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# The Monitor

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## MARA President's Message: September Club Picnic: — NOTE LOCATION!

Yes, the September MARA meeting will be held Thursday September 7, at the WSWA/WQPO/WJDV/WBHB/WHBG radio stations.

Ellsworth, K4LXG, will host a picnic and facilities tour. He is the station engineer and is responsible for some REAL transmitters, antennas and various other things that make the stations work properly.

Everyone is welcome, bring the family and some things to share (in the food department!). The club will furnish paper plates, cups and utensils. We will plan to eat at 6 pm.

After the meal, we will have a brief meeting and then Ellsworth can show us the station. You may be surprised at the size of some of their studios.

**NOTE: There will NOT be a meeting at Traditions Restaurant this month.**

The stations are located on Rt. 33 west of Harrisonburg, you can't miss them. Just head west on US 33 from downtown Harrisonburg, and about 2 miles out, look for the four towers, on the south side of the highway. I hope to see everyone there.

I would also like to remind everyone that election for 2007 club officers will be in October. Every year it is a big struggle to get people to serve. If you are a club member, then you should take your turn and participate in making the club function. I want to encourage everyone to make this a rare year when we don't have to beg to get a slate for the elections.

*Gerald KN4FM*

## VARA President's Message: Great Eastern Endurance Run

September has arrived and with it comes an event that we first helped with last year, the Great Eastern Endurance Run. This event is an all-day event on Saturday, September 23. Please consider giving some time on this day for a great event and have the chance to spend some time in the beautiful mountains that we love.

I would like to thank VARA Vice-President Mike Solomon for conducting the August club meeting. Once again, I would like to encourage members to consider being an officer for 2007. One of the best ways to support an organization is to serve as an officer. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as President.

Also, please note that all VARA members have been invited to join MARA for their annual family picnic at the WSWA studios on US 33 west of Harrisonburg, on Thursday, September 7th, starting at 6:00 pm.

Our "Quote of the Month" comes from President Franklin Roosevelt. I have been reading some on the formation of the Civilian Conservation Corps in preparation for next year's Virginia 400th celebration. One of the quotes attributed to FDR that I find insightful is "Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort."

Marvin Henderson - KF4WDI

## VE Session Results: Six New Licenses!

Thanks to those who helped with the August VE testing session.

- **Gerald Nauman, KN4FM**
- **James Lehman, W4POL**
- **Michael McKay W4AZR**
- **Hugh Pettis K3EC**
- **John Spillman KT4CB**
- **Richard Haxton KC3AN**
- **Bob Van Fossen K4DJG**
- **Ray Ritchie K4NRA**
- **Gayle Shull KU4XN**

We had six people show up for testing. **Rickie Bradshaw KF4BMN** of Grotoes earned his General class license. Rickie is getting back into ham radio after a long hiatus.

**Darrell Little KI4LLA** of Staunton also earned his General license. Congratulations on the upgrade!

**James Scott Newlen** of Staunton earned his technician's license, as did **John Fisk III** of Waynesboro. Additionally, **Matthew Stansbury**, a JMU student and acquaintance of KD9LA, also passed his technician's class license at this session. Congratulations to these new hams, and welcome to the amateur radio community of the valley!

**Our next session will be on October 14. Think about upgrading, or getting someone you know interested in becoming a ham!**

## K4SAD: Complete Radio Station For Sale!

**TEN-TEC Argonaut V 516 QRP Transceiver** — \$1,000 — General coverage receiver. Qrp 1 watt or 20 watts transmitter. This rig has the best receiver I have ever used! Indeed it is my favorite rig ever. I bought it new and it is hardly used. It has the optional temperature compensated VFO. Also 7 amp power supply and manual.

**Ten-Tec Argonaut QRP Transceiver model 515.** Best offer. The last time I used this rig the VFO was a little sticky. Comes with CW filter and 1 amp power supply and manual.

**MFJ KW Tuner 989C** \$210 — Roller inductor and meters. Most popular model.

**MFJ Memory Keyer 495** \$100 — Excellent unit with power supply and manual.

**MFJ Sound Card Interface** \$50 — Works great!

**MFJ Dummy Load 300 Watts** — Best offer.

**MFJ 20 Meter QRP Transceiver Model 9020** \$110 — I used this rig at the field day site and made lots of contacts. Fun rig.

