



Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club

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REMARCS

Next Meeting: Sep 18, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Sep/Oct 2012

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH to Speak at November MARC Meeting

Thanks to the efforts of our Program Chair, **Rich Russo KB3VZL**, we have been able to get Riley Hollingsworth to be our guest speaker at the November 20, 2012 General Membership Meeting. Riley was first licensed in 1961 in SC as KN4ZDH. He retired from the FCC in 2008 (see QST magazine, September 2008, p. 48), and for the ten years prior to that he administered the FCC's enforcement program in the Amateur Radio Service. In April 2012, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, named Riley a CQ magazine contributing editor. He will succeed "Washington Readout" editor Fred Maia, W5YI, who became a Silent Key.



Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH

(Reprinted courtesy of CQ Amateur Radio - Tuesday, April 17, 2012)

Hollingsworth, a longtime FCC attorney, became a household name in amateur radio in 1998 when he was named Special Counsel for Amateur Radio in the Commission's newly created Enforcement Bureau. His highly visible enforcement actions were cheered by a vast majority of the amateur community after more than a decade during which FCC enforcement on the ham bands was virtually non-existent. Hollingsworth retired from the FCC in 2008, but has continued to be in demand as a speaker at hamfests and radio club meetings.

His new monthly column - to be titled "Riley's Ramblings" - will incorporate "Washington Readout's" coverage of legislative and administrative actions that affect amateur radio, as well

as additional topics of importance and/or interest to CQ's readers, all related in the distinctive common-sense style that has made Riley a sought-after speaker. His first column appeared in the July 2012, issue of CQ, and it explained why ongoing FCC enforcement actions since his retirement have been somewhat "under the radar."

"We are pleased and honored to have Riley joining our staff," said Moseson. "His stature in the amateur radio community is second-to-none, and his ability to explain sometimes-arcane legal and regulatory language in plain English fits right in with CQ's long-standing dedication to providing practical, useful information for our readers to help them get the most enjoyment possible out of the amateur radio hobby. I look forward to a long and fruitful relationship."

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to CQ and to amateur radio generally," noted Hollingsworth. "As a 13-year-old Novice in South Carolina nervously making my first contact with an overheated Johnson Challenger and a barely effective vertical, not in my wildest imagination did I think I would be writing for a ham radio magazine someday. I am very appreciative of this offer and I hope I can be a valuable asset to the magazine."

Hollingsworth holds a Master's degree from the University of South Carolina, and a law degree from Wake Forest University. He lives in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Pat.

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2012-2013 MARC Elections



The MARC Board of Directors is comprised of current club members in good standing who hold an amateur radio license. According to our By-Laws, all Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen and Chairwomen are to be elected annually by the membership. There are two Member-at-Large seats on the board and these are two-year terms that are staggered (i.e. one for 2010-2012 and another for 2011-2013). One of these Member-at-Large positions is up for election this year. The Trustees of the Club Callsigns serve on the Board but do not need to be elected. Currently, the Trustees are Dieter Hauer K3DK and Dennis Silage K3DS. The election will be held at the September General Membership Meeting on September 18, 2012 at 7:30PM.

The following is a list of positions that will be on the ballot and their current nominees.

Position	Nominees
President	Steve Werner KD3WK
Vice President	Steve Ikler WA2EAJ
Secretary	John Callahan K3JDR
Treasurer	Lou Ruh WX3I
Public Services Chair.	Bob Palin N3JIZ
Technical Services Chair.	Dennis Silage K3DS
Program Chair.	Rich Russo KB3VZL
Public Relations Chair.	Jim Biddle W3DCL
Membership Services Chair. #	(no nominee - Write-ins Welcomed)
Member-at-Large (2 year term)	Doug Wilkens NE3U

Incumbent has chosen not to run for re-election

NOTE: Last minute write-in candidates are allowed on the ballot. Please do not write in someone else's name without obtaining their permission first. Official Ballots will be emailed to the membership in early September with instructions for voting via email. We will also have paper ballots available at the General Membership meeting on September 18th so you can also vote in person if you did not vote via email. We will conclude the election at the meeting and announce the new MARC Board for the 2012-2013 term.

