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## **October 2 – VARA Meeting : Westside Grill in Staunton**

The Valley Amateur Radio Association, will hold its October meeting at the West Side Grill on West Beverley Street in Staunton on Tuesday, October 2, starting at 6:00 pm with dinner, followed at 7 pm with the business meeting.

## **October 4 – MARA Annual Corporate Meeting – Wood Grill in Harrisonburg**

The Massanutten Amateur Radio Association, Inc., will hold its annual Corporate meeting at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg on Thursday, October 4. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. After dinner, the annual corporate business meeting will be held starting at 7:30 p.m., The primary business to be transacted is the election of corporate officers for 2013, so all members are encouraged (and implored) to attend. The business meeting will be followed by an interesting program by Nelson Seese, W4BHD, on some rare, original, innovative, and interesting QSL cards he has collected over his many years as a ham.



## **October 5 – PVARC Club Business Meeting – Page Memorial Hospital**

The Page Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its regular bi-monthly business meeting on Friday, October 5 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Day Room of the Page Memorial Hospital. All hams and their guests are invited.

# QSL

### **W4BHD to Share Special QSL Cards**

At the October 4 MARA meeting, Nelson Seese W4BHD (Big Hound Dog) will share some of his rare QSO collection. Be sure to come and see his PowerPoint presentation showing some QSL's that will make you look twice.



## MARA President's Message – Before “The Election”, Be Sure to VOTE!

Everyone is talking about the November Presidential and Congressional Election. “THE Election”.

But there is another election that will occur, not in November, but next week. Your club will be voting on officers. These are the people who make decisions for the organization. They are the ones who will do the brunt of the work of making the ham club get things done. And if they don't have your support, well, – we might as well save everyone time and effort and just call ourselves an old-time supper club.



So please, come out to the October meetings and show your support of these guys and gals. Let them know that you appreciate their efforts on your behalf. Come put in your vote to let them know you want them to work for you.

Some officers are running for re-election. Maybe you don't support them. Maybe you don't like what they are doing or how they are doing it. Maybe you want it done differently. Maybe you have a better idea of how to do things. If you'd like to see some changes, BY ALL MEANS communicate that. NOW IS THE TIME! Right now, this October meeting, is the time to let it be known. Find someone you think WILL do it the way you want it done, and nominate them for an officer's position. Yes, you can even nominate yourself! Don't be bashful. You never know – there could be lots of other hams out there who think the exact same way you do but are too shy or self-conscious to say anything. So Speak Up! Nominate, and then vote for someone you think will do things the way you want them.

Come to the October meeting prepared to select the person who YOU think will do the best job for the club, the way YOU think it should be done.

To my mind, the club election is just as important as the November election. In November, I can't raise my hand and nominate the person I think will do the best job.

See you at the club meeting Thursday.

David Fordham, KD9LA  
President, MARA



### W4POL: The Real “Low Down”

Jim Lehman W4POL has been corresponding on the Valleyhams reflector recently about operations on Long-Wave radio. Most hams are unaware that long-wave operations are not restricted to hams, but can be used by anyone. Jeff WD4VA, Bob N4JGO, and Al N3JB, also have contributed to the discussion. The U.S. License-Free low band is found at 160-190 kilohertz, south of 60-degrees latitude. Operations are restricted to 1-watt output. The Longwave Club of America was formed in the 1970's and is very active with a monthly publication titled – what else? – The LowDown! More info can be found at <http://www.lwca.org>

## Fred McDavid, KJ4INF, SK

The ham community mourns another loss: MARA member Fred R. McDavid, KJ4INF, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, September 18, around 1:00 p.m., at his home, surrounded by family. He was 61, and had made Harrisonburg his home for the past few years. His wife reported that he went peacefully, after suffering for several months with brain cancer. His funeral was held on Friday, September 21 at Kyger Funeral Home in Harrisonburg. In addition to being an active ham and member of MARA, Fred was a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth J. Linka Noble McDavid. He is also survived by three sons and five grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters and their families. Fred will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



## KB4LCI: Some Good News

David Gordon, KB4LCI, reports that his doctor has released him to return to work. Since a recent test revealed some residual after-effects, he is not out of the woods yet, but as he says, "he can see the treeline". Best of luck to David for a continued recovery.



## KU4XN: VE Testing Sessions

The next Volunteer Examiner Session is scheduled for **Saturday, October 13**, at the Woodmen of the World building on Highway 42 (John Wayland Highway) just north of Dayton Virginia. Sign-in starts at 9:00 am, followed immediately by testing. If you are an accredited VE and would like to help, contact Gayle Shull, KU4XN, at [gayle64@verizon.net](mailto:gayle64@verizon.net). If that doesn't work, try [gayle642@verizon.net](mailto:gayle642@verizon.net)

## K4LXG Named Senior ASEC

The local ham community congratulates District Emergency Coordinator (Area 15) Ellsworth Neff, K4LXG, for being appointed to the position of Senior Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator for the entire Virginia Section of the ARRL. This is a Virginia-unique position where the SrASEC acts as the SEC's Executive Assistant and is willing to step in on a temporary basis and perform the SEC duties should the need arise.



