



Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club

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REMARCS

Next Meeting: May 15, 2012 at 7:30 PM

May/June 2012

Field Day 2012



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ARRL Field Day 2012 is just around the corner. This year's event will be held on June 23-24, 2012 at the Lower Providence Township Fire Company, located at Ridge Pike and Mount Kirk Avenue, Eagleville, PA. Maps can be found on the MARC Website at:

<http://www.marc-radio.com/fieldday.htm>.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN! ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

We plan on operating in category 2A using emergency power, with a VHF station and a GOTA (Get on the Air) station. That means that we will have two transceivers operating in the High Frequency (HF) bands (80 Meters - 10 Meters), one 6 Meter transceiver and another HF station setup for beginners, training and amateur radio demonstrations operating under a separate callsign. The club callsign W3NWA will be used for the club's official entry. We have invited some Boy and Girl Scout troops to join us to observe and learn about amateur radio.

No food will be cooked on-site but we will have a good supply of bottled water, soda and snacks. We will make a sandwich run on Saturday afternoon to a local sandwich shop. We'll also make a pizza run for those still around on Saturday night.

Since this is a club effort, we need volunteers to help with setup on Saturday morning, takedown on Sunday, and operating throughout the event. Club members and friends are also welcome to come to the Field Day site to socialize and chat. This will be the first year in a long time that we will

have a GOTA station. In order to make it a success we need a lot of volunteers to man that station to mentor, demonstrate, teach and help out the beginners and observers.

MARC has a lot of equipment, but not everything that we'll need for the event. We still need two more transceivers for the HF bands and one for 6 meters. We also need a couple more laptop computers for logging.

If you will be able to volunteer equipment or your time, please reply with your name, callsign (if you have one), and your phone number. Please let us know if you will be able to help with setup, takedown, operating or manning the GOTA station and when you would be available (i.e. Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening, overnight, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon).

Remember, we need your help. We may have more visitors and observers this year than in the past since we are inviting the Boy and Girl Scouts. The survival of amateur radio depends on the participation of a new generation of operators. We need to show the young and the young at heart how wonderful this hobby is and how much can be accomplished in all of its various aspects. Please consider volunteering.

If you can volunteer, please contact Steve Ikler **WA2EAJ**, MARC Field Day Captain at wa2ej@arrl.net.

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MARC Hamfest 2012



The 2012 MARC sponsored Valley Forge Hamfest and Computer Fair will be held on Sunday, July 8 and we need your help. Please see the attached Hamfest flyer for details or visit the MARC website at www.marc-radio.org and click on "Hamfest."

Our event is the only Hamfest in the western suburbs and people come from near and far to buy and sell but this event does not run by itself; lots of volunteers are needed to make this event run smoothly. Any assistance that you can offer is helpful and helps to lighten the load for everyone. You do not have to serve for the full duration of either day. Even just a few hours of your time helps a lot and benefits the club. Also, volunteers need not be MARC members. Feel free to bring a friend or family member along to help.

MARC TABLE:

If you are a MARC Member, you can bring radio and computer related items to the club table that you wish to sell and we will try to sell them for you. Please be sure to fill out the form that we provide and state the condition of the item and the price you are looking for. Items must also be clearly marked with a price. A copy of the form is attached to this newsletter if you would like to prepare in advance. Keep in mind that we sometimes need to contact you if a buyer wishes to negotiate a different price. The seller must retrieve any unsold items before they leave the Hamfest.

SATURDAY MORNING JULY 7: SET UP

We need volunteers to show up at 9:00 AM, Saturday at the Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds. We will be marking tailgate spaces, setting up tables, installing signs and other miscellaneous duties. The more people that show up, the quicker it goes. We're starting at 9:00 AM because we want to get off to an earlier start and minimize any interruption to other responsibilities that you may have on a Saturday. We expect to be done with setup by 1 PM, at the latest.

