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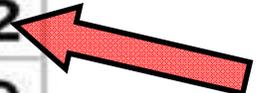
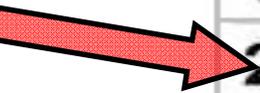
Published Monthly for members of the Amateur Radio Clubs in Virginia's Central Shenandoah Valley

Field Day Issue

All participants and attendees of the joint MARA/VARA Field Day event should read the information in this issue of the Monitor, especially the Equipment Policy printed at the top of page 7.

Don't Miss Field Day

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This year, 2013, is one of those years when lots of folks will miss Field Day. Why? Because they may not know when Field Day is this year.

it's "always the 4th Full Weekend in June"
(not the last weekend in June)

-Editor

June 4 – VARA Meeting: Country Cookin' in Staunton

Due to the sudden closing of Shoney's, the Valley Amateur Radio Association will hold it's monthly club meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at the Country Cookin' Restaurant at 1015 Richmond Avenue, which is Highway 250 east in Staunton. This restaurant is next door to Martin's Grocery, behind the Five-Guys Diner, across the street and west 1 block from Wal-Mart. The meal begins at 6:00 pm, the business meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

NOTE LOCATION



June 6 – MARA Meeting: Wood Grill in Harrisonburg

The Massanutten Amateur Radio Association, Inc., will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 6 at the normal location: the Wood Grill at 1711 Reservoir Street in Harrisonburg. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm. All hams and their families are invited and welcome. After dinner, a short business meeting will be held, followed by our annual home-brew and show-and-tell sharing session. Bring your projects, home-made gear, and just about anything else that you want to show off and share with others!

June 7 – PVARC Meeting: Lord Fairfax Community College in Luray

The Page Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its regular bi-monthly meal meeting in June on Friday, June 7, The meeting will be held at Lord Fairfax Community College (Luray-Page County Center). If you're not sure where that is, plug the following address into your GPS: 334 N. Hawksbill St., Luray, VA 22835.

NOTE LOCATION



Getting It Right

Some people enjoy finding faults in the work of others. We want to please these people as much as we want to please anyone else!

To give these people the same pleasure we want for all readers of the Monitor, we make sure that each issue is chock full of mistakes, typos, and sometimes plain down wrong information.

How many errors can you find in this issue? We don't mind a count! Let us know what you find, and we'll either correct it or tell you to go jump in the lake!

A local ham operator brought his 5-year-old son to the ham radio luncheon recently. While daddy was in line to order the meal, the little boy struck up a conversation with another ham who was already eating. When the ham introduced himself to the little boy, the kid's eyes got wide. "Have you ever heard your daddy talk about me?" the ham asked. "Yes," the boy nodded. "Daddy talks about you all the time," he continued, "and when I get big and get a job, I'm going to give you lots of money." This surprised the old timer, so he said, "well, that's very nice of you, but why would you want to give me money?" The little boy replied, "Well, daddy always says that you are absolutely the poorest ham radio operator he's ever heard on the air in his entire life!"



KU4XN: VE Testing Sessions

The next Volunteer Examiner Session is scheduled for **Saturday, June 8**, 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. If that doesn't work, try gayle642@verizon.net



"That's the problem with calling "CQ Field Day" too long!"



Where are the Field Day Assignments?

Traditionally, the June issue of the Monitor is where the Field Day Assignment Spreadsheets are published. However, this year they must have been lost in the "ether" mail.



MARA / VARA Field Day 2013 Update



Field Day Committee: N4BCC Chairman, W4PJW Asst. Chair, AA2BF publicity, W4GRC, W4BHD, N4RCE, and assisted by K4PZC site computers and score tally.

Your Field Day committee has been very busy getting details worked out for the largest ham radio activity of the year. Field Day is officially “the 4th full weekend of June” each year. Many make the mistake of remembering it as the last weekend of June – If you are one of those, you will be a week late this year. Sorry!

