



## ***THE AERO AERIAL***

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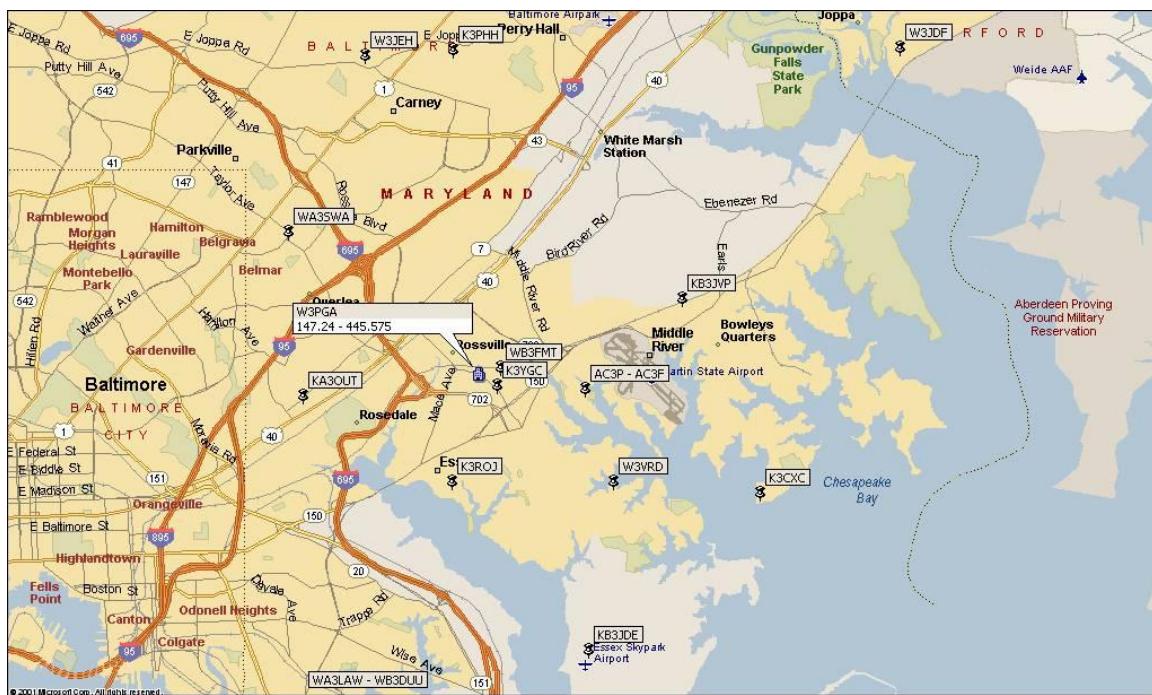
## ABOUT THE AERO AMATUER RADIO CLUB

Meetings: First and Third Wednesdays at 7:30 pm at Coffman's Diner  
(Middle River and Orem's Rd.)

Nets: See Local Area Net Schedule

Repeaters: W3PGA (147.24 mhz - / 449.575 mhz -)  
W3JEH (223.24 mhz -)

## Where are You ?



## Station Activities

WB3FMT has taken over the reins as NCS of the Baltimore Traffic Net for Thursday evenings. WA3SWA, K3ROJ, KA3OUT, and AC3P slugged it out in the Aero HF contest. AC3P continues to guide four Boy scouts of Troop 354 toward their Radio Merit Badge. K3PHH is planning a move to a new QTH in Edgewood. AC3F leads the VE team in the kickoff to the 2004 Testing season. W3VRD, K3ROJ, AC3P, WB3FMT, W3JEH and KB3JDE were heard on the ARRL VHF January Sweepstakes. WB3FMT, K3ROJ, W3VRD, W3JDF, WA3SWA, KB3JDE and AC3P were spotted at the BARC Mini-fest in Timonium. W3VRD is trying out PSK31 on 40 and 20m while AC3P is resurrecting PACKET/APRS on 2 meters. WB3FMT and AC3P manned Middleborough VFD for the January RACES COMEX.

