VARA Meeting: September 2nd

The **Valley Amateur Radio Association**, will hold its **September 2nd** meeting at Hometown Grille & Buffet (Old Shoney's) at 30 Sanger Lane, Staunton, VA. Dinner starts at 6:00pm, and the general meeting begins at 7:00pm.

MARA Meeting: September 4th

The Massanutten Amateur Radio Association, Inc., will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, **September 4th**, at the Wood Grill on Reservoir Street in Harrisonburg. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. All hams and their families are invited and welcome.

PVARC Meeting: September 5th

The **Page Valley Amateur Radio Club** will hold its regular meeting on **September 5th** at 6:30pm at the Page County Sheriff's Training Room in Luray. All hams and their guests are invited.

Friday Luncheon: Hometown Grille and Buffet, Staunton

The Friday *weekly* casual lunch meetings are at Hometown Grille & Buffet (Old Shoney's) at 30 Sanger Lane, Staunton, VA at 11:00AM. Directions: I-81 to Exit 222, Richmond Rd. & Rte 250. Turn East, Hometown Grille & Buffet will be on the left across the street from Mrs. Rowe's.

Reminder to all that are subscribed to the Valley Ham Group:

When you change your eMail address, you need to notify
Fred Evans N4KYM ... n4kym@yahoo.com or
Ray Colvin KE4HVR ... colvingr@comcast.net
if you want to continue receiving information from the Valley Hams Group.

***Deadline for newsletter articles is the 20th of the preceding month of publication.**

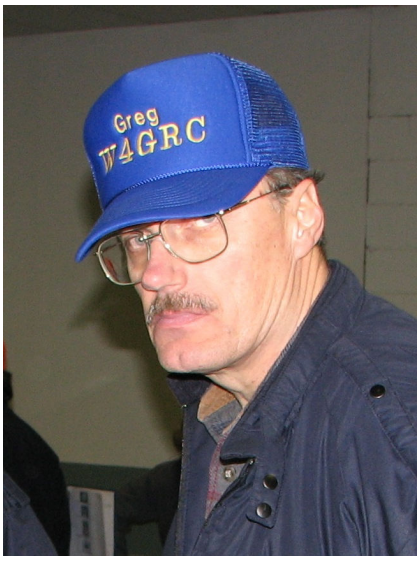
VARA President's Column

I hope my report for this month's newsletter finds each of you well. We have a lot of activities on our plate over the next couple of months. Here is a brief list: the VARA picnic at Gypsy Hill Park on September 7th, the Self-Reliance Expo at the Augusta Expo in Fishersville on September 27th, and the Fall Foliage Bike Festival, on October 18th and 19th. As I prepare my report for the September newsletter, I have no information regarding the "Triple Play" event.

The Self-Reliance Expo (see www.SelfRelianceInTheValley.com) focuses on having the essentials for emergency preparedness. The expo will be held at the multi-purpose building. There will be demonstrations on food storage, canning, gardening and much more. There will also be music, local vendors, and various classes. The event is family friendly. And by the way, there is no charge. That means it is free! I think the Self Reliance Expo is well worth the time and effort to attend. One thing that David (AD4TJ) and others have stressed is the importance of being prepared in case of an emergency. The Self Reliance Expo takes preparedness to the next step. If you think you can depend on the government during an emergency situation you might be whistling in the dark. Each of us should take charge of our own needs.

Dan (KE4JSX) the expo coordinator invited VARA to demonstrate the use of Amateur Radio and its versatility during an emergency. Three of our members Gordon (WA4FJC), Wayne (N4EYZ), and Greg (W4GRC) have agreed to set up and lead the radio demonstration. However, we would like to have as much club participation as possible. So if you are free on the 27th of September come on out and join the fun.

As you probably know by now, the Fall Foliage Bike Festival is our signature public service event. For the last two years in order to help with the cost of fuel the club has voted to allow participating members to renew their membership at no cost. I have no doubt that we will continue this program for this year's event. The bottom line is that we need your help. Over the past couple of years there have not been as many volunteers as in the past. A lot of the set up and take down has been left in Jeff's (W4PJW) lap. Last year Jeff and I set up and took down the trailer used for the event on Saturday by ourselves. So please mark your calendars and plan to come out and help.



A bunch of us hams travelled to the Berryville Hamfest in August. It appeared that the hamfest was not as well attended as it has been in years past. There was a fair amount of tail-gating, but very few vendors with radio equipment. If you needed coax, connectors, and other odds and ends there was quite an assortment. All in all, it was a fun trip. Myself, Ray (KE4HVR), Fred (N4KYM, and Steve (KI4CGI) travelled together. I rode on the top of Ray's CRV and kept the windshield clean.

I think that's about enough of me for this month. See you on September 2nd for our club meeting and on the 7th for our club picnic.

73, **Greg, W4GRC,**
President Valley Amateur Radio Association

MARA President's Column

We have made it to September already, the time of year when there will be several public service events that give us a chance to help other organizations with fund raising events. It seems that September and October are the busy months for these events. I would like to encourage everyone to try helping with at least one of them, there is nothing hard to be done, mainly just show up with a radio (most if not all will require a 2 m mobile rig) and pass informal messages and observations. It is also a chance to get outside and enjoy the cooler weather that will be coming. Remember, if you can get a couple good pictures the editor would appreciate having them for the newsletter.

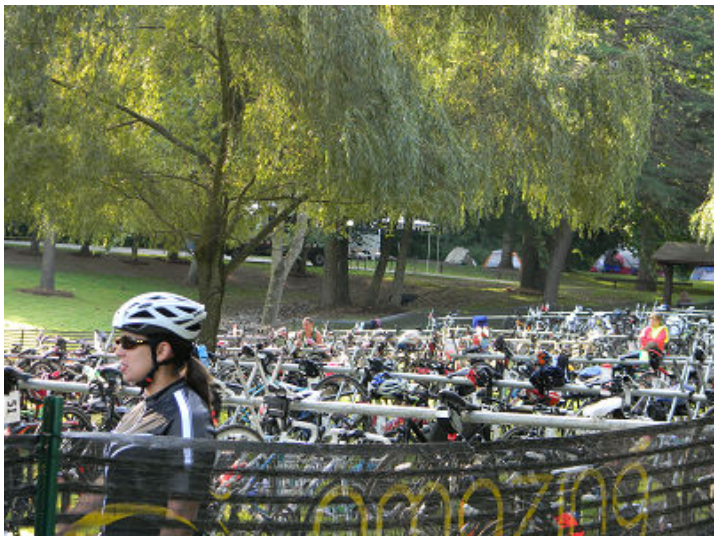
The next big event for MARA is the annual business meeting in October, and time to choose who will be the club officers for 2015. I want to encourage more members to become involved, specifically those that have never held a board position to give it a try. It is not that big of a deal and does not require much time.

