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News and information of the Mid Atlantic Amateur Radio Club  
147.06 WR3AKR/ WB3JOE 145.13  
April, 1980

MARC IS ON THE MOVE. The Mid Atlantic Amateur Radio Club continues to make progress towards bigger and better things. Why already this year many an event has taken place. January started the decade out with a bang, A new set of officers were elected with John, WB3ELA at the helm as ye old president and Doug, N3ADL, VP. Last years pres Pete, K3ZFG, continues working hard on such projects as the 13 repeater. A big round of applause for the guys at the top.

February was certainly lit up by the Olympic Torch Run with WA3PZO going all the way to Lake Placid and WB3ELA assisting in PA communication coordination. W3NWA coordinated low band activity and N3AYK coordinating activity in Delaware County. A big thanks to all.

March remained rather quiet until the end of the month when the news came that many of us have been waiting for. AUTOPATCH ON 145.13 was to become a reality,

Finally as we roll through APRIL we find our new technical chairman, Brian, WB3DPL, getting the amplifier connected and making final adjustments on the autopatch. Word has it that 13 will be back in business by the end of the month. If you can keep up with all that activity hurry on down to the April 15 Club meeting. Topic is slow-scan television. WB3KOJ does the honors. April also finds our public service committee coordinating communications for the Lower Merion Bike-Hike for Retarded Citizens, Sunday, April 27. KA3BGK is assisting with liason with Lower Merion Senior High. If your interested in helping contact WA3ZZU or WA3PZO.

Upcoming dates of interest include:

Month	Board Mtg	Club Mtg	Topic
MAY	6	20	Solar Heating-Spkr. WA3ATB
JUNE	3	17	Tune Up session
JULY	1	15	

Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Metropolitan Federal Savings Bank, Haverford and City Line Aves. Phila. Meeting begins at 8 pm. All welcome.

NEWSLETTER COMES BACK TO LIFE. After sporadic appearances over the past year, the Club is back in the newsletter business. A big thanks to WA3UOC and recently Doug, N3ADL for attempting to keep things going. Your new editor is Bob, WA3PZO, With the May issue we will return to the printed format rather than this months mimeo. Any information for the newsletter can be sent to Bob at 9 Derwen Drive Havertown, PA 19083. Any last minute info can be called in Bob at 449-9727 after 8 pm. Deadline will be the first of the month,

WEEKLY EVENTS ON 06 Bulletins are aired on 06 Sunday evenings at 7:45 pm preceding the ARES net at 8 pm. Weekday airings are at 8 pm Monday evenings, Your announcer John WB3ELA. If you have any info for the bulletins contact John.

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REPEATER CALL CHANGES. WR3AKR will become WB3JOE/R this month. Work is currently under way to change the id's of both repeaters to the Club's call, The change is being made following several discussions with Phil, WA3VCS, trustee of the AKR call, Phil who recently resigned as chairman of the technical committee, has said that due to other commitments he is unable to continue as trustee of both repeaters. Our new trustee is Al, W3DZI, holder of WB3JOE:

As many of you are probably aware, Phil was one of the cofounders of 06 and is the chief designer of the 13 machine. As trustee of the repeaters, he was responsible for all the logging for the repeaters, as well as maintaining technical standards. The job is not easy without help. The bottom line for any trustee is that his license is on the line as far as any infractions on the repeater, Certainly the trustee can use all the help he can get.

The Board of Directors, as well as the rest of the Club, would like to thank Phil for the work he has put into the repeaters over the past years.

06 UPDATE!!!! The 147.06 repeater has been operating at low power for the past several weeks. The main problem has been the 100 watt amplifier. Several resistors as well as power transistors decided to become Kentucky Fried and went south. Currently the amplifier is on the bench and hopefully will be back in operation in the next week or two. It is possible that conditions may warrant the pulling of the repeater to retweek it. A big thanks to K3OBU and WA3CMQ at Speccom for their assistance in getting the repairs done,

13 UPDATE ! ! ! The 145.13 repeater has been operating flawlessly, well, almost. There has been an AC hum on the machine. A bandaidd approach was taken a few weeks ago by WB3ELA and WA3PZO. Both added a big capacitor to the power supply. Result was the hum was reduced substantially. This problem will be corrected when the repeater is pulled this week. While off the air, additional control circuitry and the autopatch will be installed. Expected time off the air is about the week.

With the autopatch ready to go, additional control operators will be needed. If you are interested in being a control operator fill out the form enclosed and mail to W3DZI. Even if you have expressed interest in being a control operator to WA3PZO or WB3ELA please fill out the form as soon as possible.

CONTROL OPERATOR WHO ME?? You might be saying to yourself, yea I like to be a control operator but I am not sure what I have to do. In a sense, you are an extension of the trustee. While on duty you will be responsible for logging all third party traffic, making sure the autopatch is operated properly, and making sure no FCC laws or Club policies are violated. You will report to the trustee activity on the repeater while you were on duty.

The job may sound difficult, but actually its not. You do not have to be sitting there waiting for something to happen. You could be working around the house, watching TV, or even typing the newsletter, As long as you can maintain control of the repeater, that is all that is necessary,