## WA4FJC: WRAV Annual Meeting Thursday December 6

The Annual meeting of the Waynesboro Repeater Association will be held in in the Basement Meeting Room of the Augusta County Public Library 1759 Jefferson Highway Fishersville, VA at 6:30 PM on Thursday December 6, 2012. All local amateurs are cordially invited to attend. Talkin on 147.075 (+600)

Directions: Note this is the AUGUSTA COUNTY library, not the Waynesboro library! Exit I 64 at Fishersville and go North on Tinkling Springs road to US 250. Turn West (left) and then Left at the next light. Enter the library at the doors on the US 250 side. Turn left inside and walk all the way to the far end and down the stairs, turn right and the meeting will be in the last room on the left. See you there.

73 Gordon WA4FJC



## K4RMY: Volunteers Still Needed for the Triple Play



Oct 6-7 the KTM 500 Motorcycle Ride will take place in the George Washington National Forest in Augusta County and Rockingham County. This event involves over a hundred motorcycles on dirt and gravel roads well out of cell phone coverage areas. Ham radio provides essential communication for accidents and medical emergencies, as well as safety coverage to ensure riders do not get lost or stranded by mechanical difficulties.

We will need a couple of additional hams each day to man points along the route with the KTM folks.

Volunteers need a good 30W or more mobile 2M rig and a good mag-mount/mobile antenna for best converge. We will be using 146.490 simplex as our main operating frequency. Be aware of the weather situation and dress accordingly. If you are assigned to a stationary location, you may wish to bring a mast and portable antenna, and maybe a lawn chair.

If you are interested in helping out with this please contact me at [k4rmy@comcast.net](mailto:k4rmy@comcast.net).

## K4NRA: Still Meadows Horse Ride in Good Shape

Ray Ritchie, K4NRA, reports that he has sufficient volunteers for the horse ride on Sunday, October 7. Thanks to everyone who has agreed to help with this worthy charity event.



## W4PJW: Grindstone 100 Staffed, but positions still available

Jeff Rinehart, W4PJW, Vice-President of MARA and filling in for President John Keller W4ZAO, reports that most of the positions for the Grindstone 100 footrace the weekend of October 5-7 have been assigned, thanks to those hams who have volunteered to staff this event. The Grindstone runs continuously, day and night, from Friday evening at 8 pm until Sunday around noon. Aid stations are manned by radio operators in sequence. The overall operation is generally under the direction of a group from Lynchburg, but several valley hams help out. This event, like the KTM 500, provides valuable training exercises for emergency deployments.

## W4ZAO: Volunteers Desperately Needed for the Fall Foliage Ride

October 13 and 14, we still need a whole bunch of volunteers to staff the weekend Fall Foliage Bicycle Ride. This is our annual “big time” event, where we need every ham we can get. This ride is daylight only, but runs both Saturday and Sunday.

Unlike the Triple Play which goes back in the mountains and deep forest, this event takes place entirely in the Shenandoah Valley. While this makes radio communications less difficult, it makes the ride just as dangerous as the riders must contend with traffic, loose dogs, and other hazards.

If you can volunteer for just a few hours, it will indeed help: Contact me at W4ZAO@arrl.net



## N1QEQ: MARA Vice-President Position Still Needs a Candidate

The MARA Nominating Committee has found willing volunteers to run for club office for all open positions except for Vice-President.

The Vice-President presides at meetings in the absence of the president, and also serves as the program coordinator, arranging for the after-meeting programs.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Bob Steere, N1QEQ at N1QEQ@arrl.net. In fact, if you know of anyone willing to run for ANY of the offices, contact Bob or any member of the current Board. Additional nominations beyond the list below are welcome, solicited, and strongly encouraged.

The proposed slate of officers gathered so far by the nominating committee includes:

President: David Fordham, KD9LA agreed to run for re-election

Vice-President: Currently available

Secretary: Dennis Phillips, NS4K, agreed to run

Treasurer: Sheryl Tonini KJ4DOC, agreed to run for re-election

Board Member at Large: Andrew Pearson, N4RCE, agreed to run

ANY MARA member in good standing is eligible to run for office. Nominations will be taken from the floor, and are welcome and invited. Be sure to come to the meeting October 4 and make a nomination if you prefer someone else in any of these positions. Come cast your ballot.



## KD9LA: Calling all Octogenarians !

The following is a list of known or suspected Octogenarian hams in the valley. We are compiling a list, because the MARA Board of Directors is inviting all hams who are 80 years old or older (born prior to January 1, 1933), to be our guest at the MARA Christmas Banquet this year, along with their spouse (spouses do not need to disclose their age!). Octo-hams do not need to be a MARA Member! If you know of a Valley ham who is over 80 years old, and not on this list, inform a MARA Officer or Board Member ASAP!

