

PUBLIC SERVICE

MARC members responded to a request from Greater Main Line Branch, American Red Cross for communications support at a Norristown shelter for people burned out by an apartment building fire. As it turned out, communications were really not necessary, so the first shift of operators (midnight to 4 AM) went home early and the second shift (4 - 8 AM) were released. Prepared to assist were JOSY KA3QOO, AL KC3ZG, CARTER KD3AO, JERRY KA3NKT, NED KA3EQT, Associate-Member CAROLE BEERS, KEVIN KA3RGF, and JEFF WA3RIZ.

Following one of the club's oldest traditions, holiday radiograms for patients and staff at Bryn Mawr Hospital were originated by MARC members on Sunday, December 18. Operators working at the hospital were CARTER KD3AO, NEIL WA3RPG, CAROL AD1P, WES WB2SVF RAY N3BPJ BART KC3BP, FLOYD KA3OXA, NED KA3EQT, HARRY WBKCD, associate members CAROLE BEERS and LISA COHEN. Operators receiving messages at home for relay into the National Traffic System were KEVIN KA3RGF, ANDY N3AZW, and KAY KC3LM. Ninety messages were put into the system. Thanks to BOB WA3PZO for quick loan of 220 equipment. Which brings us to the bad news. Some time last Field Day, a heavy-duty extension cord belonging to KD3AO/KC3LM was apparently badly squashed in a car door or trunk lid. Someone wrapped it with electrical tape that matched the color of the cord, so we didn't spot the flaw. Because of this unreported repair job, several things happened at Bryn Mawr. When the cord went dead short inside the wrap, KD3AO's power supply and KC3BP's 220 rig were blown up. In addition, the metal window sill on which the 220 antenna sat became hot with AC. Fortunately, no one was touching the sill when the AC hit, so nobody was electrocuted. Will whoever patched that cord please send an SASE to Dick Bash and get the rest of your lessons.

Traffic Net participation certificates and ARRL Local Net certificates were awarded to 21 stations at the November club meeting. Everyone is invited to check into the nets. In addition to public service, the nets also are a time to meet other club members for good fellowship. Those receiving certificates this time were ANDY N3AZW, ED WB8NR, BART KC3BP, KEVIN KA3RGF, SEAN N3EOG, HUGH KC3IE, RAY N3BPJ, BOB WB8SA, FLOYD KA3OXA, ED KA3DRD, ANN KA3EIW, HAL N3APK, BETH KA3GKI, BOB WB3QN, NED KA3EQT, JEFF WB3GUR, BOB WA3PZO, ART KA3LYM, TOM K3YPO, CARTER KD3AO, and KAY KC3LM (who?).

Surprise your Valentine with a radiogram! You need the name, address with zipcode, and telephone number with area code. There are "canned" messages we can use, in case you aren't feeling very literary; otherwise the text should be under 25 words. Check into a MARC traffic net early in February, and we'll explain the rest. By the way, this doesn't get you off the hook about the candy and flowers, chum

We were able to move a message to Australia for WES WB2SVF via the NTS Atlantic Region Net (International Assistance and Traffic Net), which meets at 6:30 AM on 14.303 MHz.

The ARRL's counter-proposal rewrite of Part 97 addresses the FCC's drastic chop job on permissible public service communication. The League opposes the FCC version's ban on logistical communications for served-event organizers. ARRL says that logistical comm should be allowed when the public is the ultimate beneficiary.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Districts in metro Philadelphia have been realigned. Delaware and Philadelphia Counties now form District 1, with VIC KD3DE as District Emergency Coordinator. MIKE WB3JHX remains county Emergency Coordinator for Philadelphia, and a new EC for Delaware County is in process of being appointed. Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties now form District 2, with DAN WB3IPX as District Emergency Coordinator. LINDA KA3MEI has stepped into Dan's former spot as Bucks County EC. No changes in the EC's for Montgomery (TOM WB8EAG) and Chester (RICH WB3AAC) Counties.

