled, please contact the editor for a replacement. Instructions on how to cast your vote are printed on the ballot. Let's thank **Deb AA3HE** for chairing the nominations effort . . . it is not an easy job.

All will not be serious stuff at the January meeting by a long shot. The annual "Get that junk outta the house!" auction is usually more fun than commerce. The ground rules are simple: (1) Only MARC members may offer items for sale -- no dealers. (2) Ham and ham-related items only. (3) MARC

receives 10% of the sale price of each item, or \$10, whichever is less. (4) Tag items with your name/callsign, what it is, and (if any) the minimum acceptable price. (5) Take home any unsold items. (6) All items are sold as-is. MARC gives no warranties or guarantees, implied or otherwise, regarding items offered for sale. The club and the auctioneer(s) will not be liable for any problems arising from sales. (7) Bring no more than 3 items for sale, so all can have a chance to participate.

Best bets for sale items are small stuff and bargains. Bring some small bills or a checkbook to handle the 10% donation. Any questions should be directed to President **Bob W3ZQN**.

### **1997 Board of Directors Slate**

President:	Bob Lees W3ZQN
Vice President:	Tom Porett N3JMA
Secretary:	Roger Hehemann N3VBZ
Treasurer:	Gene Hoenig WB3FTJ
Membership Services:	Kay Craigie WT3P
Program:	Dave Laustsen N3LHY
Public Relations:	Bill Owen W3KRB
Public Service:	Bob Palin N3JIZ
Technical:	Jeff Chapman WA3RIZ
Member-at-Large (1997-98):	Bob Haase W3SA

### **1997 DUES ACCEPTED NOW**

The membership year begins March 1, so you have ample time to pay your 1997 club dues. Many people like to pay at the January or February meeting. Others prefer to pay by mail. We don't care how you do it, as long as you do it. Sending out reminder notices to the lapsed wastes volunteers' time and the club's money. There's a renewal form in this issue of the newsletter. When you send in your money, why not add a note of personal news we can print in a future issue?

## **W3NWA REJOINS MARC!**

### ***Founder's Callsign Granted by FCC Under Vanity Program***

On December 11, 1996, the FCC granted the club's application for W3NWA as a second club callsign. This happened 20 years plus one day after the first membership meeting of MARC.

**Bob Young W3NWA** was one of the founders of our club. Tragically, he died of a brain tumor in 1982 before many present-day members joined the organization.

Former member **Doug N3ADL** says, "Bob was my Elmer." **Gene WB3FTJ** adds, "Bob was *everybody's* Elmer." By example, Bob set the standard for operating on the MARC repeaters. If you stepped over the line, Bob advised you to shape up. But he did it in such a way, says **Gene WB3FTJ**, that you felt honored to have had your wrist slapped. That's a rare gift!

An employee of Western Union, Bob was one of those legendary Morse operators who could copy high-speed code in his head while carrying on a normal conversation with people in the room. When he died, his wife gave **Gene WB3FTJ** and **John WB3ELA (SK)** each one of Bob's telegraph keys, because she knew how much the club meant to him. We don't know what became of the key given to John, but Gene's is now nicely mounted on a plaque and was displayed at the holiday party.

While it is good to remember this kind of ham . . . nothing says we can't be that sort of Amateur today. We're going to use Bob's callsign to provide learning and self-challenge opportunities for MARC members. Some ideas are already in the works, but your suggestions are very welcome. This is what Bob would have wanted.