Last year we had a very enjoyable FD at Weyers Cave but two of our main goals were not met. First we expected that having FD in the valley would help us attract more local ham radio operators – especially new ones. That did not happen – turns out that for the most part, the ones who always operate, set up and work hard to make it happen were the same ones as always. Secondly, we hoped that having FD in a more public place would attract more local non-hams come visit. With only a couple exceptions, that did not happen either, in spite of serious efforts to advertise the event.

After much discussion, the committee voted to move FD back to the mountain where it has been held for over 30 years – but not so fast! Several of us visited the site to check out the road after all the winter snow and rain and found the road is in a mess. It was very obvious that the only way to get up that dirt road was to have a vehicle with very high ground clearance. Of course a lot of our folks come to FD in the family car and that would be impossible. Don Landes WX4C and Benny N4BCC (F.D. Chairman) were the first to visit and brought back the disappointing report. Don went to the Forest Service and asked about getting the road repaired before FD and was told that they had no money for those repairs.

At our first FD Committee meeting, we found that David KD9LA had a long standing good personal relationship with the recently retired head of the forest service in this area. David contacted him for guidance in just what we might do, who to contact etc. to get the road fixed. The result of that conversation led to a lot of good information regarding what we could expect. David found out that the road toward Flagpole, which goes right by the entrance to our old F.D. site is on the top 10 list to be repaired later this summer or early next year. It will NOT be repaired before FD the 4th full weekend in June 2013.

So began the search for an alternate site. Believe me, the committee has checked on many alternate sites. One of the top priorities was to find a centrally located place that was easily accessible. The Weyers Cave site was already reserved and the Rockingham County fairgrounds was ruled out because the Radio control flying club is once again having their activity right across the road. Other sites were considered but all were going to be a long drive either to southern Augusta County or northern Rockingham County.

Several of the FD committee members and interested folks went on a “field trip” to check out a clearing just west of Todd Lake on Leading Ridge Road. It looked promising and is actually bigger than our old site. It has two draw backs however – no shade and the elevation is only 2000 feet. It is in the clear, so the mountains should not bother us on HF. There is no way to really know how VHF would work from there but we did find that many repeaters are accessible.

David, KD9LA, communicated with the appropriate folks at the forest service several times and we are cleared to use the Leading Ridge Clearing site for FD this year. Since it is located right near the Todd Lake Recreation Area, we have to be a bit more careful that we don't “damage” the natural setting. We have a very good understanding of what the forest service expects of us and it is all manageable.

We will have our usual carry in community evening meal on Friday evening at 6pm under the shelters that the clubs have. There will be a nice campfire so you can roast some marshmallows and get to smell all smokey at no extra charge. Please come and enjoy the meal and fellowship even if you can't be there for FD itself. Bring some food and a lawn chair. It shouldn't be as cold as it has been sometimes in the past at 4000 feet. Porta Potty, dinnerware and utensils will be provided by the clubs as usual.

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We still need volunteers to help with FD. If you are willing to help, please contact any committee member. We will be calling on some more of you to help with assignments so please say “Yes” when asked. Set up for FD begins at 2pm on Friday and of course we will need some help to tear down on Sunday after 2pm. Since we are at an unfamiliar location, setup may be a bit more involved than usual and some trial and error is to be expected so bring a good portion of patience with you.

We would like to line up operators ahead of time so if you have a favorite mode or time to operate, please contact the appropriate person right away and they will get you on the list as best they can.

Volunteers Wanted

Here's who to contact: CW = W4PJW, SSB = N4BCC, GOTA = W4ZAO, VHF /UHF 6 Meters yet to be determined (need volunteer to head this one up).

The operating period is from 2pm Saturday through 2pm Sunday continuous – all day and all night. We want to encourage everyone to give operating a try – even if you've never done it before at FD and maybe don't know how to use the software. There will be someone around to help answer questions and give directions – show you how – and give encouragement. We especially need operators in the middle of the night, so if you want to “get your feet wet” when things are a bit slower, sign up for one of the shifts after 2am.