E.C. Showalter KG4KUR, Richard Weaver W3HXX, Clayton Towers K4RHQ, Hugh Pettis K3EC, Richard Haxton KC3AN and Phyllis Haxton N4VZC, Joe Pehan W4LIG, Mike McKay W4AZR, Nelson Seese W43BHD, and Jim Lehman W4POL.

## Connecting Yaesu Radios, Henry VIII, the Shogun, and the Plymouth Pilgrims

If you've ever traveled in Tokyo, you may have gone through Tokyo station, the primary railway terminal for the city, situated a couple of blocks from the Imperial Palace. And you may have noticed the "**Yaesu**" exit.

Yaesu is the name of the neighborhood just outside the eastern entrance of the station. Yaesu is a bustling economic neighborhood. In fact, Tokyo's biggest shopping mall can be found in the underground plaza running beneath Yaesu Avenue, starting at the train station.

### Where did the name Yaesu come from?

The neighborhood is named after a Dutchman whose name was Jan Joosten. He lived between 1560 and 1623.



So how did Joosten become Yaesu? The Dutch letter "J" is pronounced like the English letter "Y", so "Jan" in Dutch would be pronounced "Yahn". And the Dutch double-O is not pronounced "oooo" as in English, but rather a longer "Oh" sound. So when Jan Joosten would say his name in Dutch, it would sound something like "Yahn Yoe-sten".

Because of the difference in phonetics, "Joosten" somehow became "Yo-Tsoo", Yo-tsoo became spelled Yaesu, and over time the pronunciation became "Yay-zoo".

Okay, so now let's ask the next logical question: **why is a Tokyo neighborhood named after a Dutchman?**

When Jan was born, Europeans were trading heavily with the Asian continent. Leveraging off of the travels of Marco Polo and the early seafaring explorers, countries like Spain, Portugal, and Italy were exploiting the benefits of a global economy. Spice, tea, gunpowder and silk from Asia were traded for wool, precious metals, and finely-crafted manufactured goods like clocks, printing presses, and a host of other products resulting from Renaissance technology.

Spain was a superpower at the time and was busy expanding its empire in North America, plundering the Inca and Mayan gold reserves. The Spanish king was Phillip II, great-grandson of Ferdinand and Isabella (Columbus's patrons) for whom the Philippine Islands were named.

Similarly Brazil speaks Portuguese today because Portugal was also heavily trading and exploring all over the world, and had established early trading posts on the east coast of South America.

Italy too was in on the action: Genoa, Naples, Venice, and other Italian port cities were known for their rich merchant class. In fact, in an effort to keep track of his Venetian trading family's diverse and far-flung mercantile activities, the Franciscan monk Luca Pacioli, a friend and collaborator of Leonardo Da Vinci, is credited with the development of the double-entry bookkeeping system that is still used by accountants today, in Pacioli's original form!

In the late 1500's, the Dutch were not going to sit idly by, while Spain, Portugal and Italy cornered the world markets. (England had been set back greatly by the mysterious disappearance of Sir Walter Raleigh's Roanoke colony around 1584. The English would not launch another attempt until the 1607 Jamestown voyage. France likewise was dissuaded by the slaughter of the Huguenots at the hands of the Spanish at Fort Caroline (near today's Jacksonville), which convinced the French to steer clear of the Spanish for a while, and concentrate their explorations northward into what is today called Canada.)

In the late 1500's, the Dutch were busy trying to gain the upper hand over their military, political, religious, and economic rivals. In 1598, the Dutch launched an expedition to sail around the world, similar to the earlier Portuguese skipper Ferdinand Magellan. They hoped to establish loyal economic relations before the Spanish, Portuguese, or Italians could hone in on the action — in countries which did not already have established trade agreements.

This Dutch ship was named *de Leifde*, commanded by an English fellow named William Adams, with **Jan Joosten** as second mate.

Jan Joosten's family was originally from a little village near the city of Delft, in the Dutch province of Holland. The



The Stadshuis (city hall) of Delft, home of Jan van Joosten van Lodensteijn

village was named “Lodensteijn”. (Remember, the Dutch had this thing about the letters J and Y. The name is often spelled today as “Lodensteyn”.)

The name Lodensteijn derives from “heavy stone”, or leaden stone. A “leaden stone” was often used aboard ships as ballast or as a weight on a sounding line to determine water depth. The name of the city is thought to be related to the fact that most families from this area were seamen and mariners, because there are no rocks here. (Holland is built entirely on silt and sand.)

Although Jan Joosten considered the nearby city of Delft to be his hometown, he was proud of his family heritage, so like many Dutchmen who left their home place, Jan Joosten was known as “Jan Joosten van Lodensteijn”.