**HEATH KIT SW-7800 General Coverage Receiver** \$180 — I built this kit. It cost \$300 I think. Excellent unit. Can be used at 110 VAC or 12VDC.

**Heath SA 2040 Tuner** — Best offer. This is the famous tuner copied from Viking Match Box. I built it myself.

**Ameritron Remote Coax Switch** — Best offer. Excellent unit.

**Isopole Antenna** \$40 — Comes with thick-wall conduit installed.



**Icom IC28H** — Best offer. 2-meter mobile, Works great. But no PL tone

**Uniden Bearcat Scanner Model BC 140** \$80 — Has power supply and telescope antenna.

**Computer Modem in an opened box.** — Best offer.

**DC to AC Converter, 700 Watts** — Best offer

**Fire Wire PCI Card unopened.** Best offer.

**CONAR Power Supply With Meter** — Best Offer.

**VOM With Nice Meter** — Best offer.

**MAC G4-400 2 GB Computer** — Make offer

**Windows 98 1 GB Computer** — Make offer

**Other items** too numerous to mention. Lots of spare computer gear (power supplies, PCI cards, monitors, keyboards, CD ROM drives, hard drives, etc.). I will find more later as we clean up the basement. If I have under-priced this gear please let me know!

Contact Tim Taylor, K4SAD, via email at [leostokes@earthlink.net](mailto:leostokes@earthlink.net) or phone 540-833-8123 or 540-421-8025.

## For Sale from K1DB's Estate: IC-745, Power Supply, SWR meter, etc...

Jay Suter, W4QDC, is handling the estate of Harry Brooks, N1PG. The following items are for sale:

**ICOM IC-745 HF rig**, in excellent condition, with service manual and operating manual. Looks really good, and has been checked out 100%. Asking \$300 or best offer.

**Clegg Transformer Power Supply**, 13.8 VDC at 9 amps continuous, 12 amps intermittent. Asking \$40 or best offer.

**Vanco SW3 Power and SWR Meter**, checks out A-OK. Asking \$15.

**AEA CP-1 Computer patch**. This is an antique, from the Commodore-64 days. Free.

**Classic Headphones**, a real CW operator's delight, Asking \$25 or best offer.

**Radio Shack transistor tester**, asking \$5.00

**Miscellaneous cables, adapters, connectors, etc.** Make an offer.

Contact Jay Suter at 434-7750, or email him at Jaysuter@adelphia.net

## WA4KKL: Six Meter Beam Available?

Neil Buckingham, WA4KKL, was talking to someone a few weeks ago who had a six-meter beam for sale.

Neal is interested in this antenna. If you have such an animal and it is still available, give Neil an email at: wa4kklnel@adelphia.net.

## WA4NUF: Power Supply For Sale

Gene Sullivan, WA4NUF, is selling an Astron RS-35M Power Supply. This is a heavy-duty traditional power supply, 25-amps continuous, 35-amps intermittent, in very good condition, inside and out. It has a switchable volt/amp meter. He's asking \$100 or best offer. Contact him at home at 540-289-5906 after 5 pm, or email him at WA4NUF@arrl.net

## W4PJW Looking for Early VARA Memorabilia

In preparation for the 30th anniversary of the founding of VARA, Jeff Rinehart is looking for any pictures, newspaper articles, old newsletter issues, or other memorabilia from the early days of the Valley Amateur Radio Association.

Jeff is especially interested in getting a roster of members dating to before 1985.

Jeff is preparing a nostalgic trip back in time for the November meeting. If you have anything from the early days, give Jeff a call at 540-337-7337 or email him at w4pjw@arrl.net

## KE4FM: Proud Owner of New G5RV Junior

Bill Jones, KE4FM, esteemed resident of Weyers Cave, now has a new G5RV antenna installed and ready to work the world. He reports that the entire antenna came in an envelope with only three stamps of postage on it! It is featherweight.

While putting it up, Bill was careful not to fall off the ladder, but did manage to slice his finger getting the tape off the antenna! Can you spell "klutz"?

