



**COLUMBIA-MONTOUR AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB
NEWSLETTER FOR MAY, 2007**
<http://www.qsl.net/cm-arc/>

JIM, KB3ICM, WINS HAM TRIVIA CONTEST

At the last regular club meeting, we had a ham radio trivia contest. We are considering having a trivia contest at our hamfest, and the prize would be one of our door prizes. We tried out the concept at our April club meeting, and it was quite successful. There were thirty questions in the trivia contest, and contestants were asked to write the answers to the questions. The winner of the contest was Jim, KB3ICM. Well done, Jim!

Since the trivia contest was successful and fun, we intend to have one (or maybe two) trivia contests for prizes at our CMARC hamfest.

CMARC HAMFEST JUNE 9

Our club will hold its annual hamfest on June 9th at the Bloomsburg Fire Department. Here is the location of our hamfest information: <http://www.qsl.net/cm-arc/hamfest.htm>

Jim, KB3ICM, is our new Hamfest Chairman. Jim has taken over the post previously held by Dave, WC3A. Both Jim and Dave are working together to make this years' hamfest the best ever.

Jim has sent out email and snail mail to all the ham radio clubs within a 100-mile radius of our hamfest, and Dave has sent out reminders to all hams who visited our hamfest last year. They have been very busy, and they both remind us that we need all the help we can get to make our hamfest successful.

Please mark your calendars now! Do you have any suggestions that would make our hamfest better? Email your suggestions to our Hamfest Chairman, Jim: jhancock1@epix.net

HAMFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need a lot of help in order to make our hamfest a success on June 9th. One need is for groups of two members to be gate greeters. The gate greeters collect the \$5 entrance fee from each ham, and welcome them to the hamfest. We need two people to act as gate greeters for each of these one-hour periods:

6-7

7-8

8-9

9-10

10-11

All times are for the morning of June 9th. If you can help, pick a time and email Jim: jhancock1@epix.net

FIELD DAY IS COMING

Our club will once again be holding its Field Day activities at the Kulp Church Grove near Slabtown on June 22-24. Make your plans now; it will be here before you know it!

SATELLITE OPERATOR NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY

We are in need of an operator to make at least one contact using the amateur radio satellites on Field Day. If you have worked with the satellites or you are willing to learn how to do it, please send me an email. You need two meter/ 440 MHz capability, and a lap-top computer would be a really asset (to compensate for the Doppler shift and aid in tuning).

YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO MAKE A SATELLITE QSO ON FIELD DAY IF YOU NEVER DID IT BEFORE. YOU NEED TO MAKE SOME QSOS ON THE SATELLITES BEFORE ATTEMPTING A FIELD DAY SATELLITE CONTACT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO DO IT, PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL: rlfoster1@verizon.net

PPL HONORS RACES AND OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Randy, N3JPV, our RACES and ARES Emergency Coordinator, reports on the dinner given by PPL for emergency responders, including RACES operators.

The PPL volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on April 24, 2007 at Portabella Catering Facility in Lightstreet with 13 RACES operators and their guests in attendance. The dinner was followed by a short program from Nevin Dressler of PPL on the upcoming PPL events.

A "big Thank you" was given to all the volunteers from PPL, PEMA, Columbia County EMA, and the Columbia County Commissioners for a job well done.

Randy N3JPV
Columbia County RACES & ARES EC

CMARC 4-H AMATEUR RADIO CLUB RECOGNIZED

Linda, KB3ERH, is our 4-H Amateur Radio Club Leader. In April Linda and Dave, WC3A, represented our 4-H Amateur Radio Club at a dinner meeting. Here is Linda's report:

Tuesday evening, April 17th, Dave, WC3A, and Linda, KB3ERH, attended the 4 – H Bankers and Leaders Banquet. This event is held every year in honor of the time and effort the adult leaders and Teen Council members put forth to maintain the 4 – H program. This annual event is paid for by the local banks in the area as their way of saying "Thank You to the Leaders" for helping the young people in the 4 – H program. This year the Leaders of the 4 – H Amateur Radio Club were recognized for five years of participation in the 4 – H program. Each leader received a certificate and pin.

**CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!!!
FIVE YEARS OF KIDS IN AMATEUR RADIO 4 - H !!!!**

Members of the Teen Council conducted the activities of the evening.

Introductions of

Bankers, Commissioners, Leaders and Teen members were made after the Invocation.

The theme for this year's event was Rockin' Round the Clock. It was a '50's – 60's event.

The food was very good and decorations were done in the '50's theme. Old 45's were on

the tables as centerpieces, 45's hung from the lights that had been strung from the ceiling

and '50's music was played.

After dinner the awards were presented and special recognition was given to a leader who

has been active in the 4 – H program for 25 years.

Then the fun began! Arrangements were made to have a DJ, Bob Gale, there for the evening.

He conducted a '50's - '60's Trivia game. We listened to a song from that era and had to

remember the title of the song and then who recorded the original song.

