

The Aero Aerial

Newsletter of The Aero Amateur Radio Club Middle River, Maryland



Merry Christmas

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Dues Increase For 2009 – \$24 regular/ \$2 Family

At the October 14th meeting the membership took up Warren's suggested dues increase.

As was stated in the November 2008 Aerial, increases in expenses over the last two years have put a strain on the treasury. Treasurer Warren Hartman suggested that the dues be increased to \$24 for regular membership.

Further discussion at the meeting resulted in the suggestion that the family membership also be increased to \$4 for family members.

The motion to increase both regular and family member dues passed unanimously by a 10- 0 vote.

After the meeting Frank Stone

discovered that the current family membership rate of \$2 was actually set in the Aero Constitution and a change to that amount would require a different process from a simple vote. This matter was addressed at the November 5th meeting. A motion was made to keep the family membership dues at \$2 per year and revisit the matter next year. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

The result is that effective January 1, 2009 Aero Membership dues will be \$24 for regular members; \$2 for family members.



County Flu Shot Clinic Supported by Amateur Radio

On Sunday, November 2, Baltimore County Department of Health ran a clinic for dispensing flu shots to the general public. The health department requested amateur radio back-up communications support for a 2 hour period from 1200 to 1400 local time when their would be

a transition between sites at Franklin Square Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital.

Under the ARES/RACES umbrella group known as BA-COACS, Aero member Frank AC3P headed up the amateur radio team for Franklin Square Hospital along with other ama-

teurs. Communications was established between the two sites and about 7 pieces of traffic were relayed during the event.

Aero Amateur Radio Club 20 Days & 20 Nights of Fun

When:

0000 UTC Thursday, January 1, 2009, until

2359 UTC Tuesday, January 20, 2009

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 & 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

WA3SWA 3 pts

TI7/K4XXX 4 pts

K6XXX/3 6 pts

4N7ZZ 7 pts

V26R 8 pts

L73X 10 pts

S58D 13 pts

J70J 17 pts (each digit 0 counts 10 pts)

4N500ZZ

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 ka30UT) 5 pts

Worked all letters of the alphabet as the first letter of the suffix of the call.

100 pts

Examples: K3AAC, VE6BQW, LU7CHY, G3DDE count for the letters A, B, C, and D.

Misc.:

The same station may be worked only once regardless of mode or band.

Winner of contest will run the contest next year.

Exercise good operating practices at all times.

Due Date: Turn in log at the Aero Club meeting on February 4, 2009 or e-mail your log to danner@msn.com by February 1, 2009.

Station Activities

AI3G is revving up another contest for January.

KB3JDE is rehabilitating old ICOM 2 meter radios.

WA3SWA may be retiring from cookie sales.

Rumor has it that rain cannot hit the ground at AK3RX because of all the aluminum in the way.

AC3P is in the testing phase of the new antenna system soon to go up. MFJ analyzers rock.

For two meetings in a row W3JDF got skunked.

K3ROJ has been testing voting via repeater. Rumor has it that since Nov. 5 AI is looking to become VE1ROJ.

KB3PGN prepares for more fun and games in Annapolis.

Net Reports

2 Meter Net

WB3FMT(NCS)
KB3JDE
AC3P
AI3G
AK3RX
KA3SNY

70 cm Net

WB3FMT (NCS)
W3JEH
AI3G
KA3SNY
KB3PGN

10 Meter Net

WB3FMT (NCS)
AC3P
W3VRD
AI3G

Note: the 2 meter net for 12/24 has been cancelled

We're Number TWO...We're Number TWO!

The official ARRL Field Day 2008 results are in. Aero/BRATS team came in 2nd place in the 3A MDC Section Category.

We were outgunned by the Historic Electronics Museum Radio Club that tallied 5,190 points to our 3,602.

Aero/BRATS placed 7th for

3A/2 category in the Atlantic Division; 90th nationwide in that category.

Overall we placed 427th out of 2,409 entries.

Field Day 2008 was a great success for the team.

Congratulations to everyone who helped.

Now let's get ready for Field Day 2009.

December 2008

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MON

TUE

WED

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FRI

SAT

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Meeting
Coffmans
7:30 pm

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160 meter
contest

7

8

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12

13

160 Meter
Contest

10 Meter
Net
8 pm

10 Meter
Contest

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16

17

18

19

20

10 meter
Contest

Meeting
Coffmans
7:30 pm

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22

23

24

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26

27

No Net

Merry
Christmas

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31

Straight
Key
Night

70 Cm Net
8 pm
CW Net
28.200 Mhz

2009 Amateur Radio Test Schedule

Please note fee increase for 2009

Date	Location
January 24	White Marsh Library 8133 Sandpiper Circle White Marsh, Md. 21236
March 21	White Marsh Library 8133 Sandpiper Circle White Marsh, Md. 21236
May 30	White Marsh Library 8133 Sandpiper Circle White Marsh, Md. 21236
September 26	White Marsh Library 8133 Sandpiper Circle White Marsh, Md. 21236
November 21	White Marsh Library 8133 Sandpiper Circle White Marsh, Md. 21236

**Registration at 1:00 p.m.
Fee: \$15**

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



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	VE Testing
Doug Emer	AI3G	Vice-President	Repeater
Frank Stone	AC3P	Recording Secretary	Public Service
Pat Stone	AC3F	Corresponding Secretary	ECOMMS
Warren Hartman	W3JDF	Treasurer	Contests
Ron Distler	W3JEH	Property Mgr	Trustee
			Field Day
			Webmaster
			Archivist

Committees

Pat Stone AC3F
Phil Hock W3VRD
Frank Stone AC3P
Joe Miko WB3FMT
Doug Emer AI3G
Frank Stone AC3P
Bob Landis WA3SWA
Al Alexander K3ROJ
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