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Subject: Section Manager

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From: "Douglas Kearney" <kearneydj@adelphia.net>

To: <wa3yuv@arrl.net>

Good Morning Mr. Curtis,

We have never met, but I must say that I have faith that you will make a change. I sent the letter below to the Carroll County Amateur Radio Club members list serve a couple of minutes ago endorsing your candidacy. Please don't let us down if you are elected. This section has been a joke for to long. If you do slay the current administration and need assistance going forward please contact me at your convenience and we can discuss my qualifications. If you feel that I can't be of assistance that is also fine, just know that there are members who are tired of the current administration and the ARES/RACES situation in our section.

Regards,

Douglas Kearney N5LBJ

Greetings to all CCARC members,

I agree with Philip that the below document is something that ALL ARRL members should take time and review. I must say that the author below illustrates some of the exact frustrations that I have had with the current situation of the section Emergency EC and the MEMA relationship. We are being under utilized by our county and the state EMA. This has caused general apathy in the RACES/ARES membership within our club and our state section. This is something that needs to be resolved immediately. I do not see Mr. Abernethy doing much about it. I have spoken both to Mr. Abernethy and Mr. Carr over a year ago and have gotten very little satisfaction on concrete promises to do anything about it. I say lets give WA3YUV a try. At least he recognizes the problem and appears to have a willingness to do something about it.

Regards,

----Original Message----

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Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 10:29

To: K3PZN Reflector LIST

Subject: [K3PZN-List] MDC Section Manager Election, some interesting information

I received this from Roy Bates (EC Frederick County) which filled in some needed information for me. 73 de ke3fl, Phil

From: "R&R Bates" <74163.200@compuserve.com>

Subject: Section Manager Election

Colleagues = You should have received a ballot for the election of a Section Manager in the Maryland/District of Columbia (MDC) Section of the ARRL, if you belong to the ARRL that is. Vic Curtis, WA3YUV, is the contending candidate, running against Tom Abernethy, W3TOM. I've never met either one although Tom did call me a couple of weeks ago indicating interest in meeting MADXRA members. Vic Curtis is an un- known quantity but his WebSite

<http://www.qsl.net/smarc/wa3yuv/>

sets forth his platform and has some criticisms of Tom that, from my own experience, seem likely to be valid.

There is a serious rift between the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the MDC Section Emergency Communications leadership. This has been going on for some time and, in *my* opinion, has been exacerbated by the MDC officers who have failed to meet with the served agency's leadership and resolve the problems. There have been many

e-mail messages sent, some of very great length, strongly criticizing MEMA and holding MDC's officers blameless. Anyone who's managed to live 30-40 years should have learned that any major dispute has to be attributed to some blame on both sides. I wrote two e-mail messages and one SnailMail letter to Tom, W3TOM, asking him to step in and broker a settlement between the MDC emergency communications officers and MEMA, the served agency. He did nothing about this that I know of. I know for certain that he did not answer my e-mail messages and my letter. I think that this is a *very* important failure

I suggest that Vic Curtis, WA3YUV, is probably our best bet for a candidate of change. Tom seems like an affable and intelligent performer in front of a crowd; I saw him addressing the T-MARC meeting Sunday. But Vic Curtis says that he intends to be a candidate for change and I think we need a change

The failure to resolve an intense ARES-RACES split at the state level seems to me to be a significant failure and I recommend that those of you who are ARRL members vote for Vic Curtis. We need a change of leadership in MDC and this is the only chance for change that we have been offered

73

Roy BATES, N2CSQ/3 Adm Dir, MADXRA