



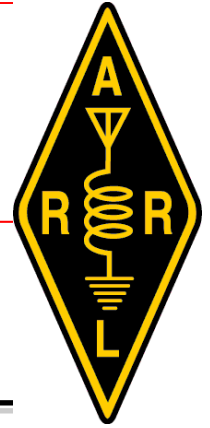
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The President's Corner De WB2PPN



By the time the June's meeting rolls around, we will probably be spending more time in the great outdoors, mowing, planting, and perhaps a little time for our amateur radio activities. A great time for installing new antennas or just fine tuning our old ones.

The Hamfests are starting to pop up all over the area again and are a great way to meet your fellow hams and spend some of that old money that you have been saving up all winter. Cortland is coming up next week-end if I checked it right. I am sure many of you will be checking it out.

73's

Stan WB2PPN

CVARA Meeting Notes 05/03/07

Meeting called to order at 1905 hours by WB2PPN, president.

Members present: KA2MYD, KC2CN, K2DAR, 11 WB2PPN, N2RXX, KB2NDK, ,KC2PBP, KA2ZFM .N2XWS, WA2TDO, and KC2OZK

.Minutes accepted as submitted

Accepted-Treasurer's report

.Membership now has 35 paid members

Skyline Club letter from Cortland –Correspondence .Club

K2DAR will attend –Amphenol Open House .Amphenol committee meeting with All booths will .be outside Further report will follow at CVARA .meeting in June

KA2MYD commented on purchase of -Field Day .Shirts with Field Day logo on them-T Pins and If interested please contact Tom soon, so that he can .get the order in Tom also indicated that another .radio and shelter is needed for Field Day

K2DAR reported on availability of insurance for .insuring members equipment

N2RXX-Education reported that Hamilton Hospital .wants to have 3 radio operators A test for .the four local hospitals will be set up

– Hamfests

June 1, 2, 3-Hamfest Rochester
- Cortland thJune 9 7am to 2 pm

General Clinton Canoe – thSaturday, May 26
? Need at least 6 volunteers from Noon till–Regatta

Tom Atwell will be removed from rolls as Trustee .has moved out of the area since he Nominations .will be posted in the Bugle for election in July

:NOTICE Saturday Breakfasts are now being held at The Dog House on Rt 12 North of North Norwich .at 9 or 9:30 a.m

.Meeting adjourned 1954 hrs

Minutes submitted by Sunnie Linabery KC2PBP



Member Birthdays for Month of June

Don Schlafer K2UZM 6/22 91st Birthday

Bob Benton N2RXX 6/25

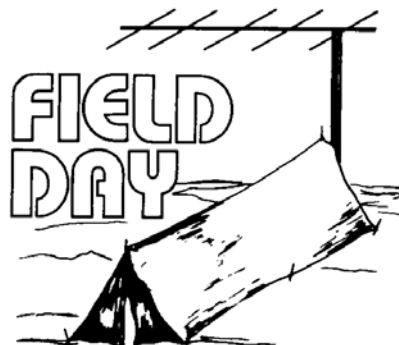
Tom Ball WA2THS 6/26

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2007

June	1-3	Atlantic Division Convention (Rochester Hamfest)		15 - 16	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
	7	CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM	October 4		CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM
	9 - 11	ARRL June VHF QSO Party	November		1 CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM
fest	9	Skyline Amateur Radio Club Ham- Cortland, NY	3 - 5		ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
	23 - 24	ARRL Field Day		17 - 19	ARRL November Sweepstakes
July	5	CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM	(Phone)	30 - 12/2	ARRL 160 Me- ter Contest
Club	14 - 15	IARU HF World Championships	December		6 CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM
	21	RadioCom 2007 Utica Amateur Radio	8 - 9		ARRL 10 Meter Contest
August	1	CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM			
Club Hamfest	4 - 5	ARRL UHF Contest			
	4	Tompkins County Amateur Radio Ithaca, NY			
	18	Hamfest 2007 Rome Radio Club Inc. Westmoreland			
	18 - 19	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest			
September	6	CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM			
Party	8 - 10	ARRL September VHF QSO			

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 breakfasts. They are now being held at "The Dog House" North of North Norwich, around 9:30 a.m

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



To All ARES members;

Below is a message from our section emergency coordinator asking for participation in a drill on June 9th. This is an HF drill and can be done from home. It is excited because they are advocating and testing the use of NVIS antennas. NVIS antennas are purposely built low to the ground, this way the take of angle of your HF signal goes straight up to the ionosphere and comes back down giving an operational radius of about 200-300 miles. For a statewide operation this works well, using this style of antenna also keeps you from hearing other stations and interference from outside that radius. I have attached the test instructions for this drill, it appears that even non HF privilege operators can participate. You are instructed to enter your results on their web site (which is real nice by the way!). This seems to be a well organized operation and requires minimal efforts from the participants. The data collected will be extremely valuable. I have wanted to conduct something on a similar basis for our area.

Here are some helpful links to learn about NVIS antennas and how to construct simple versions, both mobile and fixed. If anyone is planning on participating please reply back with a quick confirmation.