SUNDAY MORNING JULY 8: HAMFEST

We need lots of volunteers to assist with the running of the Hamfest on Sunday. We need people, especially early, to sell tickets at the front and rear entrances and we need people to assist with directing traffic, parking cars and collecting seller's fees. Additional help at the MARC table would also be helpful. The gates open to Sellers at 7:00 AM and Buyers at 8:00 AM but many Hamfest attendees show up early, often

MARC Info

wb3joe@marc-radio.org
<http://www.marc-radio.org>

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS -

3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 PM (Doors open at 7:00 PM)
Large Meeting Room (in the front) of the Tredyffrin Township Municipal Building, 1100 DuPortail Road, Berwyn, PA 19312-1079.
Guests Welcome, Smoke Free, Handicapped-accessible.

BOARD MEETINGS -

2nd Tuesdays of even months, 7:00 PM
Paoli Hospital, Willistown Meeting Room, Paoli, PA.
Members may attend as observers.

WB3JOE REPEATERS (CTCSS or PL = 131.8 hz) -

145.130 - / 147.060 + / 147.360 + / 224.420 - / 224.5 - / 445.675 - / 444.050 -

The 145.13 and 147.06 2-meter repeaters are linked. The 147.36 MHz, the 224.50 MHz and the 444.050 MHz repeaters are linked.

WEBMASTER -

Dennis Silage K3DS
k3ds@marc-radio.org 610-353-4829

2-METER NETS -

Club Net, Sundays and Wednesdays, 8:30 PM
Roundtable Net, Thursdays, 8:30 PM

These nets occur on linked 145.13 - / 147.06 + Repeaters

NET MANAGER -

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NET CONTROL OPS -

Alan K3WWT, Bob N3JIZ, Steve N1HDP, Miguel KC2HMG, Yak N3MQM, Rob KB3WIR, Brenden W3VD, Mike WB2UQV and Bob WB3T

DUES - Payable at the March Meeting

\$15 Full (licensed Amateurs)
\$5 Associate (unlicensed persons)
Family rate \$5/ham - after first member pays full dues

NEWSLETTER -

The REMARCS editor is Steve WA2EAJ
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Do you have anything for REMARCS?
Please let me know.

before sunrise, so help is needed as early as 5 to 6 AM.

The success of the MARC Hamfest is dependent on volunteers; we can't do it without your help. If you can help on one or both days, please contact Hamfest Chairman Mike Pilotti, **KF3CD** at: KF3CD@ARRL.net or 610 496-0921.

THE KIMBERTON FAIR

The Kimberton Fire Company donates the use of their facilities for our Hamfest in exchange for volunteers that we provide for their fair. This saves our club \$900. We need volunteers to sell ride tickets and collect parking donations. Volunteers need not be MARC members or licensed hams so feel free to ask a friend or family member (no children) to sign up and work with you.

Selling ride tickets is easy. You sit in an air-conditioned booth with another person and sell tickets for the rides. Collecting parking donations is also easy. You stand along the entrance road and collect donations and keep the traffic flowing. If you volunteer to help at the fair, it is *very important* that you arrive on time. The Fire Company will provide all volunteers with free meal tickets, which are also good for their famous homemade donuts. If you sign up to help at the fair, we will send you complete details after the hamfest.

Below is the schedule for the fair for this year. We need 4 volunteers for each shift. If you are able to help, please contact Mike Pilotti, **KF3CD** at kf3cd@arrl.net or 610.496.0921.

Thursday, July 26

Parking 6 - 10 pm
Ride Tickets - 6 - 10 pm

Friday, July 27

Parking 6 - 10 pm
Ride Tickets 6 - 10 pm

Saturday, July 28

Parking 1 - 5 pm
Ride Tickets 1 - 5 pm
Parking 5 - 10 pm
Ride Tickets 5 - 10 pm

Praise for VE Test Team

The following email was received from a candidate at last week's MARC sponsored VE Test Session:

Hello Mr. Lees

I want to thank you and everyone else from MARC who was present at the testing session on Saturday 5/5/12. It was a delightful experience to meet so many wonderful people and feel so accepted. Everyone was very kind and tried to put all the people testing at ease, which was very appreciative. I wish I could join MARC but unfortunately I live about 40 minutes away. That is without a doubt the nicest group of hams I have ever been honored to meet.

