



# ***THE FEEDBACK***

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## Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Freq	Event
Wed	03/22	1930		Monthly Meeting @ Woman's Club of Laurel
Wed	03/29	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
Wed	04/05	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
Wed	04/12	1900		Social Gathering at Tubby's
Wed	04/19	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
Wed	04/26	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:</b> <b>March 22, 2006 1930 EST</b></p>
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## President's Rumbblings

Well here I am again trying to figure out what to cover in the Rumbblings this month. We have not much public service wise going on. The Laurel Main Street Festival is coming up and we will need operators to shadow officials, help with the parade, and man the Information Booth.. It would be nice to have people to relieve operators so they can rest and/or enjoy the Festival. The Fourth of July parade will be the next public service event and operators will be needed for that too. In between is Field Day. The Montgomery Amateur Radio Club (MARC) asked if there would be any interest in LARC joining them for Field Day. I had only two in favorable responses and no others. Field Day takes planning and preparation, so we need to decide real soon which way were going.

There are several ARES / RACES events around the area.

The Prince George's Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) has received requests for communications support from the following events:

- (1) National Marathon, Saturday March 25, 2006, contact Doug Lindsey (KB3HER)
- (2) MS Walk - Oxon Hill, Saturday April 1, 2006, contact Robert Lee (KM3DR)
- (3) MS Walk - Bowie, Sunday April 2, 2006, contact Dan Blasburg (KA8YPY)
- (4) MLK Parade, Saturday April 15, 2006, contact Darwin Dave (KB3KOC)
- (5) Dragon Boat Festival, Saturday May 20, 2006, contact NEEDED

Operators wishing to assist with any, event should contact the listed contact persons or Ken Greenhouse (KB3IIE) at kfg301@aol.com, for additional information or to sign up.

The new club shack at the Laurel EOC will soon have 70ft crank up tower. We will need to make plans to get the shack ready. The Club equipment needs to be inventoried and the computers set up for club use and ready able to link to the city's network. Once that laundry list is complete we can start getting some contest plans made. (A 70ft tower!) Speaking of the EOC, the city officials turned out recently for the demonstration of the new ATV repeater for channel 5 news. It was a well-done piece, which really got the message out about amateur radio. You can find a copy to view on line at [www.arrl-mdc.net](http://www.arrl-mdc.net). Just scroll down to news items.

The club VEC will be holding test sessions on Saturday 3-18-06 at the Woman's Club and at the Timonium Ham Fest. 3-26-06. Please consider helping out.

I'm sure I'll think of many other item right after I send the off. In the mean time, I'd like to know, what about Amateur Radio is of interest to you? What about Amateur Radio can the Laurel Amateur Radio Club do that would peek your interest?? See you at the next meeting!

73,  
Kevin WV3D

From the MDC Section Manager

“Hello” “Guten Tag” “Konichiwa” “Hola” “Bonjour”

Greetings in five different languages. The newest public relations campaign from ARRL is the “Hello” campaign. The brain child of Allen Pitts, W1AGP, Media and Public Relations Manager of the ARRL. A very simple concept, but it looks like it will be a winner. There will be new radio Public Service Announcements done every 6-8 weeks and PSA TV spots too. There is a snazzy four page brochure for talking to non-hams, a bumper sticker, and a hello-radio.org website for non-hams to learn about amateur radio.

A lot of effort has been put into this campaign and now it’s being turned over to the ARRL membership to implement locally. This could be a fun project for clubs to see how they can create opportunities to use the materials to introduce amateur radio to the general public and encourage people to take the plunge and get a license. Back at the grass roots level, we need to get the spots air time on the local radio and tv stations. And we need to get in front of non-hams to deliver the message.

Our Atlantic Division Director, Bill Edgar, N3LLR has approved our MD State Convention to be held in Hagerstown and sponsored by the folks who bring us the MDC QSO Party the second week in August. The convention is scheduled for Saturday, July 29 and will be wall to wall ham radio with keynote speakers and tracks with talks and demos on various aspects of amateur radio. There is also a proposed wreath ceremony at the gravesite of Hiram Percy Maxim. Al Brown, KZ3AB is working closely with the Antietam Radio Association to pull it together.

We should have our Special Service Club status re-affirmed shortly. LARC has worked in cooperation with the Chesapeake Amateur Television Society to get the ATV repeater up and working at the Laurel Regional Hospital. WTTG Fox5 News did a great three minute piece on our efforts. I’m going to nominate the reporter and his videographer for the Bill Leonard Award given out by the ARRL each year for the best news piece on amateur radio.

The MDC Section had a very nice article on the ARRL website about our efforts in securing passage of the bill requiring future Home Owners Associations to allow antennas for amateur radio use. After testimony at the house and senate hearings, the bills are not going anywhere this year. Expect to be called upon to help with an extensive public relations and information campaign with our local senators and delegates. Clubs will be encouraged to send invitations to Field Day to all the elected officials. This will be a long term project divided up among many people.

73,  
Jim WI3N  
SM MDC

## FCC Enforcement Letters ...

Dear Mr.-----:

The Commission has been made aware of a continuing dispute among you and Mr -----, Mr -----, and Ms -----. This dispute has led to allegations of slander and deliberate interference on Amateur frequencies.

The Commission is not concerned with the merits, or lack thereof, of any dispute between you, or of how you settle such disputes; but continued use of Amateur frequencies to carry on the dispute is contrary to Section 97.1 of the rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.1, and will lead to enforcement action against the licenses of each one of you. We have attempted to resolve this matter informally with you, but that has failed.

Continued incidents on the Amateur frequencies will subject you to revocation and suspension proceedings, as well as a monetary forfeiture (fine). **Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000. We may also consider proceedings to restrict or remove the voice privileges of your licenses. Each of you is being issued a Warning letter in this matter and this is the last warning you will receive before enforcement action is initiated.**

Sincerely,

W. Riley Hollingsworth  
Special Counsel

## ATV Demo

We are planning to play with ATV at the March 22 meeting! Jim, WI3N and Al, KZ3AB are bringing their ATV gear to give a us a look. The CATS club has installed their repeater at the Laurel Hospital, so we may be able to make some contacts trough it. It will be a chance to see an ATV in action. It'll be a fun evening! Come on down!

73,  
Kevin WV3D

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