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Calvert Amateur Radio Association

ARRL MEMBER CLUB



The oldest operating Amateur Radio club in Calvert County

Echolink Node 389207 Sunderland Repeater, K3CAL, 146.985 PL 156.7 Hz

Happy 2009



We began another fun year though we have missed having two meetings lately. Our Christmas Party last month at Jasper’s Restaurant was a nice time by those that attended. Several members turnout to celebrate a good time recapping the year 2008. Somehow no one picked up on New Year’s Day being the first Thursday of the month so we missed having a meeting in January. Which makes our first meeting in nearly three months, on February 5th. Let’s hope the weather cooperates and we have no more surprises.

The next CARA breakfast will be at Trader’s Restaurant in Chesapeake Beach on January 17 beginning at 9 AM. Weather forecast has this to be a very cold morning but will be good for us to get moving about and see ole friends.

There are many items on our agenda for the coming year. Such things as teaching a Tech Class, digital communication methods, more WinLink2000 techniques, and a discussion on using 60-Meters. We will be finalizing the changes to our Constitution and By-Laws next month.

The Section is asking for volunteers for the Presidential Inauguration. Right now the apathy seems to be high. It would be terrific if we can get some members to participate in this historical event.

It time to stop being the couch potato and start getting our radios & ourselves busy again playing radio. So much to do yet so little time to do it. We are already a month or two behind and we have not started yet. Like to see many of us at the first meeting! Maybe some have gotten new radios or accessories for Christmas? We always like a show & tell, there is no better way to begin our first meeting.



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January 2009

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11	12	13	14	15	16 Section Echolink Net	17 CARA Breakfast 9 AM
18 	19	20 	21 BARC Mini-Fest 3PP - 9PM	22	23	24
25 MD Mobilieers Hamfest Odenton VFD	26	27	28	29	30	31

Warning: Dates on the calendar are closer than they appear.








Remember to check into BTN or MEPN weekly for any traffic in the Calvert County area.

Daily liaisons from all jurisdictions are needed on our Section nets:
MEPN (3820 kHz, 1800L, daily, W3YVQ),
MDD (3557 kHz, 1900L/2200L, daily, AA3SB),
 and
BTN (146.67/R, alt. 145.33/R, 1830L, daily, K3CSX).

CARA Breakfast January
*Every third Saturday**
Trader's Restaurant
 (click above for directions)
Chesapeake Beach
 Starts at 9:00 AM
No Agenda, No Program
No Hassle, Just Social!
All Spouses, Friends & Other Hungry People
Welcome! Bring a Friend!!

*Restaurant location changes every month

Content Wanted
 You know who you are. You who have something to pass on to the membership. You know that it should be located right here in the newsletter for all to see, but you haven't gotten around to sending the stuff to me. Well, just do it. I am always looking for stuff to put in the newsletter.

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Super Bowl</i>	2 ARES Net 7:30 PM <i>Ground Hog Day</i>	3	4	5 CARA & ARES Meeting 7:30 PM	6	7 FrostFest Richmond, VA 8:30AM-3:30PM
8	9 ARES Net 7:30 PM	10	11	12	13 <i>1st Friday the 13th</i>	14 Valentines Day
15	16 President's Day No Net	17	18	19	20 MDC Section EchoLink Net <i>Love your Pet Day</i>	21 CARA Breakfast 9:00 AM
22	23 ARES Net 7:30 PM	24	25	26	27	28 NWS Spotter I Class U of Md 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Congratulations to KB3SCN

Chris Carson passed his Tech License test on December 13, 2008. His call sign is KB3SCN. If you hear Chris on the repeater be sure to respond back and say hell-o! The repeater has been much more quiet lately and we need to get on there especially now we have a new ham in our club.

Newsletter Every 2 Months

We are always looking for articles for the CARA Newsletter. There is so much news to share with everyone. Please send article to n3qhc@verizon.net to be published. To save time preparing a newsletter > future newsletters will be published for a 2 month time period.

FEBRUARY CARA MEETING

We have not been together for a few months. Our February meeting will be the first of the new year.

We will be discussing the Tech Class that we started to organize near the end of last year. From talk at the January CARA Breakfast, there seems to be a few know individuals interested in obtaining a Tech License.

Steve/N3IDX has been busy this winter getting some digital communication gear together. He will be bringing his to-go bag to our meeting for a show & tell. You do not want to miss this - a lot of 'neat' equipment and concepts will be shown.

2009 Events

What do we want to accomplish this new year. We have made our NVIS antenna including the PVC pipe antenna poles and 100-feet of coax cable.

Why not continue with some other projects utilizing some of the same equipment we used for the NVIS antenna. We can make 80, 40 and 10 Meter portable long wire antennas which are essential for emergency communication uses.

Field Day is less than six months away. Plenty of time to plan for another successful Field Day. What can we do this year? Where can we set up?

Have you been on the 60-Meter Band? A future discussion topic..

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STATUS REPORT

ITEM	REF #1	REF #2	STATUS
SUNDERLAND REPEATER - K3CAL (R.A.C.E.S. REPEATER)	146.985 MHz PL 156.7 Last Update	11/15/07	OPERATIONAL
HAZARD/WEATHER RADIOS S.A.M.E. CODE FOR CALVERT COUNTY	024009	TEST EVERY WED BETWEEN 11 AM & NOON	OPERATIONAL
CALVERT ARES®/RACES 10-METER FRE- QUENCY	28.350 MHz USB	NA	OPERATIONAL
ARES® CALLING TREE (UPDATE EVERY 6 MONTHS)	LAST UPDATE	9/7/08	CURRENT
R.A.C.E.S. CALLING TREE (UPDATE EVERY YEAR)	LAST UPDATE	10/14/07	CURRENT
ARES®/RACES PREFERRED CHANNEL LIST	LAST UPDATE	10/21/07	CURRENT
ARES®/RACES QUICK REF. INFORMATION	LAST UPDATE	10/21/07	CURRENT
CARA Website > www.k3cal.org	LAST UPDATE	10/31/08	CURRENT

NON ARES®/R.A.C.E.S. REPEATERS OR STATIONS LOCATED ON CALVERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

EOC BUILDING REPEATER	PRINCE FREDERICK	EFFECTIVE OCT 2007	BELONGS TO ANOTHER CLUB/ORG
CALS BUILDING STATION	PRINCE FREDERICK		BELONGS TO ANOTHER CLUB/ORG/?
LUSBY TOWER REPEATER	LUSBY	EFFECTIVE OCT 2007	BELONGS TO ANOTHER CLUB/ORG
SUNDERLAND TOWER 440 REPEATER	SUNDERLAND	EFFECTIVE OCT 2007	BELONGS TO ANOTHER CLUB/ORG

Calvert ARES® Nets are held every Monday evening at 7:30 PM. ARES® membership is NOT required to check in. We discuss an array of topics dealing with Emergency Communications and/or Public Service information. We encourage any licensed Amateur to join our group on the scheduled frequency located on the CARA calendar located within this newsletter.

Agenda's will be emailed to CARA/ARES members monthly since the Newsletter is now a two month publication.