



Vietnam War veteran Bill Ruth, W3HRD, killed in Pentagon attack

The terrorists' attack on the US has claimed another ham and ARRL member. Vietnam and Gulf War veteran and retired Chief Warrant Officer William Ruth, W3HRD, of Mount Airy, Maryland, is the fifth ham known to have died as a result of the terrorist attacks. The Army announced September 19 that Ruth, who worked at the Pentagon, was among the 30 confirmed dead. He was 58.



An Alliance native, bill (ex K8LWQ), was planning to retire soon,.

"I remember Bill from my time with the Rock Creek Amateur Radio Association," said Leo Boberschmidt, W3LEO, a close friend. "I still remember the great slide program he gave on his experiences during the Gulf War; it's hard to say anything else right now." Four other amateurs are still missing in the wake of the World Trade Center attack.. (from the ARRL Letter, Vol 20, No. 38)

World Trade Center Amateur Radio Volunteers bearing up well

New York Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service volunteers generally are in good spirits, but tired, says New York City-Long Island Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D. "The mood is positive," he said, more than a week into the grim reality of the World Trade Center attack response. "Overall, it's going very, very well. Everybody's settling into the routine of the operation."

Two dozen or more hams per shift are covering communications and logistical support for the American Red Cross as well as supplementing commu-

nication for the New York City Office of Emergency Management. "It's a great effort every day, 24/7, and it's expanding as we get more requests." A single, multi-purpose ARES/RACES net is being maintained on the 147.000 MHz repeater in Manhattan. New York City District Emergency Coordinator and RACES Radio Officer Charles Hargrove, N2NOV, is serving as the incident commander.

At this point, Carrubba said, the need for volunteers is being largely covered by amateurs from the Greater New York City Area--which includes New

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Meeting Announcement

The next meeting of the AARC will be on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 7:30 PM.

This month is our annual meeting for the election of officers. This is a must-not-miss!

We meet in the rear of the cafeteria at Alliance Community Hospital. Visitors are always welcome.

Talk-in is on the K8LTG repeater-145.37 (-). See you there!

For more information, check out our clubs meeting page: www.qsl.net/w8lky/meetings.html

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Editorial

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Well, I had this great editorial ready for the October Zero Beat. About six weeks ago, I wrote, what I thought, was a good editorial.

Then came September 11th.

Since that time, I've been watching the news channels on a more regular basis. I can now pick out Afghanistan on a map, and have a new respect for the job that our safety forces, and, yes, even our fellow Amateurs do.

According to the ARRL Letter (vol20, # 37), some are calling this "Amateur Radio's Finest Hour." According to ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, "Never have I felt more strongly about what a great privilege it is to be a part of the extraordinary global community of Amateur Radio."

The collapse of the World Trade Center brought down the master TV transmitting antenna that served all but one television station in New York City, as well as several radio stations and amateur repeaters. "The broadcast community is in absolute shock," said Hudson Division Vice

Director Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, who works for ABC News. "We all knew transmitter engineers, we all knew people who worked up in those towers near those big television transmitters, and they're gone."

As of September 14th, four Amateurs were reported miss-

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Meetings

The Alliance Amateur Radio Club meets on the First Wednesday of every month, in the cafeteria of the Alliance Community Hospital. Talk-in is on the K8LTG repeater (145.37).

Meetings begin around 7:30 PM, but are rarely called to order. Visitors are always welcome.

Nets

Thursday is our "Net Night," with the following nets on tap:

Ten meters

CW @ 8PM on 28.400 MHz
SSB @ 8:30PM on 28.400 MHz

2 meter net @ 9PM on 145.37 MHz

Internet

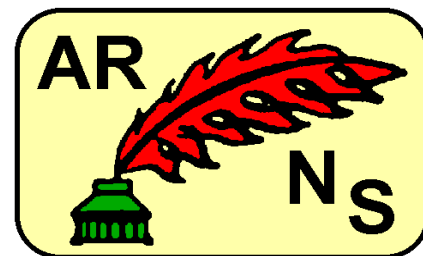
If you'd prefer to check us out on the web, our E-mail address is:

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Our club home page is:

[Http://www.qsl.net/w8lky](http://www.qsl.net/w8lky)

We'd be honored to meet you



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I can read most word processor formats, but prefer your files to be in straight text, or Microsoft Word format.

September Minutes

September 5, 2001

The regular meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was held at the Alliance Community Hospital on September 5, 2001, at 7:32 P. M., with Jerry Wheeler KG8RN, president, presiding. Secretary David Glass W8UKQ kept the minutes. There were 19 members present. The pledge of allegiance was given, and introductions were made.

