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# REMARCS

March/April 2009

## QSK - Full Break-in

Please welcome new MARC members **Don Arthur K1DCA**, **Darren Mingis KA3QXV** and **Sam Leidy KF3G**. Welcome back to **David Del Pizzo N3ZG**.

Are you organized and able to host a radio net or two per month? If so, our net manager **Sam WA3LGL** would like your assistance. Please contact him at 215 530-2151 or at [wa3lgl@marc-radio.org](mailto:wa3lgl@marc-radio.org). Incidentally, Sam is now a grandfather for the first time. His granddaughter Kay Lee arrived on March 23rd. Mother Jenn and family are doing well.

Ok, old news here, but... **Carter N3AO** and **Kay N3KN** became grandparents for a second time, late last year. Their new granddaughter Evie arrived on November 24th and everyone was fine. If you attend Dayton Hamvention 2009 (May 15-17), please be sure to stop by and visit Kay at the ARRL booth. Carter will also attend Hamvention.

Thanks to **Dennis K3DS** for doing a great job as our auctioneer for the recent MARC Junque' Auction that was held on April 21st. 54 items were sold and that raised \$173.55 for MARC. Many of the sellers were very generous and approximately 48% of the total sales were donated to MARC. Many nice items and great deals were available.

**MARC's storage locker**, located in Oaks, PA is being moved to a different location, sometime in May. The vendor Spacemall Storage is moving the storage lockers a short distance to Brower Avenue in Oaks (across the street from Center Ice).

April was a sad month for us as we bid a final farewell to MARC members **Bob Haase W3SA** and **Cliff Bader W3NNL**.

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## UPCOMING AMATEUR TEST SESSION – MAY 2nd

**Bob Lees W3ZQN** reports that he and his team of Volunteer Examiners will be hosting a test session at the new location, at First Presbyterian Church in Norristown on Saturday morning, May 2nd. This information is also posted on the MARC website [www.marc-radio.org](http://www.marc-radio.org).

If you are interested in taking an exam to get an amateur radio license or to upgrade your existing license, you must schedule your exam with Bob. He may be reached at 610 265-6032 or [RJLees@aol.com](mailto:RJLees@aol.com). Current MARC members are eligible for one free exam session/year membership.

## ARRL FIELD DAY EVENT 2009

The ARRL will host its annual Field Day event for 2009, from June 27-28 (Saturday & Sunday). Consequently, MARC will be setting up for this Field Day operation at the Verizon training field on Rittenhouse road in Audubon, PA.

Set up will occur around 10:00 AM at the training field. Prior to set up, we will need volunteers to assist with transporting various items such as tents, chairs, etc. from the MARC storage locker located 3-4 miles away in Oaks.

We also need volunteers to assist with set up at the field and Field Day operations. This is your chance to operate and further hone your emergency communications skills in an exciting radio contest that occurs nation-wide.

The site is located on Rittenhouse road, approximately 0.5 miles south of Egypt road, in Audubon – between the Muzak building and the Aramark building. If you can assist with this Field Day event, please contact **Dieter K3DK** at 610 489-1920 or [k3dk@marc-radio.org](mailto:k3dk@marc-radio.org) by June 24th. See the MARC website [www.marc-radio.org](http://www.marc-radio.org) for additional details and a map of the area.

## MARC MEETINGS

**May 19th, TBD** – We're checking to see if a certain video is available for this meeting. Stay tuned...

**June 16th, No Meeting** since MARC will focus efforts on the upcoming 2009 Field Day event. Please join us at Field Day!

## ROBERT H. HAASE, W3SA – SILENT KEY



Robert Haase, W3SA Photo by Dick K3ITH

Robert (Bob) Henry Haase, age 86, passed away April 3, 2009 after a long illness. Bob is survived by his daughter, Lois Campiformio of New York City; son Robert F. Haase of Virginia, and two grandchildren, Michelle Haase and David Haase.

Bob had been a resident of Wayne, Pennsylvania for the past 33 years. Before that, he lived with his family in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Springfield, Yeadon and Philadelphia.

Bob was born in Philadelphia December 22, 1922 and grew up in Yeadon, Pennsylvania. He joined the Bell Telephone Company in 1941, and shortly thereafter volunteered for the US Army and served in both the European and Pacific theaters of operations during World War II. During the war he met May Hutchinson of Greenock, Scotland and they were subsequently married in Philadelphia in 1946. After the military, Bob resumed service with Bell Telephone, and retired in 1985 with 44 years of service.

