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# REMARCS

**Next Meeting: Nov 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM**

**Nov/Dec 2014**

## FROM THE EDITOR'S SHACK

A big thank you to Steve Ikler, KS3K, for the great job he has done writing this newsletter for the past four years. As Steve passes the newsletter torch to me, I look forward to providing you with the same high quality content that you are accustomed to reading.

In each future issue of REMARCS, I would like one MARC member to share a brief story about how they got started in amateur radio and/or to show us their shack, so that we can all get to know each other a little bit better. In this issue, Josy, WQ3E, tells us about his personal ham radio adventure. Thanks for sharing Josy! As an added bonus, we have Steve Werner's personal ham radio story that was featured in this month's issue of CQ magazine. Steve's photo is also on the cover of CQ, nice job Steve! If you would be willing to share your own personal ham radio story in a future issue of REMARCS, please drop me a line at kf3cd@arrl.net.

I will be looking for other contributions too. Do you have an interesting or funny ham radio related story to share? Do you have radio related items to sell, trade or give away? Do you have a piece of gear that you are proud of, that you can review or tell us about? Finally work that rare DX entity that you have been chasing for years? This is your newsletter, I want to hear from you!

In this issue I have included a short story that has been in my files for years. "Hams' Signals Save Crew and Aircraft" was written by my friend Helmut, AA8GQ, ex DL9DQ (SK). I never met Helmut in person but we often spoke on the phone. Helmut was a big supporter of my project to help my friend Nick, UX0ZZ, in the mid 90's, when I brought Nick here from Ukraine for medical treatment. When WW2 ended, Helmut was released from a Russian prison camp into Ukraine, and the Ukrainian people were very kind to him. Although they had very little, they gave him food and clothes. Helmut never forgot their generosity and he had a deep sense of gratitude, thus he wanted to help Nick, as a sort of repayment. Isn't it great how things come full circle sometimes? Helmut strictly operated only CW and he once told me that was because CW had saved his life when he was a young man. This story was published in The Society of Wireless Pioneer's newsletter in 1995, a true tale of how a simple and brief CW message saved his life and the lives his air transport crew during WW2. It is an amazing story, I hope you enjoy it.

73 de Mike, KF3CD

## UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

November 18, 2014- Joe Stratton, W3JBS, will be discussing novel GPS applications. If you are a MARC member and a member of the ARRL, bring your QSL cards for the bureau.

December 13, 2014- MARC Holiday Party at Uno Pizzeria and Grill in Newtown Square, See details on page 9.

Upcoming programs for 2015- Radiation and nuclear power plants- Ron Bellamy, KC3ACL

### VOX

MARC President Steve Werner, KD3WK, featured on the cover of this month's CQ Magazine! See page 8.

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## LETTER FROM THE MARC PRESIDENT

As you know, MARC is a volunteer organization that relies on the time and energy of its members to function and thrive. I am grateful to the members of the Board and the other members of MARC who have and continue to serve to make our organization strong and vibrant. As with all good things, times change and folks move on for a variety of reasons and such is the case with MARC. For many years, Bob Lees (W3ZQN) has been our Volunteer Examiner (VE) liaison presiding over countless VE sessions and assisting an untold number of folks to obtain their amateur license. Bob is spending more and more of his time away from the Delaware Valley and needs a well-deserved rest from his VE duties. Taking over for Bob will be Dick Stuart (K3ITH) and Jim Weiler (AB3OM). I've had the pleasure of working with Dick and Jim at a number of VE sessions and I know they will do a great job going forward.

For many years, Steve Ikler (KS3K) has served as the editor of REMARCS. Under Steve's leadership, REMARCS has become a very useful and informative publication and a very valuable benefit of MARC membership. Steve will remain as MARC's vice president but is stepping away from being the editor of REMARCS. Mike Pilotti (KF3CD) is our new editor. Mike comes from a background of printing and publishing and along with his creativity, will bring significant benefit to the editor position. In addition, Mike continues to be our Hamfest chairman.

