



Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club

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REMARCS

Next Meeting: Nov 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Nov/Dec 2013

MARC Holiday Party 2013

MARC will hold its annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at noon at Uno Chicago Grill, 3910 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073 (same site as last year). The party will be held in place of the regular December monthly meeting. The cost for MARC members will be \$10 and for non-member friends it will be \$20. The Uno Grill provides us with a separate dining room with a fireplace and a flat screen TV for a college football game. Club members will be treated to a two-course luncheon with individual entree and dessert.

You can sign-up for this gala event at the Club meeting on November 19, 2013 or by contacting Dennis K3DS 'on-the-air' or via email at k3ds@marc-radio.org.

Happy Holidays!

Everyone on the MARC Board of Directors wishes all members, friends and family a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

MARC Sponsored Elmer Program

If you need assistance, we want to help you. If you are just starting out in ham radio, or simply have run across something that you could use a hand with... Technical assistance or answers to questions about the Club are available from knowledgeable club members.

Don't Hesitate to Ask for Help!!

Contact:

Steve Werner KD3WK at: (610) 574-6836

or

kd3wk@marc-radio.org



Holiday Party December 14, 2013
Uno Chicago Grill, Newtown Square PA

Enjoy an Entrée and a Mini Dessert with coffee, soft drinks or iced tea. Beer or cocktails are on your own!

Pick an Entrée

Fish 'n Chips

Baked haddock with fries and red pepper tartar sauce

BBQ Burger with Bacon and Cheddar

With Uno's Wowza Sauce and infused with Sam Adams Boston Lager

Chicken Milanese

Chicken breasts breaded and baked with a salad of mixed greens, tomatoes, red onion, kalamata olives, Parmesan and balsamic vinaigrette

Número Uno Deep Dish Pizza

A 'works' pizza with sausage, pepperoni, onions, peppers, mushrooms and chunky tomato sauce with mozzarella and grated Romano cheese

BBQ Chicken Thin Crust Pizza

Sliced chicken breast, mozzarella, red onion and parsley drizzled with citrus BBQ

Rattlesnake Pasta

Sautéed chicken and spicy Alfredo tossed penne topped with cheddar and jalapeño

Warm Walnut Crusted Goat Cheese Salad

Top field greens with fresh seasonal berries and low fat blueberry pomegranate dressing

Veggie Burger

With house-made guacamole, lettuce, tomato, red onion and salsa on the side

Pick a Mini Dessert

Mini Macadamia Nut White Chocolate Deep Dish Cookie Sundae

Vanilla ice cream, chocolate sauce and whipped cream served in a deep dish pan

Mini Hot Chocolate Brownie Sundae

Warm Oreo brownie and vanilla ice cream topped with chocolate sauce

Mini Granny Smith All American

Granny Smith apples tossed with sugar and cinnamon baked with brown sugar and rolled oat crust and vanilla ice cream and whipped cream

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VOX

MARC welcomes the following new members: **Michael Lebrun N3OMR**, **Jesse Roche W2WTP**, **Grant Cohan KB3HGC**, **Noel Green KD2EKQ** and **David Garber KC3ABY**.

Congratulations to MARC! We recently received official notice from EPA Section Manager **Bob Famiglio K3RF** that we have been re-appointed as a Special Service Club of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

The Yavapai Signal, the newsletter for the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club in Prescott, Arizona, has picked up an article previously published in the March 2013 issue of REMARCS. The article was "High Speed Multi-Media (HSMM-MESH™): The Next Big Thing in Amateur Radio? By **Steve Ikler KS3K**". The article was printed in their October 2013 issue with approval and full credit was given to MARC and REMARCS.

Thanks to **Noel Green KD2EKQ** from the Red Cross for his presentation at the October 15, 2013 meeting on the use of amateur radio in the Red Cross.