## BPL Coming to Augusta, Bath, Rockbridge, and Highland Counties

It has been formally confirmed that BPL tests will begin shortly in the southern Augusta County, Rockbridge, Highland and Bath County areas. See the link: <http://therecroderonline.com/news/602/broadband-coming-to-barcs-area>.

It would be helpful if hams in and around these areas would listen for BPL interference on the HF bands. So what does BPL interference sound like? Listen to some examples at: <http://ve3hls.tripod.com/noise/utilities.html>

## National Radio SOS Frequency Recommended: 462.5625 MHz

### Four Emergency and Radio Organizations Promote National SOS System

By Mae Kowalke  
TMCnet Associate Editor

A "national SOS" system, proposed last October during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, today officially was endorsed by four emergency and radio organizations.

Midland Radio Corporation, REACT International, DC Emergency Radio Network, and NationalSOS.com "have jointly announced their support for the National SOS Radio Network," according to a Business Wire report.

According to the report, a public emergency network-based on an estimated 100 million Fam-

ily Radio Service (FRS) and General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) compatible radios already in service-costs nothing and requires no legislation to implement.

Business Wire notes that in the U.S. alone there are about 700,000 amateur (or "ham") radio operators, and more than 70,000 licensed GMRS users who are proficient at emergency communications.

"The National SOS Radio Network doesn't require new laws or any new legislation. It could be effective immediately," the report says. "Once the ham and GMRS radio communities are made aware to listen for the public's emergency FRS broadcasts, the national network will be up and running. The goal is

to create initial awareness before the upcoming hurricane season."

Bill Adler, the founder of the DC Emergency Radio Network said in the report that his vision is for every household in America to have an FRS or GMRS radio.

"I envision a national network of ordinary Americans with FRS and GMRS radios who can relay information in an emergency," Adler said. "When a natural or manmade disaster strikes, the only good communications system is one that will actually work. The idea behind this new emergency network is to have a simple, reliable communications system that doesn't depend on electricity or standing cell phone towers -- and that anyone of any age can use."

For anyone interested in promoting or participating in a national SOS network, the following facts may be useful: FRS and GMRS radios don't require an operator license and can be purchased as little as \$10-\$30 at many retailers and online stores.

Participants in the network should use Channel 1 for emergency communications.

Participants in the network should turn off their FRS radio's "privacy tone" or "privacy code."

Ham radio, GMRS, and scanner operators can monitor FRS Channel 1 by tuning to 462.5625 MHz.

## Mamie Rosenberger, WA4ODD

Just as this issue was going to press, we discovered that Mamie Rosenberger has moved into the Harrisonburg Avante Hospice on South High Street. Mamie has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Mamie is the XYL of silent key Leon "Rosie" Rosenberger, and is well-known and loved throughout the valley, especially for their devoted participation in Field Day each year. The thoughts and prayers of the entire valley ham community are with Mamie and her family at this difficult time.

## Howard Miller, W4KXE

Word has reached us that Howard also has terminal cancer, and has flown to Florida to live with his son for his final few weeks. We are trying to get more information and perhaps an address for cards.

## Dan James, W4DLJ

Dan is still at Ruxrode (Used to be Oak Hill Nursing Home). Latest word is that he will be going to the University of Virginia Medical Center sometime around September 1 for them to check on his new pacemaker.

## Lonnie Czerniak, N4WIV

Lonnie, N4WIV, wife of Greg W4GRC, is recuperating at home after falling and suffering a broken hip. It was serious enough to require surgery and a hospital stay. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## Sep 23: Great Eastern Endurance Run

Once again, we have been asked to help with the Great Eastern Endurance Run. This is an all-day event that consist of a 31 mile and 62 mile cross-country running race (not a bike race). The race will take place on Saturday, September 23rd. The website for the race is [www.badtothebone.biz](http://www.badtothebone.biz).

The race will begin and end at the first overlook going South on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The race will start at 6:30 a.m. It will proceed south on the Parkway, through Sherando, Big Levels, Sherando Lake area, and end back up on the Parkway by 10:00 p.m.

