

The Aero Aerial

*Newsletter of The Aero Amateur Radio Club
Middle River, Maryland*

AERO CONTEST AWARDS 2009

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**BOB VENANZI, ND3D (R) 1ST. PLACE AND
AL ALEXANDER, K3ROJ 2ND. PLACE**



**PHIL HOCK W3VRD (R) 3RD. PLACE AND
FRANK STONE AC3P 4TH. PLACE**

**THANKS TO DOUG AI3G FOR COORDINATING
THIS YEAR'S CONTEST. GOOD LUCK TO BOB, ND3D
WHO WILL CONDUCT NEXT YEAR'S EFFORT.**

Aero Members Step Down From RACES

After a combined 108 years of participating in Emergency Communications, Aero Members Doug Ermer, AI3G, Joe Miko, WB3FMT, Frank Stone AC3P, and Pat Stone AC3F have decided to step down from the Baltimore County RACES program.

Joe, Frank and Pat's involvement in emergency communications started in the mid-1970s. They have participated in many March of Dimes events, the

Bicentennial celebrations at Fort McHenry, and several actual emergency deployments.

Joe and Frank were dispatched to Johnstown, Pa. In the aftermath of the 1977 flood. Frank served in Chase during the 1987 Amtrak Train disaster. Joe, Frank and Pat all assisted in providing communications at area shelters in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Isabel in 2004.

Doug was deployed in several

statewide drills, as well as a a flood watch in the Dundalk area in June of 2006.

Although there are currently no Aero members actively involved in local emergency communications. The Aero repeaters still remain available for use by any public service or emergency communications groups wishing to use them.

Anyone interested in joining the RACES program may e-mail Joe Krystoforski at aj3x@arrl.net.

Station Activities

After a long absence **KB3JDE** made and appearance on the 2 meter net. Welcome back, Eric.

Congratulations to **AK3RX** on the birth of a 2nd Harmonic, Grace.

W3JEH is working out the bugs on his 222 Mhz repeater.

AC3P has learned that obeying the law of gravity can be pain-

ful.

KB3PGN is still being held captive in Annapolis.

Congratulations to **AI3G** for taking First Place in the Low Power Single Op category in the CQ Magazine SSB Sweepstakes. Not bad to 40 meters only and an indoor antenna.

Welcome to new member Lou **KB3LJF**.

Net Reports

2 Meters:

AC3P (NCS)

KB3JDE

AI3G

AK3RX

KA3SNY

W3JEH

10 Meters:

AC3P (NCS)

W3JEH

AI3G

Phunny Fonetics on Pfone *by KA3SNY*

I have been a ham for over 20 years now, and like everyone else, I learned the phonetic pronunciations using the standard ham phonetics in the Novice Class. You DO remember them, don't you? Of course you do! Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel, India, Juliette, Kilo, Lima, Mike, November, Oscar, Papa, Quebec, Romeo, Sierra, Tango, Uniform, Victor, Whiskey, X-ray, Yankee, Zulu.

But, in those 20 plus years of hamdom, I have heard, shall we say, some unique phonetics while listening on the phone bands. There have been names, places, objects, and I suppose there is no limit to the individualism of the ham phonetic imagination. And I must admit, that in those 20 years of hamming, I still don't really know what a "Zed" is. Does anyone? Yet I hear it all the time.

I find a good time to hear these unique phonetics, is during contesting, where one encounters those rapid-fire call signs with unique phonetic verbage to make oneself heard among the pileups. Here are some that I have accumulated:
America.....Boston, Baker...Canada, Cello...Denmark... Ecuador, Easy.....Florida, Fox.....Germany,
Gold.....Honolulu.....Italy, Item.....Japan, January.... King, Kilowatt....London.....Mexico.....Norway, Nancy....Ontario,
Ocean... Radio... Sugar... United.... Victoria.... Washington... Zanzibar, Zebra, and don't forget good old Zed, whatever that is. My alphabet is incomplete, but I think you get the picture, don't you? Of course you do!

Now, since hams come from all walks of life, why can't we have phonetic words that cater to their persona. For instance, for the mariner hams, we could use nautical terms, like, Anchor, or Prop, or Rudder, or Jib, or Keel, or Mizzen, or better yet, Knot; or how about those musically inclined hams, we could use instruments like Piano, or Guitar, or Violin, or Xylophone (lets put that little used word to work). And for those mumble-mouth hams who slur their call signs saying it faster than you can listen, we have special wordswords

likeHerbPhloxJavelinaJalapenoChafeKnifePneumonianow there's a good one!

