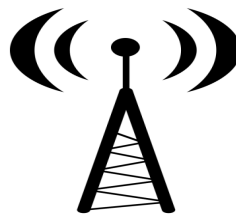


# Watt's What



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## Calvert Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC...YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OR EVEN A

LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR TO ATTEND.

150 Main Street (First level—County Services Building)

Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Meetings held every first Thursday of each month

Next CARA meeting — May 7, 2015

### UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2015

**April 28, 2015** — Extra Class, 7:00 p.m., 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, (1st level County Services Building)

**May 5, 2015** — Extra Class, 7:00 p.m., 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, (1st level County Services Building)

**May 7, 2015** — CARA Club Meeting/Swap Meet/Hamfest, 7:30 p.m., 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick (1st level County Services Building)

**May 12, 2015** — Extra Class, 7:00 p.m., 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, (1st level County Services Building)

**May 16, 2015** — CARA Club Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. Traders Seafood-Steak-Ale Restaurant, 8132 Bayside Rd, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

**May 19, 2015** — ARES Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, (1st level County Services Building). Extra class does not meet this night.

**May 30, 2015** — Extra Test, Time TBD, 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, (1st level County Services Building)

#### Upcoming Hamfests:

**May 2, 2015** — Hagerstown Hamfest, Washington County Agricultural Center, Rte. 65 South Sharpsburg Pike, Hagerstown, MD (GPS coordinates: 39 30"53.8'N by 77 44"41.66' West (contact <http://w3cwc.org/menu/hagerstown-hamfest>)

**May 24, 2015** — Memorial Day Hamfest, Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Rd [rte. 144], West Friendship, MD 21794 (contact <http://www.marylandfm.org>)

**June 14, 2015** — Manassas Hamfest and Maker Technology Show, Prince William County Fairgrounds, 10624 Dumfries Rd, Manassas, VA 20108 (<http://manassashamfest.org>)

**June 21, 2015** — BARC Hamfest, Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company, 16020 Carnival Ave., Upperco, MD 21155 (contact AB3TE, email: [w3FT67@yahoo.com](mailto:w3FT67@yahoo.com))

**June 25, 2015** — Radioactivity 2015, Holiday Inn Timonium, 9615 Deereco Rd., Timonium, MD (contact <http://www.maarc.org>)



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## Don's (KR3A) Antenna Party, March 21, 2015

With winter finally loosening its grip just a bit, CARA members were able to help Don (KR3A) erect a brand new antenna in his yard in North Beach. Members met up after the CARA monthly breakfast at Trader's Restaurant in Chesapeake Beach. Working as a team with an incredible depth of knowledge and experience, they had Don's antenna up and running in a matter of a few hours. Don personally and publicly thanked all the members who helped him with this "long-standing" project!



THE PASS

The "Professional Antenna Straighteners Society"! Pictured above from left to right: Les (KH6CUJ), Eric (W4OTN), Karl (KG1L), Don (KR3A), Bob (KF3AA), and Shawn (N3AE) getting ready to erect the assembled antenna in Don's yard. Strong rumor for years, though, has been that it's the house that's crooked and NOT the antenna. But any excuse for a bunch of hams to have a party around tech toys!!



As of March 21, 2015, ships on the Chesapeake Bay will no longer be able to be guided by this prominently slanted landmark (above).



As with all road crews, there's always one or two actual workers and then there are "supervisors." It's up to you to figure out which is which. Pictured from left to right: Les (KH6CUJ), Karl (KG1L), Eric (W4OTN), Don (KR3A), Shawn (N3AE), Bob (N3PPH), and Chip (K3AWD).





From left above: Don (KR3A), Shawn (N3AE), Karl (KG1L), Les (KH6CUJ) with back to camera, and Bob (N3PPH). Shawn was testing the new antenna with his antenna analyzer. Other than food first, this is a great use for a picnic table!





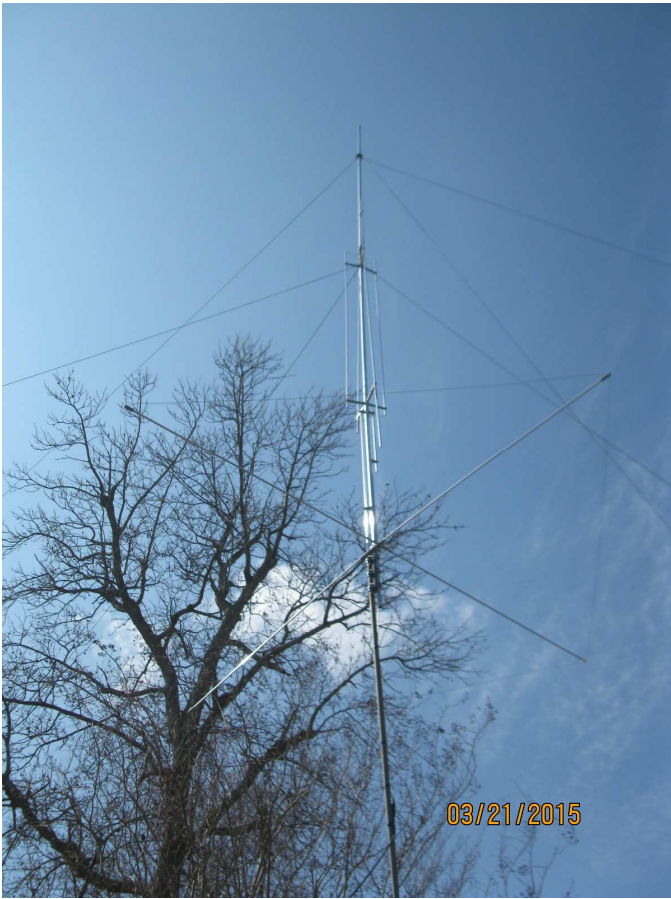
He's right behind me, isn't he? Did he hear what I just said about him? He's bigger than I am. Oops.