73 Gerald, KN4FM

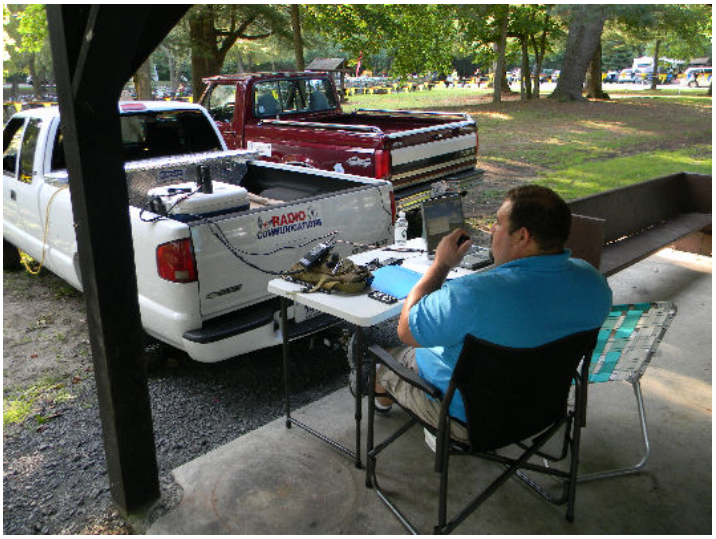
On the 27th of September, at Augusta County Expo, from 9 am to 4 pm, there will be what is called a " Self-Reliance Expo ", sub-titled " Essentials for Emergency Preparedness ". It is free to the public. There will be, in addition to members of VARA (and some MARA members?) demonstrating Amateur Radio, businesses and/or individuals demonstrating generators, candle-making, solar power, alternate heat, first aid, food storage, etc. There will be mini-classes and speakers throughout the day. This will be held in the Multi-purpose building.
Bluegrass music will be provided by Close Enough.
The organization has a website: selfrelianceinthevalley.com with much more info there.

73, David AD4TJ

Luray Triathlon 2014



The Luray Triathlon Amateur Radio support went very well for the 2 day event, with little traffic to pass for the Saturday Race, but the Sunday Race was very eventful, and a good challenge for all that played a part, Those helping with this event **Dave-K4DPF, Gene-KJ4HFO, Paul-KK4IRS,**

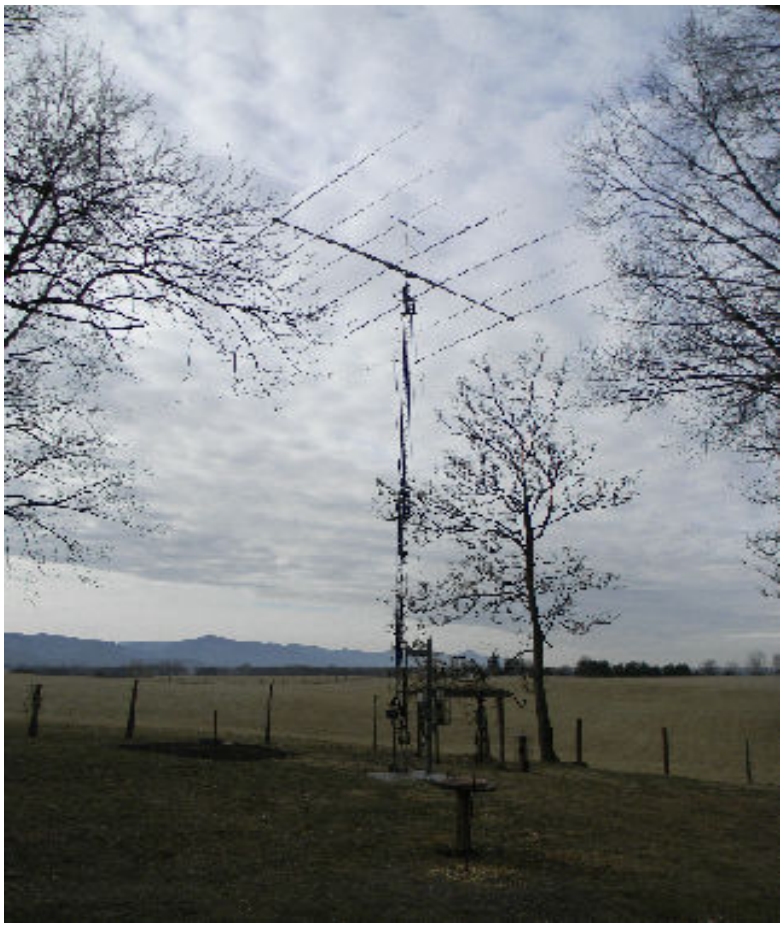


Gary-K6OZ, Morgan-K4RHD, Harold-KK4SYN, Zory-KB3VQC , Bob-KI4VFP, Mike-K4MIC (Net Control), and myself **Mark-N4YSA**.

The officials at the Race as well as the participants and even spectators where all quick with a "Thank You" and I would like to thank each one who helped with the ARES Communications at this event, you all did a splendid job, despite some organizational problems with the Race Officials. We even had a contestant that was a Amateur Radio Operator for Brazil stop by to say Hi, PY2ADR-Adriano.

All in all things went very well, and we will have a critique of the communications for this event at next **Saturdays 8-23-2014 ARES** Training. Again Thanks for all the hard work.

Mark-N4YSA



2014 Virginia QSO Party Results

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Here the results of the efforts of local hams in the 2014 VA QSO Party:
2 local hams had outstanding totals:
WA4NUF Gene Sullivan, placed 1st in the VA-only, Phone-only, Single-band(40 m) Low Power category, with a score of 83,444 points.
Gene also was the High Single-Op VA Counties/ Independent Cities winner with 96.
W4ZAO John Keller, took 1st place of 48 entries in the VA-only, Fixed Location, Phone-only, All-bands, Low Power category with a score of 74,484 points.
Other area hams with notable efforts in that category:
8th place: N4BCC Bennie Cook with 32,610 points.
14th place: W8RTN Doug Tippett with 17,504 points.
31st place: K4RHD Morgan Phenix with 5,292 points.
In the VA-only, Fixed location, Mixed Modes, All-bands, Low power category, with 42 entries, the following local hams placed:
9th place: K4DPF Dave Firestone with 78,533 points.
27th place: K4RTE Sam Gamble with 12,042 points.
With only 1 entry in the Fixed location, VA-only, Phone-only, Single-band(80), Low Power category, W4PFM Paul Wyse had a score of 8,430 points.
In the VA-only, Fixed location, CW-only, All-bands, Low Power category, with 10 entries, the following local hams placed:
3rd place: AD4TJ David Tanks with 16,194 points.
10th place: AK4CJ Tim Ramey with 1,364 points.
The Shenandoah Valley Wireless contest club was in with 6 other clubs in the combined score category(VA and Non-VA contacts). We placed 6th. We only had 6 logs credited to the club. For anyone interested in joining the contest club please send me an email; there are no dues, and no meetings(yet). Let me know if you are an ARRL member(need to know that for if and when we get to be an ARRL Affiliated Club).
Thanks for those who did put the contest club name on their entry.
I apologize if I left someone out, as I don't know all the hams in the area!
Better luck next year!
73, David AD4TJ

How to Report a SK to the FCC (and ARRL)

Send a letter to the **FCC** and **ARRL** informing them of the death and asking that the call sign be removed from the database. Include with the letter supporting evidence such as a death notice, newspaper obituary, death certificate, etc.

