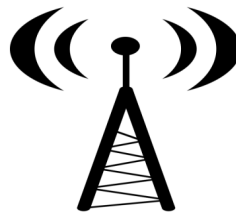


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Calvert Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

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 — January 7, 2016

CARA CLUB DATES and UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

January 7, 2016 — CARA Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD (1st level County Services Building)

January 16, 2016 — CARA Club Breakfast, 9:00 a.m., Traders Seafood-Steak-Ale Restaurant, 8132 Bayside Rd, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

January 19, 2016 — ARC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD (1st level County Services Building)

February 4, 2016 — CARA Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD (1st level County Services Building)

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March 3, 2016 — CARA Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD (1st level County Services Building)

January 2-3, 2016 — ARRL RTTY Roundup

January 30-31, 2016 — Winter Field Day, for more info contact www.winterfieldday.com

January 30-February 1, 2016 — ARRL January VHF Contest

February 6, 2016 — FrostFest, Richmond Raceway Complex, 600 East Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA 23222-2253. GPS Coordinates 37° 35' 16" North by 77° 25' 19" West. For further info, contact FrostFest Director at www.frostfest.com.

Don't forget to join club members for lunch every Wednesday at noon at the Mount Hope Community Center, 104 Pushaw Station Road, Sunderland, MD 20689.



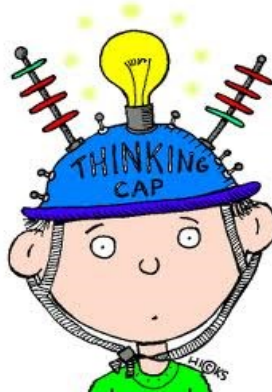
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Who We Are



Member of the Month — Ron Byzet WA4PRR

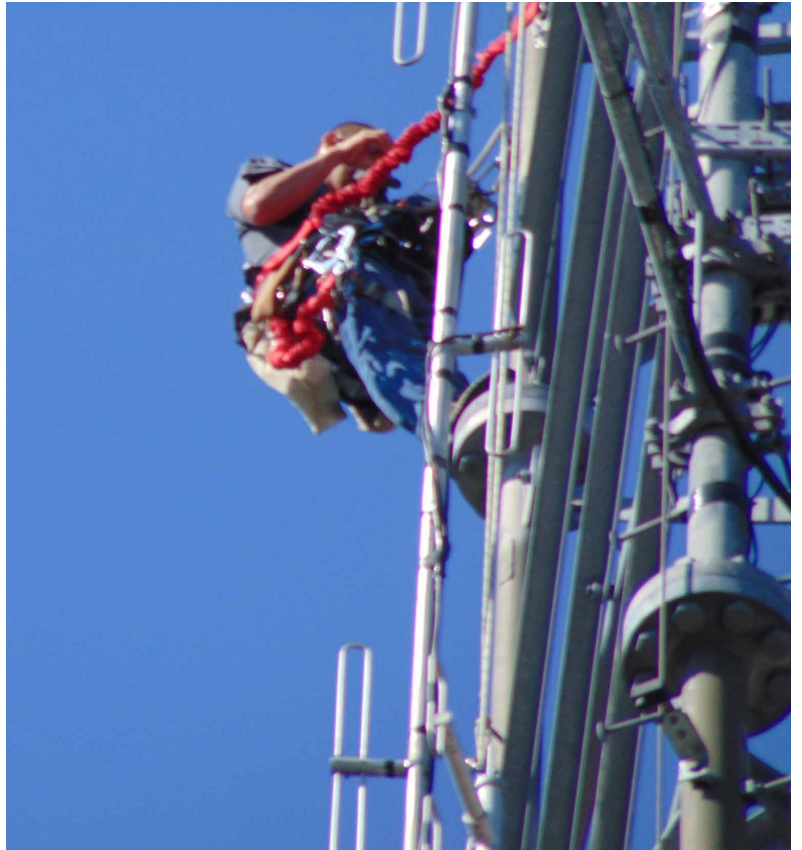
Ron Byzet / WA4PRR

As a long-time amateur radio operator, Ron Byzet earned his first license as a Technician in 1962 at the age of 12. To learn about his new hobby, he attended a ham class sponsored by the Mid-South Amateur Radio Association in Memphis, Tennessee, and became a member of the Delta Amateur Radio Club. Later in his amateur radio life, Ron was “grandfathered” to a General Class licensee when the code requirement was dropped to 5 words per minute. He passed his Extra Class license exam at the Richmond Hamfest in 2010.

Following his graduation from Memphis State University in 1972 with a degree in Electronics Engineering Technology, he worked for General Electric Medical Systems as an installation and repair technician for Patient Monitoring and X-Ray systems. For work purposes, Ron relocated to Washington, D.C., in 1978, and then again to Greenbelt, Maryland, in 1986 for the Bendix Field Engineering Corporation at the Goddard Space Flight Center. He was the Project Operation Control Center Engineer for the International Ultraviolet Explorer satellite and the Hubble Space Telescope until he retired in 2013.