Whereas the Spanish and Portuguese (and later the English and French) were not hesitant to kill, conquer and intimidate the native populations of their discovered lands, the Dutch were a little more diplomatic. (Remember, the Dutch were able to buy Manhattan from the Lenape Indians, supposedly for about \$24 in trinkets, a testament to their bargaining ability. Today, even the best negotiator can’t get a taxi ride from Manhattan to the airport for that amount.)

Jan Joosten was probably chosen as second officer on *de Leifde* not only for being a good sailor and sea officer, but also for his skill at diplomacy, persuasion, and salesmanship — skills that would serve him well as we shall soon see.

*De Leifde* sailed at a leisurely pace, taking about two years to go around America, visiting various islands in the East Indies, around Indochina, and up the Asiatic coast. As luck would have it, a storm drove the ship northward, to the coast of Japan, and the wooden *de Liefde* was shipwrecked.

Jan Joosten was one of only two survivors. The other was Captain Adams.

Japanese natives stumbled across the very wet and tired Joosten and Adams washed up on the beach. A real live European was a novelty in Japan, especially blue-eyed full-bearded ones. The regional honcho at the time demanded that Joosten and Adams be kept around like “pets” for novelty and display purposes.

But the Dutchman and his English skipper were smart, and soon learned enough of the language to communicate.

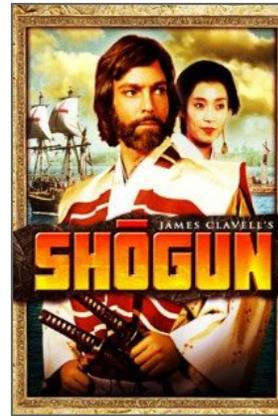
The Japanese leader was duly impressed, and eventually named Joosten and Adams as personal assistants to the royal family. From this privileged position, Joosten was able to pal around with, and impress, many dignitaries and movers and shakers who came through the royal court. Joosten’s communications and negotiating skill became legendary. He was trusted with more and more responsibility and freedom.

Alas, the Japanese ruler was no dummy either. He still forbade Joosten and Adams to return to Europe. He recognized their abilities, and wanted to keep their skills for his own use. As the Japanese leader won battles and strategically conquered and consolidated his economic, political, and military might, he eventually gained the coveted title of “Shogun”, or “Commander of a Mighty Force”.

Although they held positions of power and prestige, Adams and Joosten stayed virtual hostages in the shogun’s empire for many years.

In contrast to Joosten’s skill at trade negotiations, Adams made a name for himself as a military advisor. A popular 1980 NBC television mini-series titled “Shogun” and starring Richard Chamberlain, is based on Adams’ exploits

serving the Japanese leader in the capacity of personal advisor and chief of staff.



Joosten on the other hand became “trade ambassador”. He is credited with being responsible for setting up the first large-scale international trade arrangements in Japan. He first established trade with other countries in southeast Asia, and later developed exchange agreements with the European colonies in Asia, including the Dutch East Indies colonies.

Eventually the Shogun realized that a good trade ambassador needs to get out once in a while. Joosten was allowed to head up some delegations to China, Siam (Thailand), and other Asian countries.

To maintain his grip or control on this international trade, the Shogun started issuing a patent or license, authorizing only certain approved ships to enter and leave Japanese ports. These paper licenses were sealed with the Shogun’s personal red wax impression, and thus the vessels are known as “Red Seal” ships. By 1619, Jan Joosten was personally in charge of over 20 such Red Seal Ships, carrying out trade excursions all over Asian waters. Joosten had become a millionaire (by both Dutch and Japanese standards). And his trustworthiness paid off. In 1619, the Shogun gave him authorization to open negotiations with Europe directly, specifically his home town of Delft and the large nearby port city of Leiden.

### So where do the Plymouth Colony pilgrims fit into all of this?

The pilgrims were Englishmen and women from Nottinghamshire, stomping ground of Robin Hood. Back in the early 1500’s, long before Jan Joosten was born, Henry VIII

had become really upset that his wife, Ferdinand and Isabella's daughter Catherine of Aragon, could not produce a son to inherit the English throne.

He was even more upset to learn that the Catholic Church would not grant him a divorce from Catherine. Henry really wanted to marry someone else in an effort to produce a male heir. Henry became so ticked off at the Catholic Church, he renounced allegiance to the Pope, and started the Church of England. He demanded that every English subject should be Anglican, not Catholic. This made a lot of trouble for the good church-going people in England.

Henry's daughter Mary inherited the throne upon his death. But Mary was a good little Catholic girl, and decided to make England Catholic again. Sheesh.

But the problem didn't stop there. After Mary died, her half-sister Queen Elisabeth I took over the throne. Elisabeth decided to reinstate the Anglican church once more.

All this going back and forth was making the common church member dizzy. Some of the dizziest were those living in Nottinghamshire, where Henry and his daughters liked to vacation and thus took personal interest in the religious matters of the area.

