The Aero Aerial

Newsletter of The Aero Amateur Radio Club Middle River, Maryland

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Ham Radio On The WEB – Update

A few years ago the Aerial published an article about Amateur Radio WebSites on the Internet.

In that time some sites have come and gone as their sponsors either disbanded or became Silent Keys. New sites have emerged to fill the gap as well.

So to bring our readers up to speed, here is a list of current popular Ham Radio websites.

Some the reader may already know. Others are new to the scene.

Of course there is the ARRL at www.arrl.org. A good resource for general amateur radio information. Then there is www.qrz.com, which started as a call sign database look-up service but is now a site where users can converse with each other and comment on the happenings of the day. Another similar site is www.eham.net which provides many of the features of QRZ but also is a source for product reviews.

A site offering web hosting for amateur radio is www.qth.com.

E-QSL offers electronic logging and QSLing at www.eqsl.cc.

A good site for taking online practice exams is www.aa9pw.com.

Locally of course there is the Baltimore Amateur Radio Club site at www.baltarc.org. The Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society can be found at www.bratsatv.org.

Of course don't overlook the Aero site at www.aeroarc.us.

Al, K3ROJ, does a great job keeping the club site up to speed.

Hanna – ECOMM Dodges Bullet

All eyes were on Tropical Storm Hanna as it traveled up the East Coast September 5-7.

Although this storm was not a hurricane memories of Isabel loomed large for Baltimore County Emergency Management.

Baltimore County RACES operators were put on alert while local officials monitored the storm's progress. Most communications to the RACES staff was done via e-mail with periodic bulletins of the storm's status was passed to the various teams.

Hanna passed through the Baltimore area with mostly rain and moderate winds, but the anticipated coastal flooding did not materialize.

Since shelters were not needed, RACES operators were sent a "stand down message".

W3PGA GETS QSL From Ship to Shore Station KPH

Every July 12th the Maritime Radio Museum sponsors an on the air special event called "Night of Nights". The idea is to bring CW operation back to the Maritime bands if only for one night.

The shore stations call CQ, send bulltines and even hanlde traffic from and to the ships at sea on the commerical circuits.

Amateur Radio operators and shortwave listeners are also invited to peraticipate by sending swl reports to the stations they hear. There is even an amateur radio station, K6PHS that amateurs can contact.

On the night of July 12th., Frank AC3P and Pat AC3F fired up the IC-706 MKII G to listen to the festivities. Local QRM made it impossible to hear the amateur station, but the higher power commercial stations could be copied with no problem.

In additin to sending signal reports from Middl;e River under their own calls, Frank and Pat included on for the club call W3PGA. In response Aero received an RCA Radiogram.
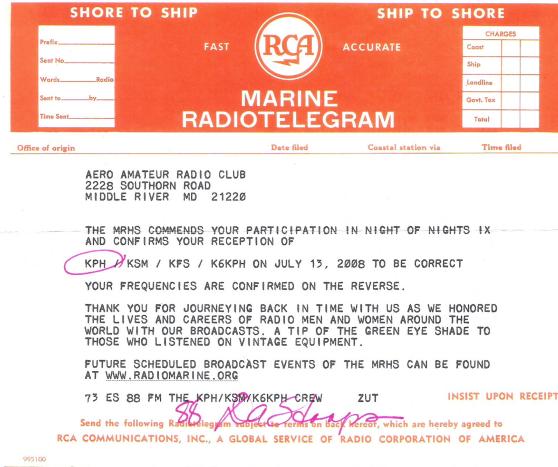
Public Service/Ecomm

Help is needed for the following Public Service Events.

October 4th, the American Diabetes Association 2008 Step Out Baltimore will take place at M&T Bank Stadium with the route running through the Federal Hill area. The event runs from 8 a.m. to noon. Contact Frank AC3P to volunteer.

October 11th, the Baltimore Marathon runs as an all day event. Help is needed for 26 aid stations. Contact Ian

N3CVA at n3cva@hotlmail.com to volunteer.

Baltimore County RACCES resumed monthly drill on Tuesday September 9th with an all-hands exercise to test the radio stations at all the hospitals, the health department, colleges and EOC.

Joe WB3FMT covered Essex Community College. Frank AC3P checked out Franklin Square Hospital. Doug AI3G returned to St. Joseph's Hospital to oversee

operations there.

For information concerning Baltimore County RACES send an email to aj3x@arrl.net.

Net Reports

2 meter Net	10 meter Net
WB3FMT (NCS)	WB3FMT (NCS)
AI3G	KA3SNY
W3VRD	KB3PGN
AC3P	AC3P
KB3JDE	
W3JEH	
KA3SNY	

Station Activities

W3VRD battened down the hatches in preparation for Tropical Storm Hanna.

ND3D has a new 2nd harmonic.

WA3SWA is pushing GS cookies again. TNX to Bob for gettng the hats.

W3JDF is sporting a new mobile.

WB3FMT has a new nanometer receiver.

Everything is peachy for KB3PGN and KA3SNY.

An search party is being formed to find K3ROJ or the secret bunker he is updating the WEBsite from.

October 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Meeting Coffman's 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4 ADA Walk
5 CARAfest Howard Fair- grounds	6	7	8 10 Meter Net 8 p.m.	9	10	11 Balto. Marathon
12	13	14	15 Meeting Coffmans 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 2 Meter Net 8 pm.	23	24	25
26 Mason/Dixon Hamfest Westminster	27	28	29 70 cm Net 8 p.m.	30	31	

ABOUT   **THE AERO AMATUER RADIO CLUB**

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

Nets: See Local Area Net Schedule

Repeaters: W3PGA (147.24 MHz - / 449.575 MHz -)

WEBSITE: http://www.aeroarc.us

Officers			Committees	
Joe Miko	WB3FMT	President	VE Testing	Pat Stone AC3F
Doug Emer	AI3G	Vice-President	Repeater	Phil Hock W3VRD
Frank Stone	AC3P	Recording Secretary	Public Service	Frank Stone AC3P
Pat Stone	AC3F	Corresponding Secretary	ECOMMS	Joe Miko WB3FMT
Warren Hartman	W3JDF	Treasurer	Contests	Doug Emer AI3G
Ron Distler	W3JEH	Property Mgr	Trustee	Frank Stone AC3P
			Field Day	Bob Landis WA3SWA
			Webmaster	Al Alexander K3ROJ
			Archivist	Joe Miko WB3FMT

LOCAL AREA NETS

Day	Time	Frequency (MHz)		NET NAME
Daily	9 – 10 am	147.03		ORIOLE Net
Daily	6 – 6:30 p.m.	3.820		Maryland Emergency Phone Net
Daily	6:30 – 7 p.m.	146.670		Baltimore Traffic Net
Daily	7 p.m. and 10 p.m.	3.643		Maryland/DC/Delaware Traffic Net
2nd Tues	7:30 p.m.	146.670		Baltimore County RACES COMMEX
2nd Wed.	8 p.m.	28.445		AERO ARC Net
4th Wed	8 p.m.	147.240		AERO ARC Net
5th Wed.	8 p.m.	449.575		AERO ARC Net