In conjunction with our regular FD operation, there will be a special demonstration type “mini” FD operation on a small corner of the lot at Weyers Cave Community Center run by David Fordham KD9LA President of MARA. This will be specifically to promote Ham Radio to the public – see the main article about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

- Jeff Rinehart, W4PJW, Assistant Chairman

Field Day Addendum

Here is a post script to Jeff (W4PJW) Rinehart's word about this year's Field Day. One of the purposes of Field Day is to introduce the non-ham public to amateur radio. With so many other diversions and interests open to young people, ham radio has lost a lot of its charm to youth. You and I know there is a lot more to it than old guys talking to other old guys about the good old days! But how can we show that?

Well, David Fordham, KD9LA, put forth a great idea at our first F. D. Committee meeting. He will set up a separate operating position on the grounds of the Weyers Cave Community Center, on the Saturday of F.D. weekend! He has already secured permission from the Center's management to do that in an area not used by another activity.

From late morning through the afternoon, David will be on the air, demonstrating the fun of ham radio. His wife, Debbie, will assist by welcoming the visitors and explaining what the fun is all about. It's quite possible that a few of those visitors (especially the youthful ones) can be persuaded to take a turn at the microphone while David mans the equipment.

Of course, if you are not planning to take part in the *real* FD out at Todd Lake Leading Ridge this year, you could take your kids and their friends over to check out the Weyers Cave activity. If you have mobile capability, you might heighten that visit by scheduling with David ahead of time, to meet on the air while traveling to the community center. Then, you'll have an enthusiastic carful to hear “the rest of the story” when you arrive at W.C.C.C.

So, however you spend Field Day this year, make it count for the future of the fellowship of ham radio!

73 and 88 from Herb Slade, AA2BF

Continued





Directions to the Field Day Site



The road to FD starts at the sharp turn on Rt. 42 about 3.5 miles south of Bridgewater. Go west on Rt. 747/613 towards Mt. Solon. Just follow straight ahead on the main road for 3.5 mi. There is a 4-way stop at Mt. Solon – continue straight ahead following the main paved road. The road number will change from 747 to 730 but just follow the main road and you will probably not even notice the number change. You will go through a one lane steel bridge at Stokesville – continue straight ahead for one mile after the bridge. You will come to a place where there is a sign that says 4 miles to Todd Lake turn left. You will now be on Forest Road 95 but still paved. If you miss this turn, the road changes to gravel – back up and try again. After 4 miles you will come to a sign on the right that indicates to turn right to Todd Lake. You will go up a hill and at the peak of the hill (right at the entrance to Todd Lake) there is a dirt road to the left. Follow the dirt Leading Ridge road for less than half a mile and you will see the clearing on your right. It should take approximately 35 minutes from Bridgewater and 45 minutes from Churchville. If you know the area, you can cut the drive time from Churchville to 35 minutes. It sounds a bit complicated but in actuality, it's not that bad.

If you want to put the coordinates in your GPS here they are in two different formats.

N 38.36500 W -79.21600

N 38° 21.90' W 79D° 12.95'

Thanks for supporting this club event.



Leading Ridge Road Clearing 2013 FD Site

Field Day Equipment Policy

Adopted by the MARA and VARA Amateur Radio Clubs.

Be it understood that:

As a participant in Field Day operations, whether a club member or visitor, you are using equipment that may belong to someone else. Care for it as if it were your own.

No repairs or modifications, no matter how slight, shall be made to any equipment without the owner (or owner's designated representative) present.

Any apparent malfunction of the equipment shall be reported immediately to the owner.

Be it further understood that:

Equipment which is brought to the Field Day site and made available for use is done at the owner's discretion, and said equipment should be supervised by the owner or his/her designated representative.

Any damage to, or failure of, the equipment at Field Day will be the responsibility of the owner, and NOT that of the MARA or VARA, or sponsors, organizers, participants, or management of the Field Day Activities.

