

January 2013

# THE MONITOR

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## January 3 – MARA Monthly Meeting: Wood Grill in Harrisonburg

The Massanutten Amateur Radio Association, Inc., will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 3, at the Wood Grill on Reservoir Street in Harrisonburg. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. All hams and their families are invited and welcome. After dinner, a short business meeting will be held, followed by a very interesting program by Russ Mumaw, K3NLT, titled "Why QRP?". Russ is an active QRP'er and has some interesting insights into this fun, safe, environmentally-friendly mode.

## January 4 – PVARC Monthly Meeting: Brookside Restaurant

The Page Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its regular bi-monthly eating-meeting on Friday, January 4 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Brookside Restaurant in Luray. All hams and their guests are invited.

## January 8 – VARA Meeting: Westside Grill in Staunton – **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Because of the New Years Holiday, the Valley Amateur Radio Association, will hold its January meeting on the **SECOND TUESDAY, January 8th**, at the West Side Grill on West Beverley Street in Staunton.



## Renew Your Club Membership NOW!

Don't wait! MARA members who do not renew by the February meeting may have to be voted into membership again. And the hassles for the newsletter editor are multiple, even for VARA and PVARC members too. So be a dear, and please renew now, without delay. See the renewal form inside the back cover (page 15) of this issue.

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## MARA Honors W3HXH with the One and Only Seven Diamond Award

The Massanutten Amateur Radio Association, Inc. presented Richard Weaver, W3HXH, with the very first, the one and only, Seven Diamond Award.

The award was presented at the annual MARA Christmas Banquet at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg on December 6, 2012.

Richard, who is 93 years old, has been an active and licensed ham radio operator for 73 years. The award recognizes Richard's seven decades of service to the community, and especially the ham radio community, at the local, state, and national levels.

Richard was the very first president of MARA, and has served in numerous other officer positions, including Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member. He has been instrumental in leading emergency communications efforts, serving as net control station, and has served in uncountable other leadership and participative roles over the decades. Dozens of hams name Richard as their first Elmer, helping them get started in the hobby.

After the presentation, Richard surprised the meeting attendees by playing a moving rendition of an old traditional hymn of thanksgiving, played on his miniature harmonica.

Richard was accompanied at the banquet by his wife Ginny (who incidentally was celebrating her 90th birthday on the date of the presentation) and his son Robert.

Photos by Paul Wyse, W4PFM



**Above:** MARA President David Fordham KD9LA presents the MARA Seven Diamond Award to Richard Weaver, W3HXH, accompanied by his wife Ginny.

**Below:** Richard on the harmonica, providing a proper and appropriate musical closing for the Banquet.



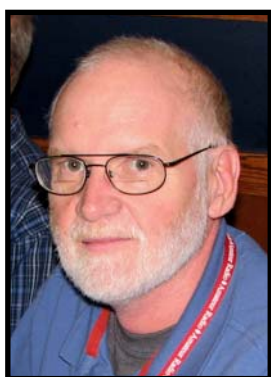
## MARA Honors K4LXG with Lifetime Achievement Award

At the 2012 annual Christmas Banquet, the Massanutten Amateur Radio Association, Inc. awarded Ellsworth Neff, K4LXG, a Lifetime Achievement Award, for the five decades of service he has provided to the Shenandoah Valley amateur radio community. Ellsworth has been very active in providing service to the local community, non-profit charitable institutions, public safety agencies, emergency preparedness and disaster relief organizations, and has provided exemplary leadership and service to the amateur radio community at the local, regional, and state levels. A former multi-term president of MARA, Rockingham County E.C., and Regional E.C., he currently serves as Assistant Section Emergency Communications Coordinator for the state of Virginia.



## MARA also recognizes K4RMY, K4NRA, and KN4FM

To round out the recognitions at the 2012 MARA Banquet, the club awarded certificates of appreciation to Bryan Daniels K4RMY, Ray Ritchie K4NRA, and Gerald Nauman, KN4FM. All three of these hams have served multiple terms as various officers of MARA, dedicating many dozens, if not hundreds, of hours of service over the past few years, serving as Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Board Members. Additionally, they all three have served as Net Managers, Net Control stations, coordinators of public service events, serving in the Volunteer Examiner program, putting on demonstrations and otherwise getting ham radio in front of the public, chairing committees and task forces and other responsibilities, and in short, providing outstanding service to the area amateur radio community. These three hams are exemplars of true dedication to public service through ham radio.