Address for FCC:
Federal Communications Commission
ATTN: Amateur Manager
1280 Fairfield Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Thanks for all who contributed to this information. ED

Silent Keys

Richard Samuel Weaver, W3HXH

Richard Samuel Weaver, 94, of Dale Enterprise, passed from death to eternal life with Christ on Sunday July 27, 2014. He was born on November 2, 1919, in the family home on Park Place in Harrisonburg, and was a son of the late Henry David and Sallie (Wenger) Weaver. He grew up in Park View and graduated from EMHS and EMC with a BA in Bible. During high school he worked at Shenandoah Manufacturing, and then later worked in plumbing and refrigeration. During WWII, drafted as a conscientious objector, he was first stationed at Harrisburg State Mental Hospital (PA), and then later banding birds at Medaryville, IN. He returned to Harrisonburg, flying a biplane from Hartman Airport to his last assignment in Kalispell, MT, where he was a pilot, flight trainer and camp director for the smokejumpers. He was ordained as a minister by lot in Virginia Mennonite Conference in 1948, taking his first pastorate at churches in Job, Lambert, and Witmer, WV. He returned to Park View in 1954 and began Weaver Audio Studio. He was the announcer on The Mennonite Hour radio program for many years. He later operated Weaver Hams, Inc. From the 1950s- 70s, he pastored Broad Street Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, a racially integrated congregation during the time of legal segregation. He also pastored New Covenant Mennonite Church, Hopewell Mennonite Church in Morgantown, PA, and retired from Staunton Mennonite Church. In 1936 he was licensed as an amateur radio operator as W3HXH, and enjoyed his ham radio friends until his passing. He loved people and also often went to the mountains to meditate, pray, and sometimes hunt. One of his favorite sayings was "keep looking up!" For many years he operated the Dale Enterprise Weather Station, the 3rd oldest in the US, which was begun in 1868 by his wife's grandfather, Bishop L. J. Heatwole. He and his wife travelled with the Wally Byam Airstream Club for many years. He also volunteered in many organizations, including Rockingham RELAY, Mennonite Disaster Service communications, and Red Cross, managing communications during the 1985 flood in Rockingham and Pendleton counties. On March 14, 1946, he married the former Virginia Elizabeth Grove, of Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, who survives. In addition to his wife, Mr. Weaver is survived by a son, Robert E. Weaver of Dale Enterprise, a sister, Janet (Morris) Yoder of VMRC, a brother, Henry (Mary) Weaver, Jr., of Goshen, IN, his late son's wife, Anne Weaver of Broadway, a granddaughter Kimberly (Joe) Weaver Rocco of San Rafael, CA, a grandson, Richard Scott (Shauna) Weaver of Harrisonburg, five great grandchildren, Zach, Zoe, Zeno, Zane, and Zeta Rose Rocco, and a special family friend, Maria Nordman of Los Angeles. He was preceded in death by a son, Ralph C. Weaver, a sister, Virginia Driver and a brother, Cleo Weaver. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday July 30, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. at Weavers Mennonite Church with Pastor Phil Kanagy officiating. Viewing will be at the church from 9:30-10:30. Burial will follow at Weavers Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 P.M. at the Meredith Chapel of Sunnyside Retirement Community. Friends may also call the funeral home anytime Tuesday. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.mcmullenfh.com. Arrangements entrusted to McMullen Funeral Home.

A Tribute to Dick

Dick W3HXH (ex-W4JZC) passed to glory Sunday July 27, 2014. At his funeral Wednesday July 30, in Dick's home town of Harrisonburg, VA (at Weavers Mennonite Church) the Bible Fellowship Net was represented by Bob (KD2IM) and Paula Bracket, Frank (W4US) and Susan Farrow, Hugh (K3EC) and Colleen Pettis and Paul (W4PFM) and Peggy Wyse. It was a warm and outgoing service, filled with many of Dick's friends, associates, relatives and local ham radio ops "Elmered" by Dick in past years Dick came to the BFN 43 years ago on its study session no.75 of March 1, 1971. Joel 1:13-15 was under study by W4WC, W3QCW, W4PVL, VE3BB and WA3PPH. Dick just couldn't remain silent on 3875 kHz when the Day of the Lord was under consideration. He quickly became a regular presence with a firm and unequivocal testimo-

Left to Right: Dick Weaver, W3HXH, (SK) and Bruce Wahlin, KØGE, in concert at BHF-44.

Dear Virginia,

Richard's passing does not mean he has left us! His place in our hearts and love are memories that can never be erased or lost. Thank you very much for sharing so unstintingly yourselves in ministry to all of us on the Bible Fellowship Net and Amateur Radio. The places in our lives you two occupy have always been a "gift that keeps on giving."

We have been and are truly blessed by you both in Christ's love and presence.

Thank you, dear Sister!

As we have written for others on 3875 kHz now with Lord: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant ... enter now into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21 KJV).

de **Hugh K3EC**

ny for the inerrant truth of Scripture, the historicity of Jesus' atoning death and resurrection, and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. Dick and Virginia ("Ginny") were at Bible Hamfest Nr. 1 the next month (April 1971) at the residence of Bob, WA3PPH, at Willow Street PA. (Dick voted with the others for "The Bible Fellowship Net" as the name for the consolidated Early Morning and Sunday School Nets on 3875 kHz. He indeed helped lay our 44 year old witness to Christ on Amateur Radio. Dick and Ginny became steadfast leaders and contributors to all subsequent Bible Hamfests through BHF-44 this year (but without Ginny).

Some "factoids" of Dick's presence on the BFN -- (1) as of August 2009 he had 2,252 study session checkins;

(2) He appeared frequently on the Monitor's monthly :"On the Net" sidebar through this past February; (3) he received his Isaiah 52:7 certificate at BHF-3 in 1973, and the BFN Honor Plaque at BHF-17 (1987). Always on the air, he last took part in the BFN's informal Saturday "Roundup" on 40M this past April 26 -- using his phased 40M verticals of which he was so proud.

Much can be written about this saintly brother in Christ who touched many lives in his ministry and activities – and doubtless will be. He and, wife Ginny, have been so a part of the Bible Fellowship Net we owe her in equal measure our gratitude too. Colleen and I sent her this note of condolence:

Dick Weaver, W3HXH, from Field Day on the Mountain in 2003 **[right]**

Update Your FCC License

By David Fordham, KD9LA

STEPS TO UPDATE YOUR HAM LICENSE

Go to http://www.fcc.gov

On the very right side of the screen, scroll down until you get to Universal Licensing System (ULS). This is the bottom of the right-hand vertical listing. Click on the link for ULS.

In the middle of the ULS page, you should see a peach-colored button saying "LOGIN". There will be two Login buttons. You want the button beside "OnLine Filing", not the one for Narrowbanding. Click on the Online Filing LOGIN button.

Enter your FCC Registration Number, and your Password. Your FCC Registration Number is found on your paper Ham Radio License, labeled as "FRN Number". It is a 10-digit number with no dashes or decimal points. It may have leading zeroes. After entering your FRN number and password, click on the Submit link. If you have done this, skip to step 15 below.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR PAPER LICENSE…

You should always have your paper license in a safe place. You wouldn't lose your driver's license, or your pilot's license, why would you lose your ham radio license? Keep it in a safe place! If you've lost it, well, you're probably going to get a new one when you finish this update process anyway, so don't despair.

