

# ***THE AERO AERIAL***



## **Baltimore Marathon Mile 16**

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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 : AC3P(NCS) KB3KRW KB3JDE KB3JVP W3JEH K3ROJ KB3PGN KA3SNY  
10 Meter Net: WB3FMT(NCS) AC3P KB3KRW KB3RMX KA3SNY KB3PGN

### LOCAL AREA NETS

Day	Time	Frequency (MHz)	NET NAME
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

KB3PGN got into public service with both feet. K3ROJ is enjoying the annual apple fest. AC3P is learning to navigate MT-63. AC3F was a prize winner at the state fair. KB3JVP has a new mobile platform. KB3JDE is off to see son Michael graduate from Basic Training.

# Emergency Communications

by WB3FMT



The Navigator interface units have arrived for the hospital digital communications project. Frank AC3P will install the first unit at Frankil Square Hosptial and compile a notebook to help with the installation at other sites.

The next COMMEX will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone interested in joining Baltimore County RACES may contact Joe, AJ3X by email to [baco.ro@mdraces.org](mailto:baco.ro@mdraces.org).

## Public Service

*by AC3P*

### ADA Baltimore Walk



*KB3JDE, AC3P, N3CVA, KB3NYW and AA2SB  
check out the volunteer tee shirt.*

Aero coordinated a amateur radio support excommunication's for the annual American Diabetes Association Walk in Baltimore that was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. With help from BARC and BRATS members, 9 volunteer operators covered the 3.5 mile course the began at M&T Bank Stadium and meandered through the Federal Hill neighborhood, returning to the stadium parking lot. The communications net was held on the BARC 146.67 MHz. Repeater. The entire exercise went without any major problems.



*WB3FMT monitors walkers*



*Final walker crosses Finish*



*The AC3F van serves as Net Control*

Thanks to Robin, AA3SB and Henry KB3NYW from BARC; to Ian N3CVA from BRATS, and to Aero members, Pat AC3F, Ken KB3JVP, Joe WB3FMT, Georgianne KB3PGN and Frank AC3P for their help.

Additional thanks to the Baltimore Amateur Radio Club for permission to use their repeater.

## **Baltimore Marathon**

The weather was perfect for a run. A record 14,000 plus runners were ready as the Baltimore Running Festival kicked off at 8 am. On October 13<sup>th</sup>. This annual event consisted on a 5 km run, a 13 mile half-marathon and a full 26.2 mile marathon .

Of course with so many events a course of 26.2 miles and its essential water stops and medic tents, a communications system is needed to keep things organized. Once again amateur radio operators in the Baltimore metropolitan area stepped up to the plate.

Under the direction on Ian N3CVA, radio ops from BRATS, BARC and Aero joined together to give the needed help.

The Marathon Net was activated on the BARC 146.67 MHz. Repeater under the direction of Bud, W3LL of BARC. Many BARC, BRATS and Aero members assisted as shadows or covered the water stops and medical tents.

Aero was represented by Joe WB3FMT who covered the Half Marathon start position, Frank AC3P at the mile 16 water stop and by Bob WA3SWA who covered the 17.5 mile water stop.

Bob was pressed into additional service when it was reported that two runners had injuries along the route between the 17.5 and 19 mile water stops. Bob went mobile to find the distressed runners and drove them back to the main medical tent at the festival start/finish.

The marathon ended at about 3 pm. with the Kenyan men and women taking the honors.

## **VE Corner**

*by AC3F*

We had a very successful test session at the White Marsh Library September 29<sup>th</sup>. There were eight applicants, two for upgrades and six for new licenses.

Congratulations go to Dave, N3ZBK for upgrading to Extra, to Jeff KB3OXR for upgrade to General, and to new Technicians Margaret KB3PUC, Don KB3PUD, Stan KB3PUI, Brian KB3PUF, and John KB3PUG; and to returning General KB3PUH.

Thanks to VE's, WB3FMT KB3KRV KB3KRW ND3D and AC3P for their help.

The next test session will be at White Marsh on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

# AERO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 20 DAYS AND 20 NIGHTS OF FUN

**When:** 0000 UTC Tuesday 01 January 2008 (1900 EST Monday 12/31)  
UNTIL  
2359 UTC Sunday, 20 January 2008 (1859 EST Sunday 1/20)

**Who's Eligible:** All current AERO members

**Location:** All contacts must be made within a radius of 25 miles of your home QTH.

**Frequency/Mode:** Any mode legal within your license class on any amateur band. This excludes repeater, EchoLink, Internet, & IRLP contacts. (satellite OK).

**Exchange:** Call, Name, and State

**Scoring:** The sum of all numerals in the main portion of the callsign. Do not use portable designators.

Examples:

9Q1D	1 pt !!!	V26R	8 pts
WA3SWA	3 pts	L73X	10 pts
	<b>TI7/K4XXX</b>	<b>4 pts</b>	<b>S58D</b> <b>13 pts</b>
K6XXX/3	6 pts	J7ØJ	17 pts (each digit Ø counts 10 pts)
4N7ZZ	7 pts	4N5ØØZZ	25 pts !!!

**Bonus:** Worked all numbers 0 thru 9      50 pts  
Worked all US time Zones      25 pts (4 continental time zones)  
Word in suffix of call ( ie ka3OUT )      5 pts  
Worked all letters of the alphabet as the first letter of the suffix of the call.      100 pts  
Examples: K3AAC, VE6BQW, LU7CHY, count for the letters A, B, and C.

**Misc.:** The same station may be worked only once regardless of mode or band.  
Winner of contest will receive an award in addition to running the contest next year.  
Exercise good operating practices at all times

**Submissions:** Log sheets in the MS Excel format: (A shell for your log sheet will be included with the December mailing of the Aero Club newsletter.)

**Due Date:** Turn in log at the Aero Club meeting on 6 February 2008 or e-mail your log to [d\\_ermer@msn.com](mailto:d_ermer@msn.com) by 4 February 2008.

**GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!**

## **Betty Tiemeyer K3VRZ SK**

Betty Tiemeyer K3VRZ passed away on Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Betty was a long time fixture on the VHF bands for more than 40 years, first on 6 and 2 meters AM and in recent years as a member of the Oriole Net. Betty is survived by her husband Charlie, W3RMD. Betty will be missed by all on the bands.

## **Anne Hartmann**

Sad new from Warren W3JDF that his wife of 27 years, Anne passed away suddenly on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Anne was pre-deceased by her daughter, Deborah Gawlas, a little over a year ago. She is survived by husband Warren and daughter, Cheryl.

A memorial service was held at Bruzinski's Funeral Home in Essex, Md. On October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The club extends its sincere condolences to Warren and family.

## **K3FT Re-issued**

It's hard to believe that it has been 3 years since the passing of Chuck Reveille K3FT. As expected, Chuck's call has been re-issued by the FCC via the Vanity Call Program. The new holder of the call is David Weiss of Richardo's, Pa.

In his bio on QRZ.COM, David pays respects to Chuck; a classy act indeed.

We wish David the best 73 with his "new" call and much success in his future ham radio pursuits.



## Coming Events

- 11/3-5 ARRL Sweepstakes CW
- 11/7 Meeting Coffman's 7:30 pm.
- 11/14 10 meter Net 28.445 MHz. 8 pm.
- 11/17 VE Testing White Marsh 1 pm
- 11/17-19 ARRL Sweepstakes Phone
- 11/21 Meeting Coffman's 7:30 pm.
- 11/28 2 meter Net 147.24 MHz. 8 pm.
- 11/30 ARRL 160 Meter Contest