

The EPARC Key

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EPARC Hosts Weather Training Class

The Eastern Panhandle Amateur Radio Club (EPARC), on October 22, 1990 hosted a severe weather (Skywarn) class. The class was presented by National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologist Barbara McNaught. During the 3-hour course, attendees watched a video discussing the perils of flash flooding and precautions to take. Barbara also showed dozens of slides of various kinds of weather formations and explained how to distinguish potentially severe weather from nonthreatening weather conditions. At the conclusion of the evening Barbara conducted a quiz to evaluate how much attendees had learned and was pleased with the accuracy of the answers given, especially by the younger members. Before closing the meeting, Barbara assigned each attendee an official NWS weather spotter number. For those who attended the class and who need to telephone NWS with reports of inclement weather, there is a new toll-free number for long distance calls: 1-800-253-7091.

NWS will be conducting an advanced weather training class in the early spring; EPARC will investigate the possibility of bringing this class to club headquarters. Also, NWS is now periodically conducting a winter storm class. If anyone is interested in attending this class at NWS, call 703-260-0209.

October Meeting

EPARC held its third club meeting on October 23, 1990. In attendance were Dave (KF8FL), Ken (AK2U), Jim (KW8I), Gary (N8MAZ), Shane (N8MDC), Mike (KB8KKT), Fran (KB8IDL), and Tom (WA4DAX). This was Tom's first club meeting and we heartily welcome him to the ranks.

Several items of business were discussed, including:

- Jim announced that the club checkbook and rubber stamp have been obtained.
- Fran agreed to assume responsibilities as club secretary.
- Shane and Mike expressed an interest in taking over as joint special events coordinators.
- It was agreed that there will be no smoking at EPARC club meetings or special events.

Key Dates

Tuesday, November 27—8:00 PM, EPARC meeting
Saturday, December 15—1st VE tests given (tentative)
Tuesday, December 18—Vol 1, No 4 newsletter info due date

- The October 24 VE dry run was cancelled and moved to November 11 at 1:00 pm.
- Tom indicated an interest in participating in the VEC team but noted that he would need time to renew his certification.
- The purchase of T-shirts bearing the club logo was once again discussed. Club members agreed to table the purchase until more funds become available.
- Additional discussion was held on club fundraising options.
- It was agreed that each club meeting should center around a special event or discussion, for example, taking a detailed look at the more obscure FCC rules and regulations governing amateur radio operation and inviting individuals such as the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and local Emergency Coordinator to address the club about their respective potential communications needs. Ergo, the next club meeting will be held at Fran's house on the regularly scheduled date of November 27, at 8:00 pm, and will include a discussion on and demonstration of how to tune up and operate a tube-driven radio.
- Since our last meeting, the club has received its ARRL affiliation. Refer to earlier issues of the newsletter for attendant benefits.

New Members

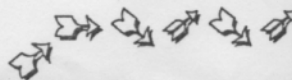
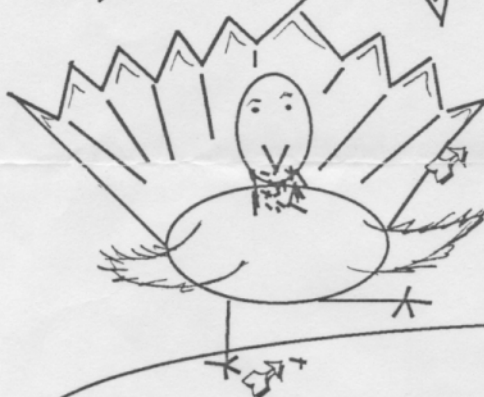
Art Dunn (WB8TOA) and his wife, Betty, have recently joined EPARC. They are expressly interested in any novice and technician classes or training options the club will offer. We appreciate Art and Betty's support and welcome them to the club.



EPARC Works Communications for BSA Food Drive

Three EPARC members, Fran, Shane, and Mike, on November 17, 1990, served as the communications net for the Frederick County portion of the annual National Capital Area Boy Scout Food Drive. Communications responsibilities entailed posting each individual at a specified food drop-off center; calling in reports of the amount of food being received; assisting in the loading and unloading of trucks of food; and handling any miscellaneous communications needs. Fran received a telephone call on November 18 from Joey Eversole, N3EQL, who was in charge of communications for the entire food drive, expressing his gratitude and praise for the fine job performed by EPARC's club members. Certificates will be mailed to Shane and Mike in recognition of their efforts during this event.

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING,
EVERYONE!!!**



Editorial Information

The Eastern Panhandle Amateur Radio Club, Inc. meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the High's Regional Office in Pikeside, West Virginia (telephone number: 304-263-7185). EPARC was formed with the objective of actively promoting the amateur radio hobby and serving the community. EPARC welcomes all amateur radio operators and supporters of amateur radio to join in its meetings. Annual club dues are \$12.00 per household (\$8.00 per year for associate members). The club's mailing address is: EPARC, PO Box 537, Kearneysville, WV 25430. EPARC expresses its gratitude to High's for permission to use its headquarters as the club meeting site.

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