There was a lot of

stretching of some memories for all the leaders. Members of the Teen Council went on to the

floor and danced '50's style, "the jitterbug".

Dave and I had an enjoyable time and joined others around the table in reminiscing about

the '50's. It was a fun evening for everyone present. We're all looking forward to next year's

event. We've been promised a Mystery dinner arranged by an FBI agent. Sounds interesting!

HAM RADIO VIDEO ON INTERNET

Bill, K3WJH, has located an interesting video on amateur radio narrated by Walter Cronkite. The video may be viewed at the following website:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z9136_Nhh4

BILL, K3WJH, APPOINTED DISASTER RELIEF DIRECTOR

Bill Hoops, K3WJH, has been appointed to a position in emergency communications. Here is his report:

I have been appointed the Disaster Relief Director of Communications for the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey for the Southern Baptist Convention.

With a title that long, you can guess how much I get paid. Zip - the longer the title the less the salary.

I am going to be responsible for training and organizing the Ham Radio Operators for Emergency Communications for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Ministries, the second largest in the nation, behind the American Red Cross, which we work with side by side (as well as other agencies such as the Salvation Army, ARES and RACES) in training and during disasters. This can be done with the help and support of an organization called South Bears (Southern Baptist Emergency Amateur Radio Service). www.southbears.net

Disaster Relief communications is what I really wanted to get into when I became a Ham, but I did not know that I was going to be the director in such a short period of time. All of my work has always been to be a manager and trainer. I am sure I can accomplish the task I have been given. I just wish I could have been the student for several more years.

**Bill Hoops
K3WJH
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PAUL, W3EGL, TAKES FIRST PLACE IN TECHNOLOGY BOWL

Paul, W3EGL, is a student at Warrior Run High School. In late April, Paul participated in the Technology Bowl for the State of Pennsylvania. The Technology Bowl is a written test, and several hundred high school students from all over the state took the test. Paul received the highest score in the test, and was awarded the First-Place Trophy for his achievement. Paul credits part of his success to his understanding of radio and

electronics he gained from studying for his amateur-radio-licensing test.

Congratulations, Paul!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS STEVENS

Congratulations to Chris Stevens, who recently upgraded to Extra Class. Chris turned in his old call of KB3MZR, and now has an extra call, WB3P.

VE TESTING UPDATE

Our VE Testing Chairman, Jim, KB3ICM, reminds us that our VE team is ready to give amateur radio licensing exams at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Shiloh Bible Church in Almedia. If you know of anyone who wishes to be tested, please let Jim know: jhancock1@epix.net

Jim needs to know in advance if there will be candidates to be tested. The VE team will not show up unless you notify Jim in advance.

Friday Evening Coffee Meetings

Jim, KB3ICM, reports that the informal meetings at Dunkin' Donuts in Berwick every Friday evenings regularly have around ten amateurs. The meetings start around 8 p.m., and continue to around 10 p.m. Hams come and go as they please. Here is what Jim says about the informal gatherings:

All are welcome to attend and share in the fun. Why not stop by and meet some of your radio friends in person?

NET CONTROL STATIONS NEEDED

In order to be prepared to carry on emergency communications when needed, we have an ARES Net on our CMARC repeater, 147.225 +, tone 203.5. The net is activated every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. local time. We need amateurs who will act as net control stations. So if you want to have some fun and be a net control station, send an E-mail to Jack, N3EUM:

jlmccorm@jlink.net

Jack is an Assistant ARES Emergency Coordinator, and he is our Net Coordinator who schedules the net control stations. He will provide a script for you to read when you act as net control.

Please keep on checking into the net, and encourage others to check in, too!

Jack has about eight people who act as net control stations, so the job of actually being a net control only comes around every eight weeks or so. The more people we have, the less frequently each person has to be net control, and the more people we can involve in emergency communications.

ARRL DX QSL SERVICE

If you are a member of both CMARC and ARRL, we will forward your DX QSL cards to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau. Just make sure I get the cards (you can give them to me at a meeting or drop your cards at my home), and as soon as I accumulate a pound of cards (about 155 cards), I will forward the cards to the bureau. There is no charge to you for this service, but I must have your ARRL membership number in order to forward your cards.

CMARC collects and sends to the bureau about eight shipments of one pound each of DX QSL cards per year. About ten club members use this service at present. The ARRL has increased the rate from \$8 per pound of QSLs to \$10 per pound. Aren't you glad we offer this service?

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE "CMARC MEMBERS ONLY" EMAILS????

At the same time this newsletter was sent over the Internet, another message was sent titled "CMARC Members Only – December". This message is only sent to people who have paid their CMARC dues. If you did not get the "CMARC Members Only" message, it means you have not paid your dues. What is in the "CMARC Members Only" Email messages? The message contains the minutes of the last meeting and a complete roster

of all members of CMARC. These “Member Only” messages are sent out monthly.

In many cases, people have forgotten whether they have paid their dues. For the present time, everyone who was a member last year will receive the “members only” for the first few months of 2007. Please take a few minutes and send in your dues now! The next two articles describe how you can join CMARC. We would love to have you as a member!

