



## UPCOMING AMATEUR TEST SESSION – MAY 2nd

**Bob Lees W3ZQN** says that he and his team of Volunteer Examiners will be hosting a test session at First Presbyterian Church in Norristown on Saturday morning, November 7th. This information is also posted on the MARC website [www.marc-radio.org](http://www.marc-radio.org). Reservations are required.

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.

## MARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By **Sam Mitchell – WA3LGL**

**Meeting started:** 7:35 PM

Board members present: Dieter K3DK, Sam WA3LGL, Phil KB3MAW, Dennis KA3QOT, Miguel KC2HMG, Bob N3JIZ, Jim W3DCL, and Lou WX3I, Steve KD3WK.

K3DK opened the meeting. Our general election worked out well this year. The Kimberton Fair was a success again. We discussed presentations for the upcoming year. We ordered a brick for Bob W3SA at ARRL headquarters for \$250.00.

N3JIZ - There were three members present at the September 26 public service event. KD3WK - No action items this month.

KC2HMG - We have eleven new net control operators.

Miguel will organize the December Holiday party this year.

The price will be \$15.00. WX3I - The treasury has \$13.5 K.

The repeaters are paid for. KA3QOT - The WEB site needs to be updated and correct some mistakes. Dennis KA3QOT will do a presentation on ECHOLINK in January. KB3MAW - No jamboree on the air with the girl scouts this year.

**Meeting ended:** 8:55 PM

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## PTT

Please give a warm welcome to new MARC members **Alan Handley K3WWT**, **Joe Palmer WA3KNQ** and **John Beregi KB3TKT**.

Congratulations to **Miguel KC2HMG** for becoming our new **MARC Net Manager**. We also have a nice assortment of Net Control Ops to run our 2 meter nets: **Steve N1HDP**, **Miguel KC2HMG**, **Sam WA3LGL**, **Carl K3NTH**, **Alan K3WWT**, **Dan KA3KHR**, **Bill KN3EUF**, **Bob N3JIZ**, **Yak N3MQM**, **Jon N3VZG**, and **Marc N3ZAN**. See [www.marc-radio.org](http://www.marc-radio.org) (Nets).

Thanks to **Sam WA3LGL** for his previous service as MARC Net Manager. **Susan K3SUE** worked FT5GA Gloriosa Island.

**MARC** has a new mailing address. It's PO Box 557, Eagleville, PA 19408. We switched over to this new mailing address to save money and to make life easier for our Treasurer, **Lou WX3I**.

Thanks to **Dennis K3DS** for hosting our September and October MARC meetings. Dennis provided a great introduction and presentation on building a QRP CW Transceiver at the first meeting and followed up with instruction for those that built their transceivers at the October meeting.

**MARC BOD** – Please see page 3 for a list of the current MARC Board of Directors, effective September 15th. Welcome to **Dennis KA3QOT** and **Steve KD3WK**.

**Miguel KC2HMG** will be sending out invitations in November for our upcoming MARC Holiday Party that will be held in early December. Please stay tuned for an announcement on the date and how to order your ticket.

## MARC MEETINGS

**November 17th, AMSAT** – Working the amateur radio satellites.

**December, No Meeting** – Instead, MARC will hold its annual Holiday Party at the McKenzie Brewhouse in early December. Miguel KC2HMG will announce the final date with details.

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The MARC Board meeting for December is cancelled.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S SHACK

Is October Public Service month? Well, with the recent series of Public Service events that were completed by MARC volunteers, you would think so! Our long-time Public Service Chairman, Bob Palin, N3JIZ was very busy assembling and coordinating volunteer communicators for these events. Bob is an old hand at this and very organized.

On September 26th, MARC provided communications for a new event; the Mainline Chamber of Commerce 5K Run, in Wayne. Support for this well-established running event was suggested by Mike KF3CD and MARC responded with four volunteers (below). Channel 10 News also sent in one of their reporters and a communications van to cover this event.



Mainline Chamber of Commerce 5 K Run, Wayne – (l-r) volunteers: Bob W3ZQN, Lou WX3I, Bob N3JIZ and Dieter K3DK.

Next, MARC provided communications for the American Lung Association / Penn Medical 5 Mile Run, in Radnor on October 25th. This was a major event that MARC has assisted with for many years. Our volunteers were: **Bob N3JIZ** (Net Control), **Tom KB3TQS**, **Ned WQ3Z** and **Mike KF3CD**.

