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Subject: RE: SECTION MANAGER ELECTION  
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2003 08:40:13 -0400  
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Good Morning Mr. Creager,

The point is that Tom is not doing the proper job in the area of RACES/ARES activities. This is something that to my heart is KEY!!! to the survival of our hobby and key for passage of legislative relief of restrictive antenna regulations. The point is that if you sign up to do a job, whether compensated or not, you have an obligation to full fill that job. In my opinion Tom has not done that for Maryland RACES/ARES activity. I do not feel that Vic is being harsh, just truthful! How can you say otherwise? Do you feel that we really have a working relationship with MEMA and various county officials? If so I am very open to hear your side, but from where I stand that is not the case. Vic says that he will do the job, then fine. I am taking him at his work. Tom has not been able to the job to my satisfaction. The reason why it has not been addressed does not matter to me, the point is that there is a job to do and he has not met his obligations in this area in my opinion.

Let's give Vic a chance.

Regards,  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ric Creager - KK4GV [mailto:creager@erols.com]  
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Subject: SECTION MANAGER ELECTION

April 9, 2003

Dear fellow hams:

I have been following with great interest the campaigning that has been going on for MDC Section Manager. Both W3TOM - Tom and WA3YUV - Vic, are very hard working, technically competent, highly experienced ham radio operators. These guys are REAL HAMS, both deeply involved in many aspects of the hobby. Either one would make an excellent choice for Section Manager. I met them both when I joined SMARC in 1987 and consider both of them as long-time friends. There has been some rivalry between the two over the years. In fact, SMARC split into two factions some years ago eventually culminating in the formation of the Charles County Club. Tom went with CCARC and Vic stayed with SMARC. This may have contributed to some of the problems in our area of the section.

The reason I am writing is to express my concern over the apparent personal attacks on Tom that appear in Vic's website statement, "For the Truth About the State of the Section" (website <http://www.qsl.net/smarc/wa3yuv/> ). I think that Vic has valid points and brings up some section issues that need attention but the tone of the statement is too strong. Politics are unavoidable in any organization but in Amateur Radio a high premium is placed on goodwill and respect, particularly when discussing a person's performance in a volunteer position.

Possibly, Tom (website <http://www.bfdin.net/w3tom>) is spread too thin with all of his volunteer activities to devote enough attention to managing the section. Possibly, Vic would find time availability to be an issue as well, considering all of his other volunteer activities. Both of these guys take on more volunteer work than most of us would even consider, and Section Manager is a huge commitment. I hope that Tom will take this opportunity to respond to Vic's comments.

Note that I have addressed this email to members of clubs supporting both candidates. Please feel free to pass my comments on to your respective club members. I noticed that various clubs and individuals have banded together for one candidate or the other. Hopefully this will stir up

some additional discussion. There are always more facets to an election than initially meet the eye.

Sincerely,

Undecided Voter

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