Bryan Daniels K4RMY



Ray Ritchie K4NRA



Gerald Nauman KN4FM





## MARA honors Octogenarian Hams

MARA invited all Valley hams over 80 years of age, no matter how long they've been licensed and on the airwaves, to be the club's guests for dinner at the annual Christmas Banquet. Each ham's spouse was also invited.

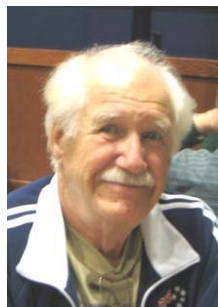
The following hams were honored at the dinner:



Ken Anderson W4JQT



Al Bonck N3JB



Dave Burgess K1DB



Richard Haxton KC3AN



Elroy Kauffman K3EJG



Hugh Pettis K3EC



Nelson Seese W4BHD



Wilton Thomas KF4BFL



Richard Weaver W3HXH



Paul Wyse W4PFM

## Other Octogenarian Hams We Know About (but who couldn't make the Banquet...)



Phyllis Haxton N4PZC



E. C. Showalter KG4KUR



Rodney Good K4DOD



Clayton Towers K4RHQ



Mike McKay W4AZR

## PVARC's Field Day Performance

Congratulations to the Page Valley Amateur Radio Club for their continued improvement in Field Day performance in all measures: QSO count, overall score, number of participants, national place in the A1 category, and national place overall.

YEAR	SCORE	QSO Count	Participants	A1	Roanoke	Overall
2012	3,902	1197	18	21 of 128	4 of 14	421 of 2617
2011	2922	779	14	34 of 145	7 of 17	620 of 2632
2010	3078	811	13	28 of 124	3 of 9	542 of 2617
2009	2044	682	8	35 of 145	4 of 12	740 of 2603

## VARA President's Message – It's the End of the World, Coming to a Bunker Near You!

Happy New Year to all who are reading this, if anyone is still alive, as I am in my bunker 200' below ground waiting for the end of the world. I was not going to write a president's letter as the world is suppose to end Dec 21st, but at the last minute decided to send it anyway just in case. I have my favorite snacks , drinks and lots of reading material (QST and CQ magazines) in my shelter along with Ann (my wife) and Fireball (my bird). I hope I have allotted enough fuel, toilet paper and pre-paid minutes on my cell phone to last – I'm not sure how long I will be in my end of the world shelter.

It's a shame it's all ending! 2013 was suppose to be a big year for me and the VARA club, I would be starting my 3rd year as President and the club would be gearing up for all the community projects that we take on. I was looking forward to Field Day, the Grindstone, Fall Foliage Bike Festival and many more events that the members of VARA participate in. Then there was Frost Fest, Dayton Ham Fest and others that have inspired me to spend money on new equipment.

I had just installed a second tower and was looking forward to participating in many contests in 2013 with my new shack. The first being the North America QSO party , Virginia QSO party, the CQ WPX contest and many more.

Sitting in my bunker writing this I wonder who will be at the Wendy's lunch meetings that I have had the honor to learn so much from the vast amount of experienced HAMS that show up every day Monday thru Friday at 11:00 AM for about an hr or so. I wonder if the mailman will deliver the rest of my QSO cards I am looking for to confirm my DXCC contacts.

Guess I will turn on my radio and check every hour to see if I can reach someone on 20m, darn wish I had gotten that 160m antenna up before the end!

So if anyone is reading this, please come to my house, grab the big red key that is hanging on the kitchen wall, walk 500 feet to the big walnut tree, move the big rock that hides the steel door to my end of the world shelter and please unlock the door as I have locked myself in and realized I left the key hanging in the kitchen.....