Upcoming General Membership Meetings

November 19, 2013 – Our own **Doug Wilkins NE3U** will talk about Vintage Radios. **Steve KS3K** will be collecting outgoing DX QSL Cards for distribution through the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service.

December, 2013 – There is no December meeting. Instead, please join us for the annual MARC Holiday Party on December 14, 2013 at noon at Unos Chicago Grill in Newtown Square, PA. Contact **Dennis K3DS** for reservations.

January 21, 2014 – Program to be Determined

February 18, 2013 – Program to be Determined

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 7:30 PM 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.

MARC Info

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS -

3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 PM (Doors open at 7:00 PM)
Community 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 -

Anthony "Yak" Yakonick N3MQM
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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 KS3K
610-662-2768 ks3k@marc-radio.org
Do you have anything for REMARCS?
Please let me know.

Bring Your Outgoing ARRL QSL Bureau Cards to the November 19 Meeting

Don't forget to bring your Outgoing ARRL QSL Bureau cards to the MARC meeting on November 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM. If you are a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) you are permitted to use the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service to conveniently send your QSL cards overseas. Cards sent via this service are sorted by the Outgoing QSL Service staff who ships QSL cards to QSL Bureaus throughout the world. Sending QSL cards via the Bureau takes a little while longer than mailing them directly, but keep in mind that what you might lose in speed is more than made up in the convenience and savings of not having to address and mail each QSL card separately.

Since MARC is an affiliated club with the ARRL, individual MARC members may use the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau service and have the fees and postage paid for by MARC. MARC can send QSLs for its members to the ARRL in bulk by "pooling" members' cards together in one package and indicating MARC's name inside the package. In a "pooled" package, each club member using this service must also be an ARRL member.

We will be collecting members' cards for distribution to the ARRL at our regular November 19, 2013 General Membership Meeting. To take advantage of this club and ARRL membership benefit, please bring your outgoing DX QSL cards (completely filled out) to the meeting along with proof of your current ARRL membership. This can be in the form of a photocopy or cutout of the address area from your current copy of QST. You can also write the information from the label on a slip of paper and use that as proof of membership. A copy of your current membership card is also acceptable. The ARRL QSL Service cannot be used to exchange QSL cards within the 48 contiguous states (US to US). However, you may also send QSLs via the bureau to any QSL manager who manages a non-U.S. callsign. However, you must look up the QSL manager and clearly indicate the QSL manager's callsign on your outgoing card. For example:

Example 1: 8P8P via NN1N. Sort this card in with other cards going to U.S. managers.

Example 2: 6Y1V via OH3RB. Sort this card in with cards to Finland.

MARC will pay the fee to the ARRL as well as pay the shipping costs to the ARRL. Complete information about the service can be found at:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/On the Air/QSL Bureau/Outgoing QSL Bureau 2011.pdf>

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Remarks from the MARC President

MARC continues to be a strong club thanks to a number of members who give selfishly of their time and talent. As of November 1 we have nearly 90 members.

At our September club meeting, Ed Dunlop (N3DJH) presented "The History and Use of Wi-Fi and its Relationship to Amateur Radio" – a very informative discussion. At our October meeting, Noel Green (KD2EKQ) of the Red Cross provided a talk on how the Red Cross uses communications during its normal and emergency situations. For our November club meeting our very own Doug Wilkens (NE3U) will discuss vintage radios. In addition, please bring your QSL cards to the November meeting so that we can send them in to the ARRL outgoing Bureau – a free service to all MARC members. Also, MARC has been recertified as a Special Service Club by the ARRL and we are expecting our Eastern PA Section Manager, Bob Famiglio, to attend our November meeting and present the certificate to us.

I hope you will all be able to join us at our Holiday Party on December 14 at Uno Chicago Grill in Newtown Square – same location as the past two years. Last year we had more than 25 MARC members, spouses and friends and I'm hoping to top that number this year. The Holiday Party is in lieu of our regular monthly meeting and it's a great way to spend some quality time with you fellow MARC members. Thanks to Dennis Silage (K3DS) who will again be making the arrangements for this event.

