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# THE AERO AERIAL

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE AERO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



## ABOUT THE AERO AMATUER RADIO CLUB

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WEBSITE: <http://www.aeroarc.us>

## Our New Look

After over four years of publication, the Aerial Staff is experimenting with a new format for the newsletter.

From it's beginning the "Aerial" has been produced using a version of Microsoft Word™. While this software has been quite useful it resulted in a bland publication.

This month we are experimenting with Microsoft Publisher™. We would appreciate any feedback or suggestions to help to make the "Aerial" better.

## Hams' Night Out – The BARC MiniFest

The Aero Club Members enjoyed a night out at the Baltimore Amateur Radio Club's January Mini-fest at the Timonium Fairgrounds on Wednesday evening, January 23rd.

Attending the annual event were AC3P, W3VRD, W3JEH, W3JDF, WB3FMT, KB3KRV, ND3D, and K3ROJ.

Warren, Phil, and Ron setup a table to sell their excess equipment while the rest of the crew meandered the Home Arts Building looking for bargains.



Phil W3VRD and Ron W3JEH selling their "Junque"

Joe left the event with a couple of coax adapters, while Frank took away a dual-band antenna for 146/440 Mhz.

Every year this minifest seems to grow with more people selling old gear. Even a few vendors show up with connectors, antennas and accessories.

Thank to BARC for putting on this fun event which makes us look forward to their March Hamboree.

## New Call Sign Syndrome

There's a new epidemic running through the AERO ARC. Last month the Aerial reported that Doug ex-KB3KRW is now AI3G. The staff here at the Aerial have now learned that two more members have relinquished their calls for new monikers.

Mike, formerly known as KB3RMX now sports the shorter AK3RX.

Ed, who once was heard across the ether as W3XTT now signs as W3PG.

Who will be next to fall to the New Call Sign Syndrome?

Congratulations, Mike and Ed on your new letters.

## VE Corner by AC3F

The VE Team held a test session at the White Marsh Library on January 19th. There were three applicants taking exams, two for upgrade and one for a new license.

Congratulations to Brittaney on passing element 2 and receiving her Technician License. She is now KB3Q HW.



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Also Congratulations to Mike, KA8UWA on his upgrade from Novice to General.

Thanks to KB3KRV, AI3G, ND3D, WB3FMT and AC3P for help with this session.

Our next test session is at White Marsh on March 15th.

# **The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations Nixes Generals and Techs**

The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations , the governing body for ham radio operation in the European Union has disqualified U.S. Technician and General licensees for eligibility to operate in Europe under the CEPT reciprocal operating agreements. Only the U.S. Extra or Advanced Class



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Amateur Radio license holders are now permitted to operate under the agreement.

This step is the result of a review of the equivalence of U.S. Amateur Radio Licenses to European counterparts.

Recent changes in U.S. license exam requirements are a reason for this action.

## **Silent Keys**

### **Phil Szczepanski W3YVT**

January 23, 2008, Phil Szczepanski W3YVT passed away after a short hospitalization.

Phil was known to many of the club members. He was active in Harford County RACES and was a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol.

Phil is survived by his wife, Lorraine and five grown children,

Funeral Services were held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on January 25th.

### **Lawrence “Lon” Shelton W3DID**

December 1, 2007 Lon Shelton passed away at Sinai Hospital. Lon was a founding member of the Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society and a regular on the 147.03 repeater.

Lon had many friends in the area and will be missed.

AERO 2008 CLUB CONTEST by AI3G

The final results for the 2008 Aero Amateur Radio Club contest, "20 DAYS AND 20 NIGHTS OF FUN", have been received and the standings determined. There were a total of 252 contacts made by the four participants. The results are as follows:

CALL SIGN	NAME	NUMBER OF QSOs	TOTAL QSO POINTS	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
AC3P	Frank Stone	15	66		66
W3VRD	Phil Hock	49	146		146
ND3D	Bob Venanzi	62	378	125	503
AI3G	Doug Ermer	126	664	155	819
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>252</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1534</b>