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

John Keller W4ZAO

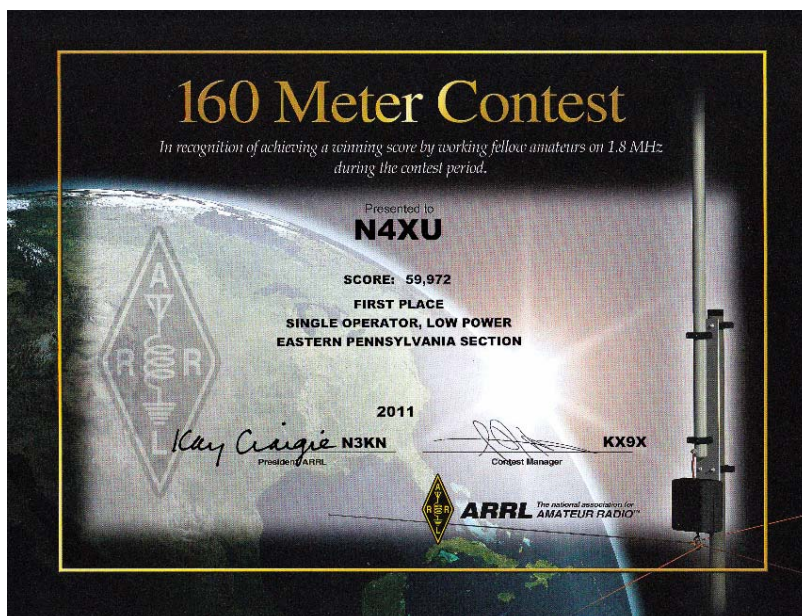
President VARA



## Neal Layman N4XU Wins Top Award on the Top Band



Neal Layman, N4XU, finally received the plaque for winning First Place in the Low Power division of the Eastern Pennsylvania Section in the 2011 ARRL 160-meter Contest. Congratulations to Neal for this accomplishment.



## Bob Van Fossen K4DJG Gets 500 Prefixes!

Congratulations to Bob Van Fossen, K4DJG, for not only earning the CQ WPX award certificate, but getting his 500-Prefix endorsement sticker, too! Way to go, Bob!



## John Keller W4ZAO – 6th-Place Nationally in ARRL DX Contest

VARA President John Keller, W4ZAO, earned 6th place in the nation in his class in the ARRL DX Contest last March. John has been upgrading his station almost continually this year, so ask him about his new radio shack, high above South River, behind the hills north of Verona!



## Monitor Editor & MARA President Honored as “Super CPA”

David R. Fordham, KD9LA, has been named a "Super CPA" by Virginia Business Magazine and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. This is an honor determined by election by the licensed professional CPA's in the Commonwealth for outstanding work in firms, companies, nonprofits, government and higher education. Congratulations, David, for this well deserved honor!

Submitted by Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ



## Northern Area Repeater Status Report

The Central Shenandoah Valley north of US Highway 33 is under T-MARC jurisdiction. This area is undergoing much activity in the way of repeaters. Here is a summary of the status repeaters in this area:

**145.130** on Massanutten Peak: New Coordination has been applied for and is in process; Operation is intermittent while a new controller and control link is installed, tested, and perfected. PL is currently 88 Hz but may be changing shortly.

**146.625** on Big Mountain, east of New Market, Fully Operational, PL 131.8 Hz,

**146.670** on the Blue Ridge, east of Stanley, Fully Operational, PL 114.8 Hz

**146.715** possibly in Mt. Jackson, Status Unknown, PL of 146.2

**147.225** on Laird's Knob, east of Broadway: Fully Operational, PL 131.8 Hz

**147.315** on the campus of Eastern Mennonite University west of Harrisonburg: Under construction, planned for operational status sometime in January 2013. New Coordination being applied for. More information next month.

**224.500** on Little North Mountain west of Harrisonburg: Fully Operational, PL 131.8

**224.820**: Off the air. This repeater pair may be disappearing from the valley unless someone is able to come up with a repeater and other equipment necessary to put this coordinated frequency back on the air.

**443.150** on Laird's Knob, east of Broadway: Operational but with reduced performance, PL 131.8

**443.350** on Big Mountain, east of New Market, Fully Operational including Echolink, PL of 131.8

**444.600** on Great North Mountain west of Mt. Jackson: Coordination completed and received. Fully Operational, PL of 131.8

## Thank You from Al Bonck N3JB

To all my fellow hams at MARA,

It was an honor as an 80+ year old ham to be invited to you MARA Christmas meeting. Thank you for your generous gift of dinner and good fellowship that Marge and I enjoyed. Amateur radio has a big part of my life ( 64 yrs since I got my "ticket" ) . It's encouraging to see the large membership and the enthusiasm regarding all the various activities of the club. I also appreciate the privilege of joining MARA. Again we appreciated your hospitality and generosity!

