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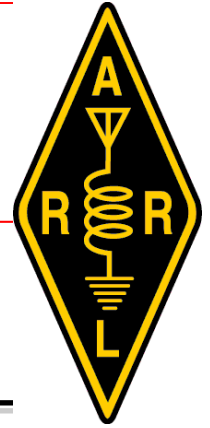
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The President's Corner De WB2PPN



Greetings Fellow Hams,

October brings forth a multitude of color around our area and it is inspirational time to prepare for things to come. I hope you are all planning for some good radio activity to get you through the long days of winter that are sure to catch up with us before long. It has been great to hear the increased participation on our Wednesday Night Nets and I hope this progress continues. I know there are many more of you out there as I can hear you listening. Please join in. We welcome your participation. The November meet is 11/01/07 at the Norwich Police Station 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

73's
Stan WB2PPN

CVARA Meeting Notes 08/02/07

Meeting called to order at 1907 hours by WB2PPN, President.

12 Members present: N2XWS, N2CHD, KC2PBP, WB2PPN, K2DAR, W2WHT, KC2CN, KC2LEA, KA2MYD, WA2TDO, KA2ZFM and N2RXK.

Minutes - Minutes of last meeting accepted.

Treasurer's report – Accepted

EMCOM Testing – Resulted in 3 persons passing exams:

W2WHT and KC2PBP Level I and II
N2CHD Level I

Discussion on reimbursement for Gus Wills for mowing tower site last year. Motion made, seconded and carried to send \$30.00 payment for same.

1st **Monday** of Month – SCARES NET is at 1900 hours on 39.25 with alternate frequency 39.935. You do not have to be a member to participate.

Skywarn Recognition Day event Dec 1st 1901 Hrs to Dec 2nd 1859 Hrs. Scan the bands or go to <http://hamradio.noaa.gov> for frequencies and stations that will be participating.

N2RXK reports that Hamilton Hospital radios have been installed and training will be given in December. VE Testing will be scheduled, possibly December 8 2007.

Discussion of new EMCOM Manual.

Suggested questionnaires to find out what roles people will be most comfortable with in the event of an emergency.

Phone tree discussed.

Operating Center at the airport

Community Projects – N2RXK

Norwich Airport wants to have a drill sometime soon.

He explained procedure at time of emergency. Area is secured.

K2DAR reported that the IRS wants an accounting of our money.

WB2PPN again suggested a swap page in the Bugle. KA2MYD says that will be no problem. Anyone who has items for sale or swap should get in touch with him.

If you change your e-mail address or actual address he needs to be notified.

Introductions were made.

N2RXK says 5 VE's will be needed for the next testing session.

Motion made to adjourn by KA2MYD and seconded by WA2TDO.

Meeting adjourned at 1955 hrs.

Minutes submitted by Sunnie Linabery KC2PBP

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2007

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

November 1 CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM
3 - 5 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)

17 - 19 ARRL November Sweepstakes
(Phone)
30 - 12/2 ARRL 160 Me-
ter Contest

December 6 CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM
8 - 9 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

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



RADIO LAW: SOME IN CONGRESS FEAR DISASTROUS OUTCOME OF DTV CUTOVER

Some United States lawmakers are worried that too few Americans know that the analog television sets they have been using for years could become big cathode-ray paperweights after February 18, 2009. That's when broadcasters are mandated to shut off their analog signals and transmit only digital.

During a recent Senate Commerce Committee hearing examining the government-mandated transition to digital TV, lawmakers aired their views that too little was being done to get the message to Americans. They cite a poll released in January by the Association for Public Television Stations that indicates 61% of respondents had no idea the digital transition was going to take place. Of those that did know, most were not aware of a \$40 per unit government subsidy that will be offered on the purchase of converter boxes that will permit current analog sets to display digitally transmitted pictures.

An even bigger problem is where to buy a set top digital converter box. While there are several companies including Philips and Motorola making them, they seem to be scarcer than hens teeth in the current consumer electronics marketplace. Few of the on-line sellers have them and we have yet to have a reporter walk into a brick and mortar establishment and find one on the shelf. And if you ask a salesman for help, he will likely try to sell you a new T-V rather than finding you the converter box you want.

Good luck on February 18, 2009 if you receive your television for free over the air.

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ARLB024 Hollingsworth to Stay Put at FCC

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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT October 30, 2007

To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB024

ARLB024 Hollingsworth to Stay Put at FCC Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel for the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, has decided not to retire. He had announced last week that he would

leave the FCC in January 2008. Riley states, "After spending the entire weekend thinking about the decision [to retire], it became more and more clear to me that it just isn't the right decision for me right now. There are several issues on the table that I want to continue to work through with the amateur community."