The local church men and women were getting tired of going back and forth and back and forth with their religious doctrine every time the crown changed hands. Some of these citizens started calling themselves Puritans, and said they were seeking the "pure" church. Eventually, the Puritans became disgusted with a church that changed its mind so much, so they decided to leave. The feeling was mutual and the local authorities helped the Puritans along a little bit by staging a night-time raid as the Puritans were in the process of leaving. Read about this on Wikipedia.

**Where did the Puritans go? Nope, not to Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts. — At least not at first.**

Nope. They left England in 1608 and moved to ... **Holland!**

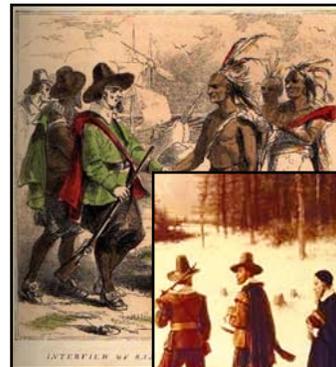
The Dutch had a world-famous reputation for tolerating a variety of different religious views.

Spain's Phillip II, a grand-nephew of Catherine of Aragon and a loyal Catholic, was supreme ruler over most of mainland Europe at the time, but not the Netherlands. The Dutch had made a big deal about resisting Philip's policy of religious unity, and were proud that Holland openly embraced religious diversity & tolerance.

The pilgrims landed in Amsterdam, and a year later moved to the town of Leiden. Leiden, just a stone's throw from Jan Joosten's hometowns of Delft and Lodensteijn, had a thriving economy, with numerous industries and international

trade, thanks to its well-developed port. The newcomers easily found work and were able to support themselves and their families. Presiding Elder William Brewster obtained a position as professor at the local university, and Puritan Elder John Robinson pursued his religious studies by enrolling to obtain a Ph.D. in theology.

The pilgrims stayed in Holland for about a dozen years, long enough to adopt some Dutch customs, including Dutch clothing and hats. This is why contemporary paintings of the Plymouth Colony pilgrims show them wearing the same buckled hats as the "Dutch Masters", painted by their fellow Leiden contemporary, Rembrandt, about the exact same time.



Notice the hats: Above, Rembrandt's "Dutch Masters", Left and below: Plymouth Pilgrims



The Dutch were proud of their religious tolerance and open immigration policies. Not only Puritans, but people of all faiths were free and welcome to move into and out of Holland. This included Catholics. That is, until a Catholic agent for Phillip named Balthazar Gerard murdered the Dutch ruler, William I of Orange, in what is the very first recorded political assassination using a firearm. The Dutch started questioning just how much tolerance they could tolerate. Public debate heated up.

Phillip II controlled most of mainland Europe and he had forbidden his subjects from trading with "those heretic Dutchmen". The embargo caused an imbalance of trade between Holland and Asia, since a lot of goods the Dutch

carried to Asia were made elsewhere in Europe. Worse, a lot of Asian trading partners saw the European mainland — Phillip’s territory — as a bigger market and were hesitant to anger Phillip by trading with Holland. The Dutch economy began to stagnate from the embargo.

Another thorn in the Puritan’s side was the perceived “permissiveness” of Dutch society. Dutch youth were dressing immodestly, talking about things the Puritans considered taboo, reading books containing wild & crazy ideas. Many “old-school” Puritan parents abhorred the “immoral character” of the Dutch teenagers, whom they viewed as a corrupting influence on their own children.

So the Puritans decided to leave again. **Ahhh, but where to go this time?** They did not want to go back to England.

The year was 1619. Because of the embargo and the uncertainty of the economic situation, the Dutch provinces were looking to revitalize their economy by opening up new sources and markets. Several Dutch companies were competing to be the first to establish operations in the recently explored Hudson River area of the New World.

One of these companies was represented by an influential negotiator named **Pieter**. Pieter’s ancestors hailed from a little village outside the city of Delft: the village of Lodensteijn. Pieter had grown up in Delft, with the last name Joosten. Name ring a bell? Yep, this Pieter was the brother of Jan Joosten van Lodensteijn.

By 1619, Pieter had shortened his name by dropping the name Joosten in favor of the more descriptive family moniker “van Lodensteyn”, probably for professional reasons. In June of this year, Pieter van Lodensteijn was living in Leiden a few miles away from Delft. He made friends, including the leaders of an usual sect of English immigrants that called themselves “the Puritans”. Pieter was intrigued by their religious ideas, especially their emphasis on the “pure” church, their clean and simple lifestyles, their honesty and most of all, their incredible work ethic.

The Puritans were making known their intention of leaving Holland. Pieter and his employer made them an offer: the Puritans would receive rights to Dutch land in the New World. The company would provide transportation for passengers, cargo, and supplies, and would even stock the colony with skilled craftsmen and other essential resources. Once established, the new colony would gather local materials, crops, timber, and other stuff scarce in Holland due to Phillip’s trade embargo. In return, Pieter’s company would provide clothing, ceramics, manufactured goods, and other Dutch treats. “Trade is good for both parties.”

