



# **COLUMBIA-MONTOUR AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2013**

<http://www.qsl.net/cm-arc/>

## **MARCH MEETING FEATURES LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD**

The March regular meeting of the club featured a presentation and discussion of ARRL's LogBook of the World. This is an Internet-based program of the ARRL which allows hams all over the world to use a log program which allows confirmations for awards without submitting QSL cards. It works like this:

You register into the Internet LogBook of the World system.

You upload your computer log files (dates, times, modes, frequencies, and callsigns of the stations you have worked).

Other hams all over the world upload their logs into the system.

If your log entries match those of other stations, you receive QSL credit for those QSOs, which are good for ARRL Awards.

Suppose you work North Dakota. You upload the log entry into the LogBook of the World system. The North Dakota station uploads his log with your callsign and the correct date and time and mode and band of the QSO. The system then sends a confirmation back to both stations via the Internet. Now you have North Dakota confirmed for your Worked All States Award (and he has your state, too)!

So you can get confirmations for your Worked All States Award and Five-Band Worked All States Award and your DXCC Awards. There are other awards you can work toward, too. Complete information is on the ARRL website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world>

We have at least three club members that use LogBook of the World: Jere, W3JLV; Dennis, N3VMM; and yours truly, Bob, K3QIA.

## Remember the new PL of our CMARC repeater, 147.225+, is 85.4!

### DISASTER RELIEF – OUR NEXT PROGRAM

The program at our regular club meeting in April will be on Disaster Relief that was provided in the New Jersey and New York areas after the superstorm Sandy. The program will be presented by Bill Hoops, K3WJH, who spent weeks in New Jersey and New York helping the residents recover from the devastation. The program will be presented on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Shiloh Bible Church in Almedia at 7:30 p.m. Hope you can make it!

### CMARC HAMFEST

Plan now for our club Hamfest! Once again our Hamfest Chairman will be Randy, N3JPV. Randy informs us that the Hamfest will be held at the same location as last year, the Lime Ridge Community Center. We will set up at the Center on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning around 3 p.m. and continue until around sunset. The actual Hamfest will begin around 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and continue to noon. Please plan to help out with the running of the Hamfest; we need a lot of help if the Hamfest is to be successful! You will still have plenty of time to enjoy the Hamfest yourself!

### FIELD DAY PLANS FOR CMARC

Our club will once again be conducting our Field Day activities at the Kulp Church grove near Slabtown. Mark your calendars now so you can take part in this neat club activity. We will begin setting up antennas in the grove on Friday, June 21, 2013, around noon. The actual working of stations begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and continues until 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. You will receive more information about our Field Day in the coming months.

## **REPEATER COMMITTEE WORKING ON OUR SYSTEM**

Randy, our Repeater Committee Chairman, informs us that the Repeater Committee is very actively working on our CMARC repeater system. The committee is upgrading the system; this process is very time-consuming and will be an on-going procedure for a long time. You will notice improvements in the club's repeater in the coming months.

## **I programmed my radio for the new PL on our club repeater: 85.4**

## **OUR CLUB TREASURER'S HEALTH IS IMPROVING**

Jack McCann, W3GY, our club Treasurer, had an open-heart operation March 1st and is now recuperating at home. The recovery period for an open-heart operation is about eight weeks. Jack hopes to be back attending club meetings in May.

## **PASSING OF FREDA DALIOUS**

The wife of Sam Dalious, K3EAU, an active club member, passed away on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Sam's wife was Freda Dalious, who taught at Southern Columbia High School for many years before she retired. Freda coached field hockey, softball and girl's basketball at Southern. We are sorry for the loss. Our condolences to Sam.

## **DID YOU FIND THE APRIL FOOL ARTICLE?**

Each year QST publishes an "April Fool" article in the April issue. The magazine does not identify the article, but lets the reader find it. So if you are not careful, you will be fooled. One of the better "April Fool" articles several years ago described that if you buried a wire antenna a foot deep in the ground, it would work much better. They had several charts showing how much it would improve the signal. Did you find the "April Fool" article in the April 2013 edition of QST? If you did, send me an email and identify the article. We will see how many people could pick out the "April Fool" article!