In the meantime, however, you need your FRN number, so go back to the ULS page (E.g., click the back button, or follow steps 1 and 2 above). Underneath the peach-colored LOGIN buttons you will see a Search LICENSES button. Click on the peach-colored Search Licenses button.

On the Search Licenses page, in the middle of the page, enter your callsign and click on Search.

You will see your FRN number in the middle of the page.

IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD

Get to the LOGIN page (follow steps 1, 2, and 3 above). Along the left-hand edge of the screen, look for the "Forgot Your Password? Contact Tech Support" link. Click on this link.

Click on the Right-Hand link, "Password Reset". And following the instructions.

If you have not set a Personal Security Question, you should instead click on the LEFT link, "Set Personal Security Question", and follow the instructions.

I will leave it to you to get your Personal Security Question and Password set correctly. You should be able to follow the on-line instructions, and next time, take care not to lose your FRN, password, or the answer to your security question.

If all else fails, be humble and contrite, and call 1-877-480-3201, which is the FCC's tech support line. Listen carefully to the automated phone system, and when you finally get to the music to listen to, remember the hassle you created for yourself by not remembering your password and other stuff that you really should have written down someplace where you can retrieve it when you need it. I write mine on my paper license copy, which I keep with my birth certificate, marriage certificate, driver's license copy, and other important papers.

ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR FRN *AND* YOUR PASSWORD…

Go back and re-execute Steps 1 through 4. It takes the website about 15-30 seconds to log you in. Be patient.

Once you are logged in, you will see your license information. On the far right you will see a box saying "Work on this license". In that box, you will see a link for "Update – Licensee name and Mailing Address". Click on the "update" word in this link.

On the next screen, click Continue again (leave the defaults set to No, you are not exempt).

On the next screen, correct your address and city, state, and zip. You should also verify, enter, or correct your telephone and email at this time, too. Scroll to the bottom and click CONTINUE.

On the next screen, click **CONTINUE TO CERTIFY**.

Once you click "Certify", it will ask you for your full name, and position (put "self" in the Position if it asks), and by doing so you will be "signing" the digital application. Read carefully from this point on, because if you've made a mistake, your information is not updated yet and you need to fix the problem. If everything is fine, it will bring you to an "Application" page where you can see the application that you've just submitted to the FCC to update your information, and you're done and can log out, or just close the browser.

Good luck.

Too Late for the August issue

1. THANKS TO ALL THE VEs WHO HELPED WITH THE JUNE 6 TEST SESSION.

E.C. SHOWALTER KG4KUR
MIKE TURNER K4MIC
GERALD NAUMAN KN4FM
FOSTER FARONE WF4O
JIM LEHMAN W4POL
BRYAN DANIELS K4RMY

THE NEXT TESTING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 11. AT THE WOODMAN BUILDING ON RT. 42 DAYTON.

TESTING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 9:OO AM.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE TRAFFIC CONTROL AT BRIDGEWATER ON JULY 18 & 19.

STEVE,KF4ZWK BOB,K4CAL
GERALD,KN4FM BOB,N1QEQ
RAY,K4NRA NANCY,KG4JAZ
CHRIS,KI4BAQ E.C.,KG4KUR
ELLSWORTH,K4LXG

AGAIN THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. EVERY THING WENT WELL THIS YEAR AND THE TOWN THANKS YOU.

SUBMITTED BY GAYLE,KU4XN

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All items are OBO, will accept time stamp on email offers as first in line to purchase.

1 ea. Yaesu ad-2 duplexer

1 ea. Diamond mx-72 duplexer

1 ea. Heil mobile headset $45

1 ea. Vibroplex iambic presentation key (chrome-with clear plastic dust cover), as new. $149.00.

1 ea. 3-312 RF Concepts 220 MHz 120 watt out solid state amp, $195.00

1 ea. 4-310 RF Concepts 440 MHz 100 watt out solid state amp, $295.00

1 ea. Tail-twister rotor, $395.00

1 ea. CDR tr-44 rotor , $195.00

1 ea. CDR control head only $75.00

1 ea. Ham ll rotor $245.00

1 ea. Ham iv rotor, needs restate in rotor for readout $165.00

2 ea. BX R4 Rohn rotor plates $5.00 ea.

1 ea. Ten-Tec Hercules ll solid state HF amp with remote control and cables $895.00

1 ea. Ten-Tec iambic keyer model 604 $65.00

5 ea. Hustler Super Coils 1000 watt mobile for bands 75m, 40m, 20m, 10m, & 11m $25.00 ea. or 100.00 all. 3 Hustler poles for mobile coils $30.00 all three.

1 ea. Nye-Viking MB-V-A 3000 watt tuner $395.00

1 ea. R.L. Drake 1000 watt filter $25.00

Assorted box of com. switches $10.00 ea.

2 ea. Icom ic-28h 45 watt mobile 2m radios,
1 with tone board= $119.00
1 without tone board= $89.00

1 ea. Icom ic-900 mobile with 2m, 220, 440 MHz modules $385.00

1 ea. Diamond f-23a Omni. base antenna $79.00

1 ea. Tram d201 with Astatic non-powered mic. $295.00

Multiple 11m radios and mobile antennas from fleet truck operation

1 ea. Tonna (French mfg.) 2m 4 element yogi., quick breakdown ssb/cw spectrum

Thank you,
Rusty Bowman
Contact me at: n4yet@yahoo.com

The following items are offered for sale from a silent keys estate.

1 PAKRATT PK 232 MBX Universal Data Controller. Asking $60. All Funds go to the Waynesboro Repeater Association.

2 ICOM IC 765 HF transceiver. Works HF up thru 6 meters. Looks and sounds great. With an ASTRON SS-30M metered power supply. Asking $700. All funds go to the XYL.

Contact Gordon, WA4FJC at gpbatey@compuserve.com OR 540-248-2732.

73 Gordon

Corrections

MARA/VARA Field Day Totals Correction:
I'm sorry to say the reported Field Day points are incorrect in the latest Monitor. The correct totals follow:
Total Bonus Points: 1,290
Score Summary:
Total QSOs CW 946 Phone 1364
Total Points CW 1892 Phone 1364 Overall 3256
Claimed Score = 6,512 = 2 x 3256
Herb Slade/AA2BF

Looking for hard to find parts?

Surplus Sales of Nebraska has a BIG organized display of stuff in its on-line catalog. www.surplusales.com. As usual, do your homework before buying anything on-line. And check out the reviews on their service on E-ham.

Berryville Hamfest 2014 - A Story in Pictures

6:30am at Berryville

Bob, K4DJG

Ray-K4NRA with a box of Ham Radio goodies he just purchased

Larry-K3JRR on the move

Jim-W4SIU and Ellsworth-K4LXG in a deep conversation

ARRL booth

Scott-W4GSB

Paul-KK4IRS and Harold-KK4SYN

Gene WA4NUF in search of deals

Bob-WO4MI

Larry-K3JRR taking a break

Frank-KE4RMB deer in the headlights

Berryville

The local annual Hamfest. A mecca for those selling, buying, meeting old friends, new friends, finding something worth less than its postage. Perusing tables, boxes for something one can't live without; "I made one of those when I was eighteen!" Memories. Like an old girlfriend, maybe better?