But the Puritans took their dear sweet time in considering the offer. Weeks went by, while the Puritans debated amongst themselves the benefits and risks.

While they were debating, Pieter was amazed to receive a letter from his long-lost brother, Jan., written a year earlier. (Mail traveled slowly in those days, too!) In the letter, Jan explained how he had been unavoidably detained in a foreign country on the other side of the world, but now held the post of foreign trade minister there. The foreign country, Japan, had been engaged for some years in occasional commerce with other Dutch settlements way over in the far East, but was now giving permission to trade with the homeland cities in Europe! Jan’s fleet of “Red Seal” ships was waiting for Dutch approval to begin regular trade service between Japan and Leiden!

This was exciting news! The increased trade was just what the city of Leiden needed to boost its economy. Pieter immediately contacted his boss, and they agreed that a bird in the hand was worth two in the bush.

To be fair, Pieter and his company gave the Puritans another 14 days to make up their mind. The Puritan leaders were unable to reach agreement, and the time limit lapsed. Pieter and his company turned their attention to trade in the far east. A letter of acceptance was sent. Other companies stepped in to open the Dutch New World colonies.

The pilgrims were “that close” to founding what would become New Amsterdam, and ultimately New York City.

After the potential of a Hudson River location disappeared, the Puritans spent months seeking other locations. They ultimately concluded that the idea of starting a colony in the New World was the best choice after all. They selected a spot north of the planned Dutch settlements. To avoid problems, they even went so far as to formally ask the English crown for permission to settle in the area, since the area ostensibly had been claimed by the English. To their surprise, they received a formal land patent.



*The American Pilgrim Museum in Leiden, Holland, now occupies the very building that was once home to a family of Puritans from 1610 until they left on the Mayflower for Massachusetts in 1620.*

The Puritans chartered two ships, loaded up, and departed Leiden in 1620. One of the ships, the Speedwell, was sabotaged by its crew, who didn't want to make the dangerous voyage. After two attempts to make the craft seaworthy, both ships put in at the English port of Plymouth, where the Speedwell was inspected, found damaged beyond repair, and abandoned. The passengers and supplies were transferred to the other ship, **the Mayflower**. While overloaded, it successfully delivered the pilgrims to the new Plymouth Rock. The rest as they say is history.

### So what happened to Jan and Pieter Joosten?

Apparently after sending the letter of acceptance to Jan in 1619, Pieter went home that night & he and his wife celebrated. Their son, Jodocus, was born in 1620, the year the Pilgrims left for Massachusetts.

Pieter's later life is undocumented. But his son Jodocus became famous all over Europe. Jodocus remembered the stories his father told him about the Puritans and their teachings. Although he never knew the Pilgrims, Jodocus introduced many of their ideas into a religious movement known as the "Second Dutch Reformation" and was a major influence on the "Dutch Reformed Church" which had over 2 million adherents in 2004. Today's Van Lodenstein College in the Netherlands traces its roots to Jodocus van Lodenstein and the ideas he espoused from the influence of the Pilgrim fathers. The university has four campuses serving almost 4,000 students and is an internationally recognized institution.

Sadly, the story does not have as happy an ending for Jan.

Jan received the letter in 1620, but actual details were not worked out until 1622. Jan was finally allowed to leave Japan for home. On the way, Jan made stops at several other Dutch colonies in the East Indies, either to gain a better idea of how things were going in international trade circles, or maybe to refresh his memory about Dutch customs and learn the latest news. But the business managers and governors of these colonies were jealous and suspicious that Japan might be "taking over"



the trade with Holland. They engaged in all kinds of intrigue to delay Jan's return to Holland, creating a convoluted story worthy of a Steven Spielberg movie. But those escapades are for another day.

To make a long story slightly shorter, in 1623, Jan was ordered not to make the voyage to Holland, this time by the Dutch East Indies governors. He reluctantly set sail to return to Japan. Shortly after leaving port, however, a storm in the South China Sea rose up and capsized his vessel. He and his shipmates were lost.

### So back to the Yaesu neighborhood.

Over the centuries, Tokyo became a thriving metropolitan area. Because of Jan's dominance, he neighborhood around the city's shipping district was known as "Yaesu's Quay". Eventually it developed into a sort of "commerce park", a center of international trade. And over the centuries it kept the name of the Dutch trader who first introduced Japan to the benefits of globalization. Hence, the neighborhood is still named "Yaesu".

A statue in the area (photo below) is dedicated to Jan Joosten van Lodensteijn and depicts him and his ship, *de Leifde*, commemorating his contribution to worldwide economic development and cooperation.

In 1959, when Japanese radio amateur Sako Hasegawa, callsign JA1MP, opened a small factory in the area to manufacture ham radios, he named his brand "Yaesu" after the neighborhood in which his business was located.