Al (N3JB) and Marge Bonck.





The Monitor's  
**TRANSITION YEAR**  
 2013

## **New Monitor Editor to Take Over In 2013**

As explained in last month's Monitor, David KD9LA is having to retire from the editorship of the Monitor due to health reasons. A new editor must be found as soon as possible, but in no case any later than December 1, 2013, David's absolute last day on the job as editor. An earlier transition date is much preferred.

Dave is willing to work with a new editor to get them started. It is completely unnecessary for the new editor to use Publisher if he or she does not desire to. Any word processing product will work. A new editor will likely have their own personality, their own style, their own time limitations and other constraints. The important thing is, the Monitor belongs to the CLUBS, and it is up to the clubs to name the newsletter editor.

David has enjoyed his 19 years as editor. But make no mistake: David simply cannot continue past 2013.

If you know of someone who you think might be a good replacement, notify your club officers. Sometime in 2013, it is incumbent upon the officers of MARA, VARA, and PVARC to get together and compare notes and jointly name a new editor, or alternatively decide to go separately with separate club newsletters.

This decision should happen sooner rather than later. Dave is DEFINITELY anxious to get the new editor on-board and up-to-speed. The new editor does NOT have to wait until the December issue to take over!

## **Richmond Frostfest – Saturday February 2**

The Richmond Frostfest will be held at the Richmond Raceway again this year on Saturday, February 2nd.

Advance tickets are now on sale for \$10 from the frostfest.com website. Advance ticket holders will be admitted at 7:30, general admission tickets go on sale at 8:30 a.m.



## **Don't Forget to RENEW your Club Membership!**

Use the form on the last page of this issue to renew your club dues for 2013!



## Volunteer Examiner Report – Dec 8 Test Session: 5 New Techs, 2 Generals

We had another successful test session on Saturday, December 8. There were seven candidates and they all passed their tests. I would like to congratulate the five new Technicians and two new General class operators in the area. Thanks to the VEs that were able to help with the tests:

**Gayle Shull, KU4XN; Ray Ritchie, K4NRA; Bob VanFossen, K4DJG; Glenn Thompson, W4GWT; Bryan Daniels, K4RMY; and Jim Lehman, W4POL.**

Gerald Nauman, KN4FM

## Judy Fielding, KM4NX, SK

Former VARA member Judy Fielding, KM4NX, and widow of Wilson (Tiny) Fielding WD4FOZ, passed away Tuesday November 27. She had worked for 30 years as a nurse for Western State Hospital, and also retired from Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center and was employed by H&R Block as an income tax preparer for 35 years. The condolences of the ham radio community go to Judy's family.



## Volunteers Needed for MARA Audit Committee

The MARA By-Laws require that an annual audit of the corporation's financial records be conducted once each year. If you are interested in devoting an hour or two of your time to help save the club about \$500 (the average cost of a professional audit for an organization the size of MARA), please contact any member of the Board of Directors. Training will be provided by a licensed Virginia CPA for those with no previous experience.

## Volunteers Needed for Joint MARA/VARA Field Day Committee

It's getting to be that time of year again. Consider volunteering to serve on the 2013 Field Day Committee. The committee representatives from each club should be named no later than the February meetings.

## How Long Has It Been Since You Checked Into One of the Nets?

Don't forget: The local ARES groups hold regular nets to let you check out your radio equipment, antennas, and other station gear. Take advantage of these opportunities to get signal reports and get to know the other local hams.

The Page County ARES Net meets Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m. local time on the 146.67 repeater (PL 114.8). The Rockingham County ARES Net meets Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. local time, the first Monday on 146.55 simplex, all other Mondays on the 147.225 repeater (PL 131.8). The Augusta County ARE Net meets the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. local time, usually on the 146.850 repeater (PL 131.8). All hams are welcome!