For last year's race, we provided communications for 5 aid stations. This year we have agreed with the race director to man only 4 of the aid stations. The 4 are Blue Ridge Parkway (start/finish with net control), Bald Mountain, Stoney Run Jeep Trail, and Turkey Pen/Mill Creek.

To make this event successful again, we will need at least 12 operators. The shifts could vary from 3 hours to all day. Please contact me if you can help and if what time of day you prefer. Please e-mail me at [marvista@ntelos.net](mailto:marvista@ntelos.net).

73, Marvin Henderson - KF4WDI

## The Opinionated One: Qualification for Old Geezerhood – Can You Pass the Test?

Take this quick multiple choice exam to find out if you qualify as a card-carrying Old Geezer in the valley:

1. The name "Gonset" is:
  - (a) N4XU's real first name
  - (b) an old brand of radio
  - (c) N4YET's dump truck
  - (d) the ham who runs the Stokesville observatory
2. The Heathkit radios were painted teal. What colors were the manual covers?
  - (a) Navy Blue and Pink
  - (b) Green and Fuschia
  - (c) Orange and Black
  - (d) Yellow and Brown
3. "Kitty Cat" Bill's callsign at one time was found on:
  - (a) a billboard on I-81
  - (b) Stuarts Draft High School cafeteria's menu
  - (c) Big Mountain repeater
  - (d) the VARA logo
4. "Jumpin' Zebra Colts" was sometimes called:
  - (a) Mole Hill Llama Farm
  - (b) the Dale Enterprise Weather Man
  - (c) "Zed Queue Willy"
  - (d) spark transmissions
5. "Well, my lands" used to be a favorite expression of:
  - (a) Paul, KD4DDI of Luray
  - (b) Howard Stern
  - (c) John, WB4KIT
  - (d) King George III
6. The "A" was traditionally unspoken when station identification was given by:
  - (a) KA9GCS
  - (b) AD4TJ
  - (c) KA4EEN
  - (d) WSWA
7. The term "Tiny" was used in Staunton to describe:
  - (a) Mrs. Rowe's portions
  - (b) bias in the NewsLeader
  - (c) WD4FOZ
  - (d) prices at the Bismark
8. "Bob Six" was known as:
  - (a) The Bergton Bopnopper
  - (b) "Old One Hundred"
  - (c) the Grottoes police chief's service revolver
  - (d) KE4SSG
9. The current callsign of the former KD4OXU now contains the acronym of:
  - (a) Fishersville's motto
  - (b) the state of Maine
  - (c) a pro-gun organization
  - (d) Suter's barbershop
10. The term "Heavy Dew" refers to what event?
  - (a) QRP Group Meetings
  - (b) the DX Cluster going down ... again
  - (c) North River Flooding
  - (d) Any form of precipitation at the Field Day site
11. The author of the ham licensing study manuals known as the "Bash Books" series was:
  - (a) Dick
  - (b) Elbert
  - (c) Clem
  - (d) Shorty
12. "Never Say Die" was the rallying cry (and callsign suffix) of Wayne Green, famous publisher of:
  - (a) Gospel sheet music
  - (b) the News-Virginian
  - (c) 73 Magazine
  - (d) CT Logging Software
13. A big brown flying horse was the famous symbol of:
  - (a) the "West Virginia Three Jiggers" Volvo kayak racks
  - (b) Ham Radio Callbooks
  - (c) Moore's Electronics
  - (d) Clayton Towers' QTH
14. Which name was once a well-known brand of ham radio?
  - (a) Henry
  - (b) Chuck
  - (c) Sylvester
15. The retired Bridgewater police chief & ham is also:
  - (a) a Sports Illustrated swimsuit model
  - (b) Condoleezza Rice's secret half-brother
  - (c) an accomplished steel guitarist
  - (d) the Elkton mayor
16. Which restaurant has never been a meeting location for MARA?
  - (a) Western Sizzler
  - (b) Golden Corral
  - (c) Evers
  - (d) L&S Diner
17. The 147.315 repeater was at one time located on:
  - (a) the Rockingham County Courthouse
  - (b) Massanutten Peak
  - (c) KC4HYO's camper
  - (d) JMU's Wilson Hall
18. The "Bob's Knob Bash" was famous for all of the following EXCEPT:
  - (a) Albino Grouse
  - (b) The "Two-Seater"
  - (c) "Gavid's Buffet"
  - (d) A big Bean Kettle
19. KU4XN and KN4CB both are famous for having:
  - (a) served as officers of both MARA and VARA
  - (b) been trustees and operators of a dozen 220 & 440 repeaters across four states
  - (c) fathered children by Whitney Houston
  - (d) put in many hours as the valley's VE exam session coordinators
20. The term "AX.25" is most closely associated with:
  - (a) W3MMC's favorite drink
  - (b) the Bill Gaither Trio
  - (c) Kathy's bread pudding
  - (d) K4PZC's innovative accounting practices
  - (e) Packet Radio
21. The "Russian Woodpecker" was often found on:
  - (a) Candid Comment
  - (b) the HF Ham bands
  - (c) the food pages of the Daily News-Record
  - (d) W4LIG's truck grille
22. The term "Conditional" referred to:
  - (a) the class of K4RBZ's first ham radio license
  - (b) Bob Van Fossen's membership in MARA
  - (c) WA4FJC's pension
  - (d) K4EME's graduation from Buffalo Gap High School
23. To get into the Brass Pounder's League, a ham must:
  - (a) kerchunk the "625" machine at least 75 times
  - (b) light the Field Day fire
  - (c) visit Bayse, Wilda, and Swoope, all on a single tank of gas
  - (d) be really good at CW
24. The famous "Wouff Hong" is used on :
  - (a) Lids
  - (b) the "895" machine
  - (c) Charlie Garner's car
  - (d) Monday sessions of the Virginia Fone Net
25. Which of the following is the youngest, in terms of physical age?
  - (a) Ken, K8KMM
  - (b) Matthew, KD4UPL
  - (c) Jeff, W4PJW
  - (d) Joe, KD4FKT
  - (e) Don, WX4C
26. The "Drake Twins" are:
  - (a) old radios
  - (b) Mary Kate and Ashley
  - (c) John N3JN and Al N3JB
  - (d) references to KD9LA's tummy profile