MARC is a volunteer organization so it's future is directly dependent on volunteers that are willing to serve and contribute some of their time and effort on behalf of the club.

MARC Info

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<http://www.marc-radio.org>

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, Sundays and Wednesdays, 8:30 PM
 Roundtable Net, Thursdays, 8:30 PM

These nets occur on linked 145.13 - / 147.06 + Repeaters

NET MANAGER -

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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 Steve WA2EAJ
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 Do you have anything for REMARCS?
 Please let me know.

Letter From the MARC President

MARC continues to be a vibrant club. At last count we are up to 95 paid members. Hardly a meeting goes by when we don't have a few new members including some young folks, which is very encouraging for our club and our hobby.

In the past few months we've had some very interesting and exciting presentations at our monthly meetings:

- Our September meeting will include our annual election of officers, a drawing for two ARRL gift certificates and a DVD presentation with a TenTec factory tour
- Our October meeting will feature Lloyd Roach (K3QNT), the President of Brandywine Radio, who will talk about the history of broadcast radio in the Delaware Valley
- Our November meeting will feature Riley Hollingsworth, previously with FCC's Enforcement Branch, who will discuss the role and responsibilities of the FCC regarding amateur radio
- Our December meeting will be our annual holiday party, which will take place at noon on December 15th at Unos Chicago Grill at 3910 West Chester Pike in Newtown Square. The cost to club members is only \$10 (one of the many benefits of being a member of MARC). Spouses, significant others and friends are welcome and their cost is \$20.
- Our January meeting will feature Alan Wolke (W2AEW) who will give a demonstration on the use of an oscilloscope to measure various properties of coax cables.

If you haven't been to one of our Saturday breakfasts, please join us. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at the Country Squire dinner at 2560 West Chester Pike in Broomall. We meet at 9 AM and it's purely a social event. It's fun and a great way to spend some quality time with your fellow club members.

As always, my continued thanks to all the members of MARC who help make this club the success that it is!!

73/Steve
KD3WK
President, Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club

VOX

Welcome to new members: **Tom Freeman K3TF, Jim Perry KJ3P, Chris Advena KB3YYY, Linda Advena, Joe Stratton W3JBS, Ben Welsh KB3UQD, and Richard DeLorenzo KB3ZBZ.**

MARC Board of Directors 2011-2012

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MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

To 9/30/2012 -

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To 9/30/2013 -

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General Membership Meetings and Programs

September 18, 2012 – Annual Election of Officers and Board. Ten-Tec factory tour on DVD. Collection of QSL cards for ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau. MARC will have a drawing for two ARRL gift certificates for anyone present at the September meeting. One \$25.00 gift certificate and one \$50.00 gift certificate will be given out.

October 16, 2012 - Lloyd Roach K3QNT – Lloyd will describe a time-line of radio beginning with early wireless up to the present. Included are facts and anecdotes from his radio experience in broadcasting in Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and the medium markets where he had AM & FM stations. He ties this back to his early interest in Ham Radio (Licensed 1961) and how the whole medium has changed.

November 20, 2012 - Riley Hollingsworth (K4ZDH) will present on his experiences in the FCC enforcement bureau.

December 15, 2012 – Holiday Party at Unos Chicago Grill at 3910 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073 in lieu of regular monthly meeting.

January 15, 2013 - Alan Wolke (W2AEW) will give a demonstration on the use of an oscilloscope to measure various properties of coax cables.

MARC usually meets the third Tuesday of the month in the Large Meeting Room (in the front) of the Tredyffrin Township Municipal Building, 1100 DuPortail Road, Berwyn, PA 19312-1079. If unavoidable changes in the date or location of the MARC meeting is anticipated, the details will be announced on the Nets and posted on the Calendar.

Beginning at 1930 and following a short round of introductions, announcements, Club reports and business a lively technical program is provided. See the Calendar on the MARC website for details.

The schedule of Club meetings is interrupted in June because of Field Day and in December with a joyous MARC Holiday party. The current schedule of Club meetings and the topic of discussion is announced on the weekly MARC Nets.