## Ham Calendar – Upcoming Activities – Mark Your Calendars for your Favorite Events!

### JANUARY

- 3 – MARA Club Meeting**
- 4 – PVARC Club Dinner Meeting**
- 5-6 – ARRL RTTY Roundup Contest**
- 6 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 6 – ARRL Kids Day – On-Air Event
- 7 – Rockingham County ARES Net – Simplex
- 8 – VARA Club Meeting**
- 10 – Augusta County ARES Net
- 13 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 14 – Rockingham County ARES Net
- 19 – Harrisburg (PA) Hamfest**
- 19-21 – ARRL January VHF Contest**
- 20 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 21 – Rockingham County ARES Net
- 26-27 – CQ WW 160-meter Contest CW**
- 27 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 28 – Rockingham County ARES Net

### FEBRUARY

- 1 – PVARC Club Business Meeting**
- 2 – Richmond FrostFest**
- 3 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 4 – Rockingham County ARES Net – Simplex
- 5 – VARA Club Meeting**
- 7 – MARA Club Meeting**
- 8-10 – CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest**
- 9 – VE Examinations – Dayton VA**
- 10 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 11 – Rockingham County ARES Net
- 11-15 – School Club Roundup
- 14 – Augusta County ARES Net
- 16-17 – ARRL International DX Contest CW weekend**
- 17 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 18 – Rockingham County ARES Net
- 22-24 – CQ 160-meter Contest Phone weekend**
- 24 – Vienna Winterfest Hamfest (Annandale VA)**
- 24 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 25 – Rockingham County ARES Net

### MARCH

- 1 – PVARC Club Dinner Meeting**
- 2-3 – ARRL International DX Contest – Phone weekend**
- 3 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 4 – Rockingham County ARES Net – Simplex
- 5 – VARA Club Meeting**
- 7 – MARA Club Meeting**
- 8-9 – Charlotte (NC) Hamfest
- 10 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 11 – Rockingham County ARES Net

### MARCH *(continued)*

- 14 – Augusta County ARES Net
- 16 – Charleston (WV) Hamfest
- 17 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 18 – Rockingham County ARES Net
- 24 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 25 – Rockingham County ARES Net
- 29-31 – CQ WW WPX Contest – Phone weekend**
- 30 – Raleigh (NC) Hamfest

### APRIL

- 1 – Rockingham County ARES Net (simplex)
- 2 – VARA Club Meeting**
- 4 – MARA Club Meeting**
- 5 – PVARC Club Business Meeting**
- 6 – Baltimore Hamfest (Timonium MD)**
- 7 – Page Valley ARES Net
- 8 – Rockingham County ARES Net
- 11 – Augusta County ARES Net
- 13 – VE Examinations – Dayton VA**
- 13 – March of Dimes Public Service Event (Hburg)**
- 13 – York (PA) Hamfest**
- 14 – Page County ARES Net
- 15 – Rockingham County ARES Net
- 21 – ARRL Rookie Roundup Contest
- 21 – Page County ARES Net
- 22 – Rockingham County ARES Net
- 27 – March of Dimes Public Service Event (Staunton)**
- 27 – Waynesboro Riverfest Public Service Event**
- 28 – Page County ARES Net
- 29 – Rockingham County ARES Net

### MAY

- 2 – MARA Club Meeting**
- 3 – PVARC Club Dinner Meeting**
- 7 – VARA Club Meeting**
- 17-19 – Dayton Hamvention – Dayton OH**
- 24-26 – CQ WW WPX Contest – CW weekend**

### JUNE

- 4 – VARA Club Meeting**
- 6 – MARA Club Meeting**
- 7 – PVARC Club Business Meeting**
- 8-9 – ARRL June VHF Contest**
- 15 – ARRL Kids Day – On-Air Event
- 22-23 – ARRL Field Day**

## Featured Ham of the Month: Clayton Towers, K4RHQ

Regular listeners to WSVB radio's morning drive-time programming will be familiar with the weather report from Bridgewater, which for many decades was provided by ham radio operator Clayton Towers, K4RHQ.

Clayton, who is two days younger than Richard Weaver (W3HXH), at age 93 years, is still kickin' around and on the air.

In a recent visit, Clayton related that Richard Weaver had given him his Novice ticket test almost six decades ago. He also mentioned that he and Ellsworth Neff K4LXG, had received their first ham licenses at about the same time.

Clayton, a retired schoolteacher, has a love of nature and the natural world. His conversations center about the wonder of creation, natural phenomena such as weather and the climate, and he emphasizes the need for careful, precise, and reliable observation and recording of natural measurements.

"The ionosphere is a wonderful and intriguing thing," he says. "It is always changing, unpredictable, and magical."