Bob was involved in many civic activities, including service on the Tredyffrin Township Cable TV Committee, supporting Tredyffrin Township Supervisors Meetings, participation in Emergency Management Planning, and Townwatch. He was also active in Amateur Radio, having been first licensed in 1937 (initially as W3HFC, then W3SA), and was active in the Board of Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club (MARC). Bob also ran a club for retired management from Bell Telephone. Services and interment will be private and restricted to family members.

*Editor's Note: Bob had served on the MARC Board for many years. He was also responsible for getting us access to the Radnor Twp and current Tredyffrin Twp building for our club meetings. Bob's prior relationship with Verizon and his thoughtful actions provided a place for us to hold our Field Day events as well. The MARC Board will purchase a brick that will display Bob's name and callsign, and be placed in his honor at the ARRL Diamond Terrace. If interested, your donation is welcomed and checks may be payable and sent to MARC. Any excess monies will go to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund in memory of Bob.*

## MARC INFO

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS -

3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 PM  
Tredyffrin Twp. Bldg.  
Berwyn, PA – Guests Welcome  
Smoke Free, Handicapped-accessible.

### BOARD MEETINGS -

2nd Tuesdays of even months, 7:30 PM  
Paoli Hospital, Willistown Meeting Room  
Members may attend as observers.

WB3JOE REPEATERS (CTCSS or PL = 131.8 hz) -  
145.130 - / 147.060 + / 224.420 - / 445.675 -  
The 2 meter repeaters are linked.

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### 2 METER NETS -

Club Net, Sunday, 8:30 PM  
Traffic Net, Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 PM  
Roundtable, Thursdays, 8:30 PM  
These nets occur on linked 145.13 - R / 147.06 + R

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### DUES -

\$15 Full (licensed Amateurs)  
\$5 Associate (unlicensed persons)  
Family rate \$5/ham - after first member  
pays full dues

### NEWSLETTER -

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Do you have anything for REMARCS?  
Please let me know.

## MARC Board Meeting Minutes April 14, 2009

By Sam Mitchell – WA3LGL

### Meeting started: 7:30 PM

Board members present: Dieter K3DK, Sam WA3LGL,  
Dennis K3DS, Phil KB3MAW, Miguel KC2HMG, Bob N3JIZ,  
and Ed W3DUB.

K3DK opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Bob Haase W3SA. A suggestion was brought up to purchase a brick in memory of Bob, at the ARRL **continued on page 3**

## CLIFFORD J. BADER, W3NNL – SILENT KEY

Published: Sunday, April 26, 2009 - By Daily Local News

Clifford J. "Cliff" Bader, 75, of West Chester, devoted husband of Elizabeth (nee Coulter), departed this life suddenly on April 22, 2009, at Chester County Hospital.

Born in Phoenixville, he was the son of the late Clifford Behe Bader and Rebecca Pernet Bader.

A graduate of Drexel Institute of Technology, he was a successful electrical engineer, amateur astronomer, and adoring grandfather.

He was a Morse code ham radio operator and a 62-year member of the ARRL (W3NNL).

He believed in "living simply so others may simply live." His kindness, generosity of spirit, sense of humor, and friendship will be missed by many.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, John and Christian Bader, daughter, Diana Hoppe (Herb), grandsons, Jonathan Hoppe and Rhory Bader, his brother Frederic L. Bader (Peg), dear cousin, Mary Jo Egoville (John), and many other loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Service, 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, at DellaVecchia, Reilly, Smith & Boyd Funeral Home, 410 N. Church St, West Chester, PA 610-696-1181 [www.drsh.com](http://www.drsh.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the American Cancer Society, 1615 W. Chester Pike, Suite 102, West Chester, PA 19382, or the ARRL (National Association for Amateur Radio) at <http://www.arrl.org/development/memorial.html>.

### ***From page 2 - MARC Board Meeting Minutes – ctd'***

We are considering a field trip to the battle ship New Jersey sometime later in the summer. Dieter will send a letter to Verizon to reserve the Field Day site this year. The April meeting will be the annual auction month and Dennis K3DS will be the auctioneer again.

N3JIZ talked about our public service events coming up soon. First, the MS Walk at East Goshen park on 4-26-09 at 8:30 AM. Then, we're assisting with the Memorial Day parade in Wayne, PA. Meet at the Micro Center parking lot as usual, 5-25-09 at 8:00 AM.