MARC Board Meeting of August 14, 2012

Members Present

KD3WK	Steve Werner
WA2EAJ	Steve Ikler
K3JDR	John Callahan
WX3I	Lou Ruh
AB3FN	Alan Glaser
KB3VZL	Rich Russo
N3JIZ	Bob Palin
NE3U	Doug Wilkens
W3VD	Brenden McNeil (by Phone)
K3DK	Dieter Hauer

Board Members Absent

K3DS	Dennis Silage
W3DCL	Jim Biddle (tried to call-in but someone else called in first)

Observer

KF3CD	Mike Pilotti
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OPEN ISSUE – CONFERENCE CALL SETUP

In the future, the Board may wish to provide for a conference line in order to accommodate more than one call in member.

The meeting commenced at 7:05PM.

Minutes from the June 12, 2012 Board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income	
Dues	\$190.00
Hamfest	\$5,434.00
Total Income	\$5,624.00

Expenses

Public Service Supplies 2010	\$75.06
Public Service Supplies 2011	\$70.44
Public Service Supplies Sp 2012	\$43.33
Field Day Supplies / Food	\$165.94
Field Day Field Fee	\$150.00
VE Member Test Reimbursement	\$30.00
Reimburse KA2DDO for speaker	\$59.95
<u>Hamfest Seed Money</u>	<u>\$2,550.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,144.72

Current Balance	\$15,997.13
Nick Fund Balance	\$101.23

MEMBERSHIP

92 paid members as of August 4, 2012

RESOLUTION

The motion to exclude Eugene M. Bond Jr. (WB2UVB) as a vendor from all future MARC HAMFESTS for non-payment of the vendor table assigned in the 2012 HAMFEST was proposed, seconded and approved unanimously by the Board members present.

RESOLUTION

The motion to allow MARC members who work the HAMFEST not to purchase tickets to attend HAMEST was proposed, seconded and approved unanimously by the Board members present. The motion further stipulates that anyone who wishes to be eligible for door prizes, including those MARC Members not required to purchase a ticket to attend, must still purchase a ticket to be eligible for door prize. All other hamfest attendees must purchase a ticket.

RESOLUTION

The motion to continue holding the MARC HAMFEST at Kimberton Fire Company grounds was proposed, seconded, and approved unanimously by the Board members present. The next HAMFEST will be held on July 7th, 2013.

EQUIPMENT INSURANCE

Dennis (K3DS) has provided inventory data for all recently purchased repeater related equipment. The individual cut-off dollar amount will remain at \$200.00 established in our June 12, 2012 meeting. The inventory is in progress for the older equipment stored at Bob N3JIZ and Dennis K3DS residence. The existing repeater equipment has also been accounted for. There is still an open action item to calculate the cost for any skilled labor required replace damaged equipment.

AMATEUR RADIO AWARENESS

Facebook - Lou (WX3I) indicated that the club needs to generate updates and new content to increase activity. Brenden (W3VD) will use regularly scheduled Nets to encourage members to "LIKE" the Facebook page. Lou (WX3I) or Andrew (KA2DDO) will update Facebook to link to MARC website.

PROGRAM – August 14, 2012

VE2DX DXpedition for CQWW presentation given by members of the Frankford Radio Club. Steve KD3WK will contact EPA Section Manager Rob Famiglio (K3RF) on behalf of MARC to invite the surrounding clubs to attend the general membership meeting on August 21st 2012.

PROGRAM – September 18, 2012

Outgoing ARRL QSL Bureau cards to be collected. Ten Tec Factory Tour DVD. MARC will have a drawing for two ARRL gift certificates for anyone present at the September meeting. One \$25.00 gift certificate
One \$50.00 gift certificate
Annual Election for Board of Directors and Officers

PROGRAM – October 16, 2012

Lloyd Roach K3QNT – presentation on the origins of radio broadcasting in the Philadelphia area and the influence and impact of amateur radio.