Anthony (Yak) Yakonick (N3MQM) has served as our Net Control Manager for some time. Although repeater activity has declined across the board, Yak has worked hard to keep the nets going by finding net control operators and to seek new and stimulating activities to promote the nets and repeater use in general. Yak is stepping back from the Net Control Manager position but hopefully he will remain active on the nets and repeaters. We are still looking for someone to take over for Yak – please let any officer of MARC know if you would have an interest in this position.

On October 17 and 18, MARC participated in the Chester County Boy Scout Ranger Challenge. This event included a number of traditional scouting activities such as bridge building and knot tying and this year it was combined with the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) that is designed to provide scouts with an introduction to amateur radio. MARC, along with two other radio clubs, had an opportunity to work with more than 400 scouts, many of whom were able to make on the air contacts. MARC members who helped make this event a success were: Michael Lebrun (N3OMR); Dave Huston (WB3EHS); Rich Russo (KB3VZL); Brian Kelly (AA3BK); Andrew Pavlin (KA2DDO); Bob Palin (N3JIZ); Jim Foster (N3DAS); Doug Wilkens (NE3U) and myself.

I hope to see you at our November meeting and please sign up for and come to our Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13 at 12 noon, at Uno Pizzeria and Grill in Newtown Square.

73/Steve Werner – KD3WK  
MARC President

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS -

3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 PM (Doors open at 7:00 PM)  
Community Meeting Room (in the front) of the  
Tredyffrin Township Municipal Building, 1100  
DuPortail Road, Berwyn, PA 19312-1079.  
Guests Welcome, Smoke Free, Handicapped-  
accessible.

### BOARD MEETINGS -

2nd Tuesdays of even months, 7:00 PM  
Paoli Hospital, Willistown Meeting Room, Paoli, PA.  
Members may attend as observers.

WB3JOE REPEATERS (CTCSS or PL = 131.8 hz) -  
145.130 - / 147.060 + / 147.360 + / 224.420 - / 224.5 -  
/ 445.675 - / 444.050 -

The 145.13 and 147.06 2-meter repeaters are linked. The  
147.36 MHz, the 224.50 MHz and the 444.050 MHz  
repeaters are linked.

### WEBMASTER -

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### 2-METER NETS -

Club Net, Wednesdays, 8:30 PM

These nets occur on linked 145.13 - / 147.06 + Repeaters

### NET MANAGER -

### NET CONTROL OPS -

Alan K3WWT, Bob N3JIZ, Steve N1HDP, Miguel  
KC2HMG, Yak N3MQM, Rob KB3WIR, Brenden W3VD,  
Mike WB2UQV and Bob WB3T

### DUES - Payable at the March Meeting

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

### NEWSLETTER -

The REMARCS editor is Mike, KF3CD  
[kf3cd@arri.net](mailto:kf3cd@arri.net)  
Do you have anything for REMARCS?  
Please let me know.

## MARC BOARD MEETING October 14, 2014

### Officers Present

NC3U-Sal  
K3RTU- Jim  
N3JIZ- Bob  
W3DCL- Jim  
K3DK-Dieter

KS3K- Steve  
KB3VZL- Rich  
NE3U- Doug  
KD3WK- Steve

Officers Excused  
K3DS- Dennis  
WX3I- Lou  
N3GBJ- Chris

The President, Steve KD3WK called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

### 1) Approval of minutes of August 12, 2014 Board Meeting- Approved

### 2) Treasurer's Report- Due to the Treasurers absence there was no Treasurers Report

- a) Current account balance
- b) Paid membership status

### 3) Programs for general meetings

- a) October 21 – Dennis (K3DS) High Speed Digital Data on 2.4 GHz, MESH
- b) November 18 –Joe Stratton (W3JBS) - GPS
- c) December 13 – Holiday Party – Chicago Uno, Newtown Square
- d) Programs for 2015
  - i) Radiation & nuclear power plants – Ron Bellamy KC3ACL
  - ii) Sal NC3U Fusion Radio