Thanks again for a very pleasant and professionally run session. When I go for my Extra, I would definitely like to come to MARC for my testing. The experience was a great

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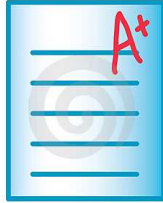
one for me. Please pass my deepest thanks along to all those who were present. My brain was a little "skewed from anxiety" and I really couldn't absorb all their personal information. Nonetheless, everyone was very nice and I thank them all.

PS. On Saturday night I worked two people from Italy on 20 meters off my mini dipole on my apartment balcony. It was fantastic!! I am soooo hooked!

Thanks again. 73 and 88s,

KB3WSW, Elizabeth Royer
transbets@gmail.com

MARC Sponsored VE Test Sessions



The regularly scheduled VE Test Session was held May 5, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church, 113 East Airy Street in Norristown, PA.

Technician earned	2
General earned	2
Extra earned	0
Passed an element but did not upgrade	0
Did not pass an element	0
Total candidates served	4
Total elements administered	4

No MARC members took advantage of the free test session.

The following VE's took part in the session: Bob **W3ZQN**, Doug **NE3U**, Josy **WQ3E**, Jeremy **N2ZLQ**, Jim **AB3OM**, and Ron **W3ZV**.

The next test session will be on July 8 at the MARC hamfest followed by our regular session on August 4, 2012.

73, Bob **W3ZQN**

Letter From the MARC President

Dear Fellow MARC Members,

2012 continues to be a great year for our club:

- General Membership Meetings - attendance has grown to over 30 members at many meetings
 - March – Demonstration of soldering/desoldering techniques by Ed Nyhus of American Hakko
 - April – Our annual equipment auction
 - May – the May 15th meeting will focus on preparing for Field Day

- Merger with DCARA – this was discussed in the March/April issue of REMARCS and the merger is now complete. MARC now has additional repeaters at 147.36, 224.50 and 444.05 –details about frequency offset and PL tones can be found on our web site. We now have one of the broadest repeater coverage networks in the region!

- Our Saturday breakfasts continue to be enjoyed by a number of our members. We meet on the second Saturday of every month at the County Squire Diner at 2560 West Chester Pike in Broomall. This is a great way to spend some quality time with your fellow MARC members. No business is conducted – it's purely social.



April 15, 2012 Breakfast – L-R: Doug **NE3U**, Steve **KD3WK**, Dennis **K3DS**, Jim **K3RTU**, Steve **WA2EAJ**, Martin **AA3A**, Brenden **W3VD**

- MARC on Facebook – as discussed in the March/April issue of REMARCS, Lou Ruh (**WX3I**) has created a Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/MARC.HamRadio. You'll need to have your own Facebook account, but it's free. In addition to being a great tool for helping to keep members informed of club events we think it will also be a way to attract new, younger members who enjoy this form of social media networking.

- Field Day – MARC will be holding Field Day on June 23/24 at the Lower Providence Fire Company grounds at Ridge Pike and Mount Kirk Avenue in Eagleville – same location as last year. This year we will be operating as 2A (2 HF rigs on generator power). This year we will also operate a Get On The Air (GOTA) station and we also hope to have a number of Boy Scout and Girl Scout participants – to introduce them to amateur radio and to also help the Boy Scouts earn their Radio Merit Badge. Steve Ikler (**WA2EAJ**) is our Field Day Captain and he's looking for volunteers to help set up, operate and take down. Please contact Steve at wa2eaj@marc-radio.org if you can help.

- Hamfest – the MARC Hamfest is July 8 at the Kimberton Fair Grounds on Route 113 in Kimberton. Mike Pilotti (**KF3CD**) is once again running the Hamfest program – one of the best in the region. Bob Lees (**W3ZQN**) will be running a VE test session again this year. Last year we had nine test candidates! The Fire Company allows us to use the fair grounds free of charge (there is normally a \$900 fee) but in

return we agree to assist the Fire Company during the Kimberton Fair. Please contact Mike (KF3CD@arrl.net) if you can help.