Very recently I became interested in Amateur radio, attending a meeting of the Shenandoah Valley ARC in Winchester this past May. There I introduced myself, was made welcome by several members, given some Technician study materials, and told of the annual upcoming Hamfest in Berryville. I felt comfortable with that as Berryville has figured into my life positively for 50 some years, in unrelated ways.

Moving to Virginia in the sixties a new friend in Arlington County had a farm about a mile north of Berryville. Many fun and successful hunting and camping trips followed at that farm. Great memories of all day hunts, card games, and game braised in an iron skillet.

Folks grow apart, move, and after eight years of school and three with the US Army I returned to Virginia, now as an avid long distance runner. When the "Turkey Trot" 10k foot race was scheduled for a pretty fall morning in 1980, I had to attend. Joining a couple hundred other endorphin rush addicts I posted a "personal best" time: a most enjoyable day. The race was held at the Berryville town park, right across from the fairgrounds.

While in Winchester in 1988 I met a lovely lady with a beautiful 12 year old daughter, and dated this lady for a year. Of course she lived in Berryville.

For the next 25 years I only passed through Berryville, seeking points north; this year beckoned me to the 2014 Hamfest, and it was a great one.....with the weather ideal, I arrived early anticipating what a Hamfest might be.

Parking in a mobile antenna farm I saw Mark N4YSA who had a small table there and gave me a few pointers on the fest. Walking into a maze of "stuph" and "junque", having only a vague idea of what I walked by; these Hams sure have their special interests in Amateur radio! Then I found the food line leading to the promised Ham and egg breakfast. Whether from lack of experience or being short-staffed, the in line grew longer and very few came out with food. Shuffling and waiting in line I could smell good food on a griddle and the whiff of coffee, but became mostly aware of the people, or rather the patience and civility of this group of people. I don't think that this would be normal for almost any other group at a "public" venue. As is expected on the airwaves, patience, civility, and common courtesy were tangible in the food line. I am proud to be a member of this fine group of folks.

Other members of the Page Valley ARC were there and I ran into a couple of the VEs from Moorefield who gave me the Technician and General exams in June. One stated that this is his favorite Hamfest; it was good to see them again.

Checking the time I had 20 minutes to find the school where the VE exams were to be given at noon. The location had been changed and the school was locked! But by coincidence (is there really such a thing?), good fortune and once again, patience and civility, the door was opened: starting 45 minutes late about 27 folks took exams and I earned my Amateur Extra ticket. Hooooooraaahhhh! What a great day!

I believe that we are not always at a certain place because of our own designs, but I'm planning to be back and hope to see you there in 2015. In Berryville.

73,

Patrick Sprague KM4CGV

N. A. RTTY QSO Party Results

" Final results of the February 2014 North American RTTY QSO Party are in. The 5-man team consisting of NN4JM James McDowell, N5SMQ Butch Washer, K4PZC Sandy Mullins, K4DJG Bob VanFossen, and myself, AD4TJ, made a total of 1180 Q's using 100 watts or less from our respective QTH's. As a team, we placed 27th out of 42 teams, with a score of 100,581 points. Here is a breakdown of Q's by band(before mis-copied calls and busted calls were removed by the contest managers):

80 = 240	40 = 570	20 = 209
15 = 136	10 = 25	

And here are the scores for us as published:

N5SMQ 35,840 with 320 Q's
K4DJG 19,671 with 249 Q's
NN4JM 16,756 with 236 Q's
K4PZC 14,620 with 170 Q's
AD4TJ 13,694 with 167 Q's

In the NAQP contests, you exchange Name and State/ Province. Some of the names we were sent: Hiram(from W1AW/* stations), Gomer, Gator, Ziggy, Fabi, Vlad.

James said that prior to this contest, he had only made 10 to 15 RTTY contacts in his entire ham life! He really enjoyed doing RTTY. He worked 42 or 43 states, so almost got Worked All States in 1 contest!.

Butch commented that " I had a blast! Worked 44 states. Got a run going on 40 meters that lasted 2 hours 40 minutes, with 130 contacts going in the log. On 80 meters, in less than 2 hours I had a run of 85 Q's. "

And, of course, the most popular statement made? " I gotta get better antennas! "

All in all, it was a lot of fun. Interested in RTTY and/or contesting? Ask Jeff Rinehart W4PJW or myself about it.

73, David AD4TJ "

VARA Secretary's Report

The Valley Amateur Radio Association held its August 2014 meeting at the Hometown Grill and Buffet Restaurant in Staunton. The meeting was brought to order at 7 pm by Vice-President Jeff Rinehart W4PJW. 17 members and guests were present and introduced themselves. The 50/50 drawing winner was Gordon Batey WA4FJC, winning $8.50.

ARES Report: David Tanks, AD4TJ, EC: David reported that the next net will be the 2nd Thursday of the month, August 14th at 8 pm on the 146.850 repeater. There will be traffic handling practice during the net, so be prepared to copy a message! As always, he is looking for Net Control operators.

Secretary's report: David AD4TJ made a motion that the minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter, with the correction noted that Dan Beidler KE4JSX is the one who has made it possible for us to use a table at the Self- Reliance event at Expo, not Greg Czerniak W4GRC; seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report: Wayne Bowyer N4EYZ gave the report; 2nd and passed. We had Field Day expenses of $181.14, plus $115.00 for the Porta-Potty; MARA will reimburse us for half of these.

Updates: Jeff reported on the Mountain Mama Bike event: 240-some bike riders participated, with only 1 accident, that occurring in the parking lot after it was all over. The Highland County sheriff was covering the event, and was riding the same route as Jeff; when they were in West Virginia, the sheriff's radio couldn't contact his office, so Jeff relayed messages to Net Control, and they called the sheriff's office so he could stay in touch.

The annual VARA Picnic is coming up Sept. 6th, eat at noon; the pavillion is reserved, Ray Colvin KE4HVR and Nancy Colvin KE4PHP have the key and will set up tables and get some chairs out. This is for VARA members and their families. The club is providing plates and utensils; everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or two and your non-alcoholic drink, and maybe some lawn chairs

Jeff talked about the Self-Reliance Demonstration event that is going to be at Expo on September 27th. . A vertical for HF was mentioned as a possibility, along with something for VHF. At the June meeting Greg, Gordon, and Wayne had volunteered to help. David hoped that someone would bring it up to the MARA membership at their meeting to solicit help. 9 am to 4 pm on Sept. 27th; we would not have to be there the whole time.

The 1st reading of the membership application of Berry Grant KC4DUA was made. He has been a ham since 1988(same as me), and is getting back into the hobby. Welcome, Berry!

Jeff said it is not too soon to be thinking about who we would like as Vice-President for the upcoming year.

Old business: none. **New Business**: none.

Wayne asked what the club thought of having a swapmeet in our area. No one responded positively.

With no other topics or business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

David reported on upcoming contests/special events: The NAQP Phone contest is on the 16th; the Hawaii QSO Party is on the 23rd; The Mayo Clinic Sesquicentennial is Aug. 8-13; Navajo Code Talkers Day is Aug. 13-16; and the Pony Express 154th Anniversary is the 31st.

David then gave a Power-Point presentation on Contesting, with the help of Jeff.

