



COLUMBIA-MONTOUR AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER JULY-AUGUST 2013

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

CMARC HAMFEST IS SUCCESSFUL

Our club Hamfest was held June 8th at the Lime Ridge Community Center. Many club members worked hard to make our Hamfest a success. Our Hamfest Chairman, Randy, N3JPV, will be making a full report on how we did at our next club meeting. Randy has done a great job as Hamfest Chairman!

CMARC FIELD DAY

Our club conducted our Field Day activities at the Kulp Church grove near Slabtown on June 21, 22 and 23. We had lots of help setting up the antennas, and we had the following bring stations to Field Day:

Linda, K3BD

Randy, N3JPV

Dave, WC3A

Jack, W3GY

Bob, K3QIA

Andy, N3OMA

Our results were sent out in an email to our members. We made 398 SSB QSOs, 255 CW QSOs and two PSK QSOs. We had a total of 1824 QSO points and 1570 bonus points for a grand total of 3394 points. If the points are similar to last year, we should place in about the 59th percentile. That is, we did better than 59% of the groups in class 4A.

We had a lot of fun, and we are already planning for next year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR FD BONUS POINTS

We earn almost as many bonus points as we do QSO points on Field Day. To get those elusive bonus points, we had a few people really work hard, so those people deserve special recognition! I hope I don't let anyone out!

First, Ken, KB3PSP, provided the generator and the gasoline that earned us 400 bonus points. Linda, K3BD, contacted the Press-Enterprise and saw that we had publicity in the newspaper that earned us 100 bonus points. Randy, N3JPV, sent a Field Day message to our EPA Section Manager for 100 bonus points. Steve, WA3GQA, received the ten messages from the Milton club for 100 bonus points. Andy, N3OMA, provided the solar-cell-charged battery that earned us 100 bonus points. John, N3XJZ, stopped by and put on his Fire Police uniform and earned us 100 bonus points. WC3A, Dave, taught how to use PSK for 100 bonus points. Linda, K3BD, earned bonus point for being our primary GOTA coach. Thanks to Steve, WA3GQA, for also being a GOTA coach, and thanks to Andy, N3OMA, for being a GOTA coach, too.

Thanks also to our primary cook, Dave. We could not have eaten without Dave's great cooking!

FIELD DAY PICTURES AT JULY MEETING

Our regular club meeting will be held Tuesday, July 9, at the Shiloh Bible Church in Almedia. At this meeting, Randy, N3JPV, will present the results of our Hamfest, and then we will show the pictures taken at our Field Day. We will also be discussing how to make our next Field Day in 2014 even better.

PAUL, W3EGL, IS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Robert "Paul" Hoops, W3EGL, has been selected by the ARRL Foundation as the recipient of the Henry Broughton, K2EA, Memorial Scholarship. This is the fifth year in a row that Paul had been selected by the ARRL Foundation to receive a scholarship. Look for his picture in the September QST along with the other scholarship recipients.

Paul is completing his last co-op this summer as a Broadcast Engineer on the RIT campus. Paul has the fall and spring semesters to complete next year, which will include his Senior Project. Next May he should receive both his Bachelor's and his Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

In addition to the ARRL scholarship, Paul received a scholarship for the Foundation of Amateur Radio sponsored by the Phil-Mont ARC, here in Pennsylvania.

We probably will not see Paul until the Run For the Diamonds on Thanksgiving Day.

This info from Bill, K3WJH

MURGAS CLUB TO HOLD HAMFEST

Don't forget the Murgas club will be holding its Hamfest on July 7th. This is a fun event, so plan to attend.

REPEATER COMMITTEE WORKING ON OUR SYSTEM

Randy, N3JPV, 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. By the way, our club repeater is 147.225+, and has a tone of 85.4.

OUR CLUB MAILING ADDRESS

CMARC

% Robert Foster

1586 State Route 93

Berwick, PA 18603

VE TESTING UPDATE

Our VE team is now 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

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

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 | |
|--------|-------------|-------|
| 7/2/13 | LINDA | K3BD |
| 7/9/13 | DENNIS | N3VMM |

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| 7/16/13 | SHIRLEY | KB3TAX |
| 7/23/13 | SHAWN | KB3SHO |
| 7/30/13 | JACK | N3EUM |

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 \$12 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!

IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE THE ARRL BUREAU, PLEASE LOOK HOW THE BUREAU OPERATES AT:

<http://www.arrl.org/outgoing-qsl-service>

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.

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

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

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

*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

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