

ABOUT MARC

MEETINGS

3rd Thursday each month at Memorial Library of Radnor Township, Wayne (near the Post Office), 8 PM. Guests welcome. Handicapped-accessible.

BOARD

Meets 4th Thursday each month, 7:30 PM, Paoli Hospital, Meeting Room "B."

SYSTEMS

145.13/R cross-linked with 224.42/R, 147.06/R, WB3JOE Packet BBS 145.080

NETS

CLUB NET + BULLETINS SUNDAY 8:30 PM 147.06/R
TRAFFIC NET M/W/F 8:30 PM 147.06/R

DUES

\$15 licensed, \$5 associate (unlicensed) -- Membership year begins March 1.
Family membership rate: \$5 per ham after first member pays full dues.

VOX

Welcome new members BOB WA2CDI, JOE N3LMV, and CHARLIE KB3ABV.

JUDY N3MBW and JOHN N3MDF from our license course have received their callsigns. TIM (ex-KE3BC) WZ3Y received the next-to-last 2x1 callsign issued by the FCC in the whole USA. GEORGE (ex KA3ZTP) now signs N3MDT.

TOM N3JMA's son MATTHEW passed Novice theory at the May 9 test session -- nice going! ROB W13S has been appointed an ARRL Public Information Officer; this will bring him ideas from the League on publicizing ham radio and MARC. TOM KA3FXX, seen at a hamfest in western PA, sends 73 to everyone. Best wishes to STEVE N3LJZ and LEAH N3MJM, expecting a harmonic early in July. KAY WT3P (who?) placed 2nd among low-power mixed-mode entries in eastern PA in the 1991 ARRL 10m Contest. REIN W1BFM has moved to Massachusetts. KEVIN WJ1H (ex KA3RGF), briefly in town on business, was a welcome voice on the repeater. AL N3GTK is the ARES Emergency Coordinator for Delaware County and president of our neighbor club DELAWARE CO. ARA.

GARY KE3BU and JEFF WA3RIZ arranged for a packet demo and info about ham radio to be presented at a computer show sponsored by the Exton PC Council. Good work!

Club member badges with the MARC logo, engraved by The Sign Man of Baton Rouge, are still available for \$5 each. Talk to KAY WT3P.

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FCC PROPOSES RULES CHANGE

The FCC has proposed to relax its Rules to permit some Amateur public service communications that are currently prohibited. PR Docket 92-136 outlines changes in Part 97.113 that would give hams greater flexibility in communicating for public activities such as parades, fairs, races, and 'athons.' Certain personal communications would also be legalized.

Communications for hire or material compensation would continue to be strictly prohibited. The Commission is concerned, however, about possibly increasing the potential for commercial exploitation and abuse of Amateur Radio. Nothing in the proposal would relax prohibitions on foul language.

All hams, especially those involved in radio club leadership and community public service communications should read the existing Part 97.113, then study this proposal carefully and offer well-reasoned comments. The comment deadline is October 1. The text of PR Docket 92-136 is set for publication in early July.
[info tnx ARRL LETTER]

TEST SESSION RESULTS



MARC's test session on May 9 served 5 candidates. The VE's were PAUL NX3Q, AL W3DZI, NED WQ3Z, ROB W13S, HUGH KC3IE, BOB W3ZQN, and BOB KA3NIQ. One applicant passed Technician, and one earned Tech + HF. Some candidates passed test elements but didn't qualify for a new license or an upgrade.

The next session will be August 22, at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Fisher's Lane and Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr. Be there by 9:15 AM to do the paperwork. The test fee for all exams except Novice is \$5.40, cash or check payable to ARRL/VEC. Bring your license, a photocopy of it, positive ID, and any certificates needed to document your present status. Contact BOB W3ZQN (2656032) for information and details.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S JUNK-BOX



Back when JENNY KA3WVD was a kiddie, she and I trudged all over a certain large church complex before we located the room where the nursery school babies' play group met. No signs, no nothin'. Hot and frustrated, we finally found it.

Next time I saw my neighbor who taught at that nursery school, I suggested putting up a few signs next time around. She went into huff & puff mode and declared, "No, that's not necessary. EVERYBODY KNOWS where the play group meets. [*"But I didn't...."*] Yes, EVERYBODY KNOWS." Thus rudely dismissed from the human species, I somehow refrained from telling her what she could do with her attitude plus 40 feet of garden hose.

Since then, "EVERYBODY KNOWS" has become a catch-phrase in our family for that mentality which assumes you should have been born knowing everything. If you weren't, it's your fault and your problem and to heck with you.

Yes, there's a point to this. For Americans, impatient/y inclined to expect instant-everything, the frustration potential is high in ham radio these days.

Ours is a complex hobby with a menu likely to bewilder many new Amateurs. Besides all the technical information to absorb, there are so many modes and enthusiasms, so many opinions about equipment, so much lingo, so many customs that aren't in the Rules, so many people who seem to know so much.

Sorting it all out just takes time -- I don't care how smart you are.

While the newcomers are trying to find their way, the "establishment" in any ham radio club can unconsciously adopt "EVERYBODY KNOWS" as its motto. We who've been absorbed in ham radio for a few years, or many years, can easily forget that we were not born knowing this stuff. Didn't get it by mental telepathy, either, did we, sugarlump?

Most of us really are not snobs or jerks. Things just slip a person's mind after a while, such as what it feels like to be new and overwhelmed by it all.

We 'old-timers' should examine our attitudes and actions to make sure we are not giving the "EVERYBODY KNOWS" treatment to new Amateurs. Unlike my neighbor, we should be willing to put up a few signs. It's not just on CW that we must be ready to QRS . . . 'send more slowly.'

New people, for your part, must not fall into habits of passiveness, self-pity, or resentfulness. *The best way to fee/ included is to get involved.* Ask lots of questions and volunteer to try things. Don't get mad at what you don't understand yet. Relax, and give yourself time. This is not a race.

If we practice some patience and meet one other half way, we'll all enjoy better friendships and a better club as a result.

--73 de KAY WT3P

SIDEBANDS

There's usually a selection of ARRL operating aids, award forms, Form 610's, club membership info, etc., available at MARC meetings. If there's something you'd like that doesn't seem to be there, let KAY WT3P know. We'll try to get it for you.

Are you upto-date on the Rules of the Amateur Radio Service? If it's been more than a few years since you took a license test or read through the Rules, a copy of Part 97 would be a good purchase at the next hamfest.