

# **ARC-SHORTS**

JANUARY 2015

Club Repeaters: 147.315 (PL 107.2), 444.6 (PL107.2), 224.82 (PL107.2), 53.13 (PL107.2) 927.6 (-25Mhz, PL107.2), and 1282.600 (PL 107.2), DSTAR 145.38Mhz, 442.060, and 1284.600 ALL AR UP AND RUNNING – HAM IT UP! Get on the air!

## **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Our next meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> at our normal location, 3600 Wheeler Ave, just off of Duke Street about half a block west of Quaker Lane. Our program will be provided by Bill Liles NQ6Z. Presenting “100 years of ham antennas”. Bill is a member of AMRAD and provided this presentation at one of the AMRAD meetings. We also have some beginning of the year business. We will have the program FIRST and then do the business meeting. We need to approve the budget and any committee chairs.

## **DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Only 25 or so folks attended the holiday party, but we all had a great time.

## **Hamfests –**

Hamfest season starts later this month with the Post Holiday Hamfest on January 25, 2015, in Odenton, MD. It's sponsored by the Maryland Mobileers ARC. It's a short drive to the Odenton Volunteer Fire Department. Talk-in is on the 146.805 MHz repeater (PL 1072).

Richmond Frostfest is scheduled for Feb 7, 2015 at the Richmond Raceway Complex. Its sponsored by the Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society. The hamfest website says Frostfest is bigger and better this year. Kudos to RATS for organizing a great hamfest. The Raceway Complex is about 2 hours down the road and is easy to get to. Talk-in on the RATS 2 meter repeater 146.88 (PL 74.4). In addition to our usual 147.315 simplex, we will try something different. If you have a 900 MHz radio, try 927.600 MHz simplex well the 2 meter frequency.

A couple hamfests have made big changes. The Vienna Wireless Society's Winterfest is moving to March 22, 2015, according to the VWS website. The Baltimore ARC's hamfest is moving to Father's Day, June 21, 2015 and the location is in Upperco, MD. More details to follow.

Its not too early to start thinking about the Dayton Hamvention. Its always the third full weekend in May, so that means May 15 through 17. Thursday is normally the travel day. but

there was interest in touring the US Air Force Museum, so we will travel on Wednesday, May 13 and do the museum on May 14. If you have any interest in aviation, this is well worth the visit.

I have 6 rooms at the Holiday Inn Fairborn and 2 and a half are already spoken for. There are several other hotels in the area, but they are filling up fast. Other club members may have a room or two available nearby. Gas may remain cheap for the foreseeable future, so plan on making the trip. The breakdown is usually \$60 to \$80 for gas, plan on \$350 for hotel, \$28 for the Hamvention ticket and bus fare, along with your meals and purchases.

### **Training -**

Our class and several visitors took their exams on December 2. Out of the 25 different people taking exams, 24 walked out with a new license or an upgrade. The breakout is 19 Technician, 5 Generals and 1 Extra. Congratulations to everybody for a job well done.

Here are the new licensees and their callsigns:

#### New Licenses -

Gagner, Philip A	KW4DV
Bonanno, Mark V	KM4GML
Joyner, Christopher A	KM4GMM
Coulter, Robert A	KM4GMN
Pagdanganan, Merwynn	KM4GMO
Bonanno, Zea M	KM4GMP
Bonanno, Casey L	KM4GMQ
Kalinowski, David C	KM4GMR
Schmeelk, Peter G	KM4GMS
Burke, Neil T	KM4GMT
Sharp, Pamela D	KM4GMU
Helba, Mark M	KM4GMV
Sherman, Robert S	KM4GMW
Kluba Jr, Robert F	KM4GMX
Weidman, Alev E	KM4GMY
Wittrock, Rosemary	KM4GMZ
Anderson, Michael L	KM4GNA
Rheem, Bryan S	KM4GNB
Delaune, Jules M	KC3EAO
Williams, J H	KC3EAP
Randazzo, Paul A	KC3EAQ
Replogle, Kathryn E	KD9CRY
Bates, Robert L	KG5FDO

Upgrades-  
Morris, David W

KK4ZUU

We had one candidate whose license expired and took advantage of the recent rule change to get back into ham radio. This is a great development for someone whose life got in the way of their ham radio activities. As long as the individual had a General, Advanced or Extra class license and provide positive proof, they can reinstate their license by taking the current Technician exam.

We look forward to hearing our recent graduates on the air.

Our next class is scheduled for March 3 through May 5, 2015.

### **Contests -**

January 17 and 18 – North American QSO Party, SSB. Exchange is name and state.

January 24 through 26 – ARRL January VHF Contest. All modes on bands above 50 MHz. The exchange is your 4 character grid square. Most of us are in FM18.

December 27 – Radio Amateurs Canada Winter Contest – Exchange for non-Canadian stations is RST and a serial number.

February 7 and 8 – Vermont QSO Party. Exchange is RST and your state.

February 7 – Minnesota QSO Party. Exchange is your name and state.

February 7 through 9 – Delaware QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.

February 8 – North American Sprint, CW. Exchange is the other station's call, your call, a serial number, your name and your state.

February 9 through 13 – ARRL School Club Roundup. Exchange is RST and class, individual, club or school club. Work as many school clubs as possible.

### **Club Repeaters -**

The Alexandria Radio Club owns more repeaters than other clubs in the area. We have repeaters on every ham radio band between 6 meters and 23 cm. Here is a great opportunity to try a new band. With the exception of the 23 cm repeater, all our repeaters are commercial grade equipment which should run for many years with minimal work. The 23 cm repeater is

constructed from 2 Yaesu 23 cm mobile radios with a controller in between. All the repeaters provide good coverage in Alexandria and the surrounding area.

73,

Rich, KA4GFY

### **Future Programs**

Craig, KK4INZ, has been asked to provide a program on how FEMA can make use of Amateur Radio in times of an emergency. Hopefully he will be disaster free in February.

We will have a program on digital modes to follow up on the article above.

We will have two demonstration programs. The first will be a showing of our GO BOXES. What do you have ready to go, if you need to support a public service event or a disaster away from home. Second will be “What do you use as a logging and shack control program?”

We hope to have an update on use of some of the newest solar technology, use of the new microcomputers and I am trying to find someone to talk about converting our old XP laptops to use a version of Lenex.

If you have an idea for a program, please let Rick know and he will try to find someone to provide the program.

### **Social Events**

Monday Night Half Price Burgers – There is a group that gets together at Shooter McGee’s (Duke and Paxton Streets) on Monday evenings at 6:15 PM. A good burger and soft drink runs about \$11.00.

A few years ago, a bunch of us went to the Air and Space Museum at Dullas, is there an interest in another trip (Yes, I know it’s not radio). We can also plan for a trip the antique radio and EW museums.