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Meet Sandy Laws KA3PJP



Sandra was born in Sussex County, Milford, Delaware in September of 1954. At about 18 months old Sandy developed malignant

tumors behind the retina in both of her eyes, a eye disease called "Retinoblastoma" and had to have both eyes removed in order to remove the tumors. Yes, Sandra is a cancer survivor from the early 1950's. Sandra attended elementary through high school at the Maryland School for the Blind in Baltimore, graduating in June 1974. During her senior year, Sandra was given an opportunity to do an "Internship" at the John Hopkins Medical Center in the Medical Records Department. Sandra attended Business School in Pittsburgh, PA from 1975 to 1976 receiving her certification in Medical Terminology. She returned to Milford, DE in 1976 and worked at the Stockley Center Hospital in Medical Records Department from which she retired after 28 years in June 2003.

In 1977 Sandra married James Treadway - KA3IJO and made her home in Frederica, DE. Jim Treadway got Sandra interested in Amateur Radio and she received her Novice license in 1982 after she passed her 5 wpm Morse Code and written exams. Sandra received her Technician - Plus license in 1987 and her General Class license in 2000. Sandra has been an Amateur Radio Operator for over 33 years and has been a Kent County Amateur Radio Club member since 1987 and the KCARC Treasurer since January 2008. (Continued next page)

Coming Events...

- Nov 10 – Monthly KCARC Membership Meeting 7pm at 911 Center
- Nov 30 - ARES Meeting 7pm at 911 Center
- Dec 5 – Rehoboth Marathon
- Dec 8 – KCARC Christmas Party 6pm at King's Buffet
- Dec 12 – License Testing at Wyoming United Methodist Ch, Rm 209, 9am
- Dec 28 – ARES Meeting 7pm at 911 Center
- Jan 11 - Emergency Communications Course Review 6pm at 911 Center
- Jan 12 - Monthly KCARC Membership Meeting 7pm at 911 Center
- Jan 13 - Emergency Communications Course Review 6pm at 911 Center
- Jan 18 - Emergency Communications Course Review 6pm at 911 Center
- Jan 20 - Emergency Communications Course Review 6pm at 911 Center
- Jan 23 - Emergency Communications Course Exam 9am at 911 Center
- Jan 23-24 – Winter Field Day

Annual Christmas Party

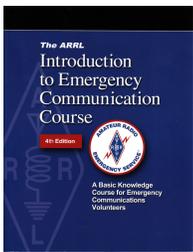


The KCARC Christmas party will be on December 8 at 6 p.m. At King's Buffet in Dover. The cost will be \$20 per person which includes meal, gratuity, and major prize. Instead of the club buying many door prizes like in years past, each member is asked to bring a wrapped "white elephant" prize to be traded. It can be something from your shack or a gender-specific gift. We need a head count by December 5 but it would be better to have your money in to Sandy Laws by the November club meeting.

Sandy Laws - continued

James Treadway - KA3IJO passed away suddenly with a massive heart attack in May of 2002. In June 2004 she married Jim Laws – K0UWO, a close friend socially and fellow ham for over 23 years. Sandy and Jim Laws are Life Members of QCWA, and both are members of the ARRL, 56 years for Jim, and 11 years for Sandra.

Sandra and Jim Laws are very active in the National Federation of the Blind for State of Delaware Chapter, avid NASCAR Race fans, and love to travel in their RV motorhome. They have traveled north to Maine, west to New Mexico, and south to Florida. Sandra and Jim's next RV motorhome trip will be in June 2016 to Lincoln, Nebraska for Jim's 55th High School Alumni Reunion.



Introduction to Emergency Communication

Jerry Palmer N3KRX will be leading a four day review of the ARRL *Introduction to Emergency Communication Course* January 11, 13, 18 and 20 meeting 6-10 pm each night with an exam to be given January 23 beginning at 9am. Tentative location is the 911 center. Those interested will need to read the textbook (available from the ARRL and HRO) and do the exercises prior to the review. There is a charge for the test. Contact Jerry for details.

HAMFEST & CONVENTION

The new date for the (“storm-cancelled”) Delmarva Hamfest and Delaware State ARRL Convention is April 16. For information contact Vic Gumper KC3BUI at 302-628-3060 or vwg615@yahoo.com

This newsletter is compiled by Jim Moore KC3BTV, Secretary of the Kent County Amateur Radio Club who is solely responsible for it's content. Any suggestions are welcome and may be e-mailed to kc3btv@arrl.org.



FREE TOWERS

A homeowner near Laurel wants to have three Amateur Radio towers removed from his property. These towers range from 75 to about 90 feet and include a variety of V/UHF antennas. All three towers with antennas are available free for the taking, however; they must be taken down. The homeowner specifies that they be taken down by an insured party, as all of the towers are very close to the house and he is concerned about potential damage during removal. If you are interested, contact Bill Duvneck, KB3KYH for more information. Go to the ARRL Delaware web site for some pictures. www.arrl.org/sections/view/delaware Scroll to the bottom of the page.



HELP!

What do you want to do next year as a club? What kinds of speakers at meetings would you like to hear? In what club activities would you be willing to participate? One thing that comes to mind is a field location transmitting/receiving from Delaware's National Park as a part of the 100th anniversary celebration of National Parks. What training and/or equipment demonstrations would you find useful? Do we need to do more field operations? Do we want to pick a location out of a hat to set up operation somewhere with no preplanning like a potential emergency deployment? Should we establish a club net either on 2m or HF apart from the ARES net test every Saturday morning? Do we want to do some digital mode exercises? Do we want to participate in one or more of the events at Dover Downs like the NASCAR race or Firefly as a club fund raiser? Do we want to have some other types of fund raising other than the 50-50 and club dues? How can we draw in some of the other hams in Kent County?

We need everyone's input.