



# ***THE FEEDBACK***

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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Freq</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wed	08/24	1930		Monthly Meeting @ Woman's Club of Laurel
Wed	09/07	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
Wed	09/14	1900		Social Gathering at Tubby's
Wed	09/21	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
Wed	09/28	1930		Monthly Meeting @ Woman's Club of Laurel
All		2100	147.540 simplex	Informal Net / Rag-Chew

Note: 147.225 PL 156.7 tone is usually off during nets.

**Repeaters:**

VHF: 147.225+ PL 156.7  
UHF: 442.500+ PL 156.7

**Simplex:**

VHF: 147.540  
UHF: 445.975

<p><b>Next Meeting: August 24, 2005 1930 EDT</b></p>
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## President's Rumbblings

This has been a busy month for me personally with travel and other personal matters.

If you haven't heard yet HD, K3HDM is back in the hospital and having a rather rough time. If you read this HD, be sure that the entire LARC club and I are thinking of you.

The painting and remodeling of the Woman's Club kitchen is proceeding slowly. Jim, WI3N could really use some help with the painting. Please contact him if you have any spare time to contribute. The Woman's Club graciously lets us their clubhouse for our meetings, VE test sessions, and other activities free of charge. This is our chance to say thank you.

The club didn't participate in the MD/DC QSO Party this year due to an apparent lack of interest. The November Sweepstakes are coming and it would be nice to get the club active for it.

We'll see you at the meeting Wednesday 8-24-05!

73,  
Joe, N3TZA

## Nominations for 2006 Officers

The nomination committee, Jim WI3N, Joe N3TZA, and Dan KA8YPY, are working on the slate for the election of officers for 2006. Nominations are to be presented at the September meeting with elections to be held at the October meeting.

### Current Officers

President:	Joe N3TZA
Vice President:	Kevin WV3D
Treasurer:	Dennis KT3D
Secretary:	Ed K3QX
Member at Large:	Dan KA8YPY

Please contact anyone on the nominating committee if you are interested in running for office or if you would like to suggest another member's name for an office.

## HD Benefit

LARC is the sponsoring organization for a benefit to help with the medical bills for HD, K3HDM. As a long time and very active member, it is certainly fitting that we do this.

The event has been booked into the Laurel American Legion Post 60 hall for Sunday, November 6. It will run from 2-7 pm. There will be a crab feast, with beer included in the \$40 ticket. Friends will be asked to sell tickets and take donations. We'll also need volunteers to wait tables, bus tables, set up and clean up. The donated entertainment is a rock band to open, a couple of quick change artists comedy group, and featured is the J. R. Booker band that HD has been close to for a long time.

## Emergency Happenings, LARC events

Prince George's County ARES will be involved with the Prince George's Health Department bio-terrorist drill on Friday, August 26. Please contact Jim, WI3N if you are available for this event.

September is National Preparedness Month. We've been asked by the city to supply some hams to be by our station in the EOC for the public to tour and ask questions. That will be Thursday, September 1 at 1900. Volunteers?

Sunday September 3 will be the annual Larry Noel 15K Race sponsored by the DC Roadrunners through the Beltsville Agricultural Center. We've been asked to help out again. The race goes off at 5:00 p.m. so we'll meet at the Information Center to disburse at around 4:00 p.m..

I believe that September 17 will be the Pallotti 5K run/walk through Laurel and we've been asked to support that event. Details will follow.

October 1 will be the annual Simulated Emergency Test. There will be activity in Laurel between amateur radio and their CERT group. We'll be operating from the EOC connected to CERT and the county EOC. More on that as the planning develops.

Marine Corps Marathon is coming up October 30. There have been some new positions added for this year's event. Maryland hams have generally made up a small percentage of the total. If you would like to participate in the area's signature public service event, please sign up at the NCAC website [www.ncacdc.com](http://www.ncacdc.com).

73, Jim, WI3N

## Contest Winner

I received a Certificate from National Contest Journal (NCJ) for First Place in the State of Maryland for their February 2005 RTTY QSO Party. I didn't know it at the time, but at least 200 QSOs are required to get a certificate and I had 201 QSOs in the contest. I accidentally came in just under the wire with a very casual effort. I guess not many Marylanders are into RTTY contesting. I had to explain to my wife that I was not going to receive a cash award for this accomplishment! Hi hi.

I would like to make sure everyone knows that RTTY contesting is very relaxing and easy compared to SSB or CW. So if you haven't tried it yet, I would encourage you to do so.

73,  
Bill N3XL

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