"The one thing I'm most proud of in my ham radio career, is that Spring several years ago when I worked 54 Australian stations and earned the Captain Cook Award." He goes on to explain that being on the exact opposite side of the world from Bridgewater, Virginia, makes working Australia something to be proud of. "Making contact with Australia doesn't happen every day. The propagation that Spring was just right," he says.

Clayton used to be a regular on the local repeaters. But these days he is found mostly on the HF bands. "The city cut down my tree and along with it went my 75-meter antenna," he explains. "But Ellsworth came over and was able to put up a new wire, and now I'm back on the air again."

Clayton is an active member of the "Green Frogs Net", and has been for about 44 years. He is also a regular net control station for the Virginia Fone Net, and is widely known on several other HF nets with regional and national coverage.

Clayton's radio shack is set up in his basement, which makes it difficult for him because he's confined to a wheelchair. "If you've got two good legs and a good sense of balance, good equilibrium, count yourself lucky," he says. While he has two good legs, he suffers from equilibrium upset, and one time fell down the stairs into the basement.

"Now I've got a little radio by the bed upstairs. It lets me work the bands without having to go down the stairs."

In addition to the radio, Clayton maintains a top-drawer weather station which captures and records calibrated measurements which he uses to keep meticulous records of the natural meteorological conditions. Like his Elmer, Richard Weaver, Clayton is a "weatherman's weatherman".

A Happy New Year Wish to Clayton, and may he enjoy many more contacts, using the ionosphere, which is part of the natural world he loves so much.



## MARA Secretary's Report – December 6 Meeting – Annual Christmas Banquet

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 PM by President David Fordham, KD9LA.

**Attendance:** 54 present - 35 Members and 21 Guests Introductions were deferred in the interest of time.

### Reports:

**New Members:** 1st Reading: Al Bonck N3JB, Ken Anderson KD4VPE

2nd reading: Paul Boison KB30, voting, accepted into membership

**Secretary Minutes:** Moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as printed in the Monitor, for both October and November meeting minutes.

**Treasurer Report:** Moved, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed in the Monitor, for both October and November reports.

### Groups:

**ARES/RACES:** No report in the interest of time.

**VEC-Session:** Reminder of the upcoming VE session December 8.

**Public Service:** No report

**Repeater Committees:** No report.

### Announcements:

John Keller W4ZAO, made an announcement that Jay Stewart KD4OXQ, was selling the last of Fred McDavid's KJ4INF estate equipment, and had two bags of fiberglass mast poles for sale, for \$5 per pole, including the bags.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**No new calls or upgrades:** None announced

**Motion to Adjourn,** seconded, passed.

**50/50:** won by Gayle Shull, KU4XN. \$52.00 total, \$26.00 split. Gayle donated his portion back to the club.

**Program:** A Special Christmas program honoring hams over 80 years old. Octogenarian hams in attendance with their spouses included Richard Weaver W3HXX, Wilton Thomas KF4BFL, David Burgess K1DB, Nelson Seese W4BHD, Paul Wyse W4PFM, Al Bonck N3JB, Elroy Kauffman K4EJG, and Hugh Pettis K3EC. Other Octogenarian hams in attendance included Ken Anderson W4JQT accompanied by his son, and Richard Haxton KC3AN, whose spouse, Phyllis Haxton N4VZC, is also an Octogenarian but is in the hospital at present. Octogenarian hams not in attendance were E.C. Showalter KG4KUR, Mike McKay W4AZR, Phyllis Haxton N4VZC, Rodney Good K4DOD, and Clayton Towers K4RCH.

Additionally, Service Awards were presented to Ray Ritchie K4NRA and Bryan Daniels K4RMY, and also to Gerald Nauman KN4FM (who was not in attendance). The first MARA Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Ellsworth Neff K4LXG (who was not in attendance). The One and Only MARA Seven Diamond Award was presented to Richard Weaver W3HXX, for his seven decades of service to the ham community. Richard's wife Ginny, who turned 90 today, was also recognized. Richard was the first president of MARA. After President Fordham made the presentations, Richard Weaver closed the meeting by playing a rendition of a hymn on his harmonica.

Submitted by  
John Keller, W4ZAO  
MARA Secretary



## VARA Secretary's Report – December 4 Meeting

The VARA club held its Christmas Party on the 4th at the Westside Grill at 6 pm. 26 members and guests were present. After the meal we had a Chinese gift exchange that was entertaining.