- Membership – March 1 began our cycle of annual dues collection. So far we have 72 paid up members. For only \$15 MARC members receive many benefits. In addition, to some of the benefits described above, members are also entitled to one free VE test session – a great way to upgrade your ham license. If you have not yet renewed, please visit the web site (www.marc-radio.org) complete the on-line form and mail in your dues to the post office box. You can also pay at the next general membership meeting on May 15.

Thank you to everybody who has helped to make MARC the success that it is. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on May 15, Field Day and the Hamfest.

73/Steve
KD3WK
President/ Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club

VOX

Welcome to new members: Eddie Dulberg (No Call), Chris Ruhl **N3GBJ**, James Goldman **W3JG**, Ken Fritz **N3WAX**, Ed Mulloch (No Call), and Francis Hutchinson **KC2WSR**.

MARC Board Meeting of April 10, 2012

Board Members Present

AB3FN – Allan
K3DS – Dennis
WA2EAJ – Steve
N3JIZ – Bob
KB3VZL – Rich
WX3I – Lou
NE3U – Doug
KD3WK – Steve
W3VD – Brenden (by phone)

Board Members Absent

K3DK – Dieter
K3JDR – John
W3DCL- Jim

- The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM
- Minutes of the February 28, 2012 Board meeting were approved
- Treasurer's Report
 - March income \$825
 - March expenses – none
 - Transfer from DCARA \$274.00
 - Current Balance \$13,751.22
 - Nick Fund Balance - \$101.23 (account carried separately with value included in Current Balance)

- DCARA – this club has been full absorbed into MARC with no outstanding issues
- Equipment Insurance
 - Lou (WX3I) has obtained two quotes
 - ARRL @\$1.40 per \$100 of coverage, \$50 deductible
 - HRIA @\$1.50 per \$100 of coverage, \$50 deductible
 - By unanimous decision, the Board elected to proceed with coverage through the ARRL program
 - Lou (WX3I) with the assistance of Dennis (K3DS) will prepare a list of all club owned equipment and Lou will complete the necessary forms to obtain coverage
- General Membership Meetings
 - April – Annual club auction, run by Dennis (K3DS)
 - May – Prepare for Field Day, show video “The Last Big Field Day”
 - June – Field Day, no club meeting
 - July – two options
 - DSTAR presentation – Brenden (W3VD)
 - HRO representative, new equipment presentation
- Membership Renewals
 - 63 members have renewed
 - Allan (AB3FN) to contact members who have not yet renewed
- Nets
 - HF net to start up on either 10M or 75/80M
- Repeaters
 - Dennis (K3DS) has replaced the preamp on the 440 repeaters at a cost of \$140
- Public Service Events – Bob (N3JIZ)
 - April 22 – MS Run, East Goshen
 - May 28 – Radnor Memorial Day Parade
- Facebook Page – Lou (WX3I)
 - Information to be added regarding upcoming auction, Field Day and Hamfest
- Elmer program
 - The Board approved the start up of a formalized Elmer program
 - Steve (KD3WK) will send out an announcement to all club members asking for Elmer volunteers and those who would like to take advantage of an Elmer mentor
- Field Day – Steve (WA2EAJ) Field Day Captain
 - MARC will run a 2A station plus a GOTA (Get On The Air) station
 - Possibility of also running 6M
 - In the process of soliciting assistance with set up, take down and operations
 - Steve (KD3WK) is working with boy scout leaders in an attempt to have scout participation that would include earning components of the Radio Merit Badge
 - Efforts will be made to secure press coverage and possible participation by local politicians
- HamFest
 - Mike Pilotti has reported that preparations are

- underway for Hamfest 2012
 - Event will include a VE test session
- SKYWARN Training
 - Lou (WX3I) reported that a Skywarn training session is to be held June 16. Interested members should contact Lou directly to sign up.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
John Callahan K3JDR, MARC Secretary

General Membership Meetings

May 15, 2012 7:30 PM – Video “The Last Big Field Day” a documentary from Amateur Radio Video News. QST Review: "A carefully crafted, professional production on par with any other documentary you're likely to see". Also MARC Field Day 2012 planning discussion.

June 2012 – No meeting this month due to Field Day.