PROGRAM – November 20, 2012

Steve (WA2EAJ) proposed Riley Hollingsworth (K4ZDH) FCC enforcement presentation. Rich, KB3VZL to contact Mr. Hollingsworth. Brenden (W3VD) offered to present on SDR presentation as a back up. Doug (NE3U) offered to present on his time in Monte Carlo.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Steve (KD3WK) did readout for Dennis (K3DS). MARC is waiting for the owners of the commercial radio tower in Newtown Square, Pa to have other work scheduled in order for the 147.06 MHz repeater antenna replacement to be completed.

HOLIDAY PARTY

MARC will provide \$10 rebate to members for the 2012 holiday party at the UNO's on December 15th. Members will pay \$10 and non-members \$20.

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Bob Palin (N3JIZ) reported – no public service events in August or September.

ELECTIONS

Steve (WA2EAJ) is the Chair of the Nominating Committee and will send out invitations to run for office and ballots to the MARC voting members. Nomination Committee members are:
Doug (NE3U)
Brenden (W3VD)
John (K3JDR)

FIELD DAY – 6M Operation

Dieter (K3DK) proposed adding field day equipment to include 6M.

Doug (NE3U) proposed letting membership know we are looking for 6M rig donation.

REPEATERS – Question concerning Echo-Link / IRLP / D-Star

MARC would require someone to maintain the Radio / Internet connection

Meeting Closed - 8:52pm

Respectfully Submitted,
John Callahan K3JDR
MARC Secretary

From the Editor's Shack

Once again this year MARC provided assistance to the Kimberton Fire Company for their annual Fair. We provided manpower (and womanpower) to help sell ride tickets for the midway and to collect parking donations as fairgoers arrived. By providing this service to the Fire Company we were able to hold our annual hamfest at their facility rent-free.



Martin AA3A and Brenden W3VD selling tickets

MARC sincerely appreciates all our members, their family and friends who donated their time to help out. Those who helped out are:

Julia Chappell	Bob Palin
Will Emmons	Andrew Pavlin
Allan Glaser	Mike, Dominic and Anthony Pilotti
Dieter Hauer	Lou Ruh
Dillan Hines	Chris and Rita Ruhl
Steve Ikler	Jim Smith
Martin Keefe	Justin Smith
Ron Kenwood	Ned Smith
Alyssa Lauritsen	Steve Werner
Brenden McNeil	Doug Wilkens
Sam Mitchell	Anthony "Yak" Yakonick
Bill Palin	

Special thanks go out to Dieter Hauer, Ned Smith and Bob Palin for pulling multiple shifts.



Bill K3FMQ



Mark AA3K

73,

Steve Ikler WA2EAJ
MARC VP and Newsletter Editor

MARC to Participate in 2012 Pennsylvania QSO Party



The 2012 Pennsylvania QSO Party (The Friendly QSO Party) will be held from 1600Z October 13, 2012 to 0500Z October 14, 2012 and 1300Z October 14, 2012 to 2200Z October 14, 2012. A state QSO Party is an on-air event where amateur radio stations in the host state try to contact as many in-state and out-of-state stations as possible. Stations out of the host state try to contact as many host state stations as possible. Points are awarded for each contact and scoring multipliers are awarded for each county contacted in the host state. Host state stations can also get additional multipliers for each state or ARRL section worked.

The PA QSO Party (PAQP) is our chance to be the desired station. We, in PA, can contact any station, anywhere. Stations outside PA can only contact PA stations so everyone is looking for us!

There is a Club Competition but unlike an operating event like Field Day, operators usually just operate the contest from their home station location. After the contest ends, participants submit their scores on forms supplied by the contest sponsors. For the PAQP there is a question on the Summary and Score Sheet asking the operator for their PA Club Affiliation. We would answer that with "Mid-Atlantic ARC". All submitted scores with the same club affiliation would be added together for a total club score. This is how the various clubs in PA can compete against each other.

MARC is asking all members to participate in the PAQP if they can and indicate "Mid-Atlantic ARC" as the affiliated club. This way we can compete for club awards and bragging



Dominic, Mike KF3CD and Anthony Pilotti, collecting parking donations

At our August meeting we had an excellent presentation from several members of the Frankford Radio Club. The topic was "The VE2DXY DXpedition for CQWW". This was a great DXing/contesting presentation on the establishment of a station and operation in the highly sought after Zone 2 (Canada) in major contests. Representing the FRC were Andy KD3RF, Bill K3FMQ, Mark AA3K and Ken KE3C.