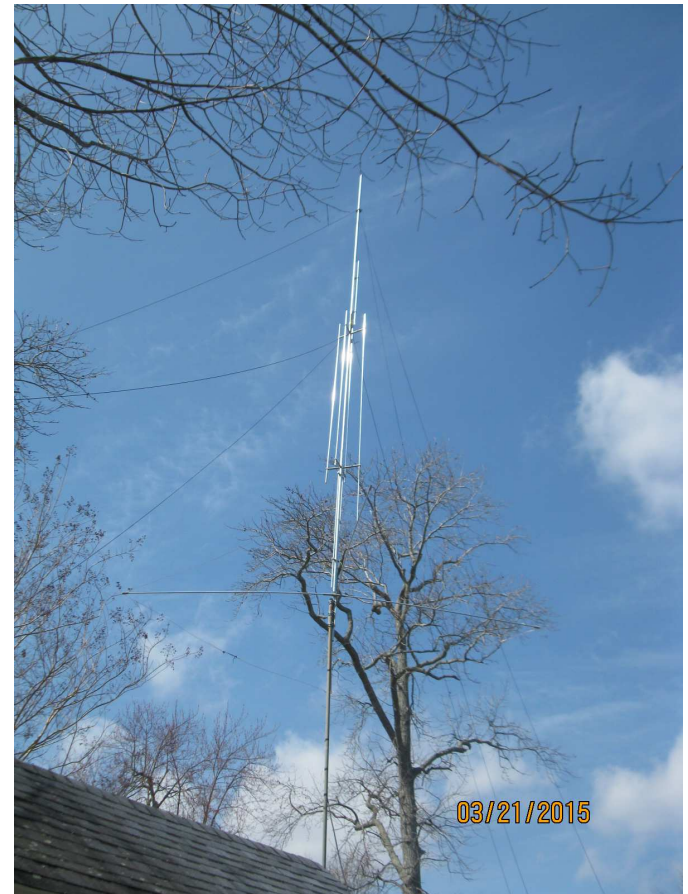
Ken Skaggs (WQ3V), photographer-for-the-day-extraordinaire! Ken was practicing shirt styles for Florida.



If it IS a bird and not a plane, we'll be cleaning off our sexy sunglasses in Don's utility sink. Bob (N3PPH), Chip (K3AWD), Les (KH6CUJ), and Bob (KF3AA) checking out their work after the antenna was up.



TADA!! Four views of the finished product!





In addition to Don's new antenna, CARA surprised Chris Kirby (KB3CLG) with flowers on the same day as the antenna party for her March birthday!

Happy Birthday, Chris, and many more!!!!



From left: Eric (W4OTN), Les (KH6CUJ), Amanda (KI4IWS), Shawn (N3AE), and Bob (KF3AA) admiring the special Wednesday lunch guest, better known as Les's loop antenna.



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### CLUB COMINGS AND GOINGS

Congratulations to Dave Weaver, W3PQS, and Chip Dahle, K3AWD, for becoming Extras! And a big thanks is also in order for Shawn Donley, N3AE, for being such a great teacher of the Extra class!

If you haven't already, please thank Bob Balint (KF3AA) for his superb leadership as stationmaster and for creating the "Shack" as it is today at Mt. Hope. Bob is stepping aside and Steve Hempling (N3IPN) will be taking his place. Thank you, Bob! And thank you, Steve for stepping up!

**Note:** *If you really would like to share personal triumphs, new additions, notable achievements, and such, please send them for inclusion to the CARA Newsletter to Monica (KC3DAS [mnoell1@verizon.net](mailto:mnoell1@verizon.net)) or Ed (KC3AEN, [enoell@verizon.net](mailto:enoell@verizon.net)).*

Mark your calendars for Field Day, JUNE 27-28,  
2015!!

And don't forget lunch every Wednesday at noon at  
Mount Hope Community Center, Sunderland, MD



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

#### Dear Readers,

This is YOUR newsletter. If you have stories or photos of your hobby that you would like to share with the club, please do so! We will keep covering all the CARA Club events, but it's also nice to get those personal perspectives to include. Connecting through experiences is what makes CARA a real club. *Thanks, Monica and Ed*

