

ABOUT MARC

MEETINGS	3rd Thursday each month at Memorial Library of Radnor Township, Wayne (near the Post Office), 8 PM. Guests welcome. Handicapped-accessible.		
BOARD	Meets 4th Thursday each month, 7:30 PM, Paoli Hospital, Meeting Room "B." <i>NOTE: November/December meeting at KD3AO/KC3LM, December 12, 7:30 PM.</i>		
SYSTEMS	145.13/R cross-linked with 224.42/R, 147.06/R, WB3JOE Packet BBS 145.090		
NETS	CLUB NET + BULLETINS SUNDAY	8:30 PM	145.13/R and 224.42/R
	TRAFFIC NET	M/W/F 8:30 PM	147.06/R
MEMBERSHIP	\$15 licensed, \$5 associate (unlicensed) -- Membership year begins March 1. Family membership rate: \$5 per ham after first member pays full dues.		

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Welcome new members: **BRUCE N3JOV (296-8207)**, **ALAN WA2GDQ from NYC (212-285-1985)**, **SCOTT N3KMY and ROGER N3KMX (887-8435)**, **ANDREW N3KFS (265-6465)**, **PHIL N3KDJ (993-9237)**, **RICHARD KA3LEK (534-0859)**, **NORMAN N3KNW and WILLIAM WB3ELW (644-4216)**. It's great to see so many brand-new callsigns in the list.

NED ex-KA3EQT-am-I-making-the-machine took the Gettysburg plunge and now signs WQ3Z. Recipients of recent MARC certificates can thank BART KC3BP, who prints them. HUGH KC3IE (56.50354) coordinates licensing classes for Marple-Newtown ARC. CHARLIE KA3EBC oversees public service event communications for Phil-Mont. HARRY W3FM now wears the coveted DXCC Honor Roll pin. BOB W3SA enjoyed a trip to Scotland. LINK W3IVS and RAY N3BPJ were on nurse-watching duty in September. DUKE K3QWO gave a program on nets at the Marple-Newtown club. BILL W3KRB was heard in the Family Hour DX Net.

Telephone list changes: WALLY N3DIZ (358-3084), DAVID K3NGN (964-8600).

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BRING A FRIEND TO A MARC MEETING!

WB3ELA SK

John Bartholomew WB3ELA became a Silent Key on September 28, 1991, at the age of 60. A MARC member for many years, John served as President in 1980 and 1988. He also held other offices, in addition to having been bulletin station and hamfest chairman. John started the WB3JOE packet BBS, which originally operated from his home. In addition to MARC work, John was active in the Rooster Net. The Directors of MARC, on behalf of the membership, express the club's condolences to John's family and many friends in Amateur Radio.

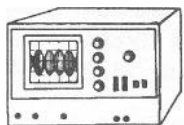
NOMINATIONS FOR 1992 BOARD OPEN NOW



Several members of the present Board do not plan to run for re-election, including the president. Any licensed member of MARC is eligible to run for office, regardless of license class or length of membership. Board members are expected to perform the duties of their offices and to participate in the monthly Board meetings which make financial and policy decisions for the club. If you are interested in finding out about any office, contact one of the Members-at-Large (see page 2 for names/numbers). Ballots will be distributed with the January/February newsletter.

BARGAIN OR BOMB?*New Book Helps Shoppers*

THE ARRL RADIO BUYER'S SOURCEBOOK: Product Reviews Collected from QST (1991, \$15) reprints product reviews for the most popular, available, and best-performing equipment. Not only can you compare the newest, jazziest bank-breaker rigs, but also find out about gear found today on the used-equipment market. You can learn what the rigs' features are, and what their strengths and weaknesses were considered to be when they were new. Chapters cover HF, VHF/UHF



base/mobile/handheld, power amplifiers, and assorted accessories. Five valuable appendices list equipment service and parts info, sources of manuals and information, an index to QST product reviews, equipment bibliographies, and comparative performance charts. There's also a glossary and a rather disjointed introductory section. If you have any interest whatsoever in buying a used rig in the next half-dozen years, this book is a worthwhile investment. Today's whiz-bangs will be tomorrow's hamfest specials.

OPERATING FUN

ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES: CW November 2-4, phone November 16-18. Begins 2100 UTC Saturday, ends 0300 UTC Monday. Operate only 24 hours total. Slow-speed CW windows very active last year. See pp. 103-4, October *QST*.

ARRL 70m CONTEST: December 14-15. See November *QST*, p. 20, for details. KC3LM has entry forms.

CQ WW DX: CW November 23-24. Exchange signal report + CQ zone (05 for most MARC members). Speed + + fast. Great Extra CW exam prep: 20 wpm will sound like 5, after a few hours in this 'test'!

NEW NJ PACKET ORGANIZATION FORMS*Camden/Burlington Packet Radio Association*

CBPRA was formed in August to promote packet radio in Camden and Burlington Counties. However, packeteers from other areas may join -- and there are good reasons to do it. CBPRA plans educational sessions for members, a members' information library including software, a quarterly newsletter, helping new packeteers learn, network development, and network funding. The first *PACKET PROGRESS* newsletter is excellent, including helpful information for new packeteers as well as material (including TCP/IP info) for more advanced operators. Membership in CBPRA is \$15 a year. Write for more information to CBPRA, Box 114, Medford, NJ 08055.

THE CODE OF THE ROAD*Or, How Not to be a Dits Ditz*

The other day, a ham I know honked as he passed me on the Schuylkill Expressway. Spotting his callsign tag, I beeped "HI" in Morse code on my car horn.

That set me to thinking about the codeless Technician and the customs of the road. Many of us who work HF memorize a few phrases in foreign languages, to be polite to the DX ops. It's no big deal to learn to say "bon jour" or "gracias." What is code but a kind of foreign language?

If you don't know code, but would like to know whether the driver honking at you is a friendly fellow ham, or just another demented scum-eating jerk, you only have to learn to recognize a few sound patterns. Here are the most commonly-beeped Morse greetings. A rectangle shape is a long beep (dah). A circle is a short beep (dit).

● ● ● ● ● ●	di-di-di-dit	
	di-dit	= HI
■ ■ ● ● ● ● ■ ■	dah-dah-di-di-dit	
	di-di-di-dah-dah	= 73
■ ● ■ ● ■ ■ ■ ● ■ ■	dah-di-dah-dit	
	dah-dah-di-dah	= CQ

Any of these greetings can be appropriately answered by beeping HI on your own horn. Don't worry, the other ham is not going to launch into a lengthy, incomprehensible ragchew in Morse code on the horn. If that happens, the person is seriously squirrely and also creating a public nuisance. It is prudent to ignore that sort of loony.

Now, what you need is practice. Go get in the car and honk these Morse code expressions several times on your car horn, so you will recognize them later. Yes, the neighbors will think you are nuts, but what do you care? Concentrate on HI, so you will develop a good fist (or is that thumb?) on the car horn.

Having memorized these simple Morse code expressions, any ham can hit the highway with confidence, ready to greet other Amateurs along the way. Happy Honking DE KAY KC3LM.