### 4) Old business

- a) Repeaters
  - i) Yaesu Fusion Test Program – Application Approved- Repeater received and is being programmed by Dennis K3DS. Software for radio programming on order
  - ii) 147.06 antenna replacement – status—Waiting on climber and looking for ID access to get into repeater areas
  - iii) Repeater upgrades/replacements approved and waiting implementation
  - iv) Jamboree on the Air – October 17-18, Camp Horseshoe –8 Volunteers have stepped forward for this worthwhile event. Steve, Doug, Bob, Rich, Mike, Dave, Brian, Jim Foster
- b) Incentive Award Program – Chris Ruhl (N3GBJ)—No Report

### 5) New Business

- a) Nets
  - i) Poor attendance continues
  - ii) Difficulty getting net control operators- More attendance by board members is encouraged
  - iii) Net Control Manager position- Yak (N3MQM) has resigned and we will look for a net control manager
- b) REMARCS – Mike Pilotti (KF3CD) to take over as editor—Thanks! Mike and thanks to Steve Ikler (KS3K) for all the past great issues
- c) Hamfest 2015 & beyond
  - i) Need to establish better financial controls
  - ii) Designate co-captain or committee to assist Mike Pilotti

### 6) 2014/2015 Board Meeting Schedule

- a) December 13th, 2014 Uno Pizzeria at 11:00
- b) February 10, 2015
- c) April, 14, 2015
- d) June 9, 2015
- e) August 11, 2015
- f) October 13, 2015

### 7) More VE sessions were discussed and possibly a new VE coordinator to replace Bob Lees who is seeking to retire.

### 8) Reaching out to Red Cross and Salvation Army to maybe help net participation

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectively submitted  
Sal Marandola, NC3U- MARC Secretary

## OCTOBER'S MONTHLY MEETINGS

At our monthly club meeting on Tuesday, October 21, MARC's own Dr. Dennis Silage K3DS, gave a very informative presentation on Broadband Hamnet. Broadband-Hamnet™ is a high speed, self discovering, self configuring, fault tolerant, wireless computer network that can run for days from a fully charged car battery, or indefinitely with the addition of a modest solar array or other supplemental power source. The focus is on emergency communications. If you missed the meeting and/or want to learn more, visit [www.broadband-hamnet.org](http://www.broadband-hamnet.org).



Also at the October meeting, MARC President Steve Werner, KD3WK, presented Vice President Steve Ikler, KS3K, with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service as editor of this fine newsletter. Thanks again Steve!



MARC's monthly informal breakfast meeting, October 2014 at the Country Squire Diner in Broomall.

All MARC members are invited to attend the monthly breakfast meeting. The next breakfast meeting is on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at The Country Squire Diner, 2560 West Chester Pike (Rt 3) in Broomall.

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## MY ADVENTURE IN HAM RADIO

By Josy Malebranche, WQ3E

Radio has been a passion for me for most of my life, giving me many moments of joy and pleasure. It all started when I was a young boy growing up in Haiti, with simple cups attached to a string, so much fun at an early age. Then a Galena crystal radio, simply a needle, a piece of "stone" and a telephone cup for the audio. I could receive only local and strong stations but it was exciting. I then advanced to radios with tubes, with their red glowing color at night, a center of attraction for all of my family and friends. Next came radios with diodes, so much more exciting to be able to listen to the whole world and hear many different languages, at the touch of a button. Our house soon became a small auditorium. This was a time of frequent power interruptions in Haiti, due to government instability, it was a difficult time.

One day at work after I moved to Pennsylvania in 1983, Chuck K3YBJ (SK), was conversing on a repeater using a handheld radio. Of course, I was very interested in this gadget so I introduced myself and began asking questions. He was nice and kind enough to invite me to his shack, which opened the door for me to this new and exciting world of ham radio! He told me about ham radio classes at Cabrini College, that's where I met Carter, KD3AO (now N3AO), Kay KC3LM (now N3KN) and Bob W3SA (SK). Chuck was my Elmer, he patiently taught me Morse Code, using a straight key. I took the class and I passed the test and in 1987 I was KA3QOO! In 1991, I upgraded to an Extra class license and became WQ3E. I joined MARC, where I met Arthur, KA3LYM (SK), who taught me so many tricks of the ham radio trade. Later I met Harry W3FM (SK), who was a top of the line of CW addict, with a shack that would make most ham jealous with envy. So much state of the art equipment, his collection of QSL cards from all over the world and many awards decorating the walls. Harry was a simple man, he called himself "The hermit!" With Harry as a friend, I was now hooked for good on CW! Receiving my first DX QSL cards gave me such a big joy! Who would not be excited after such an achievement? Even now, the pleasure of receiving DX cards remains the same for me.