Thanks to everyone who have already sent in their dues.

Don't wait! Send in your dues now! Read the next article on how to become a member!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2007

The membership drive for 2007 is underway! To become a member of the Columbia-Montour Amateur Radio Club, send in your membership dues of \$10. Remember it is \$20 if you wish to have autopatch and make telephone calls through the repeater. The rate for children of members is half the adult price for basic membership (\$5). If the parent has phone patch then the child is free. Students whose parents are not members get their dues half price (\$5) as well. To become a member, please send a check to our Membership Chairman:

Dave Schack
6020 Fort Jenkins Lane
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

When you send in your dues for 2007, please include the following information: Name, Call, whether you want autopatch, whether you are an ARRL member, your E-mail address, and your regular U.S. Postal Service address.

Please note that many people have had address changes caused by the State of Pennsylvania changing from RR and RD addresses to the new 911 addresses. Please give Dave your new address!

Please state whether you qualify for a discount because you are the child of a member or if you are a student. Our membership chairman, Dave, WC3A, will appreciate this very much.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2007

President – Bob Foster, K3QIA

Vice President – Jere Vietz, W3JLV

Secretary – Linda Daring, KB3ERH

Assistant Secretary – Jack McCormick, N3EUM

Treasurer – Dave Schack, WC3A

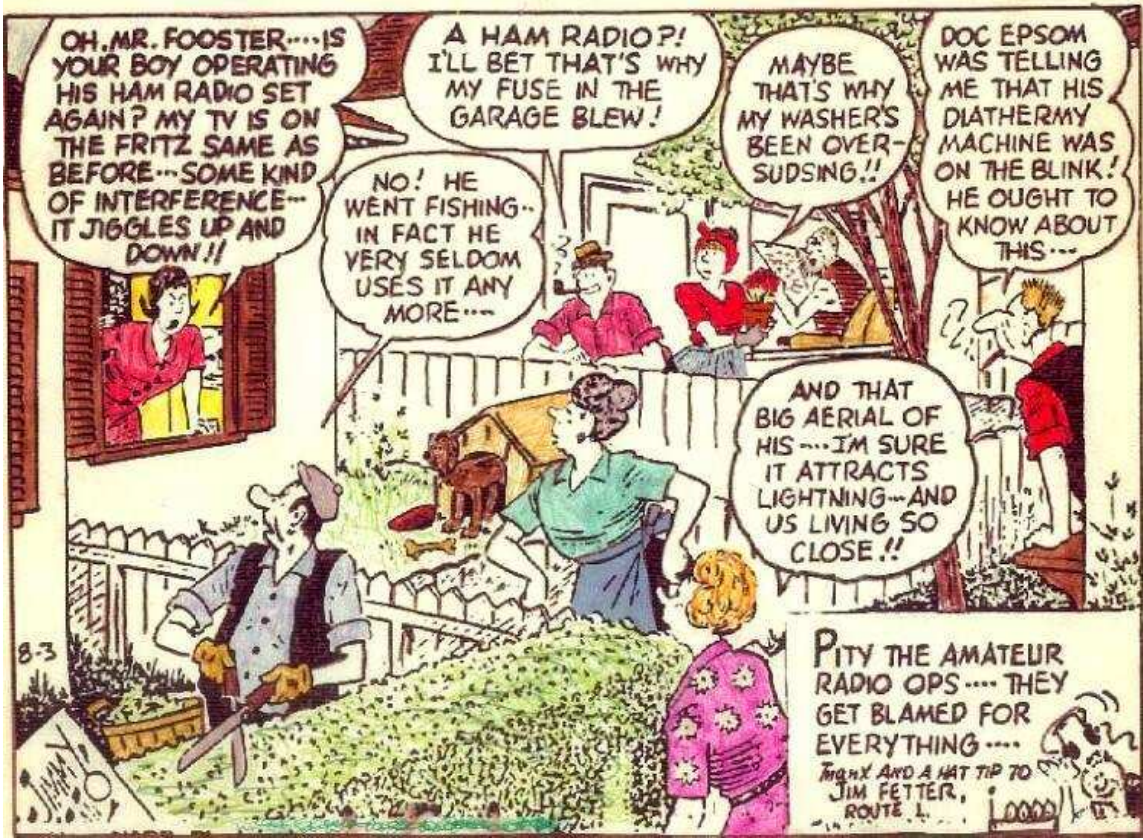
Activities Director – Jim Hancock, KB3ICM

Trustees – Jack McCormick, N3EUM

All officers have been elected to serve a one-year term except for Jack McCormick, who will serve a three-year term. All Trustees serve a three-year term. The other Trustees are Jim Hancock, KB3ICM (elected to serve until December 2008), and Linda Daring, KB3ERH (elected to serve until December 2007).

This cartoon is from Dave Schack, WC3A. See if the situation is familiar!

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME :- :- :- by Hatlo



HAVE FUN!

73, Bob, K3QIA

President of the Columbia-Montour Amateur Radio Club