For answers, and scoring, turn to page 6.



## VARA Secretary's Report – August 1 Meeting

The **V**alley **A**mateur **R**adio **A**ssociation met at Kathy's in Verona on August 1, 2006. The Vice President, Mike Solomon KJ7RM, opened the meeting at 7:00pm. There were 16 members present and 2 guests, Andrew Barbour AG4XN and Bob VanFossen K4DJG.

Welcome to our visitors, and we would like to see all of you back next month.

**Thanks** to Mike Solomon KJ7RM, our Vice President, for conducting the meeting since our President Marvin Henderson had to work late.

**Mountain Mama Bike Ride: A BIG THANKS** from Jerry Moats WD4ITN to all that came out to help with bike ride in Monterey on August 5, 2006. Jerry said they couldn't have handled communications for the ride without our help.

**New Member Elwood Shrader KB4DJN was voted into the VARA. Welcome to the club Elwood!**

**400<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** The club voted for Sherando Lake as the location for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the settlement of Virginia. Jeff Rinehart W4PJW has made a list of the early hams in the valley to send invitations to. We would like to have them join us for this event and share some of their adventures as ham radio operators. Mike Solomon KJ7RM and Richard Huttering AA4RH will work up a powerpoint presentation to show during the event.

**Great Eastern Endurance Run** The club voted to help with this event again this year on September 23, 2006. This event starts at 6:00am and ends around 10:00pm so we need all the help we can get. This event is worked in shifts so no one has to stay for long periods of time in one place. We will be stationed at different points along the route.

**Officer Committee** We need an Officer Committee to canvas for 2007 Officers. Our By-Laws call for selecting a committee in September and electing Officers at our October Meeting. Please consider taking an Office for 2007, we have some that have held an office for

some time now and would like for someone else to take over.

**VARA ROSTER** is now on the Club Web Page, go to <http://www.qsl.net/w4xd/> click on VARA MEMBERS, at the top click on MEMBERS LOGIN, user name is VARA, password is (lower case) virginia, click on SUBMIT and the roster comes up.