**Did you program your radio for the new PL on our club repeater? The new PL is 85.4**

## **OUR CLUB MAILING ADDRESS**

**CMARC  
% Robert Foster  
1586 State Route 93  
Berwick, PA 18603**

## **VE TESTING UPDATE**

**Our VE team is a "Field Stocked Team". This is a higher level of VE team since we will now automatically receive all testing materials and updates without making a request. This status was achieved due to our monthly testing schedule and hamfest activities. We are currently the only ARRL VE testing team in our immediate area and have tested Hams from as far away as Lock Haven. Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, we have maintained a monthly testing schedule and give tests almost every month before our club meetings.**

**Remember to contact our VE Testing Chairman, Matt, KB3JKU, if you know of anyone who wishes to take an amateur radio license exam.**

**Matt's address is:**

**[kb3jku@verizon.net](mailto:kb3jku@verizon.net)**

## **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 85.4. The net is activated every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. local time. We need amateurs who will act as net control stations, and you do not need to be a member of CMARC to be a net control station. So if you want to have some fun and be a net control station, send an E-mail to Jack, N3EUM:**

**[jlmccorm@jlink.net](mailto: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 ten people who act as net control stations, so the job of actually being a net control only comes around every ten 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.

Here is the schedule for the net control stations:

Date	Net Control	
4/2/13	JACK	N3EUM
4/9/13	DENNIS	N3VMM
4/16/13	SHIRLEY	KB3TAX
4/23/13	JACK	N3EUM
4/30/13	LINDA	K3BD

Thanks, Jack, N3EUM, for making out the roster. Check into the net, and join in the fun!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We would like to get more check-ins to the net, so I've started sending out reminders for the net. Please! Use reminders to yourself like sticky-notes to check into the net. The reminders do work!

## **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?

**SPECIAL NOTE! PLEASE, PLEASE, SORT YOUR CARDS ALPHABETICALLY BEFORE YOU GIVE THEM TO ME. IT MAKES MY JOB MUCH EASIER!**

**There is a rumor that the CMARC  
repeater has a new PL of 85.4  
THE RUMORS ARE TRUE!**

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2013**

The membership drive for 2013 is underway! To become a member of the Columbia-Montour Amateur Radio Club, send in your membership dues:

Regular Membership -----	\$20
Senior Membership (65 years of age or older) -	\$15
Student -----	\$10
Associate Member (unlicensed) -----	\$5

If you are a family member of a person with membership, the dues are \$5 less than the primary family member (or if the family member is a student, use the student membership rate).

To become a member, please send a check to me at the following address:

Robert Foster  
1586 State Route 93  
Berwick, PA 18603

I will make sure Jack, W3GY, our Membership Chairman, gets the check, or you can just give Jack your check (or cash) at a club meeting.

When you send in your dues for 2013, please include the following information: Name, Call, whether you are an ARRL member, your E-mail address, and your regular U.S. Postal Service 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 will appreciate this very much.

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**What is 85.4 ?**

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

The following club members have been elected (or appointed) club offices for 2013: (Those officers who are appointed have a \* before the name of the office)

**President: Bob Foster, K3QIA**

**Vice President: Randy Kishbaugh, N3JPV**

**Secretary: Linda Daring, K3BD**

**\*Assistant Secretary: Jack McCormick, N3EUM**

**Treasurer: Jack McCann, W3GY**

**\*Assistant Treasurer: Dave Schack, WC3A**

**Activities Director: Steve Zappe, WA3GQA**

**\*Public Relations Officer: Linda Daring, K3BD**

**Trustee: Jere Vietz, W3JLV [Term will expire in December 2013]**

**Trustee: Jack McCormick, N3EUM [Term will expire in December 2014]**

**Trustee: Matt Lunger, KB3JKU [Term will expire in December 2015]**

**\*Web Master: Matt Lunger, KB3JKU**

**\*VE Testing Chairman: Matt Lunger, KB3JKU**

**73, Bob, K3QIA**

**President of the Columbia-Montour Amateur Radio Club**

## **POSTSCRIPT**

If you have any amateur radio news, especially news that our local amateurs would like to know, please send it to me. My email address is:

[rlfoster1@verizon.net](mailto:rlfoster1@verizon.net)

I'll be glad to put it in our next newsletter and/or send it out over the Internet.

**Check your two-meter radio to be sure you have the correct PL for our CMARC repeater. The PL is 85.4**