Respectfully submitted,

David Tanks/AD4TJ, VARA Secretary

Bike Shenandoah

The Bike Shenandoah ride will be held on September 20 this year, and I have once again agreed to coordinate ham radio communication between the rest stops and the officials running the event. There will be three rest stops again this year with the same routes that were used the last two years. I will need five or six operators to assists with the event, hopefully nobody will have to be present more than three or four hours at the most. The rest stops are open at different hours so help will be needed between approximately 8 am and 3:30 pm. If you clan help, please contact me at kn4fm@arrl.net or see me at the September MARA meeting, and let me know when you can help, first come first served with the assignments!

If you want to know more about the bike ride, see bikeshenandoah.org

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Gerald
KN4FM

PVARC Secretary's Report

PVARC Meeting Summary – August 1st, 2014

The **Page Valley Amateur Radio Club** held its monthly business meeting in the Page County EOC Training Room in Luray on this date. **Bob Forrest/WO4MI**, PVARC's President, called the meeting to order at 1830. Fourteen members were present.

Announcements:

Mark/N4YSA is now a Quarter Century Wireless Association (**QCWA**) member having been licensed for 25 years; and, **Morgan/K4RHD** received his **FIST** certificate. Congratulations to both. Does this mean Morgan will man the CW position at Field Day next year?

Berryville Hamfest is this weekend (Sunday) and promises to be good venue for a nice Sunday drive. Several members said they plan on attending.

Bob/WO4MI announced that **Zory/WB3VQC** was absent this evening because his son had just undergone surgery. He sends his regards.

Bob/WO4MI asked for the Secretary & Treasurer's Reports:

The Secretary reported the minutes of last months meeting were printed in The Monitor and a motion was made to approve them as printed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer provided the Secretary & President with an updated Excel spreadsheet. She reported the PVARC checking account totaled: $1,340.56 + Petty Cash: $32.00, Donut Fund: $26.48. A check in the amount of $200.00 for Field Day food expenses was given to **Morgan**/K4RHD after the July meeting and is reflected in the spreadsheet. ***CASH ON HAND: $1,399.04***. The motion to approve the report was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Bob/WO4MI asked if there were any committee reports.

Education/Training Committee: **Bob/WO4MI** asked if it might be possible for **PVARC** to offer a Technician Level training session this fall? **Morgan/K4RHD** will follow up & report back. He proposes holding it at a Page County school so as to include some young people, but needs to look into it further.

Widows Assistance Committee: **Morgan/K4RHD** reported he is moving forward on the W9NCJ estate. (Subsequently determined to have been overtaken by events since the family had disposed of the equipment through e-bay.)

Technical Assistance Subcommittee: Co-Chairmen – **Mark/N4YSA** & **Paul/N4PJI** reported having assisted **Phil/KQ4D** with his generator problems and was planning on helping **Sparky/KD4KL** by removing roof mounted antennas in the next couple of weeks.

Field Day Committee: **Tim/AK4CJ** said that ARRL has received PVARC 's Field Day input to its website. Results will probably be in the September or October issue of QST.

New Business: **Patrick/KM4CGV** brought in a club scrapbook he had configured, with pages containing the news article from the Page News & Courier regarding PVARC's Field Day activities. He suggested that old pictures of club activities and members might be added if their was interest in this project. It was decided initially the club Secretary retain the scrapbook for the moment, with the suggestion that perhaps PVARC should have a club historian. Do we have any volunteers? {Patrick}?… On a related issue, **John/KT4CB** suggested that each member send him a picture of themselves which could be used on the PVARC website and membership list. (*This item was tabled for further discussion*.)

Mark/N4YSA discussed the upcoming bicycle race and the need for a few more volunteers, indicating that the race would be completed by 1400. He needs one more (minimum) person, noting "the more the merrier!"

Old Business: In answer to a question about the website reconstruction, Bob/WO4MI reported that **Dave/K4DPF** was continuing his work and will report back when it comes online.

There being no further business, **Bob/WO4MI** then called for a motion to adjourn the business meeting at 1910. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. Members were invited to stay and enjoy a Krispy Kreme donut and some "eye ball" QSO's.

Submitted by: **Sparky Terry/KD4KL**, PVARC Secretary

MARA Treasurer's Report

MARA Treasurer's Report
July 21, 2014 - August 20, 2014

Beginning Balance July 20, 2014 (Last Report)			$ 2,713.89
Add:		$ .00	
Total Deposits			$ .00
Less: US Postal Service – 1 Yr Box Rental	$ -62.00		
SVEC (July)		-22.91	
Total Disbursements			$ -84.91
Ending Balance as of August 20, 2014			$ 2,628.98

Submitted by Sheryl Tonini, KJ4DOC, MARA Treasurer

ARES and ARES Net

ARES net will again be meeting on the **147.225 + repeater with a tone 131.8** on all Monday's except the first when we will continue with simplex on **146.550**.

ARES member registration is at http://goo.gl/wsV7xD

Please register for **ARES** if you would like to work any public service events or help out in case of an emergency.

ARES Training on the NET

We will begin training for traffic handling at least once a month on the **ARES** Net starting in Sept.
Please take some time to look at these websites and download and print out both the ARRL traffic forms and the ICS form 213 that is used by FEMA and other government agencies.

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ARES Training with the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Emergency Communications Center Weekend of **Sept. 5th and 6th**.

The **HRECC** will be hosting a statewide cache drill on **Friday and Saturday Sept. 5-6.** There will be classroom type training on Friday. Jim Junkins would like several hams to participate in the Friday training. On Saturday, plans are for an actual drill to take place somewhere in the area possibly simulating missing/lost individuals.
Jim would like as many hams as are willing to participate in this drill with their mobile equipment to assist in communications and demonstrate HAM radio capabilities . Participation in the Friday session is NOT necessary to participate on Saturday. Jim would very much like to have the folks from other areas of the state experience working with **ARES** members and make them aware of the resource they have in their own area working with **ARES** members.

Please consider participating in this drill. I think both sides will be able to contribute and learn from each other.
Please Contact Bryan K4RMY(at)ARRL.net to sign up or sign up on the **ARES** Net.

Thanks
73 **Bryan, K4RMY**

ARRL NTS Form

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/RADIOGRAM-2011.pdf

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/MPG104A.pdf

http://www.w7arc.com/nts/

ICS form 213 info

http://www.arrl.org/files/media/Group/Fillable%20ICS213%20Form.pdf

http://www.ics213.com/downloads/ics213.pdf

http://www.ics213.com/downloads/Completing%20The%20ICS%20213%20General%20Message%20Form.pdf

http://sdgares.net/pdf/Message_Handling%20handout.pdf

http://www.nyc-arecs.org/ICS213%20Usage.pdf

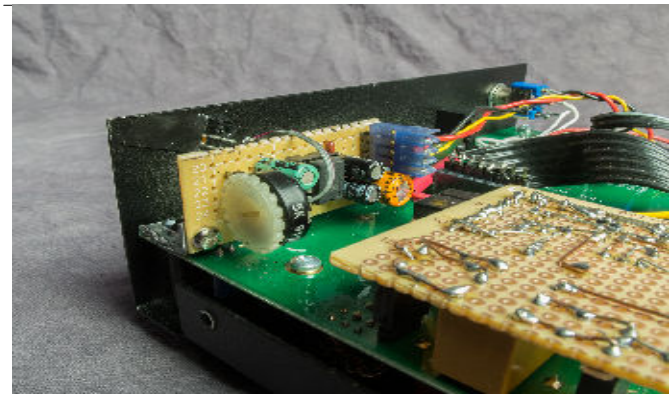
How Long Has It Been Since You Checked Into One of the Nets?