Ron and his family moved to Calvert County in 1987 where he joined CARA the same year. Ron was active as the newsletter editor for CARA and SPARC until 2008. After spending a few years away from the club, Ron returned to CARA where he now serves as the Web master for CARA’s website and as the club Secretary. Ron operates mostly VHF (6 meters, 2 meters, 432 MHz, 902 MHz, and 1296 MHz.). He also experiments with 10 GHz microwave radio.

The Prince Frederick Repeater Project Becomes Reality



From l to r: Dick W3RBR; Dave, W3PQS; the tower climber from Teltronics.

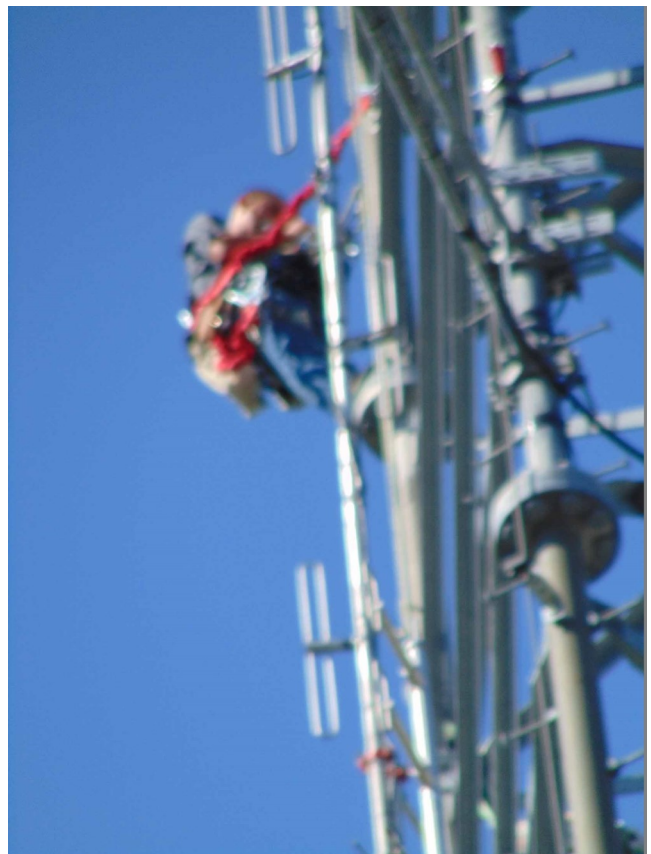
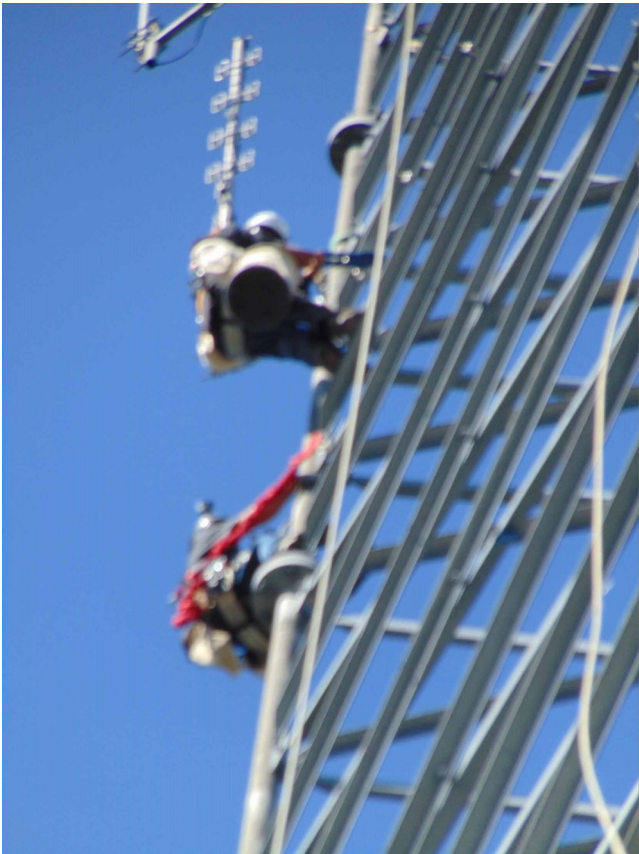