I would like to express my gratitude to Ron, W3ZV for his continuous support and to all my other friends, who share the same feeling of camaraderie and offer their support. I would not be able to do it all without your help. Accept my gratitude and keep ham radio alive, it's a hobby for everyone!  
Still pounding the brass!  
73 de Josy, WQ3E

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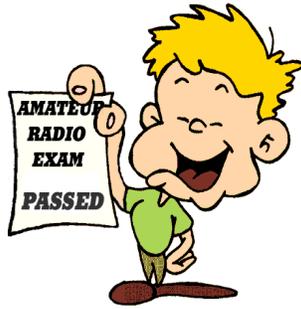
A friend forwarded this interesting story, source unknown.

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a telegraph operator. Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office address that was listed. When he arrived, he entered a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter, including the sound of the telegraph in the background. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office.

The young man filled out his form and sat down with the seven other applicants in the waiting area. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, and walked right in. Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They muttered among themselves that they hadn't heard any summons yet.

They assumed that the young man who went into the office made a mistake and would be disqualified. Within a few minutes, however, the employer escorted the young man out of the office and said to the other applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled." The other applicants began grumbling to each other, and one spoke up saying, "Wait a minute, I don't understand. He was the last to come in, and we never even got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair!"

The employer said, "I'm sorry, but the last several minutes while you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: "If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours." None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his!



**NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> VE TEST SESSION RESULTS:**

Technician earned: 1  
General earned: 1  
Extra earned: 0  
Passed an element but did not upgrade: 0  
Did not pass an element: 0  
Total candidates served: 2  
Total elements administered: 4

The following successful candidates gave permission for their names to be published in REMARCS:

Parag Malik of King of Prussia - Technician  
David Hollingsworth of Newtown Square - General

David is a MARC member and was given a free test session. Congratulations on the upgrade David!

The following VE's took part in the session: W3ZQN, AB3OM, W3ZV, K3ITH, N2ZLQ and NE3U.

The next session will be on February 7, 2015 at a place to be determined.

Bob Lees spends much of his time out of the area so he is passing his job as VE coordinator to Dick, K3ITH. Jim, AB3OM has agreed to serve as back up. Bob will still be part of the test sessions when he is in the area. Bob has coordinated many, many VE test sessions for MARC over the years and is responsible for helping many amateurs to obtain their first license or to upgrade. We THANK YOU and salute you Bob for your many years of dedicated service not only to MARC, but to the amateur radio community as a whole!

**MARC MEMBERS ASSIST AT RADNOR 5 MILE RUN**

On Sunday, October 26th, MARC members again provided communication services for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Penn-Medicine Radnor 5 Mile Run. The race is a 5-Mile USA Track & Field sanctioned and certified timed road race through scenic Radnor Township, which attracts many runners from the area. The event also includes an un-timed 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk for all ages, as well as a Health Fair hosted by Penn Medicine. Money raised by this event helps the American Lung Association provide important programs right here in this region. The weather was beautiful, thanks to everyone below that participated!



MARC Members at Radnor Run:  
Jim K3RTU, Steve KS3K, Michael N3ORM,  
Doug NE3U, Bob N3JIZ, Brian AA3BK,  
Frank K3FSB, Denise KB3ANO and Dieter K3DK.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

This Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, MARC members will be providing safety and logistical communications for the Vietnam Veterans Valley Forge Chapter #345 5K Run in Norristown. If you can help, call Bob Palin, N3JIZ at 610-420-1535.

## HAMS' SIGNALS SAVE CREW AND AIRCRAFT

By Helmut K. "AI" Seike, AA8GQ ex: DL9DQ (SK)

With a German Air Transport Group, Palermo, Sicily, 1943:



Our orders were to fly from Catania, Sicily, a cargo of 2 tons of Army-tents to the oasis Siwa, 29.2N, 25.5E. We took off at 23:00 and snuck across the Mediterranean at wave-top level to circumvent the Brit's RADAR on Malta. Since that distance ranged on a JU-52's operational limits, we flew at reduced air speed to conserve fuel.