### ON THE SICK LIST:

**Queenie, Clinton's (KB4OLM) wife** still has health concerns but is doing well.

**David Tanks AD4TJ** now has his cast off and is able to use his hand some now.

**Denny Morland N4XPW** is back home again and doing in-home therapy.

**Gordon Batey's WA4FJC**, son can get around some with a cane and started driving. The Daughter-in-Law is still in a wheel chair but can stand to transfer to another chair.

**Lets keep these folks in our thoughts and prayers.**

**Frank Forsyth WD4LES** is back on HF again. He has a G5RV installed at Baldwin Park here in Staunton. The maintenance man installed it for him, which Frank was thankful for. Some of us were going to install it but it was probably an insurance issue the reason they had to do it.

### SWAP SHOP:

**This is for Ham related items only.** You can send a list of items you have for sale, swap or something you would like to buy, to Billy Hooke KG4JOF at: kg4jof@arrl.net Also a picture of the item would help it sell. Go to VARA Web Site at: <http://www.qsl.net/w4xd/> **PLEASE notify Billy when your item is sold.**

**ADDRESSES!!! Keep your e-mail address up to date.** Please send them to: Marvin Henderson KF4WDI [marvista@ntelos.net](mailto:marvista@ntelos.net) Doug Tippett N8ESW [dtippett@ntelos.net](mailto:dtippett@ntelos.net) Ray Colvin KE4HVR [colvingr@adelphia.net](mailto:colvingr@adelphia.net) and David Fordham KD9LA [ford-hadr@jmu.edu](mailto:ford-hadr@jmu.edu) Also, keep QRZ updated when call signs and e-mail addresses are changed.

**ARES NET:** David Tanks AD4TJ is looking for Net Controls for the Augusta County ARES Net. The Net will be held on the 146.850 repeater on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 8:00pm. This repeater has a minus offset and a tone of 131.8 when needed. Fox hunts are also scheduled for some months as weather permits.

**PROGRAMS NEEDED:** Richard AA4RH, Program Chairman, is looking for anyone that would like to do a program for the club. Give him a call and set up a date to present it. It does not have to be HAM related. It could be anything you think the group would find interesting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

**PROGRAM:** Richard Huttering AA4RH presented two videos of DXpeditions. The first was the 1992 South Sandwich Islands. This was a trying time for the operators with the cold and wind, just trying to keep their tents up. One time they were standing against the walls to keep it from blowing down. Finally they decided to lay down and let the tent cover them. They made lots of contacts and seemed to enjoy doing it. When their boat came in sight for their return trip home they were even happier.

The second video was the 1994 Peter I DXpedition. This time they had better made shelters and better equipped for the cold and wind. They didn't make as many contacts this time but enjoyed their stay much more than the South Sandwich Island before. They did have one serious problem when a fire started inside the shelter that could have engulfed the shelter and the operators. They got the fire out before it burned through the outside wall of their shelter. This time it was good to see the helicopter coming back for their trip home.

Thanks to Richard for showing the videos.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Ray Colvin, KE4HVR  
VARA Secretary

## Answers to Geezer Quiz (p.5)

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| 1. B | 6. A  | 11. A | 16. D | 21. B |
| 2. D | 7. C  | 12. C | 17. B | 22. A |
| 3. C | 8. D  | 13. B | 18. C | 23. D |
| 4. B | 9. C  | 14. A | 19. D | 24. A |
| 5. A | 10. D | 15. C | 20. E | 25. B |
|      |       |       |       | 26. A |

Scoring: if you scored 23 to 26, congratulations, you are a bona-fide Old Geezer. If you scored 18 to 22, you're an old-timer, and have earned the right to tell the young whipper-snappers about how things used to be. Less than 18, you're a young buck, you most likely are able to change the PL on your radio without the manual, and you might even know how to use Echolink!

## MARA Secretary's Report – August 3 Meeting

Meeting was called to order, and introductions were made. New member vote: None

### Announcements:

Upcoming programs: September Picnic at WSVa w/ a tour of WSVa; October– Election month; November: National Weather Service - Winter storm program; December: Christmas party.

