

# ***THE AERO AERIAL***

## **1946 - 2006 SIXTY YEARS OF PROMOTING AMATEUR RADIO In Baltimore County**



**Mike Davidson KB3LJI (SK)**

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 -)

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

## Net Reports

2 Meter Net: WB3FMT (NCS) KB3KRW, AC3P, K3ROJ, W3VRD, KB3JDE, KB3RMX, KB3KRV, W3JEH

10 Meter Net: WB3FMT (NCS) W3JEH, KB3KRW, W3VRD, K3ROJ

### 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	7:30 pm	146.670	Baltimore County <u>RACES</u> Net
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

### Station Activities

KB3KRW is testing a new 6 meter antenna. WB3FMT has found a way to save the batteries on his antenna analyzer. KB3KRV is testing aquatic counterpoise for his antenna. KB3RMX is enjoying the new operating location. W3VRD is sporting a new HF mobile setup. AC3F, AC3P and daughter KB3FII are back from their visit to ARRL HQ and other New England attractions.

## Operation Surprise Package



It's a rare occasion when a club member's birthday falls on a meeting night. Such was the occasion on the first Wednesday in August for Joe, WB3FMT.

The Sunday prior, Frank AC3P, got a call from Joe's YF, Mary, to see if it would be ok to bring a surprise cake from the family to the meeting. Frank checked with Warren to make sure Coffman's would not object and the plot was on.

A pre-arranged call was to be made to Frank to get a parking place set up for Joe's family. Emails were sent to all the members to incoming edibles but not to let Joe know.

On the meeting night all went as planned. At the designated time the phone call was made. Frank excused himself from the meeting.

Minutes later the unsuspecting "FMT" was surprised with a cake and balloons from the family. Everyone joined in an off-key "Happy Birthday". Joe blew out the candles without the need for oxygen.

After that the regular meeting started.

As we left Coffman's that night, the waitresses and customers were finishing off the remains of the birthday cake.

Who knew Aero members could keep a secret?

## **Public Service**

There are several opportunities for public service coming up.

September 16-17 is the MS Challenge Walk. This one is being coordinated by BRATS. Contact Dave, KB3JCT ([kb3jct@arrl.net](mailto:kb3jct@arrl.net)), for this 2 day event.

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> is the American Diabetes Walk in Baltimore. This one is coordinated by Aero. Contact Frank AC3P to volunteer.

Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> is the Baltimore Marathon; a lot of operators are needed for this one. BARC is coordinating this one. Contact Dave, KB3JCT ([kb3jct@arrl.net](mailto:kb3jct@arrl.net))

## **Emergency Communications**

Baltimore County RACES stood down for August and will resume monthly drills in September.

Baltimore City RACES has reached an agreement with the Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society to use the 147.03 MHz repeater as the primary RACES repeater in the city. Baltimore County will be using 145.33 MHz. Repeater as primary until the W3DHS Repeater is installed.

## **VE Testing**

The next test session will be held on Saturday September 30 at the North Point Library on Merritt Blvd. Registration at 1 p.m.

## **In Memoriam**

### **Deborah Gawlas**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Warren's (W3JDF) daughter, Deborah Gawlas on August 3rd.

Services we held at Brudzinski's Funeral Home and many Aero members stopped by to pay their respect. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Warren and the family.

### **Mike Davidson KB3LJI (SK)**

Sadly one of our members, Mike Davidson, KB3LJI, passed away on August 4<sup>th</sup> after battling a long illness. Mike was only a member of the club a short while. He passed his amateur radio exam at one of the Aero test sessions and immediately became involved with public service. Despite health difficulties, Mike helped out with a many of the Multiple Sclerosis Bike tours and walks.

Although a member of the club for a short while, we will miss Mike and his enthusiasm for amateur radio public service.

Our deepest condolences go to Mike's family

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Meeting Coffman's  7:30 PM	7	8	9 Gaithersburg Fest <a href="http://www.farfest.org">http://www.farfest.org</a>  ARRL VHF Contest
10 Gaithersburg Fest <a href="http://www.farfest.org">http://www.farfest.org</a>  ARRL VHF Contest	11	12	13  10 Meter Net 28.445 MHz 8 PM	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Meeting Coffman's  7:30 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27  2 Meter Net 147.24 MHz 8 PM	28	29	30 Testing Northpoint Library 1 PM

## Estate Sale

Ameritron AL-811 linear amplifier	\$ 400
Kenwood TS-140S 160-10 meter transceiver	\$ 250
Kenwood SP530 speaker	\$20
SWAN 350B 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meter 350 watt transceiver	\$ 200
SWAN SWR 1A Power Meter (2)	\$ 15
Hallicrafters S-77A Receiver (Needs Work)	\$ 25
Ringo 10 meter vertical (Must be removed from roof)	\$50
MFJ816 Wattmeter	\$20

All prices negotiable.

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# HAMARAMA

35th Annual Pack Rats Flea Market –Rain or Shine  
**Sunday, Oct 1, 2006** \*DOOR PRIZES\*

**Gates open Buyers: 7AM Sellers 6AM No overnight parking**

Middletown Grange Fair Grounds  
Penn's Park Road, Wrightstown, PA  
Food, beverages & facilities  
Talk-in 146.52 simplex  
\$6 gen adm, non-ham XYLs or <13 free  
Outdoor sellers add \$10/car space  
Indoor sellers \$10 /table

**No Advanced Reservation**  
For more information via e-mail:  
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For complete driving directions