At 06:30 the next morning with six more hours to go, we had reached Benghazi, Libya, unmolested. Then three hours later, the left engine's oil pump failed. Having become even slower now, we would just arrive at our destination a bit later, we thought. However, shortly afterwards, because of spark plug problems, the right engine began running rough and we had to cut its power. With only one engine and at full throttle, we now were losing altitude, slowly but steadily, and so as not to crash, we decided upon an emergency landing.

Now here we sat: 190 miles back to Benghazi and 170 miles to our destination, in a rocky, sandy, vegetation less, no-man's land. Since the sun already was beating down near vertically, we tried getting some relief under our aircraft wings. Not for long, however, as we were virtually eaten alive by sand fleas. Only God knows where in this forsaken desert this pest might have come from. Thus, back into the plane. But here, we became roasted instead since without the slightest bit of air movement, inside temperatures rose over 115F. One would get burnt if touching the plane's aluminum structure. Misery got worse yet as at night the temperatures dropped to 45F and by 04:00, one's skin was covered with sticky residue.

Attempts to contact our base, 800 miles away, on 3 to 6 MHz, with 70 watts, an 18 ft. long antenna, 15 ft. above bone dry ground, were fruitless during the daytime. So I tried that after sunset. Through three nights, from dusk to dawn, I combed the band but nobody answered. With our water supply gone, the situation now became grave. Certainly, our unit would search for us when it became known to them that we hadn't arrived at our destination, but that could take several days yet since a direct radio link between Army and Air Force didn't exist. However, uncertain about whether we might be able to hold out that long yet, I resorted in despair to a last, although illegal try.

In those years, a handful of selected German hams possessed a special war-amateur radio license. Weekly, the amateur radio club's (DASD) headquarters in Berlin would transmit on 80 m a bulletin which then all licensees acknowledged. These communications were due tonight, I remembered. So, I turned the 80 m ham-band, hoping also to hear my friend, D4FMF in Berlin. With great joy, I indeed heard with S4 his QSL for the bulletin. Already hearing headquarters' "QRU SK", I began calling D4FMF. But it would have been unwise to identify myself by the plane's call letters, NGVJ, as by no means would he have been able to react. Instead, I used my first name, "Helmut". A ridiculous undertaking perhaps, but which I couldn't have tried on any other of the hams who were tuned in. My heart was pounding up to my ears. Had he heard my calls? Would and could he answer and how? The seconds of silence following seemed an eternity. But then, I heard the letter "K"; nothing else, however. I figured that could have come only from my friend, and therefore, I sent this open text message:

"30.6 N 23.6 E WATER OILPUMP SPARK PLUGS QSP PALERMO SK."

Silence... But then I received a single "dit" on CW which convinced me he had received my message and would initiate action immediately. He told me later that he had received my transmission at only S2 but hams know how to cope with that! Although very well aware of the fact that in wartime, transmission of un-coded text was strictly forbidden, I could have cared less. Better to face a court-martial than having to sit here miserably and rot away. If I had sent an eventually coded message it would have been completely useless for my friend, Franz.

It was about 21:00 that night when he had sent that single "dit". His alerting officers at the Air Force's High Command, Berlin, and their search for a "Helmut" within combat groups stationed in Palermo and identification of our unit, took just about four hours. At around 3:00, a plane was dispatched from Palermo, carrying aircraft mechanics, water, food, fuel and repair parts and before noon time, they found us. I can't recall how many gallons of water we consumed. After repairs had been made, we completed the mission; a bit groggy, though.

The ordeal didn't have a happy ending yet, as later on, Franz and I had to stand trial in war-courts for "violation of war-communications laws, for illegal radio transmissions, and for sending un-coded text, jeopardizing combat units' "safety". However, by High Commands' intervention in Berlin and Rome, the allegations against us were finally dismissed.