Speaking for myself, I suggest we have a list of food and food related phonetics. After all, hams seem to enjoy food a great deal, don't they? Of course they do! What is Field Day? A big outdoor cookout with radios! From pictures and articles I've seen of Field Days, there always seems to be elaborate cooking facilities in the field, with bountiful amounts of food. Take away the food, and see how many come to a Field Day. So, let's give food a go: Asparagus....Banana.....Corn.... DessertEclairFruitGrapeHot Dog (what would Field Day be without it); allright, you want one word ...Hamburger.... Indigestion (not a food, but definitely food related), ok how about Ice (got to keep stuff cold with something)JellyKabobLegumes MeatNuts ...OrangePizza Quiche (didn't think I'd get a Q-food, did you)RaspberrySteakTenderloinUpside-down cake (too many words, OK, try this then), Urd (edible seed from the legume family, na, na).... VegetablesWatermelonXtra hot chili (well, YOU try coming up with an X- food word), ok try Xylitol (used as a sugar substitute).... YogurtZucchini (na, na, found a Z-food word).

I hope you've enjoyed some new phonetics. Now let's get out there and really impress those pileups or check into your local nets with your own Phunny Fonetics.

73, and bon appetit, de Kiwi Apple 3 Strawberry Nectarine Yam



April 2009

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
			1 Meeting Coffman's 7:30 pm	2	3	4 Sussex County De Hamfest www.k3str.com
5	6	7	8 10 meter Net 28.445 Mhz 8 p.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Meeting Coffman's 7:30 pm	16	17	18 York Pa Hamfest www.yorkhamfest.org
19	20	21	22 2 meter Net 147.24 Mhz rpt 8 p.m.	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 70 Cm Net 449.575 rpt 8 pm	30		

FCC Modifies Rules to Implement WRC-13 Decisions.

The FCC released a Report and Order specifying amendments to Parts 2, 25, 73, 90, 95 and 97 of its rules implementing the decisions from the 2013 World Radiocommunication Conference in Geneva (WRC-13). While the actions do not impact AM, FM or TV broadcasting, they do affect shortwave broadcast (HFBC) stations, citizens band and some microwave spectrum not used by broadcasters.

Double-sideband (DSB), single-sideband (SSB), and digital transmission were authorized in HF bands between 5900 kHz and 26100 kHz. Digital HF broadcast stations must use the Digital Radio Mondiale standard. The FCC also set minimum Amateur power levels of 50 kW for SSB modulation and 10 kW for digital modulation.

The FCC also reallocated the 27100-27200 kHz band to the amateur service on a co-primary basis with citizens band, reallocated the 27350-27400 kHz band to the broadcast service on a co-primary basis with the CB until April 1, 2009, after which it will be allocated exclusively for broadcasting.

For information on the other allocation changes, see the Report and Order. The actions in the Report and Order cover only the HF (3-30 MHz), UHF (300-3000 MHz) and SHF (3-30 GHz) frequency bands.

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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

Joe Miko	WB3FMT	President	VE Testing
Doug Emer	AI3G	Vice-President	Repeater
Frank Stone	AC3P	Recording Secretary	Public Service
Pat Stone	AC3F	Corresponding Secretary	Archivist
Warren Hartman	W3JDF	Treasurer	Contests
Ron Distler	W3JEH	Property Mgr	Trustee

Committees

Pat Stone	AC3F
Phil Hock	W3VRD
Bob Landis	WA3SWA
Joe Miko	WB3FMT
Doug Emer	AI3G
Frank Stone	AC3P
Bob Landis	WA3SWA
Al Alexander	K3ROJ

LOCAL AREA NETS

Day Time	Frequency (MHz)	NET NAME
Daily	9 – 10 am	147.03
Daily	6 – 6:30 p.m.	3.820
Daily	6:30 – 7 p.m.	146.670
Daily	7 p.m. and 10 p.m.	3.643
2 nd Wed.	8 p.m.	28.445
4 th Wed	8 p.m.	147.240
5 th Wed.	8 p.m.	449.575