There may be a Sugar Grove program in the spring.

### Reports

Secretary's Report: Approved as amended. Amended to read "field day site near Flag Pole Knob".

Treasurer's Report - Approved as read  
 May \$2002.60  
 June \$1742.62  
 July \$1628.43

ARES- Now has a liaison with NTS- James KI4FZY. Also we will be having practice passing NTS messages after the net on the Second Monday of each month.

RACES- No Report

VE- Next Session on Aug 12 Dayton

### Public Service:

Mountain Mama Bike Ride, Aug. 5, Monterey, VA, contact: Jerry: [wd4itn@yahoo.com](mailto:wd4itn@yahoo.com) or Butch:

[n5smqw4@gmail.com](mailto:n5smqw4@gmail.com) 147.18 No tone

Blue Ridge Extreme Cycling event, Aug. 27, see July Monitor

Bike Shenandoah, Sept. 23, benefit for Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Media, Roberta Webb Childcare Center, Va. and Mennonite Board of Missions.

Other Announcements: Jay Suter, W4QDC, announced he has ham equipment for sale from the estate of Harry Brooks, N1PG ,SK.

The Berryville Hamfest is Aug. 6

### Old Business:

Virginia's 400th anniversary special event: May 5 & 6, 2007 Any comments? Mike Solomon, KJ4RM from VARA is working on this.

### New Business: None

The 50/50 drawing of \$11.50 won by Ginny Weaver, XYL of Dick W3HXH

Program: Pat Smiley, KD4WWF, VA Fone Net.

Minutes Submitted by Bryan Daniels, K4RMY



## Featured Mug Shot

Who is this ham? And what did he do for a living before he retired?

Every so often in future issues, space permitting, we'll publish a photo of a local ham, to see if you can identify him or her. We'll ask a question about his or her background. The answer will be published next month.

Sorry, no prizes, but your editor hopes you will enjoy getting to know some of the local faces behind the voices on the air.

## Calendar

September 2-3: Shelby (NC) Hamfest  
 September 5: VARA Club Meeting  
 September 7: MARA Picnic at WSVa Transmitter Site  
 September 9-10: Gaithersburg Hamfest  
 September 9-11: ARRL Sept VHF QSO Party  
 September 16-17: Virginia Beach Hamfest  
 September 16-17: ARRL EME Contest 2 GHz and up  
 September 23: Great Eastern Endurance Run Public Service Event  
 September 23-24: CQ WW RTTY Contest

October 1: Camp Still Meadows Horse Ride Public Service  
 October 3: VARA Club Meeting  
 October 5: MARA Annual Corporation Meeting, Elections  
 October 12-15: Fall Foliage Bike Ride  
 October 14: VE Exams in Dayton Virginia  
 October 14-15: ARRL EME Contest 6m through 1.2 GHz  
 October 28-29: CQ WW DX Contest SSB  
 October 29: Westminster (MD) Super-Hamfest

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## MARA MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

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#### MASSANUTTEN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.

President: Gerald Nauman KN4FM  
Vice President: John Lasher, N3GLZ  
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Treasurer: Sandy Mullins, K4PZC  
Board (exp 06): Jason Armentrout N4DSL  
Board (exp 07): David Gordon KB4LCI

<http://mara.ws>

MARA meets the first Thursday of each month  
The September meeting is the annual picnic at  
the WSVL Transmitter on US 33 West.  
See Page 1 of this issue for information.

#### Visitors are welcome.

Dues (\$12 per year) should be mailed to:

MARA  
PO Box 1882  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

#### VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

President: Marvin Henderson, KF4WDI  
Vice President: Mike Solomon KJ4RM  
Secretary: Ray Colvin, KE4HVR  
Treasurer: Doug Tippett, N8ESW  
Program Manager: Richard Huttinger, AA4RH

<http://www.qsl.net/w4xd>

VARA meets the first Tuesday of each month  
at Kathy's Restaurant on U.S. 11 north of  
the traffic light in Verona.

Meal starts at 6:00 pm.

Business meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

#### Visitors are welcome.

Dues (\$15 per year) should be mailed to:

Doug Tippett  
2348 Mosley St.  
Waynesboro VA 22980