He followed in the steps of the area's namesake. For while Hasegawa originally intended to manufacture radios only for the local domestic market, by the 1964 Yaesu radios were being marketed in Australia and Germany, and in 1965 he entered into an agreement with Spectronics to sell Yaesu radios in the United States. Today they are all over the world.

So next time you turn on a Yaesu radio, remember why the Plymouth pilgrims wore Dutch Masters hats, think about the Japanese Shogun, and connect it in your mind to the statue of a worthy world trader, located just outside the main Tokyo train station .

*Compiled from numerous historical sources, both online and in research libraries in Delft, Leiden, Rotterdam, and Antwerp, by David Fordham, KD9LA*

*Left: the plaque outside the Tokyo train station commemorating Jan Joosten van Lodensteijn, and the ship de Leifde, which brought the concepts of international trade to Japan in the*

## Can You Work the 444.600 Repeater from Your Location?

Bob Van Fossen, K4DJG, reports that the K4RMA repeater is now on the air and working well into the central Shenandoah Valley.

Thanks to Larry Harrison, K3JRR, for the replacement duplexer cans, which improved the receiver performance 17 dB. The repeater should now be workable from a wide area in the valley.

Larry is the original designer and engineer of the repeater. He has plans to further improve the coverage area and transmit performance of this machine.

Bob and Larry have put in many hours at the Great North Mountain site. Jason N4DSL also helped with the electrical service connections, and Ray Ritchie K4NRA has also contributed. Bob reports that the site itself is once again maintained up to Forest Service required standards.

Thanks to everyone who is helping to keep this, and other repeaters serving the valley hams, up and running.



## PVARC Secretary's Report – September 7 Meeting

This being an "odd numbered" month, the Page Valley Amateur Radio Club held its informal "Eatin' Meetin'" at the Luray Southern Grill on U.S. 340 South. Nineteen members and guests attended.

Inasmuch as it was primarily a social event, business was held to a minimum. However, one important issue was brought up and addressed. Following a discussion of local repeater upgrades and associated expenses, it was proposed that PVARC continue its financial support of the Big Mountain Repeater (KQ4D-Rptr) and the Page County Repeater (N4PJI-Rptr) associations. A motion was made, and seconded to give \$100 to each association; and, following further discussion, subsequently amended to give \$200 to each association to help defray their respective initiatives. The motion carried with no objections. The Secretary/Treasurer was directed to issue checks accordingly.

We were delighted to welcome Ellsworth Neff K4XLG, ARRL Senior Assistant SEC and District #15 EC when he introduced himself. Ellsworth soon found himself in deep discussion with PVARC Page County EC Dave Firestone K4DPF about the upcoming SET drill to be held sometime during the month of October, as well as other related ARES issues. Afterwards, Dave/K4DPF reminded members that he would be conducting a planning session for the upcoming event on Saturday, September 8th at 10 a.m. in the EoC Training Facility where additional details on Page County ARES plans will be discussed.

Good fellowship and "eyeball" QSO's continued well into the evening following a fine dinner. Members were reminded that the PVARC nominating committee is still looking for candidates for the December election of officers for the ensuing 2013-2014 terms. We have some GREAT talent in our organization and a GREAT future. Consider stepping in and helping PVARC grow. The next business meeting will be held on Friday, October 5th in the Day Room at Page Memorial Hospital at 1800. Bring a friend!

Submitted by: Sparky/KD4KL, Secretary



## MARA Secretary's Report – September 6 Meeting

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 PM by President David Fordham, KD9LA.**

**Attendance:** 33 present - 30 Members and 3 Guests Introductions made all around.

### Reports:

**New Members:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: none 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Larry Harrison, K3JRR, voted and approved for membership.

**Secretary Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes for the July 5th and August 2 meetings as printed in the September issue of the Monitor.

**Treasurer Report:** It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as printed in the Monitor.

### Groups:

**ARES/RACES:** Bryan (K4RMY) encouraged members to apply for security clearance to be able to work at the Harrisonburg Emergency Operations Center in times of emergency. We should check out those radios monthly.

**VEC-Session:** Gayle KU4XN reported the next VE test session will be held October 13. Gayle has test books for all 3 licenses

**Public Service:** Bike Shenandoah event is September 22.

440 Repeater Committee: Bob K4DJG reported that the 444.600 repeater is now on the air, with PL of 151.4. Additional work is being planned to improve performance.

### Announcements:

Virginia Beach hamfest is September 15 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, cost is \$10 per person.

VARA's annual family picnic is at Gypsy Hill Park this coming Saturday, September 8, starting at noon, all hams and their families are invited to attend; bring a covered dish..

David Fordham KD9LA and Sheryl Tonini KJ4DOC inventoried all the assets of MARA and presented copies to club members to review, and gave a copy to John Keller W4ZAO to file with other club documents.

David KD9LA also announced that the final documents have been signed and delivered to the Forest Service for the Great North Mountain repeater site lease.

