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**Calvert Amateur Radio Association**

**ARRL MEMBER CLUB**

*The oldest operating Amateur Radio club in Calvert*



Sunderland Repeater, K3CAL, 146.985 PL 156.7 Hz

# Weather Radio



Next to having a smoke detector in one's home, a NOAA weather radio with SAME. is an essential item needed in todays home. It can be a Life Saver.

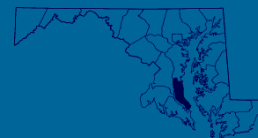
There are various models but the units with the Specific Area Messaging Encoding or SAME. What this feature allows one to program in their County, City, Parrish or Marine area into the weather radio so that warnings and alerts can be heard for that specific area.

The SAME code for CALVERT COUNTY is **024009**. Only alerts for Calvert County will be heard for this county.

NOAA operates seven frequencies for weather radios. The one used for our area is transmitted from Manassas, Virginia on 162.550 MHz. Only the most imminent life and property threatening hazards are broadcasted with SAME. Operational guideline is that messages are alerted only in hazards urgent enough to warrant waking people up in the "middle of the night" or otherwise interrupting someone's activities at any time.

## MESSAGE EVENT S

Tornado Warning	Severe Thunderstorm Warning
Flash Flood Warning	Tornado Watch
Severe Thunderstorm Watch	Hurricane Watch
Hurricane Warning	National Emergency



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# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	
3	4  CARA/ARES NET 7PM	5	6	7 CARA MTG 7:30pm	8	9
10	11 CARA/ARES NET 7PM	12	13	14	15 ECHOLINK 8pm	16 CARA BREAKFAST
17 BARC HAMFEST	18 CARA/ARES NET 7PM	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 CARA/ARES NET 7PM	26	27	28	29	30 OSO BREAKFAST PLAN MTG
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 AUGUST**  
*Every third Saturday*

**DREAMWEAVER'S Restaurant**  
**PRINCE FREDERICK, MD**  
 Starts at 9:00 AM  
 No Agenda, No Program  
 No Hassle, Just Social!  
 All Spouses, Friends & Other Hungry People  
 Welcome! Bring a Friend!!

**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.

# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CARA/ARES NET 7PM	2	3	4 CARA MTG 7:30pm	5	6
7 BERRYVILLE HAMFEST	8 CARA/ARES NET 7PM	9	10	11	12	13 MD QSO PARTY
14 MD QSO PARTY	15 CARA/ARES NET 7PM	16	17	18	19	20 CARA BREAKFAST
21 CARROLL COUNTY TAILGATE FEST	22 CARA/ARES NET 7PM	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 CARA/ARES NET 7PM	30	31			

**Upgrades**

Dave Moore/N3TZO  
TO General

**NEW MEMBER**

DEAN BATCHELOR/N8LWP  
GENERAL



August Meeting  
Win a ARES Field Resource Manual

## 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- ◇ DENNIS BOWLING/N3QHC...PRESIDENT
- ◇ DAVE WEAVER /W3PQW.....VICE PRESIDENT
- ◇ DICK RATCLIFFE/W3RBR.....TREASURER
- ◇ LESLIE DICKEY/N3YR.....SECRETARY

## CARA REPEATER COMMITTEE President's Appointments

- ◆ Bob Sheskin/N3PPH
- ◆ Dave Weaver/W3PQS
- ◆ Dennis Bowling/N3QHC
- ◆ Dick Ratcliffe/W3RBR
- ◆ Jim Tetlow/K3UGA
- ◆ Les Dickey/N3YR



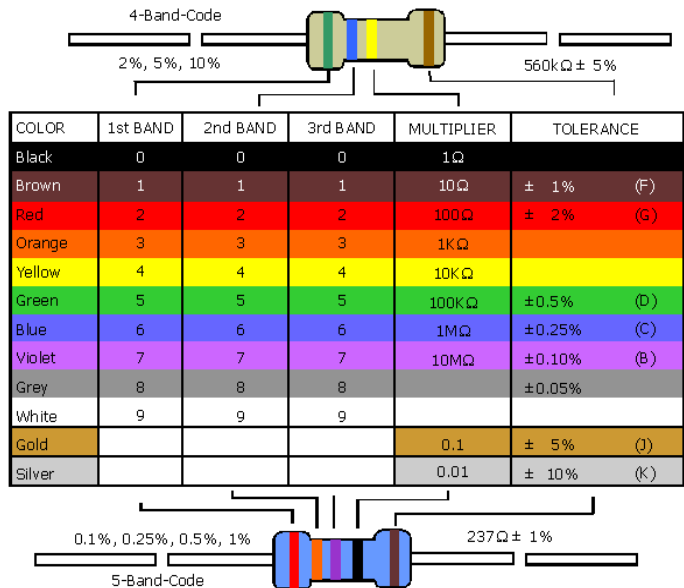
## Vince Thrasher/KB3FS Awarded

**CHARTER MEMBER** of CARA, **Vince Thrasher/KB3FS** was presented a plaque showing our appreciation for all he has done with CARA.