Andy KD3RF



Ken KE3C

rights. You don't have to be a big contesteer to participate. Anyone, no matter how much time they spend in the contest or how many contacts they make, can submit a score to help the overall MARC score. The PAQP is also a great way to learn how to participate in ham radio contests. That's why they call it the "Friendly QSO Party".

A special MARC certificate will be given to the top five scoring MARC members. So besides helping the overall club score, you are also competing against other MARC members for a certificate. For more information and rules, see: 2012 PA QSO Party at <http://www.nittany-arc.net/PAQSO.html>.

Bring Your ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau Cards to the September Meeting

Don't forget to bring your Outgoing ARRL QSL Bureau cards to the MARC meeting on September 18, 2012 at 7:30 PM. If you are a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) you are permitted to use the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service to conveniently send your QSL cards overseas. Cards sent via this service are sorted by the Outgoing QSL Service staff who ships QSL cards to QSL Bureaus throughout the world. Sending QSL cards via the Bureau takes a little while longer than mailing them directly, but keep in mind that what you might lose in speed is more than made up in the convenience and savings of not having to address and mail each QSL card separately.

Since MARC is an affiliated club with the ARRL, individual MARC members may use the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau service and have the fees and postage paid for my MARC. MARC can send QSLs for its members to the ARRL in bulk by "pooling" members' cards together in one package and indicating MARC's name inside the package. In a "pooled" package, each club member using this service must also be an ARRL member.

We will be collecting members' cards for distribution to the ARRL at our regular September 2012 General Membership Meeting on September 18, 2012 at 7:30PM. To take advantage of this club and ARRL membership benefit, please bring your outgoing DX QSL cards (completely filled out) to the September meeting along with proof of your current ARRL membership. This can be in the form of a photocopy or cutout of the address area from your current copy of QST. You can also write the information from the label on a slip of paper and use that as proof of membership. A copy of your current membership card is also acceptable. The ARRL QSL Service cannot be used to exchange QSL cards within the 48 contiguous states (US to US). However, you may also send QSLs via the bureau to any QSL manager who manages a non-U.S. callsign. However, you must look up the QSL manager and clearly indicate the QSL manager's callsign on your outgoing card. For example:

Example 1: 8P8P via NN1N. Sort this card in with other cards going to U.S. managers.

Example 2: 6Y1V via OH3RB. Sort this card in with cards to Finland.

MARC will pay the fee to the ARRL as well as pay the shipping costs to the ARRL. Complete information about the service can be found at:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/On the Air/QSL Bureau/Outgoing QSL Bureau 2011.pdf>

Repeater Etiquette

Our repeaters can be heard near and far and our conduct and language on the air can make an important impression on those listening.

Courtesy of TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC. of Union, NJ.

1. To initiate a contact, simply indicate that you are on frequency. "KC2ZZZ Listening" is the usual sort of message if you aren't calling a specific station. If no one comes back to you, no further transmission on your part is necessary. Phrases like "negative contact" or "nothing heard" serve no purpose and should be avoided. When you're done with your QSO, sign off with "KC2ZZZ clear and listening" or just "KC2ZZZ out."
2. Identify legally. The FCC requires that you identify your station at the beginning of each contact, at least once each 10 minutes during the contact, and at the end of the contact.
3. Pause between transmissions. Listen for others who may need to use the repeater.
4. Keep your transmissions short and thoughtful. A long monologue may prevent someone with emergency traffic from using the repeater. Remember that repeaters have timers that will cut your transmission short if you talk too long.
5. Don't use a repeater for LOCAL contacts. If you can carry on a conversation on simplex, do so, and leave the repeater open for weak stations and mobiles that NEED it.
6. Don't break into a QSO unless you have something to add. Interrupting is just as impolite on the air as it is in person.
7. Repeaters are primarily intended to facilitate mobile communications. ESPECIALLY DURING RUSH HOURS, base stations should relinquish repeater use to mobile stations.
8. Leave your CB lingo next to your old 11 Meter rig. You worked hard for your amateur license. Listen a lot and learn how to sound like the licensed amateur that you now are.
9. Don't be a repeater hog. The dues of all MARC members support the repeaters, and everyone should have equal access to them. If you have that much to say, you should use some other frequencies, too.
10. Support your repeaters. We try to keep our repeaters "open". If a non-member is a regular user, he or she should be encouraged to help support the repeaters. Invite your friends who use the repeaters regularly to send in a check and help support our excellent repeaters.
11. Don't acknowledge or encourage any station causing malicious interference. If necessary, telephone a Control Operator.