K3NLT: Radio, Remote Antenna Tuner, Rigblaster and interface, 10m SSB/CW Transceiver



- 1) Kenwood TS 50 with 500 Hz filter. \$400.00 negotiable
- 2) MFJ Signal enhancer This is an audio filter and peaking unit that also has notching capability \$50.00
- 3) MFJ remote auto antenna tuner 250 watt rating \$100.00
- 4) RigBlaster + data interface unit with 120 VAC power built in \$10.00
- 5) Radio Shack 10 meter SSB/CW transceiver \$90.00 negotiable

I have users manuals for all equipment and so far as I know all are in working order and warranted by myself

Contact Russell Mumaw, K3NLT at e-mail k3nlt@comcast.net or

(540) 896-7811) leave voice mail

I will call you back if you leave a number



2013 Dayton Hamvention — Operating Report

Another Dayton Hamvention Caravan successfully navigated the trek from the Shenandoah Valley to the famous Hara Arena in Dayton, Ohio, and back again.

The group met for the usual starting breakfast at the Redwood Restaurant in Lexington Thursday morning. Traveling Interstate 64 through West Virginia, the group stopped for the traditional Bob Evans lunch near Teays Valley (just east of Hurricane, WV). From there, the group traversed the new U.S. Highway 35 along the Kanawa River into Ohio, narrowly avoiding some bad-looking storm clouds.

This year, our caravan included W4DPL and KK4GWT from the Rappahannock area. David and Dan are good friends of former valley ham Sandy Mullins K4PZC.

Two of the most fun aspects of the Dayton trip are the actual journey over and the journey back. Traveling with friends, using ham radio between the cars to maintain a near-constant chatter, is like being at a ham luncheon or club dinner all day long.

We meet interesting people along the way, too. This year we passed a red VW Van (the old-fashioned kind) shortly after departing breakfast. By calling on 146.52, we learned that the van was part of a different caravan going to Dayton from the Hampton Roads area. We later found the van in the flea-market, and encountered him and his group again on the way home!

It appeared as though attendance was up this year, and there seemed to be more vendors and flea-market activity too. A couple of major vendors were conspicuous by their absence, notably LDG and AES. But their spaces were taken up by newcomers to the hobby, as software-defined radios, computer-based tools, and all kinds of other new technologies.

It drizzled rain for just a few minutes on Saturday, not enough to really dampen any of the fun. The Valley group met Friday and Saturday at the usual place (the doors behind the Mendelson's tent) to coordinate dinner together.

Below is the group at the mid-day pow-wow on Friday. Left to right: **Larry Harrison K3JRR, Jeff Rinehart W4PJW, Amber McDowell (XYL of James), James McDowell IV NN4JM, Richard Wilkins KR4V, David Fordham KD9LA, Pam Wilkins KC4HYT, Bob Van Fossen K4DJG, John Keller W4ZAO, Dan Lindberg W4DPL, and James Franklin W4SIU.** Others who made the trip with us but not shown in the photo were **Patsy Rinehart K4PJJ, Paul Wyse W4PFM, and David Dustin KK4GWT.** Photo taken by KK4GWT.



NET TIMES

DAYS	NETS	TIMES	FREQ.
1 st & 3 rd MONDAY'S	Old Dominion Emergency Net	6:30pm	3.947
Last WEDNESDAY	Old Dominion Emergency Net	8:45pm	3.947
April – Sept. 2 nd Wed.	Old Dominion Emergency Net	6:30pm	7.243
Oct. – Mar. 2 nd Wed.	Old Dominion Emergency Net	8:45pm	1.900
EVERY SUNDAY	PAGE Co. ARES	8:00pm	146.670
1 st MONDAY	ROCKINGHAM Co. ARES	8:00pm	Simplex 146.550
Other MONDAY'S	ROCKINGHAM Co. ARES	8:00pm	147.225
EVERY TUESDAY	BEDFORD NET	7:00pm	146.685
EVERY TUESDAY	SKYLINE REGIONAL NET	9:00pm	147.330
1 st & 3 rd THURSDAY	HIGHLAND Co. ARES	8:30pm	147.180 & 444.775
2 nd THURSDAY	AUGUSTA Co. ARES	8:00pm	146.850
EVERY THURSDAY	PIEDMONT EMERGENCY NET	8:00pm	146.760
EVERY FRIDAY	AUGUSTA Co. 10M NET	8:30pm	USB 28.490
EVERY SATURDAY	VIRGINIA 6M NET	9:00pm	53.010
EVERY SUNDAY	W4CUL NET	7:30pm	147.120