MARC is continuing to provide guidance and assistance to the Boy Scouts. So far this year we have worked with 20 scouts to help them earn their Radio Merit Badge. In October, Doug (NE3U) and Steve (KD3WK) attended the scout Jamboree on the Air put on by Troop 8 in East Brandywine in order to learn more about the event. Our goal is to have MARC host the event at the Chester County Boy Scout facility in Westtown next October.

On October 26, MARC put on a VE session for the Philadelphia Chapter of the Red Cross. Thanks to Jeremy (N2ZLQ), Jim (AB3OM), Chris (N3GBJ), Sam (KF3G) and Steve (KD3WK) for their help. Six candidates sat for the Technician Class exam with 3 being successful. The three other candidates nearly passed and should do well on their next attempt. MARC held its own VE session on November 2, led by Bob Lees (W3ZQN) – also in attendance were Doug (NE3U), Ron (W3ZV), Jim (AB3OM), Joe (AA3JC) and Steve (KD3WK). Two candidates successfully passed the Technician Class exam.

I'd also like to thank 'Yak' Yakonick N3MQM for volunteering to be our new Net Manager, replacing Brenden W3VD. Thank you, Brenden, for your service this past year.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and the best for the upcoming Holiday Season.

73/Steve—KD3WK
President - MARC

MARC Board Meeting October 8th, 2013

Members Present

NC3U	Sal Marandola
N3GBJ	Chris Ruhl
KD3WK	Steven Werner
KS3K	Stephen Ikler
KB3VZL	Rich Russo
N3JIZ	Bob Palin
NE3U	Doug Wilkens
K3DS	Dennis Silage
W3DCL	Jim Biddle
K3RTU	Jim Smith

Not in Attendance

WX3I	Lou Ruh
K3DK	Dieter Hauer

GUESTS

None

Meeting Started at 7:00 PM at Paoli Hospital.

Meeting Minutes from the August 13th Board meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Amount in Checking Account \$16,488.00

Amount carried over from the August 13th Board Meeting

A new Membership list is needed.

Discussion points:

- Equipment Insurance needs to be resolved and Rich Russo will gather info and submit it to ARRL Insurance.
- Meeting programs OK for now. October 15th Noel Green, November 19th Doug Wilkens.
- Red Cross antenna project may be taken over by Comcast. MARC help is still unknown, but they are looking for VEs for October 26th at a time still to be determined.
- Incentive program to begin with the giveaway of a \$100.00 gift cert to HRO. Each member who does work for the club will get a chance to win. Examples as follows: Public Service events, VE test sessions, Field Day setup and break down, Hamfest, Kimberton Fair, Newsletter articles, Club Sanctioned events, Net control operators. Only members in good standing can be eligible to win. Drawing will be at the Holiday Party. You need not be present to win.
- Kimberton Fair Incentive program needs a list of participants to fulfill club commitment.
- 2014 hamfest date will be 7-13-2014.

OLD BUSINESS

- 147.06 antenna problems still exist but repeater is working ok. Dennis, Chris and Jim will work out a time to do some remaining inside work. The link is a work in

progress.

- Net Control Manager is being filled.
- Loaner Program: Club assets will be brought to the meeting to show members what they can borrow. Help will be provided if needed on how to use equipment.
- VE test session November 2nd. Discussion on having a form to ask testers if they wouldn't mind having their name published.
- Rejuvenate the Elmer program, maybe at the VE session.
- The board voted to get Doug Wilkens' TenTec radio repaired.
- Future club endeavors to include: Boy Scouts "Jamboree on the air" and "How To" sessions during the meetings < soldering, kit building, etc >

Public Relations

- Penn-Wynne Library Run Saturday Oct 12
- Secretary will send out reminder letters to members for volunteers to help with events.
- Radnor Run Sunday Oct. 27
- Vietnam Vet 5K Sunday Nov. 10 (Rescheduled to Nov. 17)

MOTION by NE3U

Trustee Plan:

The Board will review the call sign Trustees on a yearly basis at the Board meeting following MARC elections. The Board may also review a trustee position at any time during the year if deemed necessary. Any change in the Trustees will be voted by simple majority of those present at the Board meeting. Phone-in votes are allowed.