The next event that MARC supplied communicators for was the Penn Wynne Library 5k Run on October 31st (volunteers will be listed in the next issue of REMARCS). Whew!

In each case, the local police and event officials were glad to have MARC's assistance. Many of our volunteers are experienced, usually need very little instruction and know the routes and conditions. However, we can always use more volunteers and the amount of time and effort involved is minimal. A 2 meter HT is usually adequate for the job.

Have you thought about volunteering? We still have one more event to assist with and that is the Vietnam Veterans Run in November at Norristown Farm Park. Please contact Bob N3JIZ if you can help.  
- 73 Dieter, K3DK

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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 -

The REMARCS editor is Dieter K3DK  
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Do you have anything for REMARCS?  
Please let me know.

## AMATEUR RADIO TECHNICIAN COURSE AND TEST SESSION

By Lou Milone Jr., KA2NTT [milonejr@comcast.net](mailto:milonejr@comcast.net)

SCARA (Southern Counties Amateur Radio Association – in South Jersey) will be holding an Amateur Radio Technician Course class on November 27th & 28th, 2009 (Black Friday and Saturday) with the VE Test Session on November 28th, starting at 12:30 PM.

Please pass the word and let Lou KA2NTT know your intentions (If you can help at the VE test session). Contact [milonejr@comcast.net](mailto:milonejr@comcast.net)

## LIMERICK GENERATING STATION DRILL (Volunteer Hams Needed) By Eric Olena, WB3FPL

To All,

On November 17th between approx 3-9PM we will be having our bi-annual Limerick Generating Station drill. We currently have 35 operators.

In order to fully staff each township EOC with 2 operators and have enough at the county EOC we need at least 45 operators.

Anyone wishing to help please contact:

Bill Henderson  
WM3L  
Emergency Coordinator  
Radio Officer  
Montgomery County ARES/RACES  
[wm3l@arrl.net](mailto:wm3l@arrl.net)

Additional information is available at:

<http://www.mcraces.com>

**P.S.** This drill also involves counties in S.E. PA. If you live in the Montgomery, Berks or Chester County areas contact your ARES EC and/or RACES Radio Officer to see if you can be of assistance.

\*\*\*\*\* There are five (5) nuclear powered generating stations in PA. Four of them are in the EPA Section and each one is required to have a full scale drill every two years.

Amateur Radio is a vital part of their requirements. \*\*\*\*\*

73,  
Eric, WB3FPL

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# 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 October 16th – December 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 December 20th.

Name - Callsign	Date	Time (UTC)	DX Station Worked	Signal (RST)	Band	Mode	Power	Antenna	Location
Kay - N3KN	2-Sep	23:43	VQ9LA	599	80 m	CW	200 W	BigIR Vertical - Gnd Mtd	Diego Garcia
Carter - N3AO	2-Sep	23:43	VQ9LA	599	80 m	CW	200 W	BigIR Vertical - Gnd Mtd	Diego Garcia

Note: Carter and Kay report that the contact in Diego Garcia is a new one for them on 80 Meter CW.

## ARRL DX NEWS

From ARRL HQ – October 22nd, 2009

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, QRZ DX, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

SWAZILAND, 3DA. Operators Andy, 3DA0TM, Dave, ZS6AVM, Dave, ZS6GF and Daniel, ZS6JR will be QRV as 3DA0WW as a Multi/Single entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via 3DA0TM.

UNITED NATIONS HQ, 4U\_UN. Operators NN1N, KR2Q, PY5EG, JK3GAD, OH0XX and OH2BH will be QRV as 4U1UN as a two transmitter entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via HB9BOU.

CYPRUS, 5B. Stewart, G3RXQ will be QRV as 5B/G3RXQ in the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via G3RXQ.

BARBADOS, 8P. Tom, W2SC will be QRV as 8P5A during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via NN1N.

MOROCCO, CN. M'hamed, CN8NK will be QRV as CN4P during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op entry. QSL via EA5XX.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Operators Pekka, OH1RY, Juan, EA8CAC, Manuel, EA8ZS, Salvador, EA5DY, Jaakko, OH1MA, Kari, OH3RB, Kari, OH5XT and Jussi-Pekka, OH6RZ will be QRV as AO8A during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via OH1RY.

