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CLUB MEETINGS

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.

UPCOMING AGENDAS

The meeting during the first week of the month is generally a business meeting. The meeting on the third Wednesday of the month is generally a program meeting.

November 7th Business Meeting

November 14th (Moved from third Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Holiday)
Tentative Speaker on exciting operating possibilities and techniques

December 5th Business Meeting

December 19th Program TBD

January 2nd Business Meeting

January 23rd (4th Wednesday) BARC Minifest at Timonium Fairgrounds

EDITORIAL POLICY

It is our policy to use original works as much as possible. We prefer not to reprint material that is readily available in other sources, unless it is critical to have the widest dissemination possible.

We will be happy to print a link along with your comments to help make people aware of other readings you have found.

We will edit your submission to correct spelling and significant grammar errors that affect the readability of your submission.

FOR SALES are accepted free, for publication for two months at a time.

BARC REPEATERS AND NETS

The Baltimore Amateur Radio Club Repeater System **W3FT**

Frequency(In/Out) PL

146.07/146.67 107.2

222.64/224.24 107.2

44.625/449.625 107.2

simplex: 146.55

Nets:

NTS Net (Baltimore Traffic Net) W3FT at 6:30 PM Daily

Skywarn hosted on BRATS 147.03+ As Needed

PRESIDENT'S QSO

THANK YOU!!! For your support at the Hambo-ree, especially to the committee and the volunteers who's time and efforts made this possible. We also very much appreciate our vendors and shoppers. Finally, thanks go to all those that took time to drop by our club table to let us know what you think. For the most part, people were pleased with our changes to the location of the tailgating area, it was flatter than the old area, and there were lights for the pre-dawn shopping. People were up all night partying, shopping and just having a good time. We tried to hold an art show in the Home Arts building, but we didn't get enough response from the art community to have a separate building. We added it to the Exhibition Hall, and a fair number of our computer visitors and wives were pleased to have the art to look at. And a fair amount of it got sold. We were also sorry to hear of the family emergency that befell one of the MFJ crew, but our teamwork between our workers, a couple other vendors and the MFJ crew got them packed up and on the road in a bit over an hour.



Our Treasurer reports that we did come out ahead on the event this year, but we were still short of the total needed to operate the club for the year and provide the funds for the scholarships.

If you worked on the event, I would like to hear from you. Please let me know what you did, and for how long, and if you enjoyed it. Send it to me at the club PO Box or my email, KB3MXM at ARRL.NET.

We had a lot of fun, and we got a lot of work done. The aftermath shows us that we have more to do, and more to teach others, so we can have more help.

Again, thanks to all that made the event the success it was. Please enjoy the photos on the rest of the page and the next!

Onward to the future, please see the Public Service Report on a later page for all the upcoming activities. Henry Katz, KB3NWY has been doing a great job in putting BARC's services forward. Please contact him to help out and learn how we provide this service.

Finally, Mitch, KB3MXK is leading a technician training class starting this month. This is a small class, kind of a small "Dry Run", so we can do a larger class later.

HAMBOREE

Right: Door Prizes came in the form of cash.

Below: Division Director Bill Edgar (Center), Vice Director Tom Abernethy (left) and Section Manager Jim Cross show off the ARRL Go Box.



2008



The AM'ers got together at GBH&C. Groups are welcome to meet here, and we'll help facilitate. Contact the Hamboree committee via the web page, www.gbhc.org.

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2 Club Mtg	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16 Club Meet- ing 7:30 PM	17	18
20	21	22	23 Exec Board	24	25
27	28	29	30		

ri	Sat
	5
	12
	19
	26

SILENT KEY

Lewis I. Reinberg, W2BIE
March 15, 2008



It was a sad day when I received the message below from Ed Muro. Lew was a member of BARC as well as several other clubs, even though he lived in New York. He very often sent notes to me about The Modulator, and the features in it that he enjoyed. Since we get so few of these types of notes, they stand out. The undated picture shown above shows Lew with his wife, Elaine-W2ECR. Lew often thought of his friends at BARC, and lived here, working in a deli, many years ago. Personally, I will miss his notes.
Doug N3VEJ

Submitted by Ed Muro, K2EPM on March 17, 2008

I regret to inform you of the passing of Lew Reinberg, W2BIE. Lew was licensed as a ham in 1953 and was very active on all bands (hf, vhf, and uhf.) He was a very active dxer and well known in the ham communities in New York and his beloved Baltimore. Retired from the photographic and electronics industry, Lew's last job was with the Azden Company who at one time made rock-solid ham radios. Both Lew's wife w2ecr & son n2hok are active amateurs. I don't think there was a room in Lew's house that wasn't within ear shot of a ham radio or scanner. [eham.net]

The following is from The Milliwatt, April 2008 Issue (used with permission). We are sorry to report the passing of Lew, W2BIE. Lew moved from Baltimore to Hempstead Long Island a number of years ago but always kept in touch. Lew and son Steve came to our hamfest religiously each year, often getting up at 3 AM to make the trip from Long Island. He was active in LI-MARC. We will miss his pleasant countenance during his appearances on 63/03. Our condolences to his son Steve (N2HOK) and wife Elaine (W2ECR).

