

## April SMARC Meeting

Location: District 5, Prince Georges County Police Station  
6707 Groveton Drive, Clinton, MD 20735

Date: June 12, 2009

Time: General Meeting - 7:00 PM

Board Meeting - if necessary

Talk-in: VHF Repeater - 147.150 - PL114.8

(click for map)

## From the Presidents Shack

Hi Gang!

Well unless you have been living under a rock in a foreign country you have must have heard the new remote link is UP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ken and I went up to the repeater site and did battle with the beast and won. Currently we have one site on line right now, Fort Washington. The other sites, Forestville an La Plata will be up shortly. We had some issues with a connector and we want to replace it so we were not able to fire up the other sites yet. You will notice the audio from the remote site is a little tinnier sounding than the repeater. This will change once we get all of the sites up and running. Ken and I left it that way to tell when the

voter selects the remote over the repeater audio. You should hear that the holes in the 210 corridor have gone away.

I want to thank Larry, K3JRR for the loan of a station monitor for alignment and Dwayne, WD8OYG for his technical support. This would not have happened without their help.

Field Day is almost here. We will put the finishing touches on the plans at the meeting this week. I don't think we have changed the routine too much from years past. The only confusion again was just which weekend Allen picks for his vacation so it does not conflict with Field Day! The food should be outstanding this year since Ken has upped

## Field Day 2009

The SMARC Family Picnic Extravaganza

Plans are shaping up for Field Day. We will finalize loose ends at the club meeting this coming Friday. The menu at this writing

is going to be Philly Cheese Steaks and French Fries for lunch. Later in the day Vic's Beer Butt Bird, Ken's traditional

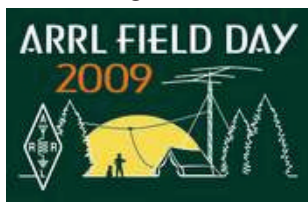
fried rice and any sides that you guys plan to bring. For those who stay the night, you will be served breakfast with eggs maid to order, bacon, home fries and any other left overs you would like from Saturday. I know I'm planning on a steak and cheese omelet!!

We will have the Hambulance

on site as one of the stations to operate from or you certainly may bring your own rig. There is plenty for room for antennas.

For those of you that picked up a Handy Finder kit at one of our previous meetings, this would be a great opportunity to assemble and test your DF kit. We will be sure to have a few soldering irons handy for assembly.

With that said, come early, stay late, enjoy friends, family and great food and operate some radio at Field Day 2009. We look forward to seeing you there.



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# Sparks

*A Little  
Something For  
Everyone*



the ante with Cheese Steaks for lunch! Mmmm Mmmm! We plan on doing some work on a couple of the Red Cross vehicles to clean up some loose ends in the radios. Maybe we can do a foot fox hunt with the DF units we have. Come to the meeting and put your 2 cents in and let's have some fun and oh yes, can somebody bring a radio?

Short and sweet see you at the meeting.

73 Vic WA3YUV

## Repeater Status

Last weekend, you might have heard the testing that was going on over the repeater. Vic and Ken were up at the repeater working on the remote receiver system and the voter. When all is said and done, there will be four remote receiver sites. Fort Washington,

## Dues Are DUE!!

Here is the current list of members so far. Ya better get on the stick and get YOUR name on the list!!

Kit Carson W3KVC  
Bill Lasner W3SQG  
Harry Liller KB3HNQ  
Stephony Liller KB3JTH  
John Foote KB3EHK  
Linda Foote N6LGF  
Vic Curtis WA3YUV  
Linda Curtis KA3VNI  
Robert Lee KM3DR  
Ian England KB3ROH  
Mike Martin K3RFI  
Al Abercrombie W2GJS  
Greg Dominguez N3MPR  
Ken LaCapria KA3POX

## Information

### Board Meeting:

Second Friday, 1830 hours

### Membership Meeting:

Second Friday, 1930 hours

### Repeaters: WA3YUV/R

VHF - 147.150 (PL 114.8)

UHF - 443.600 (PL 103.5)

### 2 Meter Net:

SMARC repeater  
Tuesday, 2000 hours

### 10 Meter Net:

28.447 Mhz (+/- QRM)  
Thursday, 2000 hours

### Web Site:

<http://www.qsl.net/smarc>

Webmaster - N3MPS

### Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 273  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Forestville, La Plata and one somewhere over in Calvert County. The Fort Washington site is now operational and will help fill in the dead spots on the 210 corridor between the beltway and East Swan Creek Road. It will also provide hand held coverage at the Fort Washington Hospital.

Next up will be Forestville, which will fill in dead spots between Rt. 4 and St. Barnabas.

Then La Plata which will give hand held coverage in that area.

## Hamfest Schedule

### June 14 (Sunday)

Manassas Hamfest  
The "Ole Virginia Hams" ARC  
Prince William Fairgrounds  
Manassas, VA

### July 19 (Sunday)

Hamfest and Computer Fest  
Baltimore Radio Amateur TV Society  
Howard County Fairgrounds  
West Friendship, MD

### August 22 (Sunday)

59th Annual Berryville Hamfest  
Shanandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds  
Berryville, VA

# VIRGINIA'S OLE FASHIONED Manassas Hamfest

## AMATEUR RADIO, COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

The "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

(A non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio)

Our  
35<sup>th</sup> Year

*The 2nd Sunday in June — Rain or Shine!*

# Sunday, June 14, 2009

## Prince William County Fairgrounds

*New Expanded Indoor Covered Area For Your Comfort*

10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas, VA 20112-2720 (Route 234) - TALK-IN 146.97- 224.660- 442.200+

### INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE

**8-foot tables: \$25 each**

with chairs & electricity  
(\$20 if reserved by May 1)  
Setup 2–10 PM Saturday

### GENERAL ADMISSION

**\$6 per person at gate**

No Advance Sales  
Gates open at 7 AM  
Free Parking

### TAILGATING

**\$6 per space (plus admission)**

Gates open at 6 AM  
Ample Room—25 acres  
Setup 2–10 PM Saturday

**VE TESTING — Contact David, KG4GIY (kg4giy@arrl.net) for more details**

## PRIZES

- Door prizes hourly beginning at 9 AM for those present
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM (You need not be present to win)

## INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers will be attending
- Virginia Section Manager's Forum
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives will be present
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- "Virginia QSO Party" Awards Ceremony
- Food Vendors must have prior written approval from Hamfest Chairman

### Our Featured Vendors:



Directions/Details/Hotel Info at our Web Site <http://www.w4ovh.net>

Dealer Information: George (K4GVT) • Tel: 703-791-5956 • Email: k4gvt@comcast.net

General Information: Chris (KI4POT) • Tel: 703-361-3257 • Email: KI4POT@gmail.com