**Les/N3YR** and **Don/K3RA** visited Vince last month and gave him the plaque voted by the members to show our appreciation for his years of service.

Most everyone has seen Vince at various club events one time or another. Vince has consistently been supporting every thing CARA does for many, many years.

There were four members; **Woody/W3ZNW (SK)**, **Don Liddy/W3JKV**, **Gail Griner/W3IRE(SK)** and **Vince/KB3FS** that meet at the repeater site when it was originally located on the US Naval Base Chesapeake Beach. These four people are the founders of CARA.



**REPEATER DONATIONS BEING ACCPTED**

**Thank-you for your donation**

**Support our new Repeater**



Bob/N3PHH and Bill/N3XMZ prepare for Field Day at Drum Point



Inside the Drum Point Operation Center. (Left to Right) Bill/N3XMZ, Bob/N3PHH, Ron/WA4PRR, Jim/K3UGA and Wayne/N1WR

Our Field Day was held at Drum Point. The Drum Point Emergency Response Team and CARA joined up for this year's event. We operated a 3A station, earning **1156** points.

The Drum Point Community building is a unique Emergency Office of Communications in the State of Maryland. There are several radios and antenna mast located here. Some of the community residents are CERTS trained. A number of the CERTS members are also Amateur Radio operators.

As with all Field Days, members began setting up early and worked through the night. A few glitches slowed operations for a short time but once we got going we were sailing making contacts. The weather was improvement for this years Field Day ~ an environment we have not experienced in years.

We were joined Saturday afternoon by Maryland Delegate Anthony O'Donnell and Regional Administrator Kelly McGuire of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

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## STATUS REPORT

ITEM	REF #1	REF #2	STATUS
SUNDERLAND REPEATER - <b>K3CAL</b> ( <b>R.A.C.E.S. REPEATER</b> ) REPEATER IS OWN BY CARA	146.985 MHz PL 156.7 Last Update	7/24/11	OPERATIONAL
HAZARD/WEATHER RADIOS S.A.M.E. CODE FOR CALVERT COUNTY	024009	TEST EVERY WED BETWEEN 11 AM & NOON	OPERATIONAL
CALVERT <b>ARES®/RACES</b> 10-METER FREQUENCY	28.350 MHz USB	NA	OPERATIONAL
<b>ARES®</b> CALLING TREE (UPDATE EVERY 6 MONTHS)	LAST UPDATE	9/7/08	NEEDS UPDATING
<b>R.A.C.E.S.</b> CALLING TREE (UPDATE EVERY YEAR)	LAST UPDATE	10/14/07	NEEDS UPDATING
<b>ARES®/RACES</b> PREFERRED CHANNEL LIST	LAST UPDATE	10/21/07	CURRENT
<b>ARES®/RACES</b> QUICK REF. INFORMATION	LAST UPDATE	10/21/07	NEEDS UPDATING
CARA Website > <a href="http://www.k3cal.org">www.k3cal.org</a>	LAST UPDATE	4/30/11	CURRENT



County Services Building  
158 Main Street  
Prince Frederick, Maryland

Where we meet

**CARA/Calvert ARES® Nets** are held every Monday evening at 7:00 PM. **CARA/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.

Check IN ~ we like hearing from you

## LATE BREAKING NEWS...

### CARA REPEATER OPERATIONAL

**O**n Sunday, July 24, the Repeater Committee installed the CARA repeater purchased earlier this year. The output power is considerable more than the old one. We are looking forward to see how well this repeater works and how well it receives from various locations.

There were at least three devices connected to the Station Master antenna on the tower, all sharing one antenna. Now we just have only the repeater connected to the antenna. First radio test to stations in Huntingtown were very positive!

CARA's morning coffee net and later Monday, the weekly ARES/CARA net, should give us more data how well the repeater is operating. Longer range to transmit and receive are one of our goals.

It has been years since having our repeater and having fun rag-chewing on 2-meters. We have taken one giant step to making CARA a much better organization to belong.

We anticipate a  
ing control sup-  
and other club ac-  
ward.

No excuse now to



**President Dennis Bowling/N3QHC (left) and Vice President Dave Weaver/W3PQS (right) next to the CARA repeater,**

great synergy hav-  
porting RACES  
tivities going for-

ham it up!!!