July 17, 2012 7:30 PM – Brenden **W3VD** on D-Star

MARC usually meets the third Tuesday of the month in the Large Meeting Room (in the front) of the Tredyffrin Township Municipal Building, 1100 DuPortail Road, Berwyn, PA 19312-1079. If unavoidable changes in the date or location of the MARC meeting is anticipated, the details will be announced on the Nets and posted on the Calendar.

Beginning at 1930 and following a short round of introductions, announcements, Club reports and business a lively technical program is provided. See the Calendar on the MARC website for details.

The schedule of Club meetings is interrupted in June because of Field Day and in December with a joyous MARC Holiday party. The current schedule of Club meetings and the topic of discussion is announced on the weekly MARC Nets.

From the Editor's Shack

One of the aspects of ham radio that I enjoy is the chasing of DX stations. Now that I have achieved DXCC status and have my framed certificate proudly hanging on the wall above my operating position, I don't feel the same urgency to get confirmations from these stations that I used to. I still would like to have them but it isn't worth the \$3-4 dollars it costs to get most QSL cards back from them. The ARRL Logbook of the World (LOTW) is nice and certainly helped me get my first 100 DX entities confirmed but I still like to see those rare and exotic QSL cards. Some DX stations have US QSL managers so it only costs me two first-class stamps and two envelopes to get a direct QSL reply. But what about those without US QSL managers? The solution is the QSL Bureaus.

I said bureaus (plural) because there are always two involved - an outgoing and an incoming bureau. They are two distinct and separate entities. One gets your card to the DX station

and the other gets his card back to you.

The ARRL Outgoing QSL Service

This service enables ARRL members to bundle almost all their outgoing QSLs to be redistributed to the DX stations via their home country's QSL bureau. So instead of sending individual cards to each station directly, you send a batch of cards to the ARRL and they sort them out by DX entity and bulk mail them overseas. The QSL bureau on the other end sorts them by station and sends each station their specific cards. This significantly reduces the postage costs for you at the cost of time. It takes significantly longer to get a return QSL card this way. It can take anywhere from several months to several years to get a return QSL card when using the bureau. A friend of mine just recently got a card back from the bureau that he requested 23 years ago! Luckily, it rarely takes that long.

There are some other rules required by the ARRL.

- You must be an ARRL member to use this service
- Besides the cost to mail your cards to the ARRL, they charge a fee for this service. It can be anywhere from a minimum of \$2.00 for up to 10 cards, \$3.00 for 11-20 cards, or 75 cents per ounce, for packages with 21 or more cards.
- You cannot use this service to send cards to stations within the 48 contiguous US states or to QSL managers within the 48 contiguous US states.
- Not all DXCC entities are served by this service. In some cases, there is no Incoming Bureau in a particular country and cards, therefore, cannot be forwarded. However, if the DXCC entity is not served by this service but the DX station has a QSL manager in a country that is served, then you can use the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service to send the card to the QSL manager.

You can get complete information about this service at: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/On%20the%20Air/QSL%20Bureau/Outgoing%20QSL%20Bureau%202011.pdf>

Incoming QSL Service

Within the US, the ARRL DX QSL Bureau System is made up of numerous call-area bureaus. They act as central clearinghouses for QSL cards arriving from foreign countries. Volunteers staff these "incoming" bureaus. The service is free and ARRL membership is NOT required. However, these call-area bureaus have postage expenses in getting your cards back to you so it isn't totally free. Some incoming bureaus require you to send them self-addressed, stamped envelopes. Some bureaus ask you to send them money and they will take care of the envelopes and return postage.

The call-area bureau that serves you may not be the one for the call district that you currently live in. Hams can live outside of their callsign district. For example, I was first licensed in New York State, and even though I have moved several times, my callsign remained WA2EAJ. So I would use the bureau used for the 2nd US call district even though I live in Pennsylvania (3rd district). The same thing goes if you got

a vanity callsign that doesn't match your QTH. No matter where I live within the USA, I always use the 2nd district service currently operated by the New Jersey DX Association, PO Box 599, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. If your callsign contains a '3' you would use the National Capitol DX Association, NCDXA, PO Box 1149, Clinton, MD 20735-5149. Check with the bureau supporting your callsign district to find out if they want stamped envelopes or money. Also make sure they have your current mailing address on file.