***On this beautiful,
bright October
day ...***

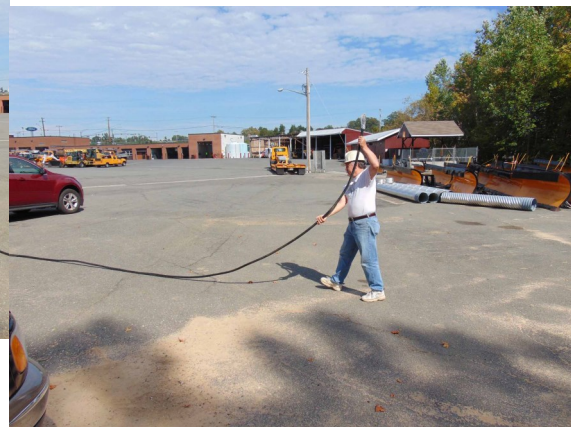
***CARA couldn't have
wished ...***



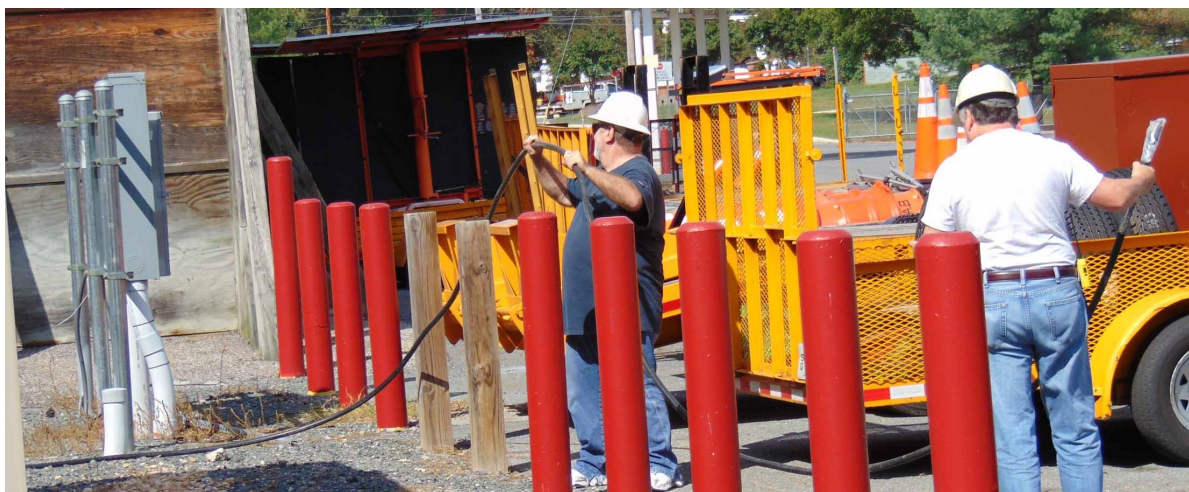
for better weather.



Teltronics Tower climbers



Shawn, N3AE; & Dave, W3PQS





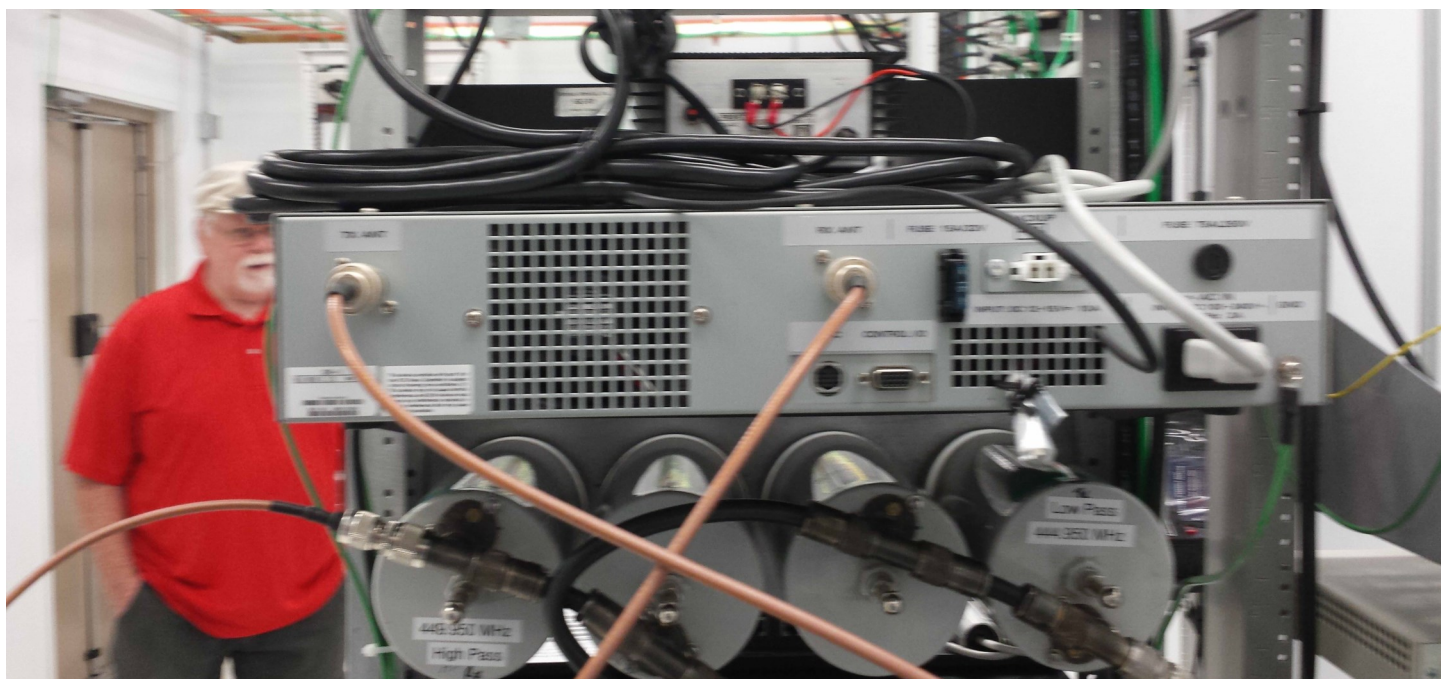
*... and now for the
inside installation ...*

