



# REMARCS



**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 1993**

## **LICENSING COURSE BEGINS**

MARC's Technician course began in September under the auspices of Main Line School Night. The course was organized by NED WQ3Z. Among the instructors are TOM N3JMA, STEVE N3LJZ, and STEVE N1HDP. Both Tom and Steve 'LJZ are relative newcomers to ham radio. Their participation as instructors highlights the opportunities open to newer hams who really want to get involved in this club and the hobby in general. Students in the course will receive complimentary copies of this issue of *REMARCS*.

## **NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 1994 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Nominations for the 1994 MARC Board of Directors are now open and will close on the meeting date, December 16, 1993. The election will be held at the January 20, membership meeting, with the new Board taking office on February 1. Licensed members of MARC are eligible to run. The position of WB3JOE Trustee is not elective

The current President and Vice President (see page 3) cannot succeed themselves, since this is their second consecutive term of office in those positions. One 2-year Member-at-Large position is up for election this year, and BOB W3ZQN doesn't plan to run again for that office. Other positions whose incumbents will not seek re-election include Treasurer, Membership Services, Programs, and Public Service. A copy of the MARC By-Laws, where all these jobs are defined, is being sent to members at this time.

DAVE N3LHY (340-9738) has been named Nominating Committee chairman. If you want to run for an office or want more information to help decide about running, contact him as soon as possible. Before nominating someone else, please get his or her permission first.

## **CLUB CALLSIGN BADGES**

Consider the perils of the holiday gift-receiving season:

1. A necktie that looks like a halibut.
2. A subscription to *Fish By-Products Digest*.
3. Tickets to one of those TV talk shows where people tearfully blab their sleazy personal woes, swap insults with their whining relatives, and generally act like something any normal person would simply spray with RAID.

OR . . . you could get your family to give you an attractive MARC callsign badge. It's cheap, they don't have to shop for it, and your nose won't grow longer when you say, "Gosh, honey, I *really* like it!"

MARC badges are expertly engraved by The Sign Man of Baton Rouge and cost only \$5.50. In case you haven't seen one, the MARC logo is stamped in gold color, with your first name and callsign engraved in white, on a deep blue background. Use the membership form on the back cover of this issue to place your holiday order now, so your badge will arrive in time. Or take your chances with the two-week stay at a remote cabin in Idaho, hosted by your brother-in-law who does Jerry Lewis imitations.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS AND HOLIDAY PARTY PLANS**

For the November 18 meeting program, we hope to have a program on Amateur satellites. The December 16 meeting will be the annual holiday party starting an hour early at 7 PM, and non-ham family members are cordially invited to attend. We don't have a technical program ... just good fellowship, fun, and a few special surprises.

This year's whoop-it-up is chaired by EDIE KA3NKP (265-6593). Because of special snacks and munchies, a small donation will be accepted at the party. Anyone who'd like to contribute a dessert or snack should call Edie as soon as possible to coordinate efforts.

## NAMES-THE-SAME GAME

16	Bob/Rob/Robert
10	Bill/Will/William
9	Dave/David
6	Al/Alan/Allen
6	Ed/Edward/Eddie
6	Tom/Thomas
5	Paul
4	John
4	Joe

A rumor is going around that every male in MARC is named "Bob." YAK N3MQM even started calling himself "Bob-Yak" so as not to be an oddball. Is it true that we are up to our buns in Bobs? The membership database was queried about some common male names and came up with what you see here.

There are 195 licensed members at the present time, so about 8% of the membership is named Bob, Rob, or Robert. Many of them happen to be very active

club members, so it may just *seem* like we're surrounded.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETINGS



At their September meeting, the Board discussed plans for the 1994 hamfest and the 1993 holiday party. Other topics were recent public service events and the licensing course. The treasury balance was \$9,026.88.

At their October meeting, the Board discussed nominations and holiday party plans. Plans for publicizing Hamfest '94 were also considered. The message-handling event at Bryn Mawr Hospital was called off; response from the hospital in recent years has made the event a disappointment to volunteers from the club. The treasury balance was \$8,780.68.

The November/December Board meeting will be on December 2, at a location to be announced. Contact AL W3DZI (4464936) for updates.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

MARC provided communications on September 19 for the first Radnor Fall Festival in Wayne. Our volunteers were BOB N3JIZ, WALT WB3BDP, JOHN N3MDF, BILL WB3ELW, STEVE K3KFD, and NORM N3KNW. Special thanks go to FLOYD KA3OXA for organizing MARC's participation in this event.

On October 17, MARC communicated for an American Cancer Society walk at Valley Forge park. MITCH N3BGA, BOB N3JIZ, and STEVE K3KFD were our volunteers.

Volunteers for public service communications usually sign up at club meetings. If you can't attend meetings regularly but would like to do public service, call STEVE K3KFD (667-1650) to get on his list. No experience necessary-will train!

## 1994 HAMFEST PLANS



Plans for MARC's 1994 hamfest are already under way. The date will be August 7, so put that on your '94 calendar as soon as you get it. The location will be the Route 611 Drive-In again. ARRL approval has already been obtained. If you are interested in being part of the hamfest planning group, contact AL W3DZI (446-4936) now.

## 1993 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Al Maslin W3DZI, 446-4936

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## MARC TO OFFER ARRL'S NEWEST AWARD!



ARRL's newest wallpaper is the "ARRL FRIENDSHIP AWARD." Full details and an application form are found on pages 50-51 of the November QST. The rules were written to make it fun, a bit of a challenge, and above all, attainable by hams of all license classes. ARRL membership is a requirement for this award. More application forms are available from KAY WT3P, who'll handle this award for MARC members.

An article about MARC's Rag Chewers Club and Old Timers Club certificate program headlines the November edition of **SECTION LEADER**, an ARRL Field Services Department newsletter. The article highlights the fun we have with the certificates at club meetings and emphasizes how easy it is to administer the awards. If you belong to another ARRL-affiliated club that might like to do OTC/RCC/Friendship Award certification for its members, ask someone to contact Kay for the how-to.

The clip-out on page 7 allows you to apply for RCC and OTC. Applications are also usually taken at club meetings. Can't we put your name on a nice certificate this month?