

# ***THE FEEDBACK***

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## **LARC Seal Graces Memorial**

If you get a chance to visit Ivy Hill Cemetery, stop by the gravesite of Dick Downes, N3MJA-SK. The family has honored the Laurel Amateur Radio Club by including the LARC Seal on the back of the headstone. I didn't realize such engraving was possible, and it looks very nice. The seal of the Lions Club is also there. (Dick was once president of the Lions, and was always very active with the organization.)

Ivy Hill Cemetery is on Old Sandy Spring Road, near the new Food Lion. There are several roadway circles in the on-site roadway. The American Legion Circle is the one on the left most side of the grounds as you drive in. To locate the gravesite, walk along the road from Legion Circle toward Sandy Spring Road about 50 paces. Turn left toward the tan colored headstone, about 40 paces. You will be facing the back of the stone, (which is the side with the seal).

Take a little time for the memory. It's worth it.

*73 de John, N3GXA*

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## **MMARC VE Testing Schedule**

The Maryland Mobileer Amateur Radio Club (MMARC) 2003 VE Testing Schedule has been firmed up and is announced for inclusion in your calendar of activities. Testing at 6:00 P.M. on the forth Tuesday of each month will continue at the Historic Electronics Museum in Linthicum, MD. The museum is located near the corner of West Nursery Road and Elkridge Landing Road (near the BWI Marriott Hotel). Point of contact is WB4OGP (Harold Nichols), 410-757-0493 or WB4OGP@arrl.net. Preregistration is requested.

The 2003 test dates include: Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct 28, and Nov 25, registration and testing at 6:00 P.M. One test date remains for 2002, Nov 26. The December 2002 and 2003 forth Tuesday fall within the holiday week and the museum will be closed, therefore, no testing on those dates. We are attempting to provide a weekday testing session for anyone who is unable to attend a weekend session.

A Special VE Testing Session will be held at the MMARC Hamfeast, at the Odenton, Firehouse Jan 26, 2003 (Super Bowl Sunday) at 09:00 A.M. The testing location during the January Hamfeast is tentative. Need to check closer for location.

## **The LARC Annual Banquet**

The annual Christmas/Installation Banquet will, for the first time, be held at:

**Sullivan's Steak & Beverage CO.**

**9624 Fort Meade Road**

**Laurel, MD 20707**

**In the shopping center w/ the Old Country Buffet**

**Sunday, December 8, 4-7 PM**

**4-5...Happy Hour, 5-6...Dinner, 6-7... Officer Installation**

**Price is \$18.00**

**Pick from menu on Page 3.**

***The price includes tax and gratuity.***

## LARC Meeting Minutes September, 2002

President Jim/WI3N called the meeting to order at 1930. 18 members and guests were in attendance.

Last month's minutes will be considered at the next club meeting.

HD/K3HDM raised the question of where our annual dinner should be held this year. After some discussion, the matter was settled by vote and our dinner will be held at Sullivan's on 8 December at 1600. The membership also decided to have a place setting this year instead of a buffet.

Jerry/N3WSG presented the Treasurer's report. Our net worth for September was \$482.01.

Congratulations to member Dan/KA8YPY on becoming the new president of the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR). Dan reported that the recent FARFEST turned a profit and FAR was able to grant \$63,000. in scholarships.

### Upcoming events:

5 Oct-SET

12 Oct-Riverfest. Volunteers should arrive by 0700.

19 Oct-JODA: the Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air. More to come, but volunteers are needed, especially on the night of 18 Oct.

27 Oct-Marine Corps Marathon.

7 Dec-Laurel Christmas Tree Lighting.

The guest speaker was our own Dennis/KT3D. In his spare time, Dennis built a Tape Measure Beam antenna which was optimized for radio direction finding. It is a 2 meter yagi consisting of 3 elements formed from measuring tape and hung on a 1/2 inch PVC pipe. He said the cost of parts was about \$15.00 and that the antenna took about two hours to build. Complete information can be found at [http://home.att.net/~jleggio/projects/rd/tape\\_bm/htm](http://home.att.net/~jleggio/projects/rd/tape_bm/htm) .

