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## BRYN MAWR MESSAGE EVENT

*Some New Twists in '91*

by TOM POWELL K3YPO

On Saturday, December 21, MARC brought happiness and cheer to patients and staff at the BMH with the annual holiday radiogram event.

Operators working at the hospital included JIM KD3NI, WALT WB3BDP, BILL WB3ELW, NORM N3KNW, ROB WI3S, FLOYD KA3OXA, and JANET KA3VTQ. Operations were supervised and managed by CARTER KD3AO. Receiving traffic at home-based stations for relay into the National Traffic System were KAY WT3P and BART KC3BP. RON N3HEF and HUGH KC3IE also checked into the net and were ready to receive.

Two meters and 440 MHz were used to move more than 75 radiograms for destinations in various parts of the United States: New England, Florida, the mid-west, and the west coast. All this was done in the BMH Bodine Lobby between 10 and 1 PM, demonstrating how MARC is prepared to use Amateur Radio in an emergency.

In response to a suggestion made by BMH Public Relations, MARC Public Service added a new dimension to this holiday event by playing Santa Claus to the kids in the Pediatric Unit. With 22 decorated mylar helium-filled balloons donated by Party Land (6 West Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore, 896-4300) "Santa Claus" RAY N3BPJ and his helpers JANET KA3VTQ and WES WB2SVF visited young patients, giving each one a balloon and a gift. The older kids were introduced to Amateur Radio by talking to Santa via 2 meter simplex and receiving a copy of the ARRL "Archie's Ham Radio Adventure" comic book. A visitor observing what we were doing donated \$20 to help cover our costs!! In all, 15 patients were visited.

BOB WA3PZO and ROB WI3S photographed the event, covering both the traffic handling in the lobby and the fun in pediatrics. Bob also provided the Santa Claus outfit. This public service project was planned and arranged by TOM K3YPO.

## HAM RADIO CLASS AT FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

*Starts February 2*

A ten-week Technician license class (no CW offered) will be part of the Franklin Institute's adult/teen workshop series. Classes will meet on Sunday mornings from 11 AM to 1 PM, starting February 2. Instructors will be members of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club. The Institute is charging \$130 for non-members, \$120 for members. Questions about registration can be directed to 448-1286. *[The museum sets the workshop prices, not Phil-Mont.]*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETING

At their combined November/December meeting, the Board heard reports on the holiday party, Bryn Mawr message event, future programs, and the 1992 slate. The 1992 hamfest was discussed; a new chairman is needed, and a new site may be needed. The treasury balance was \$7,535.62.



All club members may attend Board meetings as observers. Your voices on the Board are the Members-at-Large.