

THE AERO AERIAL



Grumman Albatross arriving at Martin Lagoon, Airfest/Waterfront Fest 2004

The newsletter of the Aero Amateur Radio Club

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ABOUT THE AERO AMATUER RADIO CLUB

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

Nets: See Local Area Net Schedule

Repeaters: W3PGA (147.24 MHz - / 449.575 MHz -)
W3JEH (223.24 MHz -)

WEBSITE: <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/w3pga/>

LOCAL AREA NETS

Day	Time	Frequency (MHz)	NET NAME
Daily	9 – 10 am	147.03	ORIOLE Net
Daily	6 – 6:30 pm	3.920	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
Daily	7 pm	146.505	AERO Code Practice Net
1 st Tues	7:30 pm	145.330	Baltimore ARES Net
2 nd Tues	7:30 pm	146.670	Baltimore County RACES Net
2 nd Wed.	8 pm	28.445	AERO ARC Net
4 th Wed	8 pm	147.240	AERO ARC Net
5 th Wed.	8 pm	449.575	AERO ARC Net

K3FT – Silent Key



Chuck, K3FT, at the W3PGA CW position Field Day 2004

October 12 brought sad news of the passing of longtime aero friend Chuck Reville, K3FT.

Although Chuck was not an Aero Member he helped the club as a regular VE at our test sessions and as Net Control for our public service events.

Chuck was originally licensed in the 1970's as WN3QLV and later WA3QLV. He was a longtime member of BARC until 1999 and one of the original BRATS members. He was also a member of the Potomac Valley Radio Club.

Chuck loved amateur radio. He enjoyed just about every ham radio activity imaginable. He built equipment, rag-chewed, worked DX, and was a top notch contester. He was the consummate traffic handler and “emlered” many in this skill.

Chuck also believed in giving back. He was a regular RACES NCS for Baltimore County. He served in many emergency situations such as the aftermath of the Johnstown Pa Flood, the Chase Train Wreck and Tropical Storms Floyd and Isabele.

In his professional life Chuck worked as a CW ship-to-shore operator at WMH, an FCC monitor at Laurel and did a tour as radio operator on board the USNS Comfort during the 1991 Gulf War.

Last June Chuck helped the Aero Club by operating the CW position. He had said he enjoyed working with the club and looked forward to doing it again.

Chuck was laid to rest at Dulaney Valley Memorial Garden's. He will be missed by many in the Amateur Radio Family.

Ed Note: Several Aero Members attended the services and the club sent flowers.

Code Practice Net

The Aero Code Practice Net boasts a 100% pass rate for those who have taken advantage of this service. Under the tutelage of Pat, AC3F, both Dave KB3KRV and Ken KB3JVP passed the code exam at a VE session on the first attempt.

Pat will take on new students when asked, but in the meantime the Net will continue on 146.505 MHz by sending 5 to 10 minute code practice runs followed by a reading of the text just sent.

The net begins promptly at 7 p.m. local every day but Wednesday.

Station Activities

KA3OUT visited the 2 meter net. Tony is sporting a new ICOM PC based receiver. WB3FMT is a new dad-in-law. KB3KRV began official duties as a VE. W3JEH is back in class. Congrats to KB3JVP on passing the code test. K3CXC was spotted at the Aero Booth during Waterfest/Airfest 2004. ND3D, Bob, was welcomed as a new member.

Public Service

October 17 found the Aero Club in Havre de Grace Md. Providing communications to the American Diabetes Association Walk for the fourth year in a row. As an entirely AERO operation, AC3F Pat brought up W3PGA as NCS with WB3FMT acting as SAG while KB3JDE and KB3KRV manned the rest stops. AC3P backed up Pat and shadowed the ADA officials during the event. The walk concluded uneventfully without any injuries to the participants.



The Havre de Grace Homies

The next event is the ADA Baltimore Walk on 10/23. Contact Frank AC3P to volunteer.

ARES/RACES

WB3FMT participated in the ARRL ARES Simulated Emergency Test on October 2 activating Franklin Square Hospital. Joe also was at Reisterstown VFD for the October RACES drill.

VE Report

The September test session was held at White March on the 25th. There were three applicants. One upgraded to Extra. One upgraded to General. One upgraded to Tech Plus. Thanks to KB3KRV, W3FQE, K3GOD, K3FT, AC3P and AC3F for making up the VE team

Aero Net Reports

Two Meter Net - Check-ins: AC3P (NCS), W3JEH, KB3KRV, KB3JVP, K3ROJ, W3VRD, KA3OUT – time 1 hour 15 minutes

70 Centimeter Net – Check-ins: AC3P (NCS), KB3JVP, K3ROJ, K3YGC, KB3JKG, K3GOD time 1 hour 5 minutes

Ten Meter Net - Check-ins: WB3FMT (NCS), K3ROJ, KB3KRV, AC3P
Time 30 minutes

COMING EVENTS

Oct 20 Aero Meeting Coffman's 7:30 p.m.
Oct 23 ADA Walk Baltimore 8 a.m.
Oct 27 2 meter net 8 p.m.
Total Eclipse of the Moon
Oct 30/31 ARRL EME Contest
CQ WW DX Contest
Oct 31 Carroll County Hamfest Westminster Md
<http://www.qis.net/~k3pzn>
Nov 6 -8 ARRL SS CW
Nov 20 -22 ARRL SS Phone

AERO Steps Back into Local History

On Saturday October 2nd, the Aero ARC joined with other community groups to take part in the first annual Waterfront/Airfest 2004 Festival. Civic, Corporate and Local Government representatives took part in this event celebrating Middle River's waterfront and aviation history on the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Glenn L. Martin Co. plant in Baltimore cCounty

With the help of the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Museum the Aero Club set up an amateur radio display in a tent shared with the Baltimore Rosie the Riveters, the Nintey-Niner's Lady Pilots and Phoenix Aviation.

The Aero Banner was unfurled and W3PGA was placed on the air on 20 meters and 2 meters.

While only four QSOs were made during the event, the mode that brought the most attention was CW. When a QSO was in progress many would stop a listen to the strange sounds emanating from the ICOM 706. Several made comments as to how they did not know anyone still used Morse Code.

A few people took the brochures that we set out and indicated they would call back for more information.

All in all the display was successful and there may be more in the future.

Thanks to K3GOD, KB3KRV, AC3F, WB3FMT, and AC3P for their efforts in this event.



Aero Club Booth



KB3KRV at the key

Contributions Appreciated

The Aero Aerial is always looking for material to put in this newsletter. If anyone has an article or news item that they could submit it will be appreciated.

Submissions can be emailed to Frank at ac3p@arrl.net.

