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The club meets at 7:30 pm. the first and third Wednesday of every month in the club facility at 12360 Owings Mills Blvd., 3/10 mile south of Bond Ave. See ADC map page 16-D8. Complete directions web page <http://www.baltarc.com/directions.htm> or call the Club Facility at 410-526-4263.

VE Testing: First weekend of each month. Contact Rusty, N3WKE at arrl.net

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VE Report - March 2006

A Laurel ARC Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (LARC VEC) affiliated testing session was held at the BARC Meeting and Training Facility in Owings Mills, MD, on Saturday, March 4. Six people took exams for either their initial ham license or to upgrade their license.

The examinees achieved the following:

Became new Technician Class licensee

Mark Franz KB3NGI
Michael Brotzman KC2PID
Bruce Brotzman KC2PIE

Upgraded to General Class licensee

Steven Meyer KB3NDD

Overall, six tests were passed out of nine administered:

Element 1 (5 WPM CW): 50%
Element 2 (Technician Written): 100%
Element 3 (General Written): N/A
Element 4 (Extra Written): N/A

Thanks to the Volunteer Examiners who made the session possible:

Hale Adams N3NYC	Rus Kaufman N3YI	Jerry Matthews N3XWT
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
Next testing session at the BARC facility is Sunday, April 2, 2006. Registration opens at 1:00 PM and testing starts at 2:00 PM. To preregister for the exam session, please send email to n3wke@arrl.net (or call Rusty Schaefer 410-247-0578).

73, Rusty N3WKE

VE Team Leader

Upcoming Program Meetings

April 19 Laurel VEC

Diane Zimmerman, AA3OF, is the Chairman of the Laurel Amateur Radio Club Volunteer Examiner Coordinator. The February Modulator contains her annual report. At our April 19 meeting, Diane will expand on the report and answer questions about related matters. VEC teams are the key to the future of Amateur Radio. We need to talk about the future, since Amateur Radio has been shrinking for almost 3 years. Read the report and bring your questions. Doors open at 7, program begins at 7:30. 

For Sale

Kenwood TM-241A 2-meter mobile transceiver, magnetic antenna base, two Larson antennas (5/8 w and 1/4 w). Complete with mounting bracket, cables and Kenwood instruction manual. \$75.

Bill C. N3NDF 443-535-0220

Hamboree

Was there Saturday selling tubes for the club; nice day (I'll take the cold over the rain...) and a nice fester. It was a pleasure to attend, and look forward to next year. Thanks to you and the rest of your crew for a job well done.

—73 Mark K3MSB

That was the first email I read when I got home Sunday night. With the sore feet, and body that was fatigued and caked with fairgrounds grime, it Made My Day! This event is a LOT of work to put on. Many people were at the fairgrounds from Friday morning until Sunday night, with a little time off for sleep. We'll have the details next month because we really have to finish this issue now, but a lot of people put in a lot of time to make this happen. Treasurer Bill (N3WD) reports that it looks like we will have a net gain from the show, but totals will not be known until all the bills come in.

If you helped out, then please accept the gratitude of the committee and your fellow club members!

Doug N3VEJ

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Radio Frequency Interference

Special offer to ARRL affiliated club members

Have you wondered about Radio Frequency Interference? Exactly what is it, what causes it, and how to get rid of it?

For a limited time, we are offering ARRL affiliated club members the opportunity to participate in the Radio Frequency Interference online course at a \$15.00 discount. (Regular price, ARRL Members \$65.00, Nonmembers 95.00)

- Get tips and suggestions for dealing with RFI problems
- Various types of filters.
- Sources of RFI
- Forms of TV interference
- On-line course, accessible 24/7 during the 16-week session

How to Register:

Follow the links from the Radio Frequency Interference (<http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html#ec006>). Enter the discount code **AC42306** on the registration screen. Offer expires April 23, 2006.

Questions?

Please send questions to Jean Wolfgang, WB3IOS at cce@arrl.org.

The President's Corner

By time you read this, the 35th annual Greater Baltimore Hamboree and Computer Fest will be a fond memory. I would like to thank all those who turned out in support of the event and volunteered as guards, gate keepers, ticket sellers and all around helpers. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and will go a long way towards the support of our public service activities and scholarship fund.

Our next event for 2006 is field day and there is some debate as to where we should hold it this year. Please plan to attend the April Program meeting to voice your opinion. The two locations under consideration are Hannah More Park in Reisterstown and a collocation Field Day in Hanover, PA., with the Hanover Area Hamming Association. Ed (**K3CAV**) is temporally overseeing our Field Day efforts. Please contact Ed and voice your opinion.

That is all for now, and I hope to see you at April 19th program meeting or this month's breakfast with the President on April 29, until then...

Remember, this club exists because of you and it cannot exist without you!

Joe Kryzstoforski, AJ3X
President, BARC

Breakfast with the BARC President - April 29th, 8:30 am at the Golden Corral. Take exit 32B on 695. Turn right on Rossville Blvd., at the McDonalds. Go 1/4 mile to the Golden Corral at the right. RSVP appreciated but not mandatory. 443-794-0735 or *breakfast at baltarc.com*.