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ed Rummek/KB3DVC*  
Secretary

## LARC Meeting Minutes October, 2002

Vice President HD, K3HDM called the meeting to order at 1930 in the absence of President Jim/WI3N who was on leave. This was a brief business meeting devoted principally to election of officers for the upcoming year.

There being a quorum present, the following were elected for the offices indicated:

**Jim Cross/WI3N, President**

**Frank (HD) Scott, K3HDM, Vice President**

**Edgar Rummel/KB3DVC, Secretary**

**Jerry Siegel/N3WSG, Treasurer**

**FAR President Dan Blasberg/KA8YPY, Member at Large.**

The matter of improvements to the Club Shack was raised, both in respect of electronic and esthetic concerns. This will be addressed more fully at a future meeting.

A motion was passed enabling the club to sell any excess equipment it might have.

FAR President Dan/KA8YPY is looking ahead to next year's Hamfest which will build on this year's successful one. He is looking for volunteers to assist in staffing the next one.

This is the last meeting of our Club for this year. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be in January 2003.

Our Christmas Party will take place on 4 January 2003 at Sullivan's in Laurel.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Edgar Rummel/KB3DVC*  
Secretary

## MMARC VE Testing Schedule (continued)

The MMARC VE Team operates through the Laurel Amateur Radio Club VEC, AA3OF, Diane Zimmerman Coordinator.

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## ***Place Served Menu***

***\$18.00 including tax & gratuity***

\*\*\*\*\* *Choice of Entrees as follows:* \*\*\*\*\*

**#1: N.Y. Strip (8 oz.)**

w/ house salad & loaded baked potato.

**#2: Chesapeake Chicken**

Grilled marinated breast, topped w/ crab dip  
& Monterey Jack cheese  
w/ house salad & loaded baked potato.

**#3: Sully's Catch**

Grilled Salmon/Swordfish brushed w/ flavorful citrus butter.  
w/ house salad & loaded baked potato.

**#4: Beef Tips**

Marinated Sirloin pieces in a mushroom & onion gravy  
served over a bed of rice and a house salad.

**#5: Fried shrimp Platter (6)**

w/ house salad & loaded baked potato.

**#6: Smoked Chicken Fettuccini**

Fettuccini noodles in a garlic cream sauce w/  
strips of grilled chicken breast, bacon,  
mushrooms & cashews & a house salad.

**#7: Vegetarian Platter**

w/ house salad & baked potato.

**Desert:**

Available at *additional* cost, from their regular menu.  
(some are decadent)

**Served with:**

Bread, Butter, Coffee and Ice/Hot Tea.

**Beverages other than listed:**

Optional for additional charge, to include a Cash Bar.

# Banquet Reservation and Membership Renewal

**Please return by Friday November 22, 2002 to:**

**Ed Rummel, KB3DVC; 7812 Adelphi Ct, Adelphi, MD 20783**

You may e-mail or phone Ed: 301.422.6963, erummel@att.net

Name/Call: \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet**

Choice Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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**2003 LARC Membership**

Regular Member \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Each Additional Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 7.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Blind \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Under 21 (oldest ham in house) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**W3LRC 440 Repeater Fund Donation ..... = \_\_\_\_\_**

**WB3GXW Repeater Dues**

Per Household, 2m & 440 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_**

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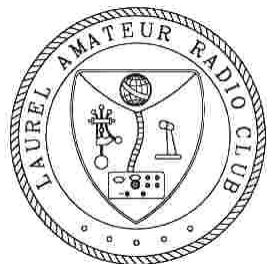
## ARRL Field Organization:

|                                  |                  |        |              |  |
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## Meetings and Nets:

- 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays:  
On-the-air Net at 8:30pm on 147.225+ PL 156.7 (no tone required during nets)
- 2nd Wednesday:  
Informal/Social Gathering at 6:30pm at Sullivan's Steak & Beverage Co., located at the intersection of MD Routes 197 and 198.
- 4th Wednesday:  
Monthly Meeting at 7:30pm - The Woman's Club of Laurel, 384 Main Street, Laurel
- Nightly: Informal Net/Rag-Chew from 9-11pm on 147.540

UHF Repeater: 442.500+ PL 156.7 Hz

UHF Simplex: 445.975

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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**Next Meeting:  
January 2003**