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 the first Sunday nights on the local 147.550. the remaining Sundays on the 146.625 (PL 131.8) repeater, at 8:00 pm local time.
The **Rockingham County Net** meets Monday nights at 8:00 pm local time, the first Monday on 146.55 simplex, all other Mondays on the 147.225 repeater (PL 131.8).
The **Septembera County ARES Net** meets the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 pm local time, usually on the 146.850 repeater (PL 131.8).
The NVTN (**Northern Virginia Traffic Net**) meets daily on the 147.300 (PL 131.8) repeater at 7:30 pm local time.
The **Old Dominion Emergency Net** meets every first and third Monday on 3.947 kHz at 6:30 pm local time. **All hams are welcome!**

Story of A Rebel

By Howard, K4LXY



This is NOT Johnny Yuma!

Last May was my first Dayton hamfest, and the Rebel I met there intrigued me.

This was the TenTec Rebel 506 QRP transceiver, designed to be customized. It is a software controlled, but not software defined, radio. The hardware of the radio is fairly standard, but it is controlled by an Arduino-compatible microcontroller. TenTec calls it an Open Source radio because both the hardware and software are intended to be tampered with and ideas exchanged with others.

I figured I need something to keep my mind from going dead so my wife kindly let me buy one for my 70th birthday this summer. I've been having a ball with it ever since. To be sure, as a QRP transceiver, it doesn't match up to the more sophisticated – and much more expensive – Elecraft KX-1 that has been my main QRP rig. However, the possibilities for tinkering are endless, and I've been inspired to begin learning Arduino C programming. The Rebel comes without an LCD display, but the programming is there to add one, and I did immediately. In addition, I've made a variety of alterations and additions to the software and have gone on to build other things with Arduino such as a temperature sensor for my beloved espresso machine, a keyer (using a tiny Digispark board that uses Arduino C code), and a frequency counter.

The Rebel comes with basic firmware, but a group of hams have developed a version of the software (called a "sketch" in Arduino-ese) that includes such goodies as a built-in keyer, beacon keyer, support for a bandswitching "shield" or plug-in board, an LCD readout of various data (the "Rebel Alliance Mod"). I've tinkered with this, adding some features, changing others, and learning Arduino in the process. There is a TenTec Rebel Yahoo group that is of some help, though not as active as I would like.

My latest addition was a built-in zero beat indicator. A description of this is scheduled for inclusion in the next issue of *QRP Quarterly*. I've also added some outboard components such as a SCAF from the New England QRP Club (http://newenglandqrp.org/nescaf) and a resonant speaker from the digital edition of a recent issue of *CW Magazine.*

My hope in writing this is that some other locals will be inspired to try one. I'd love to have other Rebels in the area with whom to exchange ideas.

A Note About the Ukraine Situation

A very thorough statement explaining both sides of the issue in Ukraine. It deals with topics other than amateur radio and attempts to give the history of the mess that Ukraine is in today. Interesting reading.

http://uarl.org.ua/load/appeal_to_the_international_amateur_radio_community/10-1-0-398

IOTA's

AS-200. Kenji, JA4GXS, will be active as JA4GXS/5 from Shodo Island (Kagawa Prefecture) between **September 13-15th**. Activity will be on 40-17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via JA4GXS, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-109. Operators **Nobby/G0VJG, Dave/EI9FBB, Richard/G7GLW and Charles/ M0OXO** will be active possibly as M0UKI/p from Farne Islands between **September 6-7th**. From the M0OXO Web page: "This short operation may also include participation in the SSB Field Day contest. The team is aiming for Longstone Island, dependent on weather, (keep an eye on QRZ.com links for updates). They will be using multi-band Dipoles & vertical antennas and hope to give this IOTA to as many chasers as possible in the short time frame." QSL via M0OXO, by the OQRS for direct and Bureau. **Bureau cards MUST be requested via OQRS only. Do not send via the RSGB Bureau, they may not receive them.**

EU-110. Members of the Verona DX Team Group will be active as 9A/IQ3VO from Porer Rock (IOCA CI-090, MIA MC-313) between **September 18-21st**. Operators mentioned are **Walter/I3VJW, Ampelio/IK3JBP, Mauro/IK3SCB, Flavio/I3JRF, Marco/IW3ICK, Roberto/IZ3JKI, Cale/ IW3ILP and Luca/IU3BXI**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65A and PSK31, with two stations on the air. They also plan to be active with one station on 6 meters (WW Loc. JN64WS) using CW, SSB, MS, JT65A and EME. For EME and MS operations, skeds can be made through the ON4KST's Chat Web site. This operation will also count for the Porer Lighthouse (CLHA CLH-111, ARLHS CRO-014, WLOTA 0240). QSL via IQ3VO, the ARI Bureau is preferred. For more information and updates, see: http://www.ari.verona.it/forumnew/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=3569

EU-171. A group of German operators will be active as 5Q7Y from Jegindø Island between **August 30th and September 6th**. Operators mentioned are Heinz/DC5WW, Max/DF2MX, Robert/DK2RO, Anton/DL8AW and Thilo/ DL9NBJ. Activity will be on 160-6 meters. QSL via DL8AW. For OQRS requests, pictures and more information, visit the Web site at: http://www.5Q7Y.de

EU-191. (NEW) Members of the Romanian Radio Club Association (ARR) will activate Fericirii Island for the first time as YP0F between **August 22nd and September 30th**. The group's plan is to have several expeditions to this non-inhabited island of cormorants, black pelicans, scrapping gullping, egrets and gray herons. Operators mentioned are Dan/YO9FNP, Daniel/YO3GA and Petrica/YO9RIJ. Activity will be on the HF bands (which the IOTA frequencies). QSL via YO9FNP.

OC-046. **FO**, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Heinz, DF1YP, will once again be active as **FO/DF1YP** from Moorea Island (**OC-046**, WLOTA 0465) between **September 12th and October 8th**. Activity will be holiday style mainly on 20 meters on SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

OC-022. **YB** - Gabor, HA3JB will be active as YB9/HA3JB from the islands of Lombok (**OC-150**) and Bali (**OC-022**) between **25 September and 7 October**. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands, and will participate in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest. QSL direct to via home call; OQRS on www.ha3jb.com

OC-150. **YB** - Gabor, HA3JB will be active as YB9/HA3JB from the islands of Lombok (**OC-150**) and Bali (**OC-022**) between **25 September and 7 October**. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands, and will participate in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest. QSL direct to via home call; OQRS on www.ha3jb.com

OC-196. Trevor, VK3ATX, will once again be active as VK3ATX/P from **Gabo Island** (ILLW AU-0080) **September 16-17th**. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign direct. For more details and updates, see: http://vk3atx.net

OC-218. (Update/Change) Operators Cezar/VE3LYC and Bob/KD1CT will attempt to operate from Matthew Island for 4 days between **September 1-9th**. They will maintain one station on the air around the clock, operating on all bands from 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via VE3LYC, direct or by the Bureau. A OQRS will be available from ClubLog. For more details and updates, see: http://tx4a.yolasite.com

OC-222. YB - Imam, YB4IR and Din, YB8RW will be active as YB4IR/8 and YB8RW/p from Obi Island (OC-222) on **7-13 September.** QSL YB4IR/8 via home call (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW; QSL YB8RW/p via YB9BU. [TNX DX World]

OC-233. Tony, VK3VTH, will once again be active as VK3VTH/7 from **King Island** between **September 14-17th**. Activity will be on 40/20 meters using SSB. He will also be in the **International Lighthouse/ Lightship Weekend**, from Currie Lighthouse (**AU-0016**), **September 16-17th**. QSL via VK3VTH, direct or by the Bureau. Bureau cards will be sent for all QSOs immediately after the activation.