## Aero Net Reports

January Ten Meter Net – NCS: K3ROJ  
Check-ins: AC3P, KA3OUT, WA3SWA

January Two Meter Net – NCS: W3PGA (operated by WB3FMT Joe)  
Check-ins: KA3JDE, AC3P, KC3EF, W3VRD, KB3JVD

## **LOCAL AREA NETS**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Frequency (Mhz)</b>	<b>NET NAME</b>
Daily	6 – 6:30 pm	3.920	Maryland Emergency Phone Net
Daily	6:30 – 7 pm	146.670	Baltimore Traffic Net
Daily	7 pm and 10 pm	3.643	Maryland/DC/Delaware Traffic Net
1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	7:30 pm	145.330	Baltimore ARES Net
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	7:30 pm	146.670	Baltimore County RACES Net
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.	8 pm	28.445	AERO ARC Net
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	8 pm	147.240	AERO ARC Net
5 <sup>th</sup> Wed.	8 pm	449.575	AERO ARC Net

# Amateur Radio on the WEB

Before 1995 If you wanted to get online information about amateur radio, you either called up a dial-up BBS and looked for a ham radio forum or went on 2 meter packet radio and logged onto an on-the-air BBS. Once at either site you could read and comment on hundreds of article ranging from classified ads for boat anchors to the frequencies of DX stations that were on the bands at that very minute.

About 1995 a new phenomon went public, called the Word Wide WEB and with it sprang up the many websites that we know today. Now we not only have classified ads for all equipment conceivable, we can order a new piece of gear from our favorite radio emporium, browse the activities of the local amateur radio club, and even hold echolink or IRPL QSOs across the country with our HTs.

Here is a list of some of the more popular ham radio websites:

[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) – The ARRL National Website. Carries up to date information on Ham radio news, features etc.

[www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) – An online callbook for U.S. hams. It also features classified ads, discussion forums, amateur radio news and a practice test site.

[www.wm7d.net](http://www.wm7d.net) – Another online callbook. It has an additional page of links to various radio-related sites.

[www.baltarc.com](http://www.baltarc.com) – The Baltimore Amateur Radio Club page. It contains a list of ongoing activities for its members, an online newsletter archive, and links to other local clubs including Aero.

[www.bratstv.org](http://www.bratstv.org) – The Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society's page include information on their repeaters, public service events and testing schedule in the area.

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/w3pga/> - Of course the AERO Club Webpage contains information on club activities, the VE test schedule, pictures of Field Day past and links to other local clubs.

The WEB sites of Amateur Radio are countless. These few can be used as jumping off points to explore the World Wide Web of Amateur Radio.

# **The Volunteer Examiner Report**



The January 31 test session had a record turnout of 11 applicants. They came from as near as Dundalk and as far away as Oregon with a few from Delaware and Virginia mixed in. In all there were 11 applicants. Of this there were 6 new licenses and 3 upgrades.

Many thanks to the VE team, Chuck K3FT, Joe WB3FMT, Al WA3WRT, Carl W3MAO, Lee W3FQE, Frank AC3P, and the boss, Pat AC3F.

The next test session will be held at White Marsh on March 13.

## **Pioneer Repeater Off the Air**

The 147.285 Mhz. repeater operated by The Telephone Pioneers ARC is off the air temporarily. The repeater is being moved to Carney Md. Where it will be a single sight system with reduced range.

The Oriole Net which met daily at 9 a.m. on the Pioneer machine is looking for a new home and may possibly show up on 145.33 mhz. or 147.03 mhz.

Stay tuned.

# **Upcoming Events**

February 4 AERO Meeting Coffmans

February 7 ARES/RACES Training Class 8 a.m. BARC Facility Owings Mills, Md.  
License Exams Noon Barc Facility Owings Mills Md.

February 10 Baltimore County RACES COMEX 146.67 mhz 7:30 – 8:30 pm

February 11 AERO 10 Meter Net 28.445 Mhz. 8 pm

February 18 AERO 2 Meter Net 147.24 Mhz 8 pm

February 21 –22 ARRL International DX Contest (CW)

February 22 Frostfest Richmond Va.

February 29 Vienna Hamfest Vienna Va.

# **Contributions Appreciated**

The Aero Aerial is always looking for material to put in this newsletter. If anyone has an article or news item that they could submit it will be appreciated.

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