From Forums on QRZ.COM: I only heard the sad news today..I have known Lew in person since 1989 when he invited me and my family to meet his family for dinner in Long Island. He was a true man, loving man and a kind person. He took me into his house twice after that and continued to be in touch over the Radio and recently over Echolink too. He helped me a lot with my amateur radio hobby when I was teenager and had problems with the neighbours he made the hard time sweeter. He was a professional ham and an excellent honour roll Dixer. I will keep him in my mind for ever.

Shalom Cohen 4X1UN
Tel Aviv, Israel

PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT

Up-coming Special Events in 2008

- *March of Dimes May 3**
- Baltimore County Waterfront Festival.....May 12**
- *MCVETS 5K & 10K RunMay 25**
- *Reisters' Towne Festival September 8**
- *Hadassah Check It Out Challenge 5K Run/Walk .. August 8**
- *North East TriathlonAugust 17**
- Multiple-Sclerosis WalkSeptember 15**
- American Diabetes Walk October 6**
- *Baltimore Marathon October 11**
- *Baltimore Heart WalkOctober 25**
- Northern Rail Trail RunNovember 24**

Events with the asterisk are confirmed dates for 2008, according to either the served agency or the agency's web site. All other dates are from 2007. Stay tuned!

Many of these events have been arranged by other clubs or individuals, but they provide an excellent opportunity to volunteer and "sharpen" those ham skills and test new equipment. It is also an ideal opportunity for new hams to get on the air.

We will be providing training, and your first time out, you can be partnered with a mentor.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these opportunities, please contact Henry Katz, KB3NYW, at henrykz at earthlink.net or phone 410-486-8044.

VE REPORT April 2008

A Laurel ARC Volunteer Examiner Coordinator ([LARC VEC](#)) affiliated testing session was held at the [BARC](#) Meeting and Training Facility in Reisters-town, MD, on Sunday, April 6. nine people took exams for either their initial ham license or to upgrade their license.

The examinees achieved the following:

Became new Technician Class licensee

Karen Clark **KB3QYF**
Greg Dickert **KB3QYE**

Upgraded to General Class licensee

Adrian Maniu **KB3HGB**
Marty Pittinger **KB3MXM**

Upgraded to Amateur Extra Class licensee

Doug Alspaugh **K3DUG**
Randolph Beazell **N3RUB**
Paul Reyes **KB3NJE**

Overall, seven tests were passed out of ten administered:

Element 2 (Technician Written): 100%
Element 3 (General Written): 40%
Element 4 (Extra Written): 100%

Thanks to the Volunteer Examiners who made the session possible:

Hale Adams **N3NYC**, Bill Dobson **N3WD**, Don Friedmann **W3QYL**, Tom Hendricks **KB3CSV**, Russ Kaufman **N3YI**, Rusty Schaefer **N3WKE**, and Joe Tracey **KB3LNM**, Doug Wittich **N3VEJ**

Next testing session at the BARC facility is Saturday, May 3, 2008. Registration opens at 1:30 PM and testing starts at 2:00 PM. For information about the next exam session, please send email to [n3wke-ve at comcast.net](mailto:n3wke-ve@comcast.net) (or call Rusty at 410-227-4703).

73, Rusty **N3WKE**
VE Team Leader

VE REPORT March 2008

A Laurel ARC Volunteer Examiner Coordinator ([LARC VEC](#)) affiliated testing session was held at the [BARC](#) Meeting and Training Facility in Reisterstown, MD, on Saturday, March 1. eleven people took exams for either their initial ham license or to upgrade their license.

Became new Technician Class licensee

Adan Caraballo **KB3QMP**

Jeffrey Edmondson **KB3QMM**

Ronald Hall **KB3QMQ**

Brett Taylor **KB3QML**

Upgraded to Technician Class licensee

Doug Wolf **KA3YMI**

Became new General Class licensee

Steven Moody **KB3QMN**

David E. Smith **KB3QMO** (ex-K0WTN pre-1987)

Upgraded to General Class licensee

Alison Loughran **KB3PGS**

Upgraded to Amateur Extra Class licensee

James Bolfar **N3GVE**

Thomas Jerardi **K3CXW**

Bill Stuart **AB3HF** (ex-KB3QIF)

Overall, eleven tests were passed out of thirteen administered:

Element 2 (Technician Written): 100%

Element 3 (General Written): 67%

Element 4 (Extra Written): 75%

Thanks to the Volunteer Examiners who made the session possible:

Hale Adams N3NYC, Bill Dobson N3WD, Don Friedmann W3QYL, Tom Hendricks KB3CSV, Russ Kaufman N3YI, Doug Sanders W3FYA, Robin Schaefer AA3SB, Rusty Schaefer N3WKE, and Joe Tracey KB3LNM.

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The [Laurel ARC VE Team](#) will administer a testing session at the [Greater Baltimore Hamboree and Computerfest](#), Sunday March 30.

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