Dennis K3DS said that Foster will be the assistant Web Master. Our Web site has a picture of the original WB3JOE QSL card. The Web Site has been updated to show the new VE testing info at the First Presbyterian Church in Norristown. We need to check with Mike KF3CD to for Hamfest info. We might get to share the use of a weather radio and have it hooked up to the 147.060 repeater. The 440 duplexer was either stolen or missing from the repeater closet at Paoli hospital – Jim

W3DCL is following up on this issue. The 220 repeater is still on-the-air but no nets are currently running on 220' – so, the 220 repeater will remain active on-the-air for the time being.

**Meeting ended: 8:16 PM**

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## MARC HAMFEST AND KIMBERTON FAIR

Please contact Mike Pilotti if you can help with these events, [kf3cd@arrl.net](mailto:kf3cd@arrl.net) or 610 935-4429.

**MARC Hamfest** – July 12th, Sunday.

**Kimberton Fair** – July 23rd - 25th, Thurs, Fri. & Sat.

## C - O - N - T - A - C - T !

Here is a current listing of DX that MARC members have recently worked on the HF bands. If you've worked some new DX on HF, from April 16th – June 15th, please send your contact information (limit - 2 contacts/ham) to Dieter K3DK at [k3dk@marc-radio.org](mailto:k3dk@marc-radio.org) or 610 489-1920 by June 20th.

Name - Callsign	Date	Time (UTC)	DX Station Worked	Signal (RST)	Band	Mode	Power	Antenna	Location
Kay - N3KN	Feb 25	02:42	K5D	599	160 M	CW	100 W	Inverted V	Desecheo Island
Mike - KF3CD	Mar 01	03:05	EL2DX	579	30 M	CW	150 W	80 M Inverted V	US Embassy - Monrovia Liberia
Steve - KD3WK	Mar 07	20:03	VP8KF	59	15 M	SSB	750 W	Force 12 C4	Falkland Island
Phil - KB3MAW	Mar 07	22:41	JR3NZC	59	20 M	SSB	1 KW	Alpha Delta DXCC Dipole	Ikoma City, Japan
Phil - KB3MAW	Mar 07	16:11	HV4NAC	59	20 M	SSB	1 KW	Alpha Delta DXCC Dipole	Vatican City
Allan - AB3FN	Mar 07	11:35	ES5GP	59	20 M	SSB	100 W	AV-640 Vertical	Estonia
Allan - AB3FN	Mar 07	03:25	OM3PC	59	40 M	SSB	100 W	AV-640 Vertical	Slovak Republic
Scott - KB3RBU	Mar 08	20:39	OK1RF	59	20 M	SSB	100 W	20 M Dipole	Czech Republic
Steve - KD3WK	Mar 11	19:50	SW1JH	59	20 M	SSB	750 W	Force 12 C4	Senegal
Carter - N3AO	Mar 11	22:13	ET3JA	599	40 M	CW	100 W	BigIR Gnd Mtd. Vertical	Ethiopia
Carter - N3AO	Mar 21	18:46	ZC4LI	599	20 M	CW	100 W	BigIR Gnd Mtd. Vertical	UK Sovereign Base on Cyprus
Mike - KF3CD	Mar 22	23:34	NQ4I (Aircraft)	57	80 M	SSB	150 W	80 M Inverted V	45,000 ft. over Atlantic, North of Azores Island
Yak - N3MQM	Mar 28	21:59	J5UAP	59	20 M	SSB	100 W	20 M Inverted V @ 15 ft.	Guinea-Bissau
Yak - N3MQM	Mar 28	22:04	P4A	59	20 M	SSB	100 W	20 M Inverted V @ 15 ft.	Aruba
Scott - KB3RBU	Mar 28	17:54	IO5O	59	20 M	SSB	100 W	20 M Dipole	Italy - Ten-Fifty Contest Group
Kay - N3KN	Apr 09	23:19	CP6UA	599	20 M	PSK31	25 W	BigIR Gnd Mtd. Vertical	Bolivia
Susan - K3SUE	Apr 15	02:35	KG4CN	59+10	80 M	SSB	500 W	Dipole	Guantanamo Bay

Note: Yak N3MQM, operated portable from a camp site. Kay N3KN reports that the Bolivian contact is a new one for her on 20 Meters via PSK31. Scott KB3RBU is a new DXer and is obviously off to a great start! Susan K3SUE says that the Guantanamo Bay contact is a new one for her on the 80 Meter band. Allan AB3FN stated that conditions were excellent for working DX in eastern Europe.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S SHACK

Dear MARC Members,

As you know, we have lost two fine gentlemen and upstanding hams in the amateur radio community recently. Each was very special and stood out in a unique way – leaving an impression on those of us that knew them.