Information about the Incoming QSL service can be found at: <http://www.arrl.org/incoming-qsl-service>

ARRL Affiliated Clubs

ARRL affiliated-clubs may use the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service when submitting club QSLs for its members in bulk ("pooling" their members cards together in one package) by indicating the club name inside the package. MARC is currently an active affiliated club. In a "pooled" package, each club member using this service must also be an ARRL member. By pooling your QSL cards with other club members, you can save on the fees charged by the ARRL due to the larger bundle and if approved by the MARC board, MARC would pay the postage to the ARRL and their fee.

If you are interested in using this affiliated club, "pooling" service, please let any member of the MARC board know and we'll try to get it approved.

So that's it for my May comments. Thanks, 73 and good DX!

Steve **WA2EAJ**
MARC VP, and Newsletter Editor

Member Highlight Dennis Silage K3DS



Dennis was originally licensed as WN2LGJ in 1963. He has held callsigns WB2LGJ, WB3AYR, and G5EMU. Dennis has been an Extra class licensee since 1980 and a Volunteer Examiner (VE) since 1987. He is currently trustee of the Temple University Amateur Radio Club (TUARC) K3TU. Dennis is currently Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Temple University, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in digital signal processing, digital data communications, and system-on-chip and advanced

processor computer systems.

Dennis has supervised undergraduate ECE senior design projects using amateur radio: satellite antenna tracking (1987), doppler shift correction (1988), WEFAX (1989), binary frequency shift keying (1990-91), direct sequence and frequency hopping spread spectrum (1995-98) software defined radios (1999-2001), digital voice (2002-2003), "Mars Rover" (2004), and software defined radio modem (2009). See the TUARC K3TU website <http://www.temple.edu/K3TU>.

Dennis currently is the Technical Committee Chair and Trustee of the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club (MARC) WB3JOE repeater system and has been so for several years.

He is a Life Member of the ARRL and a Life Senior Member of the IEEE. Dennis currently serves as Technical Specialist (2002-) of the Eastern Pennsylvania Section of the ARRL. Formerly he was Technical Coordinator (1992-1998) and Assistant Director of the Atlantic Division of the ARRL (1998-2002). Dennis was the recipient of the 2001 ARRL Atlantic Division Technical Achievement Award. He was a Charter Member of the Delaware County Amateur Radio Association (DCARA) formerly W3UER, Darby PA (now merged with MARC).

Dennis designed and constructed his first 2M repeater in 1973 as WR2ADE for the DVRA W2ZQ, West Trenton NJ on 146.67 MHz.

His home station consists of a Kenwood TS-2000, Mosley TA33, Alpha-Delta DX-A twin sloper, and a Kenwood TM-742A.

Public Service Events

The MS 5k Run and Walk was held on April 22, 2012 at East Goshen Park, East Goshen, PA. Participating for MARC were: Steve **KD3WK**, Sam **WA3LGL**, Jim **K3RTU**, Lou **WX3I**, Bob **N3JIZ**, and Doug **NE3U**.



L-R: Doug **NE3U**, Steve **KD3WK**, Jim **K3RTU**, Bob **N3JIZ**, Lou **WX3I**
Missing: Sam **WA3LGL**

The next MARC supported Public Service Event is the Radnor Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 8:00 AM. Volunteers assemble in the Micro Center parking lot

on Lancaster Ave. This event can be noisy (after all there are marching bands) so please bring an earphone or speaker/mic with you. We need a lot of volunteers for this event. If you are able to help out, please contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587.

Hamfests and Contests

The following hamfests and contests will be held in the next two months.