*... Dave, W3PQS,
demonstrates to the
Teltronics tech how to
do pull-ups with
cable ...*





Chip, K3AWD and Shawn, N3AE (above) and Jim, K3UGA (below) with the repeater and duplexer installation.





The CARA Christmas Party gets underway on December 12, 2015, at the Mount Hope Community Center, Sunderland, Maryland.

Above, L to R: Don, KR3A; Terri Sheskin; and Chris, KB3CLG

Right, L to R: Jim, K3UGA; and Ed, KC3EN



Left, L to R: Lorraine Shefflette, Chuck, AA3CS; Ed, KC3EN; and Dick, W3RBR

***Bob, N3PPH and Don,
KR3A***



***Ed, KC3EN and Dick,
W3RBR***

***Dick, W3RBR, and
Bob, N3PPH***





Ed—"I think it's the whatchamacallit that's not working". Les—"No, it must be the thing-a-ma-jig that's on the fritz". Bob—"Anyway, it don't work no how."



Cammie, KA3RUR



Miriam, KC3ASQ





***The tables are set
and ready for food!***





Eric, WG3K and Harlan



***Elise Marie's first CARA
Christmas***

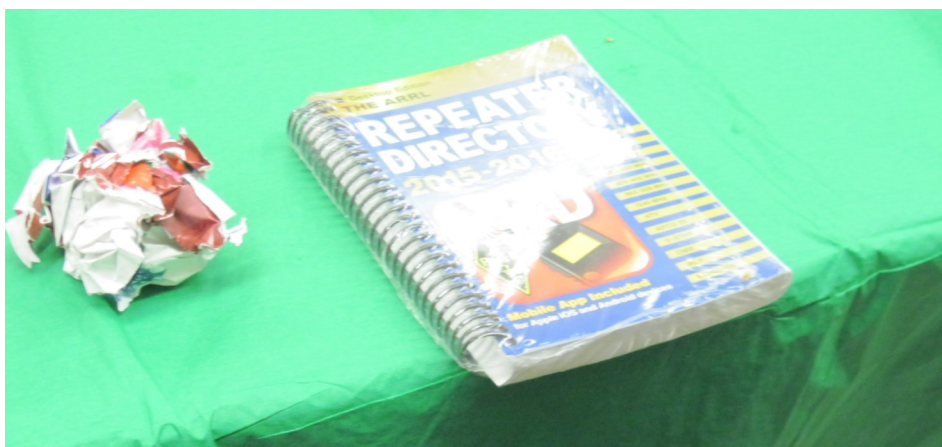


***Dave, W3PQS and Bob,
KF3AA share a gift
moment.***





***Happy Birthday, Chuck,
AA3CS!***





Eric, WG3K, Vice President of CARA (and Elise Marie) presents Bob, N3PPH, outgoing President of CARA, with our plaque of appreciation for his great service to the club.





ELMER'S Q&A:

Question: How can you get amateur radio operators to send items to their newsletter?

Answer: Damned if I know.



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CLUB COMINGS AND GOINGS

Welcome to our newest little Hamlet, Elise Marie Christensen, born November 27, 2015. She is the beloved new daughter of Eric WG3K and Amanda KI4IWS and brother of Harlan Christensen. *Congratulations!!*

For the great Field Day video created by Dave, W3PQS, click on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/RAzzluVjLI8>

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) or Ed (KC3EN, enoell@verizon.net).*

Field Day is June 25-26, 2016. Save those dates!

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 include your personal perspectives. Connecting through experiences is what makes CARA a real club. *Thanks, Monica and Ed*