12. NEVER ARGUE WITH A CONTROL OPERATOR OVER THE AIR. Control Operators have a thankless job. They must police the club's repeaters, as they deem necessary in order to protect the club's callsign. If you disagree with the actions of a Control Operator, you should write down your grievance and contact the Officers and/or Trustees.

Ham Radio Trivia

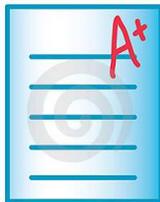
(By Mike Pilotti KF3CD)

I just finished reading two books about Jim Jones and "The Jonestown Massacre" and I learned a bit of obscure ham radio trivia that I think few people know about.

Most of you know that Jonestown in Guyana used ham radio to regularly communicate with "The Peoples Temple" headquarters in California. Their callsign was WB6MID and they operated on 10 and 20 meters. They often operated outside of the amateur bands, transmitted without making proper ID, discussed business by coded words, etc. but no action was ever taken by the FCC. Some hams listened to and recorded their conversations.

Jim Jones had arranged for the key phrase "White Nights" to be transmitted to their headquarters in California by ham radio, if and when he called a mass suicide, so that the members there would also do themselves in. On the fateful day of November 18, 1978, as the mass suicide was beginning in Guyana, the phrase White Nights was transmitted by ham radio. According to one of the books, there was a ham radio Field Day taking place on that day so with the large number of stations on the air, there was a lot of QRM and the message was never heard, which ultimately helped to save many lives.

MARC Sponsored VE Test Sessions



A MARC VE Test session was held on August 4, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church, 113 East Airy Street in Norristown, PA.

Technician earned	4
General earned	0
Extra earned	1
Passed an element but did not upgrade	0
Did not pass an element	0
Total candidates served	5
Total elements administered	5

One MARC member took advantage of the free test session. The following VE's took part in the session: **Bob W3ZQN, Doug NE3U, Dick K3ITH, Ned WQ3Z, Josy WQ3E, and Brenden W3ZV.**

The next test session will be on November 3 in Norristown. 73, Bob W3ZQN

Public Service Events

It's that time of year again. The fall season is the busy season for MARC to provide radio communications for various local Public Service Events. Below are several events that need our help. Please consider one or more to help out.

The **MS City-to-Shore Ride** will be held Sept 29 and 30, 2012. Operators are needed, though their signup deadline has officially passed. If interested contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

The **Main Line Chamber Foundation 5k Run** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012. The event is in Wayne, PA. The Foundation awards scholarships to deserving local individuals meeting certain established criteria, including financial need.

In 2005, The Main Line Chamber Foundation initiated a community project to address issues that impact the recruitment and recognition of volunteer firefighters and EMT's, and the funding of the 17 local volunteer fire companies and emergency medical services in the region.

We need several operators for this event that we support annually. If interested in providing radio communications for the event contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

The **Penn Wynne Library** will hold its 12 annual 5K Race, for people of all ages and physical abilities, Oct. 13, at 9 a.m. Proceeds benefit the library. We need several operators for this event that we support annually. If interested in providing radio communications for the event contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

Penn Medicine Radnor is the presenting sponsoring for the annual "Radnor Run" on Sunday, October 28, 2012. Proceeds benefit the American Lung Association in Pennsylvania. The event is a 5-mile run and a 1-mile fun run/walk. We need several operators for this event that we support annually. If interested in providing radio communications for the event contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

The **Vietnam Veterans 5K Run** will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012. This event takes place at the Norristown Farm Park at North Wales and Germantown Pike. Proceeds from the run benefit Vietnam Veterans community projects. We need several operators for this event that we support annually. If interested in providing radio communications for the event contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

Hamfests and Contests

The following hamfests and contests will be held in the next two months.