ANYONE CAN LISTEN TO HAM RADIO. LET'S BE GOOD RADIO AMBASSADORS AT ALL TIMES.



REMARCS

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FIELD DAY JUNE 24-25

I know there are people who really seriously don't approve of Field Day, but I've always suspected they wear their socks in the bathtub. MARC's Field Day will be at the site we've had for several years, courtesy of BOB WBSA's contacts at Bell of Pennsylvania. A map is on the back cover. Come on out and enjoy the activities.

We would like to break 1000 QSO's this year, so come out ready to operate. If you don't know about operating in a contest atmosphere, plenty of people will show you the ropes. You'll learn how to get radio equipment to work under squirrely conditions. You'll make friends and have some laughs. Contact Field Day chairman CARTER KD3AO (688-5045).

Please bring non-ham family members and friends to see the operation. Shoes and socks are highly recommended, although every effort is made to eradicate the poison ivy beforehand.

NEW SUNDAY NIGHT NET

Because there is now an up-and-running Delaware County ARES/RACES net, the MARC Sunday night net will now be a "Club Net" emphasizing friendly comments and announcements for the good of the club. Any formal traffic that can't wait for the Monday night traffic net (either because of its time value or your convenience) will be passed off-frequency.

Net Manager CARTER KD3AO invites all hams, whether members or not, to check in to the net for good fellowship. All hams are urged to participate in their county's ARES/RACES nets, and MARC will continue to cooperate with ARES/RACES when called upon.

Put Sunday at 8:30 PM on 147.06/R, on your sked now, and enjoy catching up with what fellow club members have been doing during the week.

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C L A S S I F I E D

FREE: Many years of QST, in binders. Contact PHIL W3GNG (525-0447).

FREE: Hamfest and VE test calendars, WB3JOE PBBS. If you don't have packet, contact KC3LM for information.

SPEAK YOUR MIND ABOUT NO-CODE

Everyone is urged to read the proposal for a no-code entry-level license in the May QST and write your comments to our Director. The League's Directors, who determine ARRL policy, are expected to consider this issue at their July meeting, so it is important for you to put your reasoning in the pipeline soon.

The real issue is growth in the Amateur Radio Service. Is no-code a part of the answer, or not? What do you think about this particular proposal for its introduction?

This is a time for rational, objective analysis, not emotional outbursts. Don't let the far-out fringes be the only voices heard by the League. The moderate majority -- I assume that means you! -- needs to speak out now.

Don't jump to conclusions on the basis of rumors or claims about what the proposal says. Don't form your judgment on the basis of published "highlights" of the proposal. Read the whole proposal before you make up your mind and pick up your pen.

It is hoped that all Amateurs care enough to spend the price of a postage stamp to comment on such an important issue.

The address is: Hugh Turnbull W3ABC
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College Park, MD 20740

VE TEST INFORMATION

RF Hill ARC, Pennridge Sr. High, Perkasio, 6:15 PM May 15 (Stu K3UEI, 584-0775)
Warminster ARC, St. Johns Lutheran, Hatboro, 7 PM May 31 (Tom WA3TQJ, 343-3494)

AUTOPATCH NEWS

Current autopatch codes appear on a sticker on the back of your membership card distributed with this issue of REMARCS. You will notice that every sticker had to be trimmed to fit the card, because standard-size labels are a fraction of an inch wider than standard-size cards. If you have questions about how to use the codes, talk to Technical Chairman PAUL WA3YZL or a control operator on the frequency.

Autopatch codes are not to be given out to non-members. You may raise the 'patch for a traveller in the area or for any ham in a genuine emergency.

Business-related calls must not be made on the 'patch. This includes calls to cancel medical appointments or tell your secretary you'll be late to the office. Control operators are authorized to cut off any inappropriate autopatches.

People who paid for or were promised speed-dial numbers may get them before you are too old to press the buttons. The Board authorized payment of a modest sum for having the chip programmed, since it wasn't getting done the cost-free way.