VSBN Daily at 1800 LSB on 3947.0 kHz

VN Daily at 1900 on 3578,5 kHz (NTS connection via 4RN).

VDN Mon - Fri at 1915 on 3578.5 kHz (or 1900 kHz) on CHIP-64 USB audio 1300 Hz.

VLN Daily at 2200 LSB on 3947.0 kHz

BY: RAY COLVIN KE4HVR Staunton, VA



For some time now the local frequencies on 2M, 220 & 440 have been quiet. It seems like most hams are moving to the Internet for their information and communications. I have signed on many times during the day on 2M and no answer except for 146.625 repeater. At night there several nets to check into.

Come on HAMS – lets use the frequencies before we lose them.

Have a good day.....73...Ray Colvin...KE4HVR

Member of VARA

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Breaking News!

K4LXG Named Section Emergency Coordinator

The local ham community congratulates Senior Assistant Emergency Coordinator Ellsworth Neff, K4LXG, for being appointed to the position of ARES / RACES Section Emergency Coordinator for the entire Virginia Section of the ARRL. The official announcement has not been released on the website yet. (<http://www.aresracesofva.org>).



Congratulations Ellsworth!

Submitted by Jeanne Neff on 5/20/2013

(Editor's note: Ellsworth is away on ARES business and will return on 5/21/2013. He doesn't know this yet. He will be pleasantly surprised when he discovers this!)



How Long Has It Been Since You Checked Into One of the Nets?

Don't forget: The local ARES groups hold regular nets to let you check out your radio equipment, antennas, and other station gear. Take advantage of these opportunities to get signal reports and get to know the other local hams.

The Page County ARES Net meets Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m. local time on the 146.67 repeater (PL 114.8). The Rockingham County ARES Net meets Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. local time, the first Monday on 146.55 simplex, all other Mondays on the 147.225 repeater (PL 131.8). The Augusta County ARE Net meets the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. local time, usually on the 146.850 repeater (PL 131.8). All hams are welcome!

Ham Calendar — Upcoming Activities — Mark Your Calendars for your Favorite Events!

JUNE

2 — Page County ARES Net
 3 — Rockingham County ARES Net
 4 — VARA Club Meeting
 6 — MARA Club Meeting
 7 — PVARC Club Business Meeting
 8— VE Testing
 8-9 — ARRL June VHF Contest
 9 — Manassas Hamfest
 9 — Page County ARES Net
 10 — Rockingham County ARES Net (simplex)
 13 — Augusta County ARES Net
 15 — ARRL Kids Day — On-Air Event
 16 — Page County ARES Net
 17 — Rockingham County ARES Net
 20 — *Deadline for July Monitor Submissions **
 22-23 — ARRL Field Day
 23 — Page County ARES Net
 24 — Rockingham County ARES Net
 30 — Page County ARES Net

JULY

2 — VARA Club Meeting (tentative)
 5 — PVARC Club Meeting
 11 — MARA Club Meeting *<— Note Date Change!*
 18-20 — Bridgewater Lawn Party Public Service Event

AUGUST

1 — MARA Club Meeting
 2 — PVARC Club Meeting
 4 — Berryville Hamfest
 6 — VARA Club Meeting (tentative)
 17-18— Luray Triathlon

SEPTEMBER

3 — VARA Club Meeting
 5 — MARA Club Meeting
 6 — PVARC Club Meeting
 7— VARA Family Picnic

** Deadline for Monitor Submissions is midnight on this day .*

MARA President's Message



I continue to be impressed at the amount of work that the Field Day committee is doing to make this annual event a world-class operation. I've attended several Field Day Committee meetings, the latest one of which have lasted well over two hours. I've also been privy to the emails and I can testify that the committee is doing "mucho" work behind the scenes between meetings, too. Thanks to these six hams for their fine work in the face of many challenges.