Motion was voted on and was passed unanimously.

Meeting Ended at 8:30 PM

Respectively Submitted

Sal Marandola NC3U

The Nick Fund

by Mike Pilotti KF3CD

In 1995, MARC member Mike Pilotti, KF3CD, learned of a debilitating illness that his friend Nick Bortnik, UX0ZZ, in Ukraine, was suffering from. In letters to Mike and on the air, Nick described having frequent seizures that left him unconscious, turning blue, bed ridden and with a complete loss of memory, often for several days at a time. Doctors in Ukraine were unable to diagnose this mystery illness, Nick feared for his life and Mike decided to do whatever he could to help his friend.

Mike was able to secure a commitment for donated services from a local hospital group but the battle to get Nick here was just beginning. Despite providing letters of commitment and support from the hospital group, Nick's application for a Visa was repeatedly denied by the US Embassy. MARC member

Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, wrote a news release that went out to the local media, about the obstacles that were preventing this international project of goodwill from happening. The media quickly picked up this news release and the story was featured in numerous newspapers, including The Philadelphia Inquirer and was also featured on the FOX TV evening News. Fox News visited Mike's shack and interviewed him and also interviewed Congressman Jon Fox, who was trying to help the effort. Despite the media attention, letters from the Congressman and hospital and Mike's best efforts, Nick's application for a Visa continued to be repeatedly denied.

Nearly a year had passed without progress and Nick's health continued to deteriorate. Mike was very frustrated but refused to give up. He decided to send hard copies of all of the newspaper articles, directly to the US Embassy in Kiev. Shortly thereafter, Nick received a letter of invitation to visit the embassy. Nick was in very poor health but was forced to make the long, all day journey again to the Embassy and to everyone's surprise, he was finally granted his Visa!

The planning for Nick's trip to the US began immediately. He arrived in the US at the end of June 1996 and was greeted by many supporters but he was obviously in poor health and needed immediate medical attention. The very next day, Nick was at the hospital and MARC member Dr. Gene Hoenig, N3HG, generously gave his time and medical expertise and accompanied Mike and Nick, to begin the diagnostic process.

It was quickly discovered that Nick had epilepsy and was suffering from dangerous "grand-mal" seizures, as a result of a head injury he received as a teenager. A regimen of anti-seizure medication was started immediately and Mike was able to obtain this medication at cost, from a local pharmacist that is also a ham.

The success of this story was featured in numerous newspapers including The Philadelphia Inquirer, putting amateur radio in the spotlight, as a hobby of international goodwill and friendship. Before leaving, Nick attended the MARC hamfest and was able to attend a MARC meeting, where he repeatedly conveyed his deep appreciation and gratitude to all of his new friends.

After 3 weeks in the US, Nick returned to his family in Ukraine and has been seizure free ever since. However, he must take the anti-seizure medication, which is not available in Ukraine, twice a day, for the rest of his life. Mike continues to send Nick this medication each year, which is still obtained at cost, thanks to the generosity of our friend the pharmacist. The doctor that treated Nick in 1996 remains supportive and involved in monitoring Nick's health.

The medication is paid for by donations from MARC members and Mike coordinates the delivery through a package service in Northeast Philadelphia that specializes in shipments to Ukraine. The cost for the medication is less than \$100 a year so small donations go a long way in helping to support this effort. It's been a few years since we have collected any donations from MARC members and the fund is running low on money. If you would like to make a donation to Nick's medication fund, you can send a check to MARC, marked

"Nick Fund" or simply hand a cash donation to our treasurer Lou, WX3I or to Mike, KF3CD.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make this project happen and to those that continue to financially support our medication fund!