- The minutes of the last meeting were read and were approved upon motion by Jerry K8CAT, seconded by Don K8OMO.
- Mary Ann KB8IVS reported the treasury balances. The report was approved upon motion by Bob K8RLS, seconded by Jim K8LTG.
- Old business: Don K8OMO reported that the van is available, again. Upon discussion, a motion was made by Jerry K8CAT for the officers of the club to check out various details. Seconded by Don K8OMO, and the motion was approved. John KD8MQ will look into insurance coverage regarding the van.
- It was noted that a rider to our insurance policy was issued with an additional charge. It was determined that the Mall requested to be named as an insured. The rider has been canceled. There may be a small charge for the weekend coverage.
- About a dozen operators participated in the Triathlon. It went well.

New business: Larry KE8VE suggested that we consider a display during Carnation Week.

- Christmas Party: The dinner and date, December 15, at Mike's Roadhouse have been confirmed. There will be ten items from which to choose.
- Larry KE8VE stated that code and theory classes will begin Tuesday, September 11. We have reservations for the cafeteria for meetings through 2002.
- The JOTA, Jamboree on the Air, is October 19.
- Elections will be held at the next meeting. The term of Trustee Jim N8XTJ will expire.
- The deadline for Ham of the Year will be November 30.
- If the club signs up a new member for the ARRL, the club will receive a \$15.00 rebate.
- For Show and Tell, Jerry K8CAT brought in an old hearing aid which used miniature tubes. Jerry N8SH had a key to display.
- The 50-50 drawing was won by Jerry KG8RN, and he donated it to the club.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P. M., upon motion by Jerry K8CAT, seconded by Larry KE8VE.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Glass W8UKQ, Secretary

Election Time!

Well, it's that time of year again, when thoughts turn to things like balloting, and campaigning. Yep, it's time for club elections! The trustees have been charged with the task of presenting a slate of nominees to the membership at the annual meeting. As stated in the bylaws, the Annual meeting is conducted by the trustees, and held immediately after the regular meeting in October. By custom, the senior, or outgoing trustee takes charge of the annual meeting.

This year, we'll be voting on a full slate of officers, and one trustee. Our current officers have done a great job, and should be commended. Job descriptions for all the posts, are in the bylaws which are printed elsewhere in this issue.

President Jerry Wheeler, KG8RN has been president for the last two years, as well as our current Ham of the Year. However, Jerry believes in term limits, and has indicated that he will not seek re-election.

Vice President Larry Ashburn, KE8VE was chosen 1994 Ham of the Year; was a club trustee from 1989 through 1991, and has been Vice-President from 1991-1993, and 1997 to present.

Club Secretary, Dave Glass, W8UKQ is our 1999 Ham of the Year. He has held the office of club Secretary since 1995. He also is Secretary-Treasurer for the Stark Chapter of the QCWA.

Mary Ann Royer, KB8IVS, is our 1998 Ham of the Year. She has been our treasurer since 1994, and has done a great job of keeping our books. Mary Ann is retired from Georgia-Pacific Corp.

Our outgoing Trustee this year, is Jim Lilley, N8XTJ. Jim has been a club trustee for the last three years.

The information above, is just what I can find in a short time of browsing through the back issues of the Zero Beat. Everyone I mentioned has done a lot more for this group, than what I've listed here. Next time you see, or hear one of them, make sure to thank them for the commitment they've made to the club.

PA QSO Party

League goofs!

K3CSG is this years
bonus station

Well, my favorite weekend is only a couple of weeks away. That's right, the PA QSO Party is almost upon us. Held annually, on the second full weekend in October, the PQP is one of, if not the, biggest state QSO party in the US. It's so big, that several of the popular contest logging programs, actually, include support for the PQP.

I've always found that PQP to be one of the friendliest contests around. Activity levels are high, but the operators will still take time to Talk to you.

Complete rules can be found at the official PQP web site at <http://www.qsl.net/narc/paqso.html>.

There are also a few other PQP web sites. These can be found by logging on to my PQP page at <http://www.qsl.net/kd8mq/paqso/paqso.htm>, and clicking on the links button.

ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Bylaws

We, the membership, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves, the: ALLIANCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB and enact these by-laws for government. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

ARTICLE I

Meetings of Membership

- A. The annual meeting of this club shall be held in the month of October for election of officers and trustees and immediately following the regular meeting in October.
- B. Regular meetings shall be held monthly as determined by the membership.
- C. The affairs of the AARC shall be managed by a Board of Directors: consisting of seven members elected in accordance with Article II and VIII of the Bylaws.
- D. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings.