Thanks also is due to the hams who brought their "show-and-tell" items to the May club meeting. It's always interesting to see things that others are doing in this broad hobby.

Speaking of which, our annual trip to Dayton this year was another opportunity to see things that we don't get to see every day. I am especially pleased that we in the Shenandoah Valley appear to be "running with the big dogs". Our clubs, our activities, and our public service events compare favorably with clubs in cities many, many times larger than our beautiful valley.

We are really lucky to have such a wonderful cadre of active amateur radio operators, especially when we all have such diverse interests, opinions, preferences, and attitudes. In short, we have a great group around here.

See you at the June club meeting!

David R. Fordham, KD9LA

MARA President

MARA Secretary's Report – May 2, 2013 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order at 7:34 PM by President David Fordham, KD9LA

Attendance: 32 present - 28 Members and 4 Guests Introductions made all around.

New Members: 4 applications were read for the first time

Thomas Endress KJ4MWU

Tripp Denton KC4GXI

Samuel Lilly KK4QKI

John Schuster No Call Yet (Friend of SK Ham Al McNet N4NOL)

Secretary Minutes: Approved as printed in the April 2013 Monitor

Treasurer Report: A typographical error was noted and corrected. The balance , as printed in the Monitor had an extra “3” making it 33 thousand. The correct amount in thousands should only be 3. Then it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer’s report as amended to what was printed in the April 2013 Monitor.

Reports by Committees:

ARES/RACES: Bryan (K4RMY) Nothing to report

Public Service: Nothing to report

Volunteer Examiners: Gayle KU4XN The next testing session is on June 8th at the Woodman of the World.

Repeater Committee: 440 repeater amp blew up. Repairs are underway.

145.130 is working fine

147.315 is not working and a discussion this situation will be done in New Business

Field Day Committee: Andrew Pearson N4RCesaid a meeting was planned for May 14th at the Burger King in Bridgewater with discussion for a mountain-top site for this June’s Field Day.

Other Announcements: The Program for July will be stuff you need for a station notebook

The caravan to the Dayton Hamvention is set and ready to go

Old Business: None

New Business:

An extended discussion has conducted discussing the options for the 147.315 “low altitude” repeater currently at EMU. The machine is not working and repairs from Hamtronics could be expensive. The antenna and diplexer traps are good. We just need a good machine.



MARA Secretary's Report – May 2, 2013 Meeting, Continued

There was a debate over giving back the frequency pair. A straw poll favored retaining the frequencies and using it as a spare AREAS machine for emergencies and special events. John Piotrowski is a two-way radio technician and believes that he can get an inexpensive repeater. A final decision on reactivating the machine is pending his findings.

50/50: won by Bob Dixon W8HDH \$13.50 split from total \$27.00 collected.

Program: We had an interesting show-and-tell.

Bob Dixon W8HDH showed a power supply with some home brew features.

Dave Collins, W4WDC is a QRP enthusiast and showed a KX-3 Elecraft kit which can work the world on less wattage than a night light. He also showed some Hendrix Kits.

Jim Lehman had a follow-up to last month's program on the giant dish at Sugar Grove, the slightly less than ultra-secret Cold War era Navy radio station we all still protect with our quiet zone. He calculated using some Einstein looking math that just one watt the gain of the parabolic dish would produce a one megawatt signal. The receive would be equally as impressive. It was designed to receive moon bounce signals from internal Soviet Union transmitters.