Paraprosdokians

Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Enjoy!

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
4. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
5. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
6. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
7. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
8. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
9. I try to watch what I eat and yet my eyes are just not quick enough.
10. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

For Sale

For sale by former MARC member (Kevin Perot, K3NTD), that is no longer radio active. Antenna Tuner: Murch Electronics UT 2000 B: 2 KW, 1.8 through 30 MHz, Price \$100.00 If interested, contact Mike, KF3CD at kf3cd@arrl.net.

Wanted

MARC is looking for program ideas for our 2014 meetings. If you know of a good presenter or you have a topic to present yourself, please contact **Rich Russo KB3VZL**, the MARC Program Chair, at kb3vzl@marc-radio.org. No experience necessary.

MARC Equipment Loaner Program

As announced earlier, the MARC Equipment Loaner Program is in full swing. Rules and forms have been developed to support this program. More equipment will be added to the list of available equipment soon.

Rules

The MARC Club will lend out equipment to members to help them with their various Amateur Radio projects and activities. The following rules are to be observed so that everyone has a fair chance of borrowing the equipment needed.

1. Equipment will be loaned for up to one month at a time to a MARC member in good standing.
2. Equipment loan and return will be done at the MARC

meetings every month. Loan requests should be submitted in advance to K3DS@marc-radio.org.

3. Dennis K3DS as Technical Committee Chair is the repository of all the equipment.

4. The loaned equipment is the responsibility of the borrower. If a piece of equipment is lost, not returned or broken the Board will determine costs to be charged to the borrower.

5. The person borrowing the equipment will submit an Equipment Loan Receipt available at the meeting. The Receipt contains the name of the person borrowing the equipment, a description of the equipment borrowed, date loaned out, date to be returned and is signed by both the borrower and Dennis K3DS or his designate. One copy is retained for the record and one given to the borrower.

6. When the equipment is returned, Dennis K3DS or his designate will sign both copies of the Equipment Loan Receipt with the date. The borrower may keep the copy for his or her records.

7. If the borrower wants to continue using the equipment and no one else wants to borrow it the member may keep it for a second month only by appearing in person with the equipment at the next MARC meeting. Equipment Loan Receipts are changed to indicate this one additional month.

8. All loaned equipment must be returned to Dennis K3DS or his designate at any MARC meeting before Field Day so that it is available for the club event.

9. Any discrepancies will be decided by the MARC Board.

Available Equipment

MFJ-259B SWR analyzer features a built-in 10 digit high-contrast LCD frequency counter. Reading your antennas SWR and finding its resonance has never been easier. All you do is connect your antenna; set your SWR analyzer to the frequency you want and read your SWR.



The MFJ-259B gives you a complete picture of your antenna's performance. You can read antenna SWR and Complex Impedance from 1.8 to 170 MHz. Read Complex Impedance

as either a series resistance and reactance ($R + jX$) or as magnitude (Z) and phase (degrees). You can determine velocity factor, coax cable loss in dB, length of coax and distance to a short or open in feet. You can read SWR, return loss and reflection coefficient at any frequency simultaneously.

Also read inductance in uH and capacitance in pF at RF frequencies. The large easy-to-read two line LCD screen and side-by-side meters clearly display your information. The MFJ-259B has a built-in frequency counter, Ni-Cad charger circuit, battery saver, low battery warning and smooth reduction drive tuning.

The instruction manual is here:

<http://www.mfjenterprises.com/pdf/files/MFJ-259B.pdf>

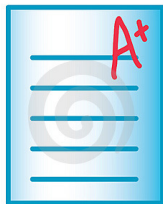
Anderson Powerpole Crimp Tool - Andersen Powerpoles are becoming the new standard in DC power applications by the Amateur Radio community. Anderson Powerpoles have been adopted by most RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) organizations and ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) units. Correct installation of Powerpoles is facilitated by a crimp tool, which can be borrowed. The equipment program can also supply **15 A or 30 A permanently bonded red/black Powerpoles** at cost or members can purchase their own.



