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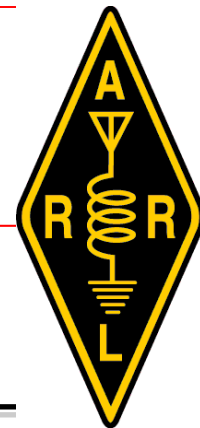
# THE BULLTHISTLE BUGLE

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## The President's Corner De K2DAR



I couldn't have put the following g in a better light than Jack has already done, so I took the liberty of reprinting it for those of you who may have missed the obituary in the local papers.

Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 2 AM, Arnie Hall, W2EDL of Smithville Flats, NY became a Silent Key.

He often indicated that he didn't use CW (a key) since the good Lord gave him a mouth To talk not use his hands. Those of you that have listened in the morning on the 82 repeater have heard Arnie. His near continuous chuckle during transmissions was his signature style as he shared many adventures of his 92 years of experiences in many fields on interest. His timing out of the repeater was so common one of the other net participants, in jest, presented him with a three minute egg timer to assist him in keeping track of time. A wonderful gentleman adventurer who loved and enjoyed life. His net operating antics and interesting comments will be long remembered.

We thank Ford, AB2HS for forwarding notice of Arnie's passing.

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### **For the Q-Code Enthusiast Via Jim Linton, VK3PC**

#### HAM HISTORY: THE Q-CODES

Most hams use Q codes in their day to day operation, but have you ever given any thought to where they came from? Jim Linton, VK3PC, has the rest of the story:

Q-codes, we use them on air particularly the HF bands, they're universally understood abbreviations and part of the regulatory or operational knowledge needed to obtain a ham ticket.

But where and how did they begin? The original Q Codes were created in about 1909 by the British government as a list of abbreviations for use by British ships and coastal stations.

They quickly proved their worth in facilitating communication between maritime operators in-

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## CVARA Meeting Notes 01/04/07 at the Norwich EMO

Weather Program presented by Priscilla Bridenstine .NY Binghamton ,National Weather Service of the Program consisted of a slide presentation and discussion about Winter weather problems, flooding .temperatures and rising operation discussed and Importance of Sky Warn contact procedures with weather reporting of .conditions

Meeting called to order at 2036 hours by K2DAR, .President

Members present : KC2OFT, KC2CN, K2DAR, 11 N2XWS, WB2PPN ,KC2PBP, KA2ZFM, KC2BXO .XYL, KC2OZK and WA2TDO & KF6C ,

.Minutes accepted as published

:Discussion

.of officers for March Meeting Be thinking of slate

Sympathy card has been sent to the family of who passed away recently in Marvin Druskoff .California

Empire State Games will be looking for volunteers .event in July 2008 for the

,Our club has less than 20 active members we need .participants suggestions to encourage new

### NIMS IMPLEMENTATION FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS APPLIES TO ARES

Local government often calls on nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) for assistance. NGOs are non-profit entities working cooperatively with government. Such organizations serve a public purpose, not a private benefit. Examples of NGOs include faith-based charity organizations, the American Red Cross, and ARES (ARRL).

.We need volunteers for weekly net operation .Everyone needs a turn .Let's make it happen

:Hamfests

NY Marathon January 13, 2007  
NY Horseheads February 24, 2007

.Meeting adjourned at 2051 hours

.WB2PPN & Submitted by KC2PBP

.No Hamfests until January 2007

.We need suggestions for meeting programs

:TOWER PROJECT

sections still to be installed with a completion date 3 .hopefully ,<sup>th</sup>or 5<sup>th</sup>November 4 of If not, it will be .put off until next year

.Meeting was adjourned at 2047 hours

Minutes submitted by: KC2PBP Sunnie Linabery

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) enables responders from different communities with a variety of job responsibilities to better work together. NIMS uses a systems approach to integrate the best of existing processes and methods into a unified national framework for incident management.

The NIMS Integration Center recommends 14 activities for NGOs that support NIMS implementation. The IC recommends that NGOs formally adopt NIMS, and identify a Point of Contact for local emergency management authority. Other recommenda-

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2007

February 1	CIVARA Meeting 7:00 PM	September 8 - 10	ARRL September VHF QSO Party
17 - 18	ARRL International DX Contest (CW)	15 - 16	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
17	GRAM Winter HamFest and Computer Show, Batavia, NY		
24	26th Annual Winterfest		
	ARA of the Southern Tier New York Armory Horseheads, NY	November 3 - 5	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
		17 - 19	ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)
March 1	CIVARA Meeting 7:00 PM	30 - 12/2	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
3 - 4	ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)		
April 5	CIVARA Meeting 7:00 PM	December 8 - 9	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
May 3	CIVARA Meeting 7:00 PM		
June 7	CIVARA Meeting 7:00 PM		
1 - 3	Atlantic Division Convention (Rochester Hamfest)		
	9 - 11 ARRL June VHF QSO Party		
	23 - 24 ARRL Field Day		
July 14 - 15	IARU HF World Championships		
	21 RadioCom 2007		
	Utica Amateur Radio Club		
August 4 - 5	ARRL UHF Contest		
	18 - 19 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest		

*Do not forget that every Wednesday nite at 7:30 local on the W2RME/R 146.085/146.685 The CARES net meets. If you are hungry, Saturday morning around 9:30an meet with other local hams at the Crossroads café, Just North of the City of Norwich.*

If you know of, or hear about any activities that should be listed here, Please pass them on to the editor.