### Old Business:

**Christmas Banquet:** David KD9LA is preparing a list of all hams that are 80+ years old to invite to the MARA Christmas Party to be held in December. Members are asked to submit names and volunteer to pick up and drive those hams and their spouses to the banquet.

**New 2-meter Repeater Committee:** David KD9LA asked for volunteers to staff a new standing committee, charged with responsibility for overseeing the operation and maintenance of the club's 145.130 2-meter repeater. Dale Showalter N4DAI, Brian K4RMY, and David KD9LA volunteered to be on that committee.

### New Business:

**Nominating Committee:** Bob Steere N1QEQ and John Spillman KT4CB volunteered to serve on this committee

**Meeting Location:** The members overwhelmingly indicated that they desired to continue meeting at the Wood Grill for 2012.

**Distinguished Visitor:** Herb Slade AA2BF, introduced Lauren Jefferson who is a writer for the local press (2 free local newspapers) who is writing about hams, and asked members to contact her to help her with information about the hobby.

**Donation:** Gayle Shull KU4XN announced that the Bridgewater public service event resulted in a donation of \$300 to the club.

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## MARA Secretary's Report — *continued*



**New Call or Upgrades:** none announced

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made, seconded and approved, at 8:10 p.m.

**50/50 Raffle:** Total \$34.00. \$17.00 split won by Gordon Batey WA4FJC.

**Program:** Very interesting program by Bob Dixon, W8HGH, on his Vertical Stealth HF Antenna.

Submitted by  
John Keller, W4ZAO

## MARA Treasurer's Report — August 26, 2012 to September 26, 2012



Beginning Balance August 26, 2012 (last report)			\$ 2,499.52
Add:			
	September Meeting 50/50	\$ 17.00	
	Town of Bridgewater 2012 Donation	\$ 300.00	
	Lois Bowman Burkholder—Donation	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
	Total Deposits		\$342.00
Less	Bank Fees	\$ 2.00	
	SVEC (repeater electric)	\$ 13.09	
	Printing for replacement Monitors	<u>\$ 52.82</u>	
	Total Disbursements		<u>\$ -67.91</u>
Ending Balance as of September 26, 2012			\$ 2,773.61

Submitted by Sheryl Tonini, KJ4DOC, MARA Treasurer

## VARA Secretary's Report – September 4 Meeting

The September 2012 VARA meeting was held in the WestSide Grill on Tuesday September 4, 2012.

President John Keller, W4ZAO, called the business meeting to order at 7 pm. 21 members and guests were in attendance.

The 50/50 drawing of \$10.00 was won by Scott Newlen, KI4QQZ.

Gordon Batey gave the ARES report of no activity yet. The next ARES net will be on Thursday September 13. Fred, N4KYM volunteered to serve as net control.

Gordon Batey recommended that the minutes be approved as printed in the Monitor. Unanimous approval.

Doug Tippett presented the treasurer's report with income and expenses. A motion was made and approved to approve this report.

John Keller presented information on the Triple Play events coming up in early October. The Grindstone event on October 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>, the KTM 500 motorcycle event on October 6/7 and the Camp Still Meadows event on October 7. Several hams volunteered to provide assistance. All were encouraged to consider assisting with these worthwhile public service events. Contact John Keller if you can help out.

The October Fall Foliage Bike Festival will be held on October 19-21, 2012. All were encouraged to assist however possible.

The VARA picnic will be held on Saturday Sept 8, 2012 at the pavilion in Gypsy Hill Park. The club will provide meat, drinks and utensils. All were encouraged to attend.

The second reading was held for potential members Bruce Bolding KB6TBO and James Fravel KK4GY. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Batey WA4FJC, Acting Secretary



## KJ4HFM: Greetings from BY8M Land

Weyers Cave ham Dianna Fordham KJ4HFM sends greetings from the city of Guiyang, in the Gui-Zhou province, the Peoples Republic of China where she is assigned for five months teaching English to elementary-school children.

Unfortunately, China does not have reciprocal licensing, the ham tests are in Chinese, and KJ4HFM is not yet fluent enough in Chinese to make the 16-hour trip to the nearest government testing center worthwhile. Then there is the problem of lack of equipment.

So for now, Skype is the primary way of making contacts.

## MASSANUTTEN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.

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Vice President: Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ  
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Treasurer: Sheryl Tonini, KJ4DOC  
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Board (exp 2013): Bob Van Fossen, K4DJG

<http://mara.ws>

MARA meets the first Thursday of each month  
at Wood Grill Buffet on Reservoir Street  
in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Dinner begins at 6:30 pm,  
the business meeting begins at 7:30 pm

**Visitors are always welcome.**

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

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VARA meets the first Tuesday of each month.  
at the Westside Grill on West Beverley Street  
in Staunton, Virginia

Dinner starts at 6:00 pm,  
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PVARC meets the first Friday of each month.  
Odd-numbered Months at Luray Southern Grill  
on Highway 340 south of Luray.  
Even-numbered Months in the Day Room of  
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The meeting begins at 6:00 pm

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