ARTICLE II

Officers

- A. The officers of this club shall number four (4). They are to consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. The officers shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of members present at the annual meeting. New officers will take over their duties at the next regular meeting.
- C. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.
- D. Officers may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of full and sustaining membership.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of this club and conduct them according to Robert's Rules of Order. The President shall be responsible to ensure positions are filled and to conduct the business of the club. Examples of these positions are: Newsletter Editor, Equipment chairman, Program chairman, etc.
- B. The Vice President shall assume all duties of the president in his/her absence. He/she will also organize club activities and programs not otherwise designated to a committee, or other member.
- C. The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings, keep a roll of members and receive applications for membership.
- D. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the club, keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, pay no bill without a majority vote at a regular meeting by the club, and shall make a brief financial report at each regular meeting.
- E. All officers shall, within ten (10) days after the expiration of their terms, turn over to their successors all records and property of the club, that is in their possession, that is pertinent to the office vacated.

ARTICLE IV

Club funds

- A. All money received shall be under the supervision of the Board of Directors
- B. All money received shall be deposited within twenty (20) days of receipt, except not more than \$20.00 may be held in a petty cash fund for the purpose of making change, or for the payment of small bills.
- C. A majority ruling by the Board of Directors may approve expenditures of normal club business up to a limit of \$50.00 without the vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V

Dues and Membership

- A. A current valid Amateur Radio license issued by the FCC must be held to hold Full or Sustaining membership. Only Full and Sustaining members will have voting privileges and be eligible to hold office.
- B. Each member shall pay dues annually. All dues shall be due and payable upon acceptance into membership and must be paid in full before the annual meeting.
- C. Membership Dues and Classes:
 - a. **Sustaining Membership** -- Any licensed Radio Amateur, contributing \$15.00 or more annually to the club will be placed on the Sustaining Membership Honor Roll, for their generous contribution to the club treasury. The Sustaining member has full club privileges which include: voting rights, receiving a newsletter and holding an elective office.
 - b. **Full Membership** -- Any licensed Radio Amateur contributing \$10.00 annual dues, is entitled to all privileges as above except Honor Roll status.
 - c. **Associate Membership** -- Any person, with an interest in Amateur Radio, who does not hold a valid US. Amateur Radio license, but who pays \$5.00 annual dues, will be entitled to receive the newsletter, may attend meetings and other club functions, but cannot vote.
 - d. **Family Membership** -- Any family member, who holds a valid Amateur Radio license, who lives in the same household as the Full or Sustaining member, for the payment of \$1.00 dues, will have the same privileges, except that only one newsletter will be mailed to the household.
 - e. **Introductory Membership** -- Any person who receives his first Amateur Radio license as a result of completing an AARC-sponsored license course, is eligible for and shall receive a dues-free introductory membership provided that the following procedure is followed: when the course participant receives his license, he will inform the Board of his callsign, license class and effective date. Introductory members have the same privileges as Associate members. If an introductory member wishes to continue as a member of the AARC, he must apply for a new membership as specified in Article V prior to the next annual meeting. An introductory member who is eligible for full membership may upgrade to Full membership at any time by applying for a new membership as specified in Article V.
 - f. **DUES** -- Dues are to be pro-rated quarterly, as follows for new members (any one who has not been on the roster for at least one year):

Sustaining -	1. \$15.00	2. \$11.25	3. \$7.50	4. \$3.75
Full -	1. \$10.00	2. \$7.50	3. \$5.00	4. \$2.50
Associate -	1. \$ 5.00	2. \$ 3.75	3. \$ 2.50	4. \$1.25
Family	1. \$ 1.00	2. \$.75	3. \$.50	4. \$.25

The fiscal year begins on 1 April. Quarters are: (1) April - June; (2) July -September; (3) October - December; (4) January - March.

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D. No member shall be free to make a commitment in the name of the club without a majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Intoxicants

A. No intoxicants shall be consumed at any regular or special meetings of the membership.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

B. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership.

C. All proposals for amendments shall be signed by three Full and/or Sustaining members, presented in writing at a regular meeting, and not discussed or voted on until the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Trustees

A. There shall be three (3) elected trustees, to be decided on by a vote of the membership.

B. Trustees terms will be for three years. One trustee is to be elected annually to replace the out-going trustee.

C. The trustees shall have the control and management of the property of the club, subject only to the action of the membership, audit the books of the corporation, conduct the annual meeting, and further duties as may be required of them by the members.

D. The election of the trustees shall be held at the annual meeting, except that if the office of trustee shall become vacant for any reason at any other time, nominations and election shall be held at the next regular meeting following the vacancy.

E. Trustees may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of full and sustaining membership.

ARTICLE IX

Assets

A. Should this organization ever dissolve for any reason, the material assets of the club must be sold within ninety (90) days and the monies collected from sale is to be added to the common treasury. The Board of Directors shall satisfy all debts incurred by the organization with funds from the treasury. Remaining funds shall be equally divided among the paid-up full and sustaining membership at the time of dissolution.

B. Such action upon the monies and assets of the club will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors at the time of dissolution.

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AARC List How-to

As of this writing, 16 of us have signed up for the clubs E-mail reflector, and that's great. It's been a while since I've written anything about the list, so I thought that I'd correct that this month.