SUMMARY BY BAND										
CALL SIGN	NAME	160 M	80 M	40 M	20 M	10 M	6 M	2 M	1 1/4 M	70 CM
AC3P	Frank Stone	5	3	1	3	2	1			
W3VRD	Phil Hock						4	36	5	4
ND3D	Bob Venanzi				62					
AI3G	Doug Ermer		30	59	30		1	6		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

SUMMARY BY TYPE							
CALL SIGN	NAME	CW	SSB	FM	AM	PSK31	RTTY
AC3P	Frank Stone	12	3				
W3VRD	Phil Hock		49				
ND3D	Bob Venanzi	62					
AI3G	Doug Ermer	79	35		1	8	3
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>153</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>

Thanks to everyone who participated in this years contest and now we can look forward to field day and the 2009 club contest with additional participants.

Doug Ermer  
AI3G

## Aero ARC Information

### Officers

Frank Stone	AC3P	President	VE Testing
Bob Landis	WA3SWA	Vice-President	Repeater
Joe Miko	WB3FMT	Recording Secretary	Public Service
Pat Stone	AC3F	Corresponding Secretary	ECOMMS
Warren Hartman	W3JDF	Treasurer	Contests
Ron Distler	W3JEH	Property Mgr	Trustee
			Webmaster

### Committees

Pat Stone	AC3F
Phil Hock	W3VRD
Frank Stone	AC3P
Joe Miko	WB3FMT
Bob Landis	WA3SWA
Frank Stone	AC3P
Al Alexander	K3ROJ

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## Local Area Nets

Day	Time	Frequency (MHz)	NET NAME
Daily	9 – 10 am	147.03	ORIOLE Net
Daily	6 – 6:30 pm	3.820	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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	7:30 pm	146.670	Baltimore County <u>RACES</u> COMMEX
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

**Don't Forget Leap to 6 meter Net Feb. 29th 8 p.m.  
50.250 Mhz. USB.**

## Net Reports

**70 Centimeters:** AI3G(NCS) W3VRD W3JEH W3XTT

**10 Meters:** WB3FMT(NCS) AI3G W3JEH W3PG AK3RX AC3P N3ATZ KA3SNY

## Station Activities

AI3G continues as contest coordinator for another year. W3VRD held forth on the January VHF contest. N3ATZ is testing a homebrew 10 meter antenna. WB3FMT is monitoring a new trunking scanner.

**DON'T MISS THIS ONE !**

**2008 GREATER BALTIMORE  
HAMBOREE & COMPUTERFEST  
FINE ARTS / ANIME SHOW AND SALE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29 - 8 AM TIL 5 PM**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - 8 AM TIL 3 PM**  
**MARYLAND STATE FAIRGROUNDS - TIMONIUM, MARYLAND**  
**Exit 17 off I-83 North - Follow Fairground Signs**

Something NEW for 2008—A huge, traditional hamfest in the Exhibition Hall and Cow Palace just like last year. Tailgating is moved to the side of the Exhibition Hall. Plus something for the XYL, a young artist fine art and anime show and sale in the Home Arts Building. Two shows for just One price - \$10 for the weekend. Or Save \$2 by purchasing your weekend tickets in advance for just \$8. Come enjoy BOTH shows.

Last year attendance was over 10,000 people! For Further Information: Check out our Web site at [www.gbhc.org](http://www.gbhc.org) Write to us at: GBH&C • P.O. Box 95 • Timonium, MD 21094 Call us at: 443-590-1444 or Send us an e-mail to [W3FT67@yahoo.com](mailto:W3FT67@yahoo.com) Both Shows Sponsored By: The Baltimore Amateur Radio Club,  
**SHOW WILL BE HELD IN ANY WEATHER**  
**BRING THIS CARD WITH YOU FOR A CHANCE IN A SPECIAL PRIZE DRAWING**

# MARCH 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ARRL DX Conteset
2 ARRL DX Contest	3	4	5 Meeting Coffmans 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 10 meter Net 28.445 Mhz, 8 p.m.	13	14	15 VE Testing White Marsh 1 p.m.
16	17	18	19 Meeting Coffmans 7:30 p.m.	20	21	22
23 Easter	24	25	26 2 meter Net 147.24 Mhz. 8 p.m.	27	28	29 Hamboree Timonium
30 Hamboree Timonium	31					