Bob W3SA had an interesting background as a long time ham and contributed very heavily to our club in many ways. He served in the military during an intense period in history and had a long and distinguished career in the private sector following his military service. He was a family man as well and had a dry sense of self-deprecating humor to boot. “Whiskey Three Sugar Able” was a common phoenetic that he would often use to ID himself when checking into the MARC Nets (as well as other phoenetics!). He often provided the trivia question on our nets and no one could beat him when it came to keying up the repeater first.

He became more involved with supporting community activities, especially after his wife May passed on in the early 90's and we very much benefitted from his connections and thoughtful actions. Our Field Day events were made possible, year after year, thanks to Bob's connections with Verizon and his influence in getting them to recognize the importance and value that amateur radio provides to the local community.

Bob was a Volunteer Examiner back in the 70's and 80's. Kay N3KN actually took and passed her Novice license exam under Bob's watchful eye. He could be intimidating if you didn't know him, but under that veneer was a gentleman and an upstanding anchor that community and friends could rely on and trust.

Cliff W3NNL was another member of ours and a regular on our MARC repeater system too. He was the expert and mentor to many on how to pass traffic messages accurately and efficiently in the world of amateur radio. He talked the talk and walked it too. If a message needed to be passed on, he often times would key up the microphone and offer to take the traffic messages and pass them on via the national traffic system.

Carter N3AO stated that Cliff was his mentor when he was learning how do traffic handling and Cliff had a thoughtful mannerism about him. Cliff was known for his great sense of humor and the classic ID for his callsign was “Whiskey Three Never Never Late”. He is listed as an “A-1 Operator” on the ARRL website – a coveted recognition that most radio amateurs will never know, and it is very sparingly awarded to a select few, by at least 2 of their peers.

Unbeknownst to most, he battled celiac disease and had to avoid anything that contained wheat. Cliff was also a family man and dealt with the wonderful bureaucracy that some of us get caught up in regarding health care coverage and “the system”. But, you'd never know it because of his upbeat attitude. Like Bob, he too was very dedicated to his wife. Cliff was also a brilliant amateur astronomer and showed many the stars and planets – accompanied with informative instruction.

Yes, they are gone... but not forgotten.

-73 Dieter, K3DK

## HAMFEST SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Date:	Location:
May 3	Wrightstown, PA
May 8-9	Kutztown, PA
May 15-17	Dayton OH (Hamvention)
May 23	Washington Twp, NJ
May 24	West Friendship, MD
May 30	Rochester, NY
June 13	Bloomsburg, PA
June 20	Piscataway, NJ
July 4	Bressler, PA
July 5	Wilkes Barre, PA
July 12	Kimberton, PA *
July 19	West Friendship, MD
August 8	Sinking Spring, PA
August 16	Toms River, NJ
August 16	Westminster, MD
Sept 5	Stroudsburg, PA
Sept 20	Mullica Hill, NJ
Sept 27	Wrightstown, PA
Oct 3	Brownstown, PA
Oct 4	CARAFest West Friendship, MD
Oct 18	Sellersville, PA
Oct 25	Westminster, MD

\* MARC Hamfest!

**Note:** The above schedule may be subject to change without notice.

## ARRL's Technical Information Service Provides Members with Answers

*From ARRL HQ – April 29, 2009*

Have you ever had a technical question that you weren't able to figure out? Even after checking with publications such as [The ARRL Handbook](#) or the [ARRL Antenna Book](#), you're still stumped. Have you exhausted every resource you can think of, including your Section's Technical Coordinator ([TC](#))? Just when you think you're at the end of your rope, you remember the ARRL Technical Information Service.

The TIS is staffed by members of the ARRL Lab and is here to provide technical assistance at no cost to ARRL members. Many members seem to be using the service: In a six week period (October 20-November 30, 2008), ARRL Lab staff fielded almost 1300 requests for information from the TIS. These ranged from questions on how to choose the best radio, propagation and BPL to questions concerning antennas, feedlines and towers. For those needing a higher quality reprint, a reprint from QEX or NCJ, or for hams who are not members of the ARRL, the TIS also provides [photocopies](#) of articles for a nominal fee. You can reach the TIS via [e-mail](#) or by phone at 860-594-0214.

The TIS is just one of the many benefits available to ARRL members. please visit the [ARRL Membership Web page](#).

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