The only business that was conducted was it was brought to our attention that January 1st falls on the first Tuesday of the month so the meeting was changed to the 2nd Tuesday, the 8th of January.

Respectfully submitted,  
David AD4TJ  
VARA Secretary

## MARA Treasurer's Report – November 21 to December 21, 2012

Beginning Balance November 21, 2012 (last report)			\$ 2,690.92
Add:	November Meeting 50/50	\$ 19.00	
	December Meeting 50/50 (winner donated to club)	\$ 52.00	
	Membership Renewals (19)	\$ 228.00	
	New Memberships (2)	\$ <u>24.00</u>	
	Total Deposits		\$ 323.00
Less	Bank Fee (November)	\$ 2.00	
	SVEC (repeater electric -November)	\$ 20.11	
	Annual Website Registration Renewal	\$ <u>9.99</u>	
	Total Disbursements		\$ <u>-32.10</u>
Ending Balance as of December 21, 2012			\$ 2,981.82

*Submitted by Sheryl Tonini, KJ4DOC, MARA Treasurer*

## PVARC Secretary's Report

The PVARC Secretary's Report did not arrive in time for publication this month.



Don't forget to renew your club membership! Use the renewal form on the last page of the Monitor this month to send in your dues!

### MASSANUTTEN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc.

President: David Fordham, KD9LA  
Vice President: Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ  
Secretary: Dennis Phillips NS4K  
Treasurer: Sheryl Tonini, KJ4DOC  
Board (exp 2013): Bob Van Fossen, K4DJG  
Board (exp 20124: Andrew Pearson N4RCE

<http://mara.ws>

MARA meets the first Thursday of each month  
at Wood Grill Buffet on Reservoir Street  
in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Dinner begins at 6:30 pm,  
the business meeting begins at 7:30 pm

**Visitors are always welcome.**

Dues (\$12 per year) should be mailed to:

MARA  
PO Box 1882  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

### VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

President: John Keller W4ZAO  
Vice President: Jeff Rinehart, W4PJW  
Secretary: David Tanks, AD4TJ  
Treasurer: Doug Tippett, N8ESW  
Program Manager: Al Bonck N3JB

<http://w4xd.com>

VARA meets the first Tuesday of each month.  
at the Westside Grill on West Beverley Street  
in Staunton, Virginia

Dinner starts at 6:00 pm,  
the business meeting starts at 7:00 pm

**Visitors are welcome**

Dues (\$15 per year) should be mailed to:

Doug Tippett  
2348 Mosley St.  
Waynesboro VA 22980

### PAGE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

President: Bob Forrest W04MI  
Vice President: Mark Hensley N4YSA  
Secretary: Mike "Sparky" Terry, KD4KL  
Treasurer: Carol Terry KA4LAF  
Board Member: Goeffrey Phillips WD4LYO

<http://www.k4pmh.org>

PVARC meets the first Friday of each month.  
Odd-numbered months: Brookside Restaurant  
on Highway 211 east of Luray.

Even-numbered Months: in the Day Room of  
Page Memorial Hospital.

The meeting begins at 6:00 pm

**Visitors are welcome.**

Dues (\$12 per year) should be mailed to:

Sparky Terry  
PO Box 649  
Luray VA 22835-0649

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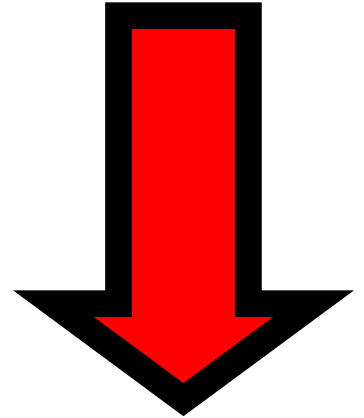
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## Membership Renewal Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALLSIGN: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE (If you want it in club records for emergency purposes, not the roster!): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: (print legibly!!) \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER ARRL (Y/N) \_\_\_ REGISTERED ARES (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ SKYWARN ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available for Workday Daytime Emergency Call up? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

MARA members mail with \$12 to: MARA, PO Box 1882, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

VARA members mail with \$15 to: VARA, Doug Tippett, 2348 Mosley St, Waynesboro, VA 22980

PVARC members mail with \$12 to: Carol Terry, PO Box 649, Luray, VA 22835

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