How's DX

3B8, **MAURITIUS**. Olof, G0CKV, will be active from here during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (**October 25-26th**) as a Single-Op entry. He will also return with some friends and be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (**November 29-30th**) as a Multi-? entry. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

9H, **MALTA**. Jose EA5IDQ, will be active as 9H3JA from Zurrieq between **September 18-25th**. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or possibly the OQRS on ClubLog.

A5, **BHUTAN** (Update). **Ryo, JH7EQW**, will once again be active as **A52EQW** from Dochula Resort during **September**. He posted the following schedule and frequencies on QRZ.com:

September 5th (Friday) - 1300-1700 (UTC) on 21250-21260,
18150-18160 and 24500 kHz (SSB)
September 6th (Saturday)- 0100-1700 (UTC) -- same as above.
September 7th (Sunday) - 0100-0400 (UTC) -- same as above.

A5, **BHUTAN**. **Kunio, JH3LSS**, will be active as **A52LSS** from different areas in Bhutan between **September 4-10th**. His tentative schedule is as follows:

September 4-8th - Dochula Resort (Alt, 3150m)
September 8-10th - Paro

Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

D4, **CAPE VERDE**. Fran, EA7FTR, will be active as D44KS from Boa Vista between **September 5th and October 10th**. Activity will be limited to his spare time (job commitments) on 40-6 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via EB7DX.

E6, **NIUE**. Maurice, ZL2MF (aka G3ZXD), will be active as E6MF from Niue between **September 2-9th**. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10/6 meters, but mainly on 20 and 6 meters SSB. Look for him in the All Asian DX SSB Contest (**September 6-7th**). QSL via ZL2MF, direct or by the Bureau.

LX, **LUXEMBOURG**. Operators Ronald/PA3EWP, Alex/PA1AW, Jo/PA9JO and Roberto/ PB5X will be active as LX/homecall from Ranch Moot, Wiltz, between **September 10-17th**. Activity will be on all bands, 80-10 meters, using all modes. They will have four stations. QSL via PA1AW. The log will be on LoTW and an OQRS (from ClubLog) will be available. For more details and updates, see: http://www.lldxt.nl

PA44, **THE NETHERLANDS** (Special Event). Fred, PA0FAW (ISWL PA-11092), will activate special event station PA44AH between **September 1-28th**. Activity is to remember the Battle of Arnhem. As usual, Fred will operate mainly on CW and the Digital modes, possibly some SSB if he can find a good QTH to operate from. QSL via PA0FAW. SWL reports are very welcome.

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Contests & Special Events

1-2 MI QRP Labor Day Sprint, SSB
2 ARS Spartan Sprint
3-9 W1AW/TN
4 QRP Fox Hunt
5 NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder
6 CWOps CW Open
6 Wake-Up! QRP Sprint
6 AGCW Straight Key Party
6-7 All Asian DX Contest, Phone
7 North American Sprint, CW
7 DARC 10-M Digital Contest
7-8 TN QSO Party
10-17 W1AW/NH & /CO
11 QRP Fox Hunt
12 NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder
13 FOC QSO Party
13-14 SARL VHF/UHF Anaglouge/Digital Contest
13-14 AR QSO Party
13-14 WAE DX Contest, SSB
13-15 ARRL September VHF Contest
14 North American Sprint, SSB
14 Swiss HTC QRP Sprint
17-23 W1AW/NC & /CT
18 NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint
19 NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder
20-21 ARRL 10GH and Up Contest
20-21 Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW
20-21 SRT HF Contest, SSB
20-21 QRP Afield
20-21 Washington State Salmon Run
21 BARTG Sprint 75
24-30 W1AW/ID & /CA
26 NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder
27-28 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY
27 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest
27-28 TX QSO Party

Pirates on the Air

P5 PIRATE. **Ed, 4L4FN**, posted the following on QRZ.com, "Some of you may have heard about recent CW activities of P5/4L4FN. Just to let you know: I'm not in P5, currently I'm in Syria and station pretending to be me – simple PIRATE !!!

73 de Ed!"

This month's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, QRZ DX, The Weekly DX, The OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST, the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

***Deadline for newsletter articles is the 20th of the preceding month of publication.**

Calendar of Local Events

September

1 Old Dominion Emergency Net [3.947]
1 Rockingham County Net [KU4XN]
2 VARA Club Meeting
4 MARA Club Meeting
5 PVARC Club Meeting
5 Friday Luncheon
6 VARA Picnic
7 Page County ARES (147.550 Simplex)
8 Old Dominion Emergency Net [3.947]
8 Rockingham County Net [K4LXG]
12 Friday Luncheon
14 Page County ARES Net (146.625, PL-131.8)
15 Rockingham County Net [WF4O]
15 Old Dominion Emergency Net [3.947]
19 Friday Luncheon
20 BIKE SHENANDOAH
20 Deadline for October newsletter submission*
21 Page County ARES Net (146.625, PL-131.8)
22 Rockingham County Net [K4RBZ]
26 Friday Luncheon
27 Augusta County Expo
27 Page Valley ARES Class
28 Page County ARES Net (146.625, PL-131.8)
29 Rockingham County Net [KN4FM]

October

2 MARA Club Meeting
3 PVARC Club Meeting
3 Friday Luncheon
5 Page County ARES (147.550 Simplex)
6 Old Dominion Emergency Net [3.947]
6 Rockingham County Net [K4NRA]
7 VARA Club Meeting
10 Friday Luncheon
11 VE Testing
12 Page County ARES Net (146.670, PL-114.8)
13 Rockingham County Net [KG4KUR]
13 COLUMBUS DAY
17 Friday Luncheon
19 Page County ARES Net (146.625, PL-131.8)
20 Rockingham County Net [WF4O]
20 Deadline for November newsletter submission*
24 Friday Luncheon
25 Page Valley ARES Class
26 Page County ARES Net (146.670, PL-114.8)
27 Rockingham County Net [KA4EEN]
31 Friday Luncheon
31 HALLOWEEN

VE Testing (No, we're not talking about Canada)

Thanks to those who helped with the Aug. 9 test session:

Ray Richie, K4NRA
Gerald Nauman KN4FM
Foster Ferone WF4O
Robert Van Fossen K4DJG
James Lehman W4POL
Bryan Daniels K4RMY

We gave four tests and issued 1 extra license.
Our next testing will be held Oct. 11.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 gshu7411@gmail.com.
Thanks again to these who gave their time to make this work.

Gayle Shull, KU4XN

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