Hamfests

Gloucester County ARC (GCARC) 50th Anniversary Hamfest - Mullica Hill, NJ

Date: September 16, 2012

Location: 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 77, 2 miles south of Rt. 45 / Rt. 536, Mullica Hill, NJ

Sponsor: Gloucester County ARC, PO Box 370, Pitman, NJ 08071

Website: <http://w2mmd.org/>

Opens: 8:00 am (general), 6:00 am (vendors)

Cost: \$6, Non-ham spouse, kids U12 free; Tailgate spaces \$5, Pavilion \$10, plus admission

Awards: DXCC, WAS, VUCC Field Checking

VE Testing*: 9:00 am; Fee \$15

QSL Card Checking (DXCC, WAS, VUCC) at 11:30 am

Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club (Packrats) Hamarama (41st Annual!) - Wrightstown, PA

Date: September 30, 2012

Location: Middletown Grange Fairgrounds, 576 Penns Park Road, Wrightstown (Newtown), PA

Sponsor: Mount Airy VHF Radio Club, 56 Home Rd., Hatboro, PA 19040

Website: <http://www.packratvhf.com> | Hamarama flyer | Directions & map (PDF version)

Cost: \$5 (non-ham XYL & kids U13 free); Vendors add \$10/tailgate space or \$15/indoors table (first come basis, 120 tables available); No advance registrations

Opens: 7:00 am buyers, 6:00 am sellers

Red Rose Repeater Association Tailgate Fest - Talmage, PA

Date: October 6, 2012

Location: West Earl Community Park, Brownstown Exit off Rt 222, Rt 772 East through Brownstown, cross bridge, on left

Sponsor: Red Rose Repeater Association, PO Box 8316, Lancaster, PA 17604-8316

Website: <http://www.w3rrr.org>

Cost: \$2, Tailgaters \$5, Limited Indoor tables, \$7 (admission included for vendors)

Opens: 7 am; Vendors 6 am; Rain or shine

VE Testing*: 9 - 11 AM

RF Hill Amateur Radio Club - Sellersville, PA

Date: October 21, 2012

Location: Sellersville Fire Company, 50 North Main Street Sellersville, PA; Rt. 309 to Sellersville exit (Main street), follow to center of town; Firehouse is next to Perkiomen creek near intersection with Diamond Street. (Parking at E. Clymer Ave. & Diamond St.; free shuttle bus between parking and hamfest site)

Sponsor: RF Hill ARC, PO Box 336, Perkasio, PA 18944

Website: <http://www.rfhill.ampr.org/> | Directions & Map

Cost: \$6 (non-ham spouse & kids free); Tables \$12.00

indoors (5 or more \$10), Tailgate \$8

Opens: 7:00 am, Vendors 6:00 am

VE Testing*: 10:00 am (across street at American Legion Hall)

Contests

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY

0000Z, Sep 29 to 2400Z, Sep 30, 2012

Find Rules at:

http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/cq_ww_rtty_dx_contest/cq_ww_rtty_dx_contest_rules/2012_cq_ww_rtty_dx_contest_rules.pdf

TARA PSK Rumble Contest

0000Z-2400Z, Oct 6

Find Rules at:

http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_rules.html

Pennsylvania QSO Party

1600Z, Oct 13 to 0500Z, Oct 14 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 14

Find Rules at:

<http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqsorules.html>

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB

0000Z, Oct 27 to 2400Z, Oct 28

Find Rules at:

<http://www.cqww.com/rules/CQWW-Rules-Xtreme.pdf>

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW

2100Z, Nov 3 to 0300Z, Nov 5

Find Rules at:

<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB

2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19

Find Rules at:

<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>