



REMARCS



MARCH / APRIL, 1995

PROGRAMS . . . HISTORY OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE . . . FIBER OPTICS

Our March 16 speaker will be **John J. Dancey N3NUE**, president of Dancey Associates Inc., who comes from a law enforcement and industrial electronics background. In the electronics industry, he assisted in the design of analog and digital computers, as well as flight simulators and other training equipment. After leaving industry, he served as a police officer in Long Branch, NJ, and later joined the NJ State Police. Following his promotion to Detective, he was assigned to the Intelligence Bureau, Electronic Surveillance Unit. He retired in 1987 and formed Dancey Associates. His company designs and supplies electronic surveillance equipment for the law enforcement and government communities, and provides specialized training of narcotics enforcement officers. He is a member of the Delaware-Lehigh ARC. [Info tnx WB3FTJ]

The April 20 program will be given by **Bob Graves**, from Bell Atlantic, explaining all about fiber optics. Bob is an engineer, not a speakers bureau person, so he knows his technical stuff. The February program was given by ARRL Eastern PA Technical Coordinator **Dennis Silage WB2LGJ**, on digital signal processing.

DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW!

There are excuses we might accept . . .

- . . . You were abandoned by your guide in the trackless wastes of the Takla Makan . . .
- . . . You were tied in a straitjacket after watching too many episodes of "Barney" with your kids . . .
- . . . You fell in a pothole on Route 30 and had to be rescued by coal miners from Schuylkill County . . .

Otherwise, it's time to pay your club dues! If you have already paid for 1995, we thank you. Please check your mailing label, if you don't remember whether you paid or not. If there seems to be an error, please contact the treasurer or your occasionally fat-fingered editor and keeper of the database.

MARC'C 145.13 REPEATER JOINS THE HUB LINK SYSTEM

It's a Privilege to be Appreciated, Not Abused!



By invitation, our 145.13 repeater has become part of a state-wide system of linked repeaters known as the Hub. This system allows users to link their local repeater to another distant repeater . . . Allentown, Scranton, Harrisburg, Williamsport, Dubois, Bedford, just to name a few . . . for a brief QSO. The possibilities for emergency communications are obvious, but the Hub can also be used for short routine QSOs. Long ragchews on the link are strongly discouraged by the system organizers. Between the hours of 6 AM and 11 PM, QSOs should not exceed 15 minutes. Autopatching via the link is not allowed; in fact, the 'patch is disabled when the link is up, and vice versa.

There is a weekly net on the Hub on Sundays at 7:30 PM. All members are invited to check into this net, during which the whole system is linked together. Before checking in, listen to find out the customary protocol for doing so.

DON'T BE A LID ON THE LINK! MARC can be dropped from the Hub if our users fail to cooperate with the system guidelines! A sheet giving the link access codes and the system guidelines is available on request to all licensed members who have paid their 1995 dues. Direct your request to Membership Services Chairman **Kay WT3P** (610-993-9623, WB3JOE packet, email wt3p@aol.com, or callbook address). DO NOT GIVE THE CODES TO ANYONE AND DO NOT DISCUSS THEM OVER THE AIR. Having the codes is a privilege of MARC membership. Any paid-up member who wants the codes can have them through the Board-approved channel. Just ask.

Our access to the Hub is already bringing new members to MARC. Also, we will hear unfamiliar callsigns on '13 when distant users bring up the link. Please welcome these distant users and go back to their calls with all the courtesy you would give to a friend. To make the system work, we must drop the habit of cold-shouldering unfamiliar callsigns. Let's make sure everyone thinks of 145.13 as a friendly repeater for distant users and local hams alike.