



# ***THE FEEDBACK***

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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Freq</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wed	07/26	1930		Monthly Meeting @ Woman's Club of Laurel
Wed	08/02	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
Wed	08/09	1900		Social Gathering at Tubby's
Wed	08/16	2030	147.225+	On-the-Air Meeting
Wed	08/23	1930		Monthly Meeting @ Woman's Club of Laurel
Wed	08/30	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>July 26, 2006 1930 EDT</b></p>
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## President's Rumbblings

Hi All,

The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and fireworks went very well. Thank you to all who gave of their time to be there and help out! After the 4<sup>th</sup> radio activity may appear to slow down a bit. But looks can be deceiving. We have a couple of important things on the horizon. First, we are very near to having a completed tower to put antennas on. The tower is in place and appears to be wired up. The area around the base needs some work tidying up but soon we will be called on to get our equipment installed. We need to begin discussing what antennas we will be installing, and preparing them for installation. That will include cleaning, assembling and testing the antennas. The cables for the antennas and the rotor will need to be checked out, cleaned, tested, and in some cases, fabricated. That's a lot to do!

The effort to get the club shack up and running is made more important with approach of our second club event. August is Maryland QSO Party time!! It would be great to get the club back in the running for this event. We won this a few times, and it would be great to do it again. It will take some effort but there is still time! Mark your calendars August 12 & 13! We'll need operators and rovers! You can check out the details at <http://www.w3cwc.org/funcontest.htm>.

July's meeting will have a guest speaker, Chris Lewis from the Department of The Interior. He has had some personal and professional experiences with the aftermath of Katrina. He was involved as part of his job and has family living in one of the hardest hit areas. He has some "observations of amateur Radio's significant support during and after Katrina". He addressed the MARC last meeting and they found it most interesting. Please plan to attend!

I'll end these rumbblings with the same question I posed last month (I didn't get any answers yet!☺). 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 on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

73,  
Kevin WV3D  
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Laurel VEC is number 3!

The Laurel VEC is the third largest Volunteer Examiner Coordinator for 2005. Figures just released by the Federal Communications Commission show that LARC VEC has overtaken WCARS VEC for the number 3 spot. LARC is ahead by 27 applicants tested in 2005.

Here are the figures supplied by the FCC:

Coordinator Name	Applicants Tested
ARRL/VEC	15,666
W5YI-VEC	5,622
Laurel AR Club, Inc.	966
W. Carolina AR Soc/VEC, Inc.	939
Central America VEC Inc	464
Sandarc-Vec	418
W4VEC	364
Greater LA AR Group	362
Anchorage AR Club	228
Sunnyvale VEC ARC Inc	224
The Milwaukee RA Club, Inc.	190
Golden Empire AR Society	24
MO-KAN VE Coordinator	15
Jefferson AR Club	6

Thanks to all the Team Leaders and Volunteer Examiners who worked so hard to bring LARC VEC to the number three spot for 2005.

73,  
Diane AA3OF

Editor's Note: Diane AA3OF, Chair of the Laurel VEC, has put in a large effort and is to be congratulated for this achievement. We are proud of Diane and that we are one of only 2 VEC's that do not charge for exams. Well done, Diane!