Hamfests

Maryland FM Association (MFMA), Memorial Day Hamfest

Date: May 27, 2012

Location: Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship, MD; I70 to Exit 80, Rt 32 South to MD Rt. 144 W, one mile West of Rt. 32

Website: <http://www.marylandfm.org/Hamfest.htm>

Sponsor: Maryland FM Association, PO Box 351, Hanover, MD 21076

Opens: 8 am to 2 pm

Cost: \$6, U12 free; Tailgate \$6 per space; Table rental + electric \$20 in advance (18 May), \$25 after

Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club (HRAC) - Firecracker Hamfest and Eastern Pennsylvania (EPA) Section Convention Expo

Date: June 30, 2012

Location: Harrisburg Area Community College Fire Training Grounds, 3599 Industrial Road, Harrisburg PA 17110; I81 to Exit 67 (Farm Show Rt 22 East); follow Rt. 22 about 3000 ft, turn Right at light;

continue on Wildwood Park Dr, road becomes Industrial Road. Hamfest/Convention 3/4 mile on Right

Website: <http://hrac.tripod.com/>

Sponsor: Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club, PO Box 355, 462B Tourist Road Halifax, PA 17032

Opens: 8:00 am, Vendor Setup 6-9 pm day prior or 6:00 am day of

Cost: \$5 (XYL, kids free) or \$10 per carload; Tailgate: \$5 per space, Tables: \$12 (\$15 after 01 June)

DXCC & WAS card checking on-site; Special Event Station W3W

Valley Forge Hamfest and Computer Fair

Date: July 8, 2012

Location: Kimberton, PA, Fire Co. Fair Grounds, Route 113, south of the intersection with Route 23

Website: <http://www.marc-radio.org/>

Sponsor: Mid-Atlantic ARC, PO Box 557, Eagleville, PA 19408

Opens: 8 am, Sellers 7 am

Cost: \$6 (ULS, kids free); Tailgate: \$6 (plus admission); indoor table w/electric: \$10 1-4 tables, \$8 for 5 or more (plus admission)

VE Testing at 10 AM! Registration is encouraged by contacting Bob Lees at W3ZQN@arri.net or 610-324-5319.

Contests

EU PSK DX Contest

1200Z, May 19 to 1200Z, May 20

Find Rules at:

http://eu.srars.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=48

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW

0000Z, May 26 to 2359Z, May 27

Find Rules at:

<http://www.cqwpw.com/rules.htm>

ARRL June VHF QSO Party

1800Z, Jun 9 to 0300Z, Jun 11

Find Rules at:

<http://www.arri.org/june-vhf-qso-party>

ARRL Field Day

1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24

Find Rules at:

<http://www.arri.org/field-day>

RAC Canada Day Contest

0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1

Find Rules at:

<http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests/files/2011%20Canada%20Day%20Rules-Entry%20Form.pdf>



The Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club Presents the

VALLEY FORGE HAMFEST AND COMPUTER FAIR



Sunday July 8, 2012

Rain or Shine • Indoor - Outdoor Facilities

Kimberton, PA • Fire Co. Fairgrounds

Route 113 and Firehouse Lane – South of the Intersection with Route 23

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Inside Tables With Electricity

\$10 each for 1-4 Tables, \$8 each for 5 or more, not including admission. *No advance tailgate sales.*

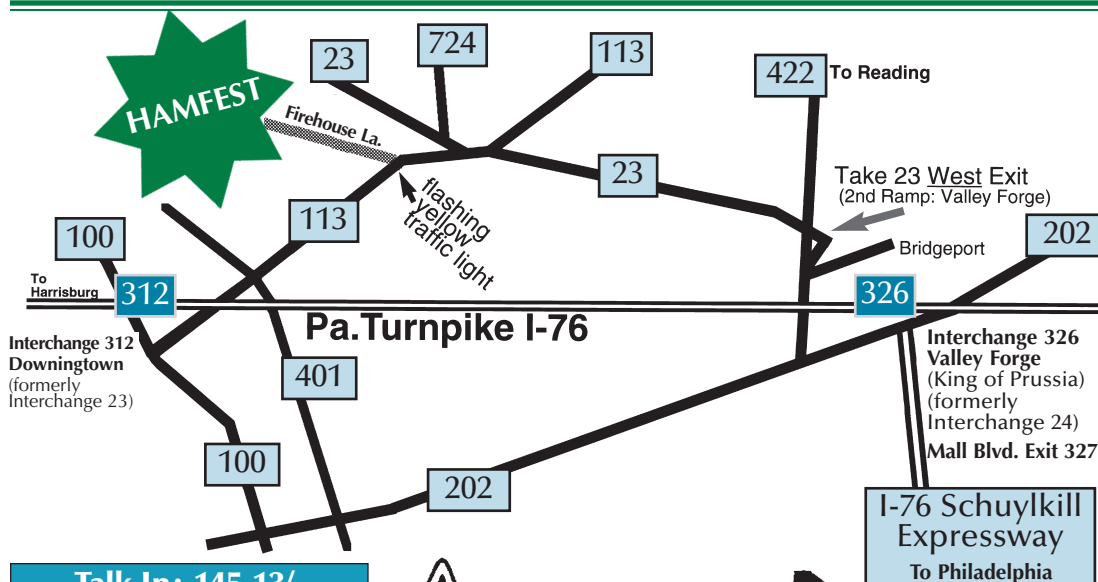
- **Sellers 7 a.m. - \$6 Tailgate Space***
- **Buyers 8 a.m. - \$6 Admission**

