

# *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) 1<sup>ST</sup>. PLACE AND  
AL ALEXANDER, K3ROJ 2<sup>ND</sup>. PLACE**



**PHIL HOCK W3VRD (R) 3<sup>RD</sup>. PLACE AND  
FRANK STONE AC3P 4<sup>TH</sup>. 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 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](mailto: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... Equador, 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 personna. 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 words ....words  
 like .....Herb .....Phlox .....Javelina .....Jalapeno .....Chafe .....Knife .....Pneumonia .....now 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....  
 Dessert .....Eclair .....Fruit .....Grape ....Hot Dog (what would Field Day be without it); alright, you want one word ...Hamburger.... Indigestion (not a food, but definitely food related), ok how about Ice (got to keep stuff cold with something) .....Jelly ....Kabob .....Legumes ..... Meat .....Nuts ...Orange ....Pizza .... Quiche (didn't think I'd get a Q-food, did you) ....Raspberry .....Steak .....Tenderloin ....Upside-down cake (too many words, OK, try this then), Urd (edible seed from the legume family, na, na)..... Vegetables ....Watermelon ....Xtra hot chili (well, YOU try coming up with an X- food word), ok try Xylitol (used as a sugar substitute).... Yogurt ....Zucchini (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

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Meeting  
Coffman's  
7:30 pm

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Sussex  
County De  
Hamfest  
[www.k3str.com](http://www.k3str.com)

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10 meter  
Net  
28.445 Mhz  
8 p.m.

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Meeting  
Coffman's  
7:30 pm

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York Pa  
Hamfest  
[Www.yorkhamfest.org](http://Www.yorkhamfest.org)

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2 meter  
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147.24 Mhz  
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70 Cm Net  
449.575 rpt  
8 pm

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## **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
			Field Day
			Webmaster

### 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	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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.	8 p.m.	28.445	AERO ARC Net
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	8 p.m.	147.240	AERO ARC Net
5 <sup>th</sup> Wed.	8 p.m.	449.575	AERO ARC Net