

# *THE AERO AERIAL*



*North Pole RACES Radio Officer SA3NTA making a list and checking it twice*

The newsletter of the Aero Amateur Radio Club

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## Officers

|                |        |                         |
|----------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Frank Stone    | AC3P   | President               |
| Bob Landis     | WA3SWA | Vice-President          |
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| Pat Stone      | AC3F   | Corresponding Secretary |
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|----------------|--------------------|
| VE Testing     | Pat Stone AC3F     |
| Repeater       | Phil Hock W3VRD    |
| Public Service | Frank Stone AC3P   |
| ECOMMS         | Joe Miko WB3FMT    |
| Contests       | Bob Landis WA3SWA  |
| Trustee        | Frank Stone AC3P   |
| Webmaster      | Al Alexander K3ROJ |

### 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) W3JEH W3VRD KB3KRW KB3JDE AC3P KA3NSY

70 Cm Net: WB3FMT(NCS) AC3P W3VRD KB3JDE KB3KRW K3ROJ (moved to 2 meters)

10 Meter Net: WB3FMT (NCS) W3JEH KB3KRW AC3P KA3NSY

### LOCAL AREA NETS

| <b>Day</b>           | <b>Time</b>    | <b>Frequency (MHz)</b> | <b>NET NAME</b>                      |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Daily                | 9 – 10 am      | 147.03                 | ORIOLE Net                           |
| Daily                | 6 – 6:30 pm    | 3.820                  | 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> COMMEX |
| 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

KB3JDE is back. Congratulation to son, Private Michael Carl, U.S. Army, on his graduation from boot camp. KB3KRW was heard on 6 meter AM. Who's the Channel Master now? AC3P is temporarily off 6 meters for antenna repairs. KB3PGN is busy in Annapolis.

## Emergency Communications

by WB3FMT



A Commex was held on November 13<sup>th</sup>. KB3KRW supported St. Joseph's Hospital, WB3FMT staffed Shepard Pratt, while AC3P held the for at Franklin Square Hospital.

While at Franklin Square Frank, AC3P loaded the new software into the computer and tested the computer to device links for the Navigator. More tests are anticipated when the radio cables arrive.

There was also a tri-county drill on Saturday with Baltimore, Harford and Cecil Counties participating.

Unfortunately due to the conflict with VE testing Aero Members were unable to take part.

## Dues Are Due

Don't forget! Dues for 2008 are due on first meeting in January. Warren will be standing by the door at Coffman's with hat in hand.

Also for the first time we will be filling out the new membership application forms for Joe, so that he can get the Roster up to date. See page 7 of this issue for the form.

## Repeater Outage

Both the 2 meter and 440 repeaters were down from Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Al K3ROJ and Frank AC3P went to the site and found that the Un-interruptible Power Supply had failed and the batteries were down below 5 volts.

Al and Frank took the UPS offline and connected the repeaters direct to the AC mains and both machines came alive.

## Public Service

by AC3P

### More ADA Baltimore Walk

Last month we reported on the American Diabetes Association Walk. Since then we received the official group picture.



**Front Row: KB3PGN, AA3SB, AC3F**

**Back Row: KB3JDE, KB3JVP, AC3P, KB3NYW, WB3FMT**

**Not Pictured: N3CVA**

More event photos can be viewed online at:

<http://www.jasonputsche.com/Events/ADA/Walk07/index.php?pagenum=1>

## **VE Corner**

*by AC3F*

The test session for November was held on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at White Marsh. There were three applicants, two for new licenses and one for an upgrade. Of the two, one passed Element 2 and the other passed elements 2 and three. The applicant for Extra was also successful in upgrading.

Congratulations to all the applicants and thanks to KB3KRV, KB3KRW, K3ROJ, ND3D, AC3P and WB3FMT for helping with the session.

November's session was the final testing for 2007. Over this year we have had 35 people take exams with Aero. We look forward to the 2008 test year beginning in January.

## **T-MARC IS BACK**

The Mid-Atlantic Repeater Council, the organization that is responsible for area repeater coordination held a reorganization meeting on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Electronics Museum in Linthicum, Md.

The membership consisting of repeater owners voted in a board of directors who would later select officers.

Additionally T-MARC has been updating its Web Page and collecting information from the various clubs and repeater owners to update its database.

Frank AC3P represented Aero at the meeting and voted for T-MARC members to be on the board of directors. Frank also presented to T-MARC the latest information about the W3PGA repeaters.

More information on T-MARC is available online at: <http://www.tmarc.org/>

## **We're Number Two!**

The ARRL has posted the official results for Field Day 2007.

For Class 3A the club placed second for the Maryland/DC Section with 3,726 points. First place for 3A went to W3HEM of the Historical Electronics Museum with 5,132 points.

Overall for the Section Aero placed Eighth with first place going to W3AQ as usual. Who can compete with 19transmitters?

We can't wait to get back to Genyara in 2008 and join the fray. ND3D and KB3KRW are already laying out a new antenna plan that will keep us in the running.

Still with our main emphasis on just having fun, that's a pretty good score.





## *Membership Application*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Call** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member?(yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

**Type Aero Membership Regular ( check one)**

**Regular** \_ **Family** \_

Regular dues (\$12/year)      Family dues (additional \$2 per year)

If Family, call-sign of Regular Member \_\_\_\_\_

**New Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by the FCC rules and Regulations and to abide by the goals and by-laws of th Aero Amateur Radio Club.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_





## 2008 Amateur Radio Test Schedule

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Location</b>  |
|--------------|--|
| January 19   | White Marsh Library<br>8133 Sandpiper Circle<br>White Marsh, Md. 21236 |
| March 15     | White Marsh Library<br>8133 Sandpiper Circle<br>White Marsh, Md. 21236 |
| May 31       | White Marsh Library<br>8133 Sandpiper Circle<br>White Marsh, Md. 21236 |
| September 27 | White Marsh Library<br>8133 Sandpiper Circle<br>White Marsh, Md. 21236 |
| November 22  | White Marsh Library<br>8133 Sandpiper Circle<br>White Marsh, Md. 21236 |

Registration at 1:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$14

Testing Begins at 1:30 p.m. ARRL VEC  
Contact: Pat Stone AC3F email:[ac3f@juno.com](mailto:ac3f@juno.com)  
Phone: 410-687-7209



## Coming Events

Nov. 30/Dec 1 – ARRL 160 Meter Contest  
Dec. 5 – Meeting Coffman's 7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 7-9 – ARRL 10 Meter Contest  
Dec. 12 – 10 meter Net 8 p.m.  
Dec. 19 – Meeting Coffman's 8 p.m.  
Dec. 26- 2 meter Net 8 p.m.  
Dec. 31/Jan1 – ARRL Straight Key Night

*Happy Hanukkah*



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All*



*From The Aerial Staff*