Upcoming Hamfests

Date	Name	Contact	Phone	email
7 May 2006	The Great Hagerstown Hamfest	Karin Christensen, KB3GFV	301-432-2358	dilbert3@earthlink.net
28 May 2006	MFMA Memorial Day Hamfest	John Elgin, WA3MNN	301-641-5313 (6 PM to 10 PM)	wa3mnn@arrl.net
2-4 June	Rochester, NY	www.rochesterhamfest.org		
18 Jun 2006	Father's Day Hamfest	Carolyn Moroney, N3VOK	301-831-5060	k3erm@qsl.net
23 Jul 2006	BRATS Hamfest and Computer Fest	Les McClure, W3GXT	410-461-0086	lesmclure@comcast.net
13 Aug 2006	7th Annual Carroll County Tailgate Fest	Bill Neeriemer, W3STG	301-829-8791	bneeriemer@verizon.net

log. Buttons for the "Hello" campaign will be available at Dayton Hamvention and at other major Amateur Radio events. Banners for the "Hello" campaign will be flying at Dayton Hamvention and at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in April. After that, they will be made available for use at major events in 2006.

Ham Radio on the New Main Street

The "Hello" campaign will show that despite the Internet and other technologies, the possibility of being able to talk with everyday people around the world and sometimes in exotic locales—coupled with the surprise, art and uncertainty of DXing—remains a major attraction for Amateur Radio. The "Hello" campaign also will take advantage of FCC action—anticipated this year—to drop the Morse code requirement at least for General class applicants.

"ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, was correct in stating that the Main Street of today is not the same as the Main Street of yesteryear," Pitts says. "To reach out today, the very first requirement is that Amateur Radio operators be perceived as friendly and trustworthy. That's a true public relations goal and the primary focus of the campaign."



WWW.ARRL.ORG

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“The key to creating a new ham operator is to develop a relationship with a current ham operator,” says Pitts, who spent the better part of the past year meeting with various ham radio groups and leaders to sort out “what could realistically be done” to make the campaign take off. Behind the effort is “an army of dedicated, truly motivated PIOs and others who want to see ham radio flourish,” Pitts says.

“I believe that by placing good tools into your hands, you will use this opportunity to the fullest,” he added. “There will be more to come as the year unfolds.”

What’s Available Now?

A series of 30-second radio public service announcements (PSAs) has been developed for the “Hello” campaign. The plan is make a new one available about every eight weeks. These “mini-commercials” for ham radio are already being played on dozens of stations across the country, and the numbers keep growing.

“You can help by downloading the PSAs from the ARRL Web site onto a CD and taking it to your own local radio station,” Pitts suggests.

A broadcast-quality video for the “Hello” campaign will be available in April.

Copies of the special four-page “Hello” brochure are available from ARRL Headquarters for use during presentations to non-ham groups. (Full details on the “Hello” campaign plus a pull-out copy of the brochure are available in the April issue of QST.) Pitts suggests the brochures are suitable for talks to schools, clubs, displays and other venues promoting Amateur Radio to the public. There is a space on the back page to add your local club info.

“For 100 years, the magic of the human voice over radio has brought imaginations to life. It opened a whole new era of human communication,” the brochure declares, urging, “It’s your world. Get on the radio and say ‘Hello.’”

To obtain copies, e-mail the “Hello” campaign. Donations are welcome (make checks out to “ARRL”) to help cover return postage to ARRL, Public Relations, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

“Hello” logo bumper stickers will be on sale through the ARRL on-line cata-

“Hello” Campaign Provides Rallying Point to Promote Amateur Radio

NEWINGTON, CT, Mar 15, 2006—The first components of the ARRL’s “Hello” Amateur Radio public relations campaign now are available. “This campaign will give hams the tools they need to reach out in their communities to non-hams and influence their perception of Amateur Radio,” says ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, who conceived the campaign and is its principal Headquarters contact. The “Hello” campaign is aimed at recasting Amateur Radio in the light of the 21st century and focus on its universal appeal. At the same time, it will mark the 100th anniversary of what many historians consider the first voice radio broadcast in 1906 by Reginald Fessenden.

“For years, ARRL public information officers (PIOs) and others interested in promoting Amateur Radio have been looking for leadership and a rallying point from which we can join together in a major promotion for ham radio,” Pitts said. This is it! Tools include a distinctive “Hello” Web site and radio and TV public service announcements.

Pitts describes the promotion is “quite simply the largest PR campaign that ham radio has ever attempted.” Based on the word “Hello,” which he calls “possibly the most pleasant word in any language,” the coordinated campaign will set “a positive, upbeat tone that highlights the international capabilities of Amateur Radio,” he explained.

The “Hello” Web site is designed for non-hams to learn a little bit about Amateur Radio and to arouse more interest, Pitts explains. “We stay upbeat, positive and hopeful. Nothing threatening, too difficult or scary is included.”

Offering a Warm Welcome

Copies of a special four-page “Hello” brochure are available from ARRL Headquarters.

Pitts says the site points prospective Amateur Radio licensees to groups that have indicated they will provide a warm welcome to newcomers—a good “Hello!” The national “Hello” campaign can bring curious people into contact with ham radio groups, but it will be up to local radio amateurs to make them truly welcome, Pitts maintains.

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