*Car width space/head in parking

- Not including admission
- Unlicensed spouse and children of licensed ham free
- No reserved tailgate space

Indoor Table Reservations: Mike Pilotti, KF3CD
Phone: 610-696-5040 E-mail: kf3cd@arrl.net

Hamfest Information: hamfest-info@marc-radio.org or website at: www.marc-radio.org
or write MARC, PO Box 557, Eagleville, PA 19408



From the East:

New Jersey: PA Turnpike West to Exit 326 (Valley Forge). Go through toll plaza and take first exit on right (Valley Forge). Follow to Route 23. See ALL below.

Philadelphia: Schuylkill Expressway West to Mall Blvd. Exit 327 (old exit 25). Turn Right on Mall Blvd. Go to stop light, turn Right on to Gulph Road. Follow to Route 23. See ALL below.

ALL: Route 23 West through Valley Forge Park and Phoenixville. Left on Route 113 South (McDonalds on Right). Follow approximately 1.9 miles, Fairgrounds are on the Right.

From the West:

Harrisburg: PA Turnpike East to Exit 312 (Downingtown). Route 100 South to Route 113 North. Cross Route 401. Continue approx. 5 miles on Route 113 to Fairgrounds entrance on Left.

Reading: Route 422 East to Route 724 (past Pottstown). Turn Left off exit ramp onto Route 724. Route 724 ends and becomes Route 23. Follow Route 23 East to Route 113 South (McDonalds on Left). Turn Right onto Route 113, follow approximately 1.9 miles, Fairgrounds are on the Right.

From the South:

Delaware: 1-95 North to Route 202 North. Continue to exit for Route 401. Turn Left off of exit ramp onto Route 401 West. Continue to Route 113 North. Turn Right onto Route 113, continue approx. 5 miles to Fairground entrance on Left

From the North:

Allentown: Northeast Extension South to PA Turnpike Exit 326 (Valley Forge). Go through toll plaza and take first exit on right (Valley Forge). Follow to Route 23. Continue on Route 23 West through Valley Forge Park and Phoenixville. Left on Route 113 South (McDonalds on Right). Follow approximately 1.9 miles, Fairgrounds are on the Right.

GPS Coordinates: N 40° 07.626 min
W 75° 34.008 min

Talk In: 145.13/-
and 147.06/+ CTCSS 131.8

Food and Beverage Sales by
Authorized Vendors Only.



MARC — VALLEY FORGE HAMFEST

CLUB TABLE

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out one box for EACH item to be sold. Use additional pages if necessary.
ONE SELLER TO A PAGE, PLEASE

PLEASE MARK EACH ITEM WITH A STICKER WITH YOUR CALL & ASKING PRICE

NOTE: ALL UNSOLD ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED AFTER THE HAMFEST. THANK YOU

CALL _____ NAME _____ PHONE () _____

NUMBER OF PAGES FOR THIS SELLER _____

ITEM _____

Please Check ONE: CONSIGNMENT (You get the money) DONATION (MARC gets the money -- thank you)

CONDITION (Please check ONE): Works perfectly Needs repair Unknown Parts salvageable Parts Junk

ASKING PRICE \$ _____ MINIMUM PRICE \$ _____ AMOUNT RECEIVED _____

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