

THE AERO AERIAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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2008 IN RETROSPECT

In general 2008 was a good year for the Aero ARC. The membership remained stable and we gained a new recruit.

In January we competed in the 20 Days and Nights Contest and continued the ARRL Testing Program.

February saw a number of member callsigns change with KB3KRW now AI3G, KB3RMX now AK3RX and W3XTT as W3PG.

In leap day a Leap Year Six meter net was started.

March saw another test session and the joy of a 12 year old when she passed her Tech.

April kicked off Public Service with WA3SWA helping with the MS Towson walk.

May brought the election of new officers with WB3FMT chosen as train engineer for the year and a RACE hurricane drill.

The hats finally arrived.



Scenes from 2008

June saw a great Field Day effort. Aero supported the Statewide Pandemic Drill. We welcomed new member Jim Dilley.

We rested for the summer in July and August.

September kicked off another RACES volunteer season and

a new test session. We dodged a tropical storm too. October was busy with Aero participating in the ADA walk one week and the Baltimore Marathon the following week. November brought a dues increase and Flu Shot event. December waited for Santa.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

This month the Aero Aerial is 5 years old.

In 2004 we decided that the club needed a newsletter to help keep the members up to speed of what was going on locally with the club and at

the same time not take ourselves too seriously.

We hope that our readers have enjoyed the our efforts.

. We hope to continue this publication for years to come. As always we look for article

and suggestions for making "The Aero Aerial" a better newsletter.

The Staff

VE REPORT BY AC3F

There was a test session held at White Marsh on November 22 closing out the 2008 season. Two applicants took exams; one for element 2 and the other for element 3. Both

were successful.

Congratulations to Dave N3SOE on his upgrade to General and to Weldon Drumwright

On becoming a new ham with the callsign KB3SBL.

The VE's outnumbered the examinees again. Thanks to WB3FMT, AI3G, ND3D, K3YGC, KB3KRV and AC3P for their help.

The ARRL has announced an increase in the test fee to \$15 effective January 1, 2009.



Congratulations to Pat AC3F and Frank AC3P on their 10th Anniversary as Volunteer Examiners.

Pat and Frank began their careers as VEs in 1999 helping with and for a time ran the testing program for BARC. They later took over the program that ran at the Amateur Radio Center which went on to become that Aero ARC sponsored testing at White Marsh.



ANALOG TV CAPUT NEXT MONTH - FCC ASKS HAM OPERATOR HELP

Effective February 19, 2009 all analog television signals will go off the air permanently to be replaced by digital signals.

Although the television stations have been getting the word out all of last year, even referring the public to websites

for converter box discount coupons, the FCC has contacted the ARRL requesting radio amateur help in getting the public through the transition.

ARRL Media and PR manager Alan Pitts, W1AGP, says that Amateur Radio clubs across

the country to put together plans to get the information out to their communities.

While the FCC is leaving it up to the clubs on how to do this, sample materials can be downloaded from the website: <http://www.dtv.gov/outreach.html>.

BARC MINI-FEST IS ON

The Baltimore Amateur Radio Club will be holding their annual Mini-fest at Timonium again this year on Wednesday January 21st. This is a great opportunity to break the winter "cabin fever" and get out to make deals on used gear or clean out the "junque" box and make a few box. It is also a good time to make a few "eyeball" QSO's with folks you have talked to locally and dis-

pel whatever mental picture you had of the person whose voice is coming over the speaker.

For the past few years Aero members have been attending BARC's mini-fest and each year it seems to get better.

The event runs from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and admission is free.



W3VRD and W3JEH minding the store at the BARC Mini-fest

STATION ACTIVITIES

QST....QST....QST....QST....QST

tenna problems.

Don't forget to turn in your logs for the clubs 20 Days and Nights of Fun Contest.

AC3P is waiting for good WX to get the array on the roof.

Details for the event appeared in the December .

W3VRD is sprinting on the VHF/UHF bands.

The contest runs from 0000 UTC January 1 through 23:59 UTC January 20th.

W3JDF and K3ROJ were helping out at the "Day of Infamy" Special Event at W2W.

Send your logs to Doug, AI3G.



W3JDF welcomes visitors to W2W while wondering when the 50/50 starts.

In other news:

WB3FMT is experiencing an-



W2W operating position

NET REPORTS

2 Meter Net

10 Meter Net

WB3FMT (NCS)

WB3FMT (NCS)

W3JEH

W3JEH

KA3SNY

AI3G

AC3P

Due to technical difficulties at NCS, the net was cut short.

TIME TO PAY THE PIPER

If it's January, dues are due.

be paid by the first meeting in April.

Don't forget that the dues have gone up to \$24 for regular membership. Family member dues remain at \$2, a bargain at any price.

Warren will be more than happy to help you renew your 2009 membership.

Dues are due at the first meeting in January, but must



January 2009

S U N

M O N

T U E

W E D

T H U

F R I

S A T

1

SK Night

2

3
ARRL
RTTY
Contest

4

ARRL
RTTY
Contest

5

6

Meeting
Coffmans
7:30 pm

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9

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11

12

13

14
10 Meter
Net
28.445
mhz

15

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17
ARRL
VHF
Contest18
ARRL
VHF
Contest

19

20

21
BARC
Minifest

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24
VE Testing
1 pm
White Marsh
Library25
Odenton
Hamfest

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27

28
2 meter
Net
147.24 rpt

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KB3OWA Estate Sale

I have been asked to help clear out KB3OWA, Ed Brookmans' radio station since he is now a silent key. Anyone interested in this equipment can contact me at the e-mail address listed on qrz for W3RAR .

I will be doing this in stages due to the size of the task. There are modern radios, tube equipment and more but I am handling the modern stuff first.

The following radios and equipment are for sale:

Base Radios:

1. FT-897D	\$680
LDG FT-Meter	\$35
MD-1 microphone	\$100
FC-30 tuner	\$125
	Total Package \$900
2. Icom IC-718	\$600
SM-20 Mic	\$150
PS-125	\$150
AT-180 auto Tuner	\$200
	Total Package \$950
3. Icom IC-746 Pro	\$1200
SM-20	\$150
Speaker with filters	\$100
PS-125	\$150
	Total Package \$1400

Mobiles:

Icom IC-208 3 of them	\$225 each
Icom IC-2350	\$200
Icom IC-2000	\$100
Radio Shack 10 meter	\$100

Accessories:

MFJ 4035 power supply	\$125
MFJ 4245 power supply	\$150
LDG AT-200 Pro Auto Tuner	\$175
MFJ 1278 Data Controller	\$120
LDG FT Meter	\$35
Pyramid PS-20 power supply	\$80
2 Rig Blaster Pro digital interfaces	\$175

Handhelds:

Icom IC-T90	\$200
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There are extra accessories included.



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
Doug Emer	AI3G	Vice-President
Frank Stone	AC3P	Recording Secretary
Pat Stone	AC3F	Corresponding Secretary
Warren Hartman	W3JDF	Treasurer
Ron Distler	W3JEH	Property Mgr

Committees

VE Testing	Pat Stone AC3F
Repeater	Phil Hock W3VRD
Public Service	Frank Stone AC3P
ECOMMS	Joe Miko WB3FMT
Contests	Doug Emer AI3G
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
2 nd Tues	7:30 p.m.	146.670	Baltimore County <u>RACES</u> COMMEX
2 nd Wed.	8 p.m.	28.445	AERO ARC Net
4 th Wed	8 p.m.	147.240	AERO ARC Net
5 th Wed.	8 p.m.	449.575	AERO ARC Net