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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Freq</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wed	04/26	1930		Monthly Meeting @ Woman's Club of Laurel
Wed	05/03	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
Wed	05/10	1900		Social Gathering at Tubby's
Wed	05/17	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
Wed	05/24	1930		Monthly Meeting @ Woman's Club of Laurel
Wed	05/31	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
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>April 26, 2006 1930 EDT</b></p>
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## President's Rumbblings

I keep meaning to get this written up early and have yet to. So, 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. This year we may need to have ID tags to comply with Department of Homeland Security regulations. This is not for sure, but it seems that any public events over a certain number of people need to have people working the event Identified. The Fourth of July parade will be the next public service event and operators will be needed for that also. Field Day will be at the end of June and to be honest I have not started any preparations for it. With that in mind, would a less rustic setting garner more interest for club members? The enthusiasm has been low for several years now. If all we need is a change in venue (and at this late date that may be forced on us by time constraints) to get the attendance up I'm open to all suggestions.

The Tower for the EOC/Club shack is still on its way. A contractor has been picked and arrangements are proceeding. Hopefully the next Feedback will have news of its arrival!

As I did last time, I'll end my rumbblings with a question. 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?? I do want to make the club and its activities interesting to all club members. See you at the next meeting!

73,  
Kevin WV3D

Laurel VE Team

You Go Laurel!

Thank you Laurel VE test team for a job well done at the April 6 Amateur radio VE test session in Gaithersburg, MD. The test session was offered to Montgomery County area applicants who recently completed the Montgomery Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Spring "General License" upgrade course and other applicants interested in taking part in the test session.

The Laurel team tested 13 people at the Gaithersburg session, issued 21 test elements resulting in 6 new or upgraded licenses as well as 6 CSCE's. The highlight of the session was the "Grand Slam" by an applicant who went from zero to Extra (with no seat belts!) by passing all 4 test elements at the Gaithersburg session. We are proud of all stepped up to the plate!

A husband/wife couple from the MARC General class obtained their Technician license at the March LARC test session in Laurel and rumor has it, bought a house in Laurel, and joined the Laurel club!

These two LARC test sessions resulted in a total of 8 MARC class participants so far who have earned a new license or upgrade and 6 who have earned CSCE's in addition to or instead of new or upgraded tickets. More of the 35 MARC "General License" course enrollees are expected to test with Laurel or other VE teams in the near future.

The Montgomery Amateur Radio Club sincerely thanks John WB3GXW and his awesome crew for their excellence, enthusiasm, and dedication to the advancement of amateur radio. Wishing the team continued success this year!

73,

Mona Singleton, NY7P  
President, Montgomery Amateur Radio Club (MARC)  
& Proud to be a LARC member!

From the Editor

The August 2006 edition of the Feedback will be the last one I will send out via the U.S. Mail as I will no longer have access to the 2 sided printer I have been using. You will still be able to find the feedback at the club's website, <http://www.larcmd.org>. I'll also be happy to send the Feedback via email to all who would like to receive it – just email me at [k3qx@arrl.net](mailto:k3qx@arrl.net) to let me know that you would like to get the Feedback via email.

73,  
Ed K3QX

FCC Enforcement Letters ...

**RE: Amateur Radio license W----: Advisory Notice-Repeater Operations; Case #---**

Dear Mr. Finley:

Information before the Commission indicates that you operate four uncoordinated repeater stations in North Carolina and one in Virginia, and that at least one of those repeaters has been moved twice, resulting in interference to a repeater system that is coordinated.

This letter is to advise you that Section 97.205 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.205, states that where there is interference between a coordinated and an uncoordinated repeater, "the licensee of the uncoordinated repeater has primary responsibility to resolve the interference". The Commission relies upon the repeater coordination process to help alleviate interference between repeaters and lessen the burden upon Commission resources required to resolve such problems. While the coordination process is voluntary, as long as your repeaters are uncoordinated, you will have the primary burden of resolving any interference that they cause to coordinated repeaters.

Sincerely,

W. Riley Hollingsworth  
Special Counsel

**RE: Amateur Radio license K-----; Applications for Administrative Update; Case #-----**

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

Since December 27, 2005, you have filed 61 applications for administrative update to your license records in our database. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has referred these applications to this office for review.

Please take a short period of time to decide what you want to update or correct on your license records for K-----, and explain that to us in writing. You will then be advised as to what to file.

Until we receive a satisfactory explanation of what you are attempting to accomplish, no further applications will be accepted. The following applications will remain pending but will not be considered until this matter is resolved: 0002533947, 2532480, 2531572, 2531574, 2531576, 2531265, 2531264, 2531261, 2531260 and 2531257.

Sincerely,

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