Elsworth Neff W4LXG showed a QRL Rig and a WW2 era Vibroplex Bug that he treasures. It was a gift to him by his late Elmer's widow.

Respectfully Submitted May 12,, 2013 by **Dennis Phillips**, NS4K MARA Secretary

MARA Treasurer's Report

MARA Treasurer's Report
April 23 – May 20, 2013

Beginning Balance April 22, 2012 (Last Report)		\$ 3,270.56
Add:		
May Meeting 50/50	\$	14.00
New Memberships (2)		24.00
Deposit Refund (Hamtronics)		15.00
Donation (W3MMC Equip Auction)		<u>200.00</u>
	Total Deposits	\$ 253.00
Less:		
Bank Fee (April)	\$	- 2.00
SVEC (April)		-23.31
Repeater Parts		-44.60
Feb – May Monitor Printing/Mailing		<u>-89.77</u>
	Total Disbursements	\$ <u>-159.68</u>
Ending Balance as of May 20, 2013		\$ 3,363.88



Submitted by Sheryl Tonini, KJ4DOC, MARA Treasurer

PVARC Secretary's Report – Summary Minutes for May 3rd, 2013

This being an "odd numbered" month, the Page Valley Amateur Radio Club held an "Eatin' Meetin'" at the Luray Southern Grill on U.S. Hwy 340 south of Luray. The informal, social gathering was presided over by PVARC President Bob Forrest/WO4MI who apologized for not having our regular private meeting room due to scheduling problems this month, but assured the members that in future we would be in a quieter room.



The only business to conduct was associated with approving the draft club brochure and authorizing the cost of printing. A sample of the brochure was provided by John/KT4CB for discussion, along with printing estimates from two local printers. Overall, the members were pleased with the sample, approving the glossy print sample over the non-glossy alternative by a majority vote.

Consideration was given to two quotations; and, a third alternative proposed by John/KT4CB (to print them on his home printer) which was ultimately approved. John is able to print, fold and distribute at a price significantly less than either of the other two companies. If/when higher quantities are required, commercial printing might be more economical. Funding was approved for 100 brochures.

Dave/K4DPF asked that the following two announcements for Public Service Opportunities be made a part of the minutes since they could not be heard over the restaurant noise.

The first is a reminder about the Massanutten Mountain Trails 100 Mile Run [<http://www.vhtrc.org/mmt/>] scheduled for May 18 and 19. Larry Miller [lmiller@shentel.net] is coordinating amateur radio support for the event. Several of us have supported MMT in the past. So far I have only heard from Gary K6OZ but others may have responded directly to Larry. I haven't seen the assignment list yet so there should be time to jump in and help.

The second is the Luray Triathlon [<http://luraytriathlon.com/>] scheduled for August 17-18. I met with Cory Churches, the volunteer coordinator for the event, last week. We laid out their basic needs and I generated the attached map with elementary information for a communications plan. There are two races; a long race on Saturday morning and a shorter race on Sunday morning. She is hoping to have seven locations supported with hams each day, so hams with mobile rigs and/or HTs would be very welcome. Since we have a lot of experience with lousy cell phone coverage in that area because of our Field Day operations at Lake Arrowhead, you can see how valuable amateur radio would be in support of this event. Please pencil in the dates on your calendar and let me know you'll be available. More details to follow as they develop.

The meeting was adjourned at 1945. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 7th to be held at the Lord Fairfax Community College campus in Luray. As usual, E-mail notification will be sent to members on the Wednesday before.

Submitted by: Sparky/KD4KL, Secretary

Area Ham Needing our Thoughts and Prayers

Paul Helbert, WV3J, Has been diagnosed with graft-host disease after receiving a stem cell transplant at UVa for treatment of multiple myeloma. He is being fed intravenously and is receiving massive steroids to protect his body from the graft. Please remember him in your prayers.

Submitted by Gerald Brunk, K4RBZ



MASSANUTTEN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.

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