The AARC list, is a communications tool. It allows us to share news of general interest with other club members, without the need to type in everyone's address. Any list member can initiate a mailing to the group. All you have to do address your message to aarc@qth.net. That's all there is to it.

What kind of messages are appropriate for the list? Anything of a general nature; meeting or activity announcements, swap & shop items, DX spots, or just general bellyaching. Just keep it clean, and try to limit your swap & shop to things electronic, or computer related.

As always, you can contact me with any questions that you might have. So give it a try. I hope you'll try it soon.



The Amateur Station at the Rain forest in Cleveland Zoo

Editorial — cont.

ing in the World Trade Center collapse. One Amateur that is reported missing at the pentagon, is Bill Ruth, W3HRD. Bill was from Alliance, and formerly held the callsign K8LWQ. For more info on Bill, you can check out the full story in the Alliance Review archives. The address is <http://www.the-review.com/Site%20Archive/Site%20Pages/010914/010914local.html>.

Elections - Now is the time to think about elections. Our annual meeting is coming up, following our October meeting. This is your chance to give back to your club, and your community.

Oh, and just to fill space, don't forget about the PA QSO Party coming up in a couple of weeks. DE KD8MQ

Rules for pilots

Found it on the 'net: Some helpful hints in case you know anyone learning to fly a plane:

- Flying is not dangerous, crashing is dangerous
- Take-offs are optional, landings are mandatory
- If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller (unless you keep pulling the stick back--then they get bigger again)
- Speed is life, altitude is life insurance. Nobody ever collided with the sky.
- A "good landing" is one from which you can walk away. A "great landing" is one after which you can use the airplane another time.
- A helicopter is a collection of rotating parts going round and round and reciprocating parts going up and down. Helicopters can't really fly--they're just so ugly that the earth immediately repels them.
- Try to keep the number of your landings equal to the number of your takeoffs.
- Gravity never loses. The best you can hope for is a draw.
- Those who hoot with owls by night should not fly with the eagles by day.

World Trade Center - cont.

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York City and Long Island, Eastern New York, Connecticut and Northern New Jersey. Hams have volunteered from all over, however, including at east eight Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club members from Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley.

Hams are deployed to 13 American Red Cross shelters, two OEM sites, several staging areas, and Red Cross headquarters, and as net controls. At any given time, up to a half dozen amateurs are posted just outside the secure perimeter of the so-called "Ground Zero" World Trade Center site, where Carrubba described conditions as "terrible." Volunteers there have been asked to provide respirators and other protective clothing. Shifts at all locations are 12 hours long.

Carrubba explained that Amateur Radio volunteers are being rotated in and out of areas and duties in an effort to equalize the stress. "The first 30 or

40 hours everybody does 'the iron man act,' I call it, because they're running on adrenaline," he said. After that, everyone gets some rest and unwinds a little bit. "The people that are going back are fresh," he said.

Since September 11, more than 350 hams have volunteered in excess of 5000 work hours.

Carrubba anticipates the Amateur Radio support operations to continue for some time to come, since the normal telecommunications systems remain disrupted or problematic. "The communications in the shelter are being used like telephones," he said. Telephone service is available, but it can take 15 or 20 tries to get a call through. Carrubba said net traffic has been substantial, al-

though there are occasional lulls.

Many more volunteers will be needed before the ARES and RACES operation stands down "Right now our task is a long-term effort, Carrubba said. "The schedule is being filled in on a day-by-day basis." To date, more than 200 individuals have signed up via the World Trade Center Disaster Relief Communications Web site, <http://wtc.ab2m.net>.

Carrubba expects that Amateur Radio assistance might be needed at least another week and possibly longer. "As long as there's a need for communications, we will be there," he said. (from the ARRL Letter, Vol 20, No. 38)



Ham of the Year

Please mail or give your ballot to
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Now is the time to vote
for your choice for Ham of the Year.

Deadline for ballots is November 30, 2001

My choice for Ham of the Year is _____

Comments _____

Web Wanderings



<http://Libertyunites.org>

<http://www.qsl.net/narc/paqso.htm>



<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/arrl/index.html>

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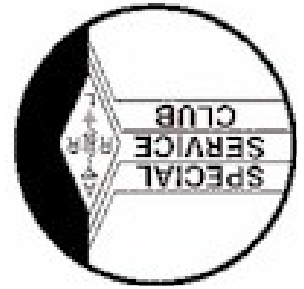


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Subject: Why is?

- Why is it considered necessary to nail down the lid of a coffin?
- Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic wins lottery" ?
- Why is abbreviated such a long word?
- Why is a boxing ring square?
- Why isn't there mouse flavored cat food?
- Why is it that all doctors call what they do "practice?"
- Why is it that rain drops but snow falls?
- Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?
- Why Is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the third hand on the watch called second hand?

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