## The Foundation for Amateur Radio Announces

### Scholarship Awards for 2006

#### **Ralph V. “Andy” Anderson, K0NL, Memorial Scholarship - \$1000**

Joseph H. Jaffer, Jr, N3PKC – Newfoundland, PA

#### **Baltimore Amateur Radio Club Scholarships - 5**

Elizabeth Albert-Bruninga, WE4APR – Glen Burnie, MD - \$1000

Matthew P. Hebert, K3MPH – Owings Mills, MD - \$1000

Adam J. Lowe, KB3LYH – Hebron, MD - \$1000

Victor Curtis, KB3BTD – Cheltenham, MD - \$1000

#### **Ernie Dobos Memorial Scholarship - \$1500**

Rebecca Milton, KB3GFG – Sykesville, MD

#### **Rose Ellen Bills Memorial Scholarships - \$2000**

Randall McPherson, KF3DR – Clymer, PA

#### **Richard G. Chichester, Memorial Scholarship - \$1000**

Sponsored by Patricia and Jack (W9AMF) Chichester

Tamara Sevier, KE5DJZ – Austin, TX

#### **Columbia Amateur Radio Association Scholarship - \$1000**

Victor Gigante-Hueber, KB3GJF – Frederick , MD

#### **FAR SILENT KEY Memorial Scholarships - 3 @ \$2500 each**

Travers N. DeVine, KB3HNO – Union Bridge, MD

Michael Braun, N3CA – Silver Spring, MD

Rachel B. Zuckerman, KB3MJW – Silver Spring, MD

#### **Frederick Amateur Radio Club Scholarship - \$1000**

Lisa M. Harman, WE4BSA – Alexandria, VA

#### **Free State Amateur Radio Club Scholarship - \$500**

Joshua M. Abramowicz, KB3GWY – Philadelphia, PA

#### **Murgas Amateur Radio Club Scholarship - \$500**

Joshua M. Gelman, KB3GIO – Pittsburgh, PA

**Nanticoke Amateur Radio Club Scholarship - \$1000**

Elizabeth Heartney, KG4NXV – Manassas, VA

**Lawrence E. and Thelma J. Norrie Memorial Scholarship - \$2500**

Andrew F. Schaefer, KB2ZWZ – Binghamton, NY

**Old Old Timers Club Scholarship - \$600**

Karen McDonald-Long, KC9BMH – Appleton, WI

**Ozaukee Radio Club Scholarship - \$1000**

Patrick Weeks, KB9ULU – Racine, WI

**Kevin and Kelly Perdue Memorial Scholarship - \$2000**

Sponsored by Kay (N3KN) and Carter (N3AO) Craigie  
Matthew M. Rozea, KC2IGE – Massapequa Park, NY

**Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Memorial Scholarship - \$2000**

**In Memory of Claude H. Haring (W3IIM)**  
Benjamin Jack, N3VYA – Huntington Valley, PA

**Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Memorial Scholarship - \$2000**

**In Memory of Joann Hoch**  
John W. Stratton, AA3SL – Glen Mills, PA

**QCWA Named MEMORIAL Scholarships – 3 @ \$1500 each**

**Ralph Hasslinger (W2CVF) Charter Member Scholarship**

Stephen Sciarini, KC8IDJ – Dover, OH

**Donald & Phyllis Doughty Family Scholarship**

Justin T. Kates, KB3JUV – Lewes, DE

**Leland Smith, Sr. (W5KL) Memorial Scholarship**

Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT – Raytown, MO

**QCWA Named MEMORIAL Scholarships – 2 @ \$1000 each**

**Jacobson-Kelleher Family (W3DUG-W4ZC) Scholarship**

Jonathan Troup, K0DE – Berthoud, CO

**Leo Meyerson (W0GFQ) Family Living Scholarship**

Francis T. Gradijan, KD5HTB – Carrollton, TX

### **QCWA Silent Key Memorial Scholarships - 12 @ \$1000 each**

Krista D. Birmingham, KB2MER – Ridgewood, NJ  
Steven R. Chimel, KA3SRC – Clarks Summit, PA  
Peter R. Gawtry, KC0CLY – St Paul, MN  
Nathaniel Heatwole, WZ3AR - Damascus, MD  
Michael A. Kreuter, AA3VS – State College, PA  
Kerry K. Manderbach, KC0VNH – St Louis, MO  
Reid S. Morine, W4RSM – Wilmington, NC  
Johanna Preston, W5JLP – Austin, TX  
Stephanie Schaefer, KC2NSA – Binghamton, NY  
Stephen T. Simpson, KC8IOY – Ocala, FL  
Johnathon VanKooten, KC0SLB – Harvey, IA  
Kristin Wilson, KC0INX – Bloomfield, CO

### **Radio Club of America Scholarships – 3 @ \$1000**

Robert J. Rodgers, WA3KOI – Gibsonia, PA  
Daniel Friedrichs, K0IPG – Brookings, SD  
Brian Rautio, AB2MP – Phoenix, NY

### **Chuck Reville K3FT Memorial Scholarship - \$1000**

Sponsored by Philip Karn, KA9Q  
Michael Volz, W8KAR – East Lansing, MI

### **10-10 International Net Scholarships - 5 @ \$1000 each**

Pamela L. Toman, KB9SCM – Westmont, IL  
William Fisher, W4WJF – Vale, NC  
Charles Johnson, N3HX – New Castle, PA  
Seth T. Price, N3MRA – Blacksburg, VA  
Trevor D. Conroy, W7TDC – Newberry, OR

### **Ernest L. Walker, WB3DVL Memorial Scholarship - \$1000**

Sponsored by the Baltimore Radio Amateur TV Society  
Nicholas Fratus, KI4BDY – Lorton, VA

### **Dwight Weller Memorial Scholarship - \$1000**

Sponsored by Philip Karn, KA9Q  
John McIntyre, W2JMC – Rochester, NY

### **WARAC Memorial Scholarship - \$1500**

Sponsored by the West Allis Radio Amateur Club  
Thomas Waack, KB9YRC – Manitowoc, WI

**Robert E. True Memorial Scholarship - \$1000**

Sponsored by Mrs. Shirley True Banning  
Matthew C. Reed, KD8CPB – Maplewood, OH

**Young Ladies' Radio League Scholarships**

**Ethel Smith (K4LMB) Memorial Scholarship - \$1500**

Amy Johnson, KB3HXF – New Castle, PA

**Mary Lou Brown (NM7N) Memorial Scholarship - \$1500**

Victoria Reid, AA3OT – Sigel, PA

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