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tions include use of the Incident Command System (ICS), an excellent organizational tool. The use of ICS aligns the NGO with all other responding entities so that deployment is accomplished in a consistent, efficient and effective manner. ICS implementation must include the consistent application of Incident Action Planning and Common Communications Plans.

The IC also recommends supporting "Integrated Multi-Agency Coordination Systems (MACs)" to ensure the NGO is able to communicate with local

Incident Command Posts (ICPs), local 911 Centers, and EOCs.

Other recommendations include establishing a public information system, revising plans and SOPs with NIMS, promoting Mutual Aid, exercising NIMS by participating in NIMS-based exercises, inventorying Response Assets using the Resource Typing standards found at:

<[http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/mutual\\_aid.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/mutual_aid.shtm)>, and sharing this inventory with local emergency management authority.

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cluding those from non-English speaking countries.

A total of 45 Q-codes were adopted by the International Radiotelegraph Convention in July 1912.

There are actually three sets of Q-codes - QAA-QNZ for aeronautical use, QOA-QOZ for maritime use, and QRA-QUZ for general use and part of this set is used by radio amateurs.

Some Q-codes previously listed for ham use in various publications seem to have fallen by the wayside.

For example QRA - What is the name of your station? This can easily be substituted with QRZ?

QUM - Normal operation of an amateur station can resume. This is a throw back to the early spark-gap wireless telegraphy era when amateur stations could be told to stop sending due to in-

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Training may include IS-700 NIMS: An Introduction, and IS-800 NRP: An Introduction; Incident Command System (ICS-100) and Incident Command System (ICS-200). For guidance, refer to: [http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims\\_training.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_training.shtm)

A Fact Sheet, "NIMS Implementation Activities for Nongovernmental Organizations" is available at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/NIMS-Integration-Center@dhs.gov>

## EW WEB FORUM FOR EMCOMM

A new Web forum has been formed at <http://www.emcommforum.org>. This forum is for members of all EMCOMM groups who use any communication system. The idea is to provide a new place to foster the sharing of ideas and cooperation among the many different volunteer groups.

terference with maritime stations.

Among others that seem to have fallen into disuse are:  
QRH - Does my frequency vary? and QRL - Are you busy?

There are also a few unofficial or humorous Q-codes used occasionally too. Notably QLF - sending with your left foot or QLK for left-footed keyboard operation. The point of those codes is to highlight poor sending via a Morse key or qwerty keyboard.

Now going QRT, I'm Jim Linton VK3PC.

### Nominations Corporate Officers CVARA, Inc. 2007-2008

Let us not forget that April 1, 2007, a new slate of officers must take the helm, continuing efforts to stabilize and bring forward the ongoing direc-

Any group who would like their own private section of the forum, free of charge, simply needs to have their EC or other leader make a request; the section would be viewable by members of that group only (unless otherwise requested). This is a great communication tool for groups that would like to increase their Web presence and communication without the trouble of building and hosting their own forum. -- Brian Cook, KI4HLW, Vice President, Vero Beach (Florida) Amateur Radio Club (W4OT) <http://www.vbarc.net>; ARRL Public Information Officer, Indian River County <http://www.hello-radio.org>; [ki4hlw@gmail.com](mailto:ki4hlw@gmail.com)

The preceding from ARES E-letter for January 17, 2007

The ARES E-Letter is an e-mail digest of news and information of interest to active members of the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).

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## Lose-proof and "Thumbs-proof" your SMA Adapter

I might know the guy who developed the SMA connector. We still speak, however. I'm just sour because all my other stuff has BNC connectors or UHF'ies and I have to use adapters. One price of miniaturization is the ability I have for losing small stuff. Another is becoming all thumbs and not being able to deftly screw them on and off especially in the cold.

I haven't lost my SMA-BNC one with my TH-F6 in a long time because of the "red thing". I cut out a piece of plastic from an old bottle of motor oil and clamped it between 2 pieces of wood and drilled a 5/16 hole in it. Then punched a 1/8 hole in it near the 5/16 one. Cut out a nice tear-drop shape around the holes and pushed the big hole over the SMA coupling nut. The yellow string went through the 1/8 hole and was tied around the hand-strap.

But then it was hard to get fingers to the coupling nut

Have Fun de Jim WA2IAX

to screw it on and off for the times that I needed to use the SMA-connected Rubber Duck! Well, it always WAS a tough job. The next solution was to machine a sleeve out of nylon bar stock to press over the coupling nut. The outside diameter is about 5/8 and the through hole was drilled with a 11/32 drill. The outside was "knurled" by placing a threading tool bit on its side and broaching some slots in the outside surface. Could be done with the corner of a fine file, though. It was cut off at about 1/4 long. The 11/32 hole pushed over the hex of the coupling nut quite easily.

I wish it were easy to get nylon bar stock. Found this in the company junk bin. Plexiglas or any other soft plastic rod would work. Wish someone could think of a way to build it out of something more available. Stack of glued-up poker chips?

Close-up of the red string-attacher and the black knurled sleeve.

**Kemwood** TH-F6 with string-secured SMA to BNC adapter tied around the wrist strap.



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***Deadline for the March 2007 Bugle is February 20th***

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