Powerpole assembly instructions are available here:

<http://www.powerwerx.com/assembly.asp>

MARC Sponsored VE Test Sessions



A MARC VE Test session was held on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church, 113 East Airy Street in Norristown, PA.

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

The following successful candidates earned Technician

licenses:

Curtis Oberholtzer of Glenmoore
William Rensen III of Fairless Hills

Congratulations to these new hams!

No MARC members took advantage of the free test session.

The following VEs took part in the session: **Bob W3ZQN, Doug NE3U, Ron W3ZV, Jim AB3OM, Steve KD3WK and Joe AA3JC.**

The next test session will be on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church, 113 East Airy Street in Norristown, PA.

A special test session was held on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at the Red Cross in Center City Philadelphia. We had six candidates, far fewer than originally anticipated. Three candidates passed the Technician test. They were: Bob Evans (currently living in Arkansas but relocating to the Philly area; James Borden of Carbon County, PA and Jamie Prioli of Brick, NJ. This test session was lead by **Steve KD3WK**. The VEs present were: **Jim AB3OM, Chris N3GBJ, Jeremy N2ZLQ, Sam KF3G (previous member) and Steve KD3WK.**

Bob W3ZQN

Public Service Events

On October 12, 2013, MARC provided radio communications for the Penn Wynne Library 5K Run. Participating for MARC were: **Bob N3JIZ, Steve KD3WK, Doug NE3U, Steve KS3K, Jim K3RTU, Floyd KA3OXA, and Jeremy N3ZLQ.**



L-R: Jeremy N2ZLQ, Floyd KA3OXA, Bob N3JIZ, Doug NE3U, Jim K3RTU, Steve KD3WK and Steve KS3K

On October 27, 2013, MARC provided radio communications for the Penn-Medicine at Radnor 5-mile Radnor Run. Participating for MARC were: **Bob N3JIZ, Jeremy N2ZLQ, Steve KS3K, Doug NE3U, Jesse W2WTP, Jim K3RTU, Denise KB3ANO and Andrew KA2DDO.**



L-R: Jesse W2WTP, Jeremy N2ZLQ, Steve KS3K, Jim K3RTU, Denise KB3ANO, Andrew KA2DDO, and Doug NE3U.
(Bob N3JIZ was taking the picture)

North American QSO Party, CW

1800Z, Jan 11 to 0600Z, Jan 12

Find Rules at:

<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php>

North American QSO Party, SSB

1800Z, Jan 18 to 0600Z, Jan 19

Find Rules at:

<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php>

Look for **Steve KS3K** and **Al N3EA** operating **C6AEA** from the Bahamas in this contest!

The **Vietnam Veterans 5K Run** will be held on Sunday, **November 17, 2013**. This event takes place at the Norristown Farm Park at North Wales and Germantown Pike. Proceeds from the run benefit Vietnam Veterans community projects. The Valley Forge Chapter 349 of Vietnam Veterans of America sponsors the event. We need several operators for this event that we support annually. If interested in providing radio communications for the event contact Bob Palin N3JIZ at 610-687-4587. This event was originally posted as being on November 10. Please note the date change.

Hamfests and Contests

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

Hamfests

None in November or December

Contests

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB

2100Z, Nov 16 to 0300Z, Nov 18

Find Rules at:

<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

0000Z, Nov 23 to 2400Z, Nov 24

Find Rules at:

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

ARRL 10-Meter Contest

0000Z, Dec 14 to 2400Z, Dec 15

Find Rules at:

<http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>

ARRL RTTY Roundup

1800Z, Jan 4 to 2400Z, Jan 5

Find Rules at:

<http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup>