



REMARCS

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FIELD DAY JUNE 24-25

I know there are people who really seriously don't approve of Field Day, but I've always suspected they wear their socks in the bathtub. MARC's Field Day will be at the site we've had for several years, courtesy of BOB WBSA's contacts at Bell of Pennsylvania. A map is on the back cover. Come on out and enjoy the activities.

We would like to break 1000 QSO's this year, so come out ready to operate. If you don't know about operating in a contest atmosphere, plenty of people will show you the ropes. You'll learn how to get radio equipment to work under squirrely conditions. You'll make friends and have some laughs. Contact Field Day chairman CARTER KD3AO (688-5045).

Please bring non-ham family members and friends to see the operation. Shoes and socks are highly recommended, although every effort is made to eradicate the poison ivy beforehand.

NEW SUNDAY NIGHT NET

Because there is now an up-and-running Delaware County ARES/RACES net, the MARC Sunday night net will now be a "Club Net" emphasizing friendly comments and announcements for the good of the club. Any formal traffic that can't wait for the Monday night traffic net (either because of its time value or your convenience) will be passed off-frequency.

Net Manager CARTER KD3AO invites all hams, whether members or not, to check in to the net for good fellowship. All hams are urged to participate in their county's ARES/RACES nets, and MARC will continue to cooperate with ARES/RACES when called upon.

Put Sunday at 8:30 PM on 147.06/R, on your sked now, and enjoy catching up with what fellow club members have been doing during the week.

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C L A S S I F I E D

FREE: Many years of QST, in binders. Contact PHIL WBGNG (525-0447).

FREE: Hamfest and VE test calendars, WB3JOE PBBS. If you don't have packet, contact KC3LM for information.

SPEAK YOUR MIND ABOUT NO-CODE

Everyone is urged to read the proposal for a no-code entry-level license in the May QST and write your comments to our Director. The League's Directors, who determine ARRL policy, are expected to consider this issue at their July meeting, so it is important for you to put your reasoning in the pipeline soon.

The real issue is growth in the Amateur Radio Service. Is no-code a part of the answer, or not? What do you think about this particular proposal for its introduction?

This is a time for rational, objective analysis, not emotional outbursts. Don't let the far-out fringes be the only voices heard by the League. The moderate majority -- I assume that means you! -- needs to speak out now.

Don't jump to conclusions on the basis of rumors or claims about what the proposal says. Don't form your judgment on the basis of published "highlights" of the proposal. Read the whole proposal before you make up your mind and pick up your pen.

It is hoped that all Amateurs care enough to spend the price of a postage stamp to comment on such an important issue.

The address is: High Turnbull WBABC
6903 Rhode Island Avenue
College Park, MD 20740

VE TEST INFORMATION

RF Hill ARC, Pennridge Sr. High, Perkasio, 6:15 PM May 15 (Stu K3UEI, 584-0775)
Warminster ARC, St. Johns Lutheran, Hatboro, 7 PM May 31 (Tom WA3TQJ, 343-3494)

AUTOPATCH NEWS

Current autopatch codes appear on a sticker on the back of your membership card distributed with this issue of REMARCS. You will notice that every sticker had to be trimmed to fit the card, because standard-size labels are a fraction of an inch wider than standard-size cards. If you have questions about how to use the codes, talk to Technical Chairman PAUL WA3YZL or a control operator on the frequency.

Autopatch codes are not to be given out to non-members. You may raise the 'patch for a traveller in the area or for any ham in a genuine emergency.

Business-related calls must not be made on the 'patch. This includes calls to cancel medical appointments or tell your secretary you'll be late to the office. Control operators are authorized to cut off any inappropriate autopatches.

People who paid for or were promised speed-dial numbers may get them before you are too old to press the buttons. The Board authorized payment of a modest sum for having the chip programmed, since it wasn't getting done the cost-free way.