HONDURAS, HR. Dan, HR2DMR will be active as HQ2W during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL to home call.

MONGOLIA, JT. Marko, N5ZO will be active as JT1ZO during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via OH0XX.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. Operators Kuny, W1FPU, Hajime, AH0BR, Moto, W1NDE and possibly others will be QRV as AH0BT from the Northern Mariana Islands during the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via 7L1FPU.

LUXEMBOURG, LX. Philippe, LX2A will be QRV as LX7I in the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band/High-Power entry on 20 meter. QSL to home call.

SUDAN, ST. Robert, S53R will be QRV as either ST2KSS or ST2X in the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band entry on either 20 or 15 meters. QSL via operator's instructions.

PALAU, T8. Kozo, JR8DHE will be QRV as T88KP until October 29. This includes being an entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL to home call.

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## ARRL DX NEWS – Ct'd

TURKEY, TA. Operators Hudaverdi, TA7OM, Ayhan, TA7N, Erkan, TA7CM, Bulent, TA7Q, Ismail, TA7AO, Can, TA3GO and Elif, TA3YE will be QRV as TC7KA as a Multi/Single entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via TA7KA.

INDIA, VU. Pai, VU2PAI will be QRV as a Single-Op/All-Band entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL direct to home call.

INDONESIA, YB. Members of the ORARI Daerah Jawa Tengah Contesting Team will be QRV as YE2R from Semarang on the Island of Java, IOTA OC-021, as a Multi-2 entry in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via EB7DX.

MACEDONIA, Z3. Members of the Radio Club Nikola Tesla and the MDXC will be QRV as Z37M in the CQ WW SSB DX contest. QSL via the bureau.

PARAGUAY, ZP. Mike, NT6X plans to be QRV as ZP0R in the CQ WW SSB DX contest as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via ZP5AZL.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The CQ Worldwide SSB DX Contest, NCCC Sprint, 10-10 International Fall CW Contest, 10-10 International Fall Digital Contest and the 50 MHz Fall Sprint are all scheduled for this weekend. The SKCC CW Sprint is scheduled for October 28.

Please see October QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest web sites for details.

## Ham Radio Operators Assist in Catalina Island Rescue

From ARRL HQ – October 31st, 2009

Around 9:45 on the night of October 23, while attending an overnight event at the Boy Scouts' [Camp Emerald Bay](#) on [Santa Catalina Island](#), Karl Tso, KI6PCW, and his wife, Deborah Ava, KJ6CRZ, of Topanga, California, decided to climb a hill to check out the view -- and to see if they could get into the repeater on the island with their handheld transceivers. As they climbed the hill, the two radio amateurs heard a sound; Tso turned his high-powered flashlight on the source, only to discover a man who had fallen 48 feet to the rocks below, bleeding and severely injured.

According to Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service ([LADCS](#)) Recruiting Officer Norm Goodkin, K6YXH, Tso and Ava were on Catalina for an overnight Cub Scout event. While on the 26 mile boat ride to the island, the couple turned on their radios and got on the local repeater; a fellow ham passed them the frequency of the repeater on Catalina Island and they programmed it into their radios. "Just the weekend prior, both Karl and Deborah attended one of our classes and in that class, we showed them how to program frequencies in their radio. They are members of the Topanga Disaster Radio Team (DRT), part of the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (T-CEP)," Goodkin told the ARRL.

That evening on their walk up the hill, they discovered Peter Koll, 61, had fallen, crashing down to the rocks below. At the accident scene, Tso and Ava got on their radios and quickly made contact with Scott Bastian, KD6QZX, of Fullerton, who called emergency services. Joyce Wood, KD6HYO, of Costa Mesa, stood by in case further assistance was required. Koll was evacuated by Bay Watch and airlifted to St Mary's Hospital in Long Beach. According to the LA County Sherriff's office, his current condition is unknown.

"It was a surreal experience that Deborah and I will never forget," Tso told the ARRL. "We were horrified, yet very happy that we were there for the gentleman that was injured. At the same time, we strangely felt empowered, knowing that the ham radio system works. As we hoped, the ham community is for the most part made up of people who want to be helpful to others in times of need. Deborah and I are new to the ham community, but we would encourage others to become involved."

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