<http://www.tactical-link.com/nvis3.htm>
<http://www.sedata.net/nvis.html>
<http://www.eham.net/articles/4141> mobile setup
<http://hometown.aol.com/alonestaryank/ENVISANT.html>
<http://www.emcomm.org/projects/nvis.htm> another mobile setup
<http://www.hamuniverse.com/nvisbeam.html>
<http://www.athensarc.org/nvis.htm> this page goes in to the theory with good diagrams
<http://www.athensarc.org/nvis.htm> good theory page too

Thank You,
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 (607) 435-3988 Mobile
 (208) 692-1898 Fax
www.wirelessmapping.com
 <<http://www.wirelessmapping.com>>

From: JOE T
[\[mailto:GRTWHITE@WORLDNET.ATT.NET\]](mailto:GRTWHITE@WORLDNET.ATT.NET)
 Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2007 9:07 AM
 To: Brian Webster
 Subject: FW: Monroe ARES Coordinates Statewide NVIS Drill

Brian,

Monroe County ARES is looking for a little help

with a short HF test!!

Please get this out to your troops, There is additional info on their website for anyone who would like to participate.

tk's and
 73,
 Joe.

JOSEPH M. TEDESCO KC2DKP/NNNOJIE
 W.N.Y. Section Emergency Coordinator
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Wigal [<mailto:wy7q@arrl.net>]
 Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2007 10:28 PM
 To: jeff@wigaldesign.com
 Subject: Monroe ARES Coordinates Statewide NVIS Drill

On Saturday, 9 June, starting at 1000 (Local), Monroe County ARES will conduct an NVIS Emergency Communications Test. The purpose of the test is to evaluate the ability to establish intelligible communications on the HF bands with stations throughout New York State.

Prior to the date of the test, please go to the Monroe County ARES website (www.monroecountyemcomm.org) and download the test instructions, an answer sheet and a word list. On the date of the test, stations are asked to tune to the designated frequency and listen for further instructions. If available, stations are asked to use antennas that maximize short range HF communications such as low dipoles or other antennas that support NVIS propagation mode. Use of emergency power source (batteries, solar cells, generators, etc...) is also encouraged.

Contact Ross Mazzola KC2LOC at kc2loc@arrl.net with questions or for more information.

Jeff Wigal, WY7Q
 Emergency Coordinator
 Monroe County ARES

Eds Note" Attached with this months Bugle email is a second email that goes into more detail on the test, and an instruction sheet to follow incase you want to participate in the test.

Troop 99 Sr. Scout is Comm Man for Patrol



L-R Bryan Price, Tom Hoskins, Dillon Gifford, Seth Arnold, Trail Boss Dillon Ives and Radioman KC2NTR Alex Latta show the results of their trash pick-up conservation project under direction of Park Sup't Ron Healt at Oquaga Creek State Park May 12, '07

Pack 88 Webelos: Tom Hoskins, Dillon Gifford, Seth Arnold along with their dads were guests of Troop 99 for an afternoon/evening of advancement opportunities. The first was a trash pickup in the campsite areas of Oquaga Creek State Park. Sup't Healt gave the scouts trash bags and safety gloves and they gathered about 80 lbs. of litter from the sites. Next, the group split up into 3 patrols, 2 starting 1.5 miles east and the other starting 1.5 miles west of Clark's Pond and hiked to the pond to cook dinner. Requirements earned were: Fire; safety, building and extinguishing, Cooking: say grace, help cook, help clean up. Discussion: Tell why we share camp duties, gear, clothing and why we eat in groups. Scouts then packed up and continued their hike toward each others cars. Along the way the required identification of 6 different trees was earned as well as the finish of the 3 mile hike. While on the hike, radioman Alex kept in touch with the adult radioman from the opposite patrol each 15 minutes to check safety of the groups.

From the The ARRL Letter Vol. 26, No. 22 June 1, 2007

Aiiieee! My BS7H QSO is not in the log! The fellow who's handling QSL cards for the recent BS7H Scarborough Reef DXpedition -- Steve Wheatley, KU9C -- says he's received "quite a number" of questions concerning contacts not in the online log <<http://www.scarboroughreef.com/srlog.html>>, a lack of QSO details, the dog ate my log and similar. "Rather than ask via e-mail," he suggests, "I'd ask you to kindly put the inquiry in a note with your QSL to me. I'll research the log as I work your QSL request, and respond accordingly." Wheatley says that if you're not showing up in the BS7H online log, don't despair. "Put down every QSO you believe you had, and I'll do the rest." KU9C reminds operators that research-

ing contacts takes him away from processing other cards. "If it's a busted call, I'll use well-established judgment in issuing the card," he says, "and may ask you to help confirm that the person's whose call appears did not make a QSO." But, he adds, if an operator can't supply any QSO details beyond what's in the online log, it will be impossible for him to issue a card. He also says not to fret if you sent return postage under the old rates; he'll make up the difference. Scarborough Reef has been the top most-wanted DXCC entity -- The Daily DX <<http://www.dailydx.com/>>

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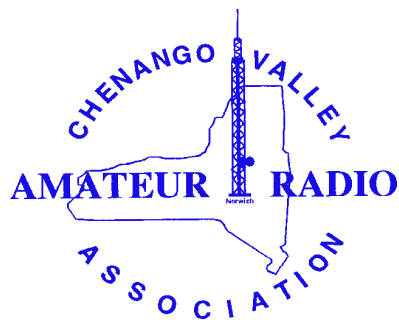
Tom, KA2MYD, editor of the Bugle is ALWAYS looking for submissions
Your views, comments, and articles will gladly be published. Send your articles to.....

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Deadline for the July 2007 Bugle is June 20th



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