

THE WATT

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CALVERT AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETING INFORMATION

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC...YOU DO NOT HAVE
TO BE A MEMBER,
OR EVEN A LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR TO ATTEND.
COURTHOUSE SQUARE
205 MAIN STREET
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
MEETING TIME: 7:30 PM LOCAL

INTRODUCTION

Hi. I'm Ed Noell, KC3AEN, your new newsletter editor. I'd like to thank Brian Kress, KB3WFV, for his efforts in putting the newsletter together in the past. He's done a great job and I hope to be able to follow in his footsteps.

I'm a little late in catching up to his footsteps for which I apologize. Sometimes life gets in the way of the best laid plans. But I'll promise to be much better at keeping up in the future.

My plans for the newsletter are simple. I would like to make this YOUR newslet-

ter. I don't want it to be just a dry statement of facts. I want it to be a reflection of the personality of the club. I've heard all of you talking at the meetings and on the repeater, and your interests and skills are astounding. I want to make the newsletter a repository of your stories and interests that will enhance the goals of the club and make it even better.

To do this, I need you to send me any and all information that you think would be of interest to the club. Don't worry if you think you're not a great writer, I can take your thoughts and apply a little

cosmetics to them to make them a great read. I won't alter your story, just pretty it up a little if it needs it. And if you are a good writer, that will make my job even easier. No matter what you send, I'd like to acknowledge your contributions, so please send them to newsletter@k3cal.org.

Thanks!

Ed, KC3AEN



2013 HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2013 Holiday party was held in lieu of the December Meeting at the Mount Hope Community Center. A big "thank you" goes out to our officers, Dave Weaver, W3PQS and Bob Sheskin, N3PPH, for making it possible. It was so well attended by the Hams, their families, and

more than a few friends that there was serious talk about getting a larger party room for 2014.

Dave Weaver, our outgoing president, presented Certificates of Appreciation to his staff:

Brian Kress, KB3WFV

Bob Sheskin, N3PPH
Dick Ratcliffe, W3RBR
Ron Byzet, WA4PRR

Dave also presented them with wooden plaques he created himself. The plaques were done using a sign-making kit and a router to display their names and call-signs.

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2013 HOLIDAY PARTY (CONTINUED)

A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to Bob Balint, KF3AA, for his work on the club shack. (More on the shack later!). John Mumper, N3EDD, received a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as the Club Net Control.

The variety of good food brought to the party warrants further exploration and the recipes of these dishes would be a welcome asset to the

newsletter. This food should be shared!

The hit of the party was definitely the Christmas gift exchange. The Hams proved themselves to be just a little bit aggressive in going after the prizes they definitely waned. There was a distinct “growling” going on on one side of the room near a Ham who shall be called “Jack” to make certain that he got exactly what he wanted from

Santa.

Another big hit of the party were the tours of the newly remodeled club shack. Bob Balint, KF3AA, was instrumental and worked hard to turn the shack into something we can all be proud of. He spent many hours of hard work assembling the shack and finding the furniture and equipment that turned the shack into a truly professional enclave.



Dave Weaver, W3PQS, presents John Mumper, N3EDD with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as the Club Net Control.

WELCOME TO OUR INCOMING OFFICERS

Now I'd like to give a shout out to our newly elected club officers:

President	Bob Sheskin	N3PPH	president@k3cal.org
Vice-President	Brian Kress	KB3WV	vicepresident@k3cal.org
Secretary	Ron Byzet	WA4PRR	secretary@k3cal.org
Treasurer	Dick Ratcliffe	W3RBR	treasurer@k3cal.org
Director	Dave Hardy	KB3RAN	director@k3cal.org



Organization

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A B O U T C A R A :

Calvert Amateur Radio Association, Inc. is the oldest amateur radio (ham) club operating in Calvert County. Besides having fun talking locally or around the world to hams everywhere, we provide emergency communications and public services by supporting Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) and Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).

We support various public service events needing communications. Please contact us if you need communication support for your event. We are a long standing Special Services Club of the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL).

We normally meet on the FIRST Thursday every month at the County Services Plaza Building located at 150 Main Street in Prince Frederick at 7:30 PM. See our Meetings Page for the date and location of our monthly meetings. All hams or anyone interested in ham radio are welcome to attend our meetings.

The Association operates a Repeater and a Club Station located at the Mount Hope Community Center in Sunderland, Maryland. The Club Station may be used by members and guest operators by appointment or on a scheduled operating time. See the Club Station page for more information.

The Calvert Amateur Radio Association, Inc. is an active and community-minded group of Amateur Radio Operators located in Calvert County in Southern Maryland. Our association is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization supporting amateur radio operation, experimentation, and public service. Our Association is a ARRL Special Services Club.