## STEVE WERNER, KD3WK, FEATURED ON THE COVER OF NOVEMBER'S ISSUE OF CQ MAGAZINE

Steve Werner first got the ham radio bug as a teenager living in the New York City suburbs in the 1950s, thanks to the father of a Boy Scout friend who was a physicist and got both boys interested in radio and electronics. A Novice license soon followed, but then so did college, girls, etc., and ham radio took a back seat until after his kids were grown and Steve and his wife bought a house on a hilltop in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

Relicensed as KD3WK in the early '90s, Steve put up a 75-foot Rohn 55 tower that supports a Force 12 C4 Yagi for 40-10 meters, a 3-element Cushcraft beam for 6, and a Cushcraft vertical for 2 meters and 70 centimeters. His station is built around an ICOM IC-746PRO and PW-1 amplifier (the control head for the amp is on top of the 746; the amp itself is on the floor). Also visible in the photo are a remote antenna selector and a Signalink computer interface for digital modes, as well as a Yaesu FT-847 for VHF/UHF.

Steve says his main interest is working DX on 20-meter single-sideband, and while he does some CW and PSK31 operating, phone predominates because, as he puts it, "I like to talk." He has talked his way to DXCC, Worked All Continents and Worked All States awards. He is also a volunteer examiner, Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge counselor and president of the Mid-Atlantic Radio Club.

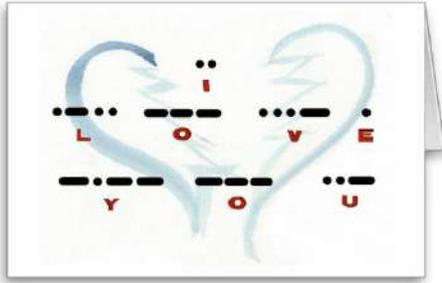
Off the air, Steve enjoys woodworking (he built all the furniture in his shack), gun collecting, and flying his own airplane. He is a retired civil engineer, having spent most of his career doing environmental projects all over the world for an energy company. (Cover photo by Larry Mulvehill, WB2ZPI)

## MARC MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN BOY SCOUT RANGER CHALLENGE

On October 17 and 18, MARC members participated in the Chester County Boy Scout Ranger Challenge at Camp Horseshoe. See the President's message for details. Thank you to everyone that gave their time and helped to make this event a success!



Photo 1: Vic Orlando, N3DIV, Brian Kelly, AA3BK, and Jim Foster, N3DAS, at Andrew Pavlin's RV  
Photo 2: Dave Huston, WB3EHS, helps two scouts put together a Morse code oscillator  
Photo 3: Bob Palin, N3JIZ, working with scouts on their Morse code oscillator



### A HAM RADIO VIDEO FROM THE HEART

**CQ IN MY DREAMS** is a short film created by Corliss Kimmel, AL1G. Corliss resides in Anchorage, AK and is an active CW and phone contester. Her late husband Frank Hurlbut (KL7FH – SK 2008) was also very active in contesting. Ham Radio must be in the Hulbert family genes. Frank's father is KE7MP. Frank's brother is also a Ham and Frank and Corliss' son, Chris, KL9A, shared first place in the recent World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC).

The film contains no spoken words, just a brief CW exchange. For those of you that are not proficient in cw, you really only need to know that the 3 letter exchange they send at the end is I L Y, for "I love you", you will get the rest.

Storyline: A widowed amateur radio operator is contacted by her late husband in a dream. Or is it a dream?

CQ In My Dreams: <http://vimeo.com/98907045>

### MARC Holiday Party 2014

MARC will hold its annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 12 noon at Uno Pizzeria and Grill, 3910 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073 (same site as last year).

The party will be held in place of the regular December monthly meeting. The cost for MARC members will be \$10 (subject to change) and for non-member friends it will be \$20. Uno Pizzeria and Grill provides us with a separate dining room with a fireplace and a flat screen TV for a college football game. Club members will be treated to a three-course luncheon with individual appetizer, entree and dessert.

You can sign-up for this gala event at the Club meeting on November 18 or by contacting Dennis K3DS 'on-the-air' or via email at [k3ds@marc-radio.org](mailto:k3ds@marc-radio.org).

*The MARC Board wishes you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season!*