The Enforcement Bureau is the primary organizational unit within the Federal Communications Commission that is responsible for enforcement of provisions of the Communications Act, the Commission's rules, Commission orders and terms and conditions of station authorizations, as well as enforcement of Amateur Radio rules (Part 97).

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ARRL Participating in the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign:

For each year since 2002, the US Office of Personnel Management has designated the ARRL to participate in its Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). In the past, this campaign for federal government civilian employees, US Postal Service workers and members of the military has generated more than \$100,000 for ARRL programs. The CFC provides an easy way to support

ARRL's effort to represent its members and all radio amateurs. Similar to the United Way, the CFC encourages individuals to pledge by payroll deduction to non-profit organizations of their choice. The ARRL encourages eligible radio amateurs to consider the League when designating campaign recipients. Those wishing to select the ARRL to receive all or part of their payroll deductions should designate organization 10099 when completing their CFC donor forms. Donations to ARRL can be designated for Diamond Club contributions, the ARRL Spec-

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Defense Fund or the ARRL Education & Technology Program. Or, donors may make unrestricted contributions to the League. One important note: Since the CFC does not provide the ARRL with the names of individual donors, the ARRL Development Office would appreciate a copy of the donor form to ensure that each contribution is applied according to the donor's wishes and that the contribution or pledge can be properly acknowledged. The 2007 CFC ends December 15.

From The ARRL Letter
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From: Jeff KP3FT <kp3ft@yahoo.com>
 Subject: WN2WNC 10m beaconTo:
 ka2myd@arrl.net

Hi Tom,
 This is Jeff, KP3FT, from Puerto Rico. Just letting you know some interesting local information for the Bugle that Ken Cassidy, WN2WNC, has a 10 meter beacon on 28.213 Mhz in operation. NY has very little 10m beacons, and Ken's is in a good location of NY for propagation reports. I've copied it several

times here in PR, and he was also copied in Europe. The beacon is a converted Teaberry 23-channel CB running 3 watts into a vertical. The keyer is a NOR-CAL keyer.

I'm running one here in PR on 28.222, 24/7 operation, 4 watts into a vertical, converted HyGain 23-channel CB, N0XAS keyer.

P.S. Please say hello to Joe KA2ZFM for me?
 73!

Jeff KP3FT



In the previous issue of this publication Stan, WB2PPN suggested a swap column. I indicated at the last meeting that I had some excess equipment that I would list in this issue so here is the inaugural classiy-fieds on I hope a regular basis.

For Sale:
 Hygain TH-3 Tribander \$100.00
 includes BN8000 Balun

2 AR6 Ringo Rangers 25.00/ea
 6 meter ringos

Kenwood TS-830 \$300.00
 160 10 meters
 Tube finals
 Good first rig

Kenwood TS140S \$400.00
 160 -10 meters
 All solid State

I have other excess material that I will be listing later
 For more info contact ka2myd@arrl.net



A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables; and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you." He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze.

When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you."

Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot. Yep," the parrot confessed, and then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed.

"What kind of people would name a bird Moses?"

"The kind of people who would name a Rottweiler. . . Jesus."

Enjoy de K2DAR

Eagle Court of Honor

Dateline – October 21, 2007

October 21, 2007 was an eventful day as one of our fellow amateurs, Connor Hornbeck (KC2JJY) was elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout, Troop 99, Sidney, NY at approximately 1500 hrs. local time.

Many had the privilege of attending this impressive ceremony held at the Sidney Congregational Church, including K2DAR and KA2MYD, representing CVARA, Inc. and the Amateur Radio fraternity in Chenango County

Connor came up through the Cub Scout ranks, then moved on into his Boy Scout career (starting 5/7/01) and has earned 31 Merit Badges (as of 5/2/07). Connor participated in and continues to participate in many school and community activities, currently captain of his high school football team, and is involved in other sports as well, excelling in track & field events. He unselfishly assisted in cleanup efforts during the 2006 Flood in Sidney & surrounding areas and is always ready to help where help is needed.

Community activities and leadership qualities abound in this young man and am sure Connor will continue to be an asset to his family, friends, community and nation in the future. His desire to enter the Law Enforcement field is commendable and wish him well as he enters college next fall.

This ceremony was a culmination of Connors hard work and determination to become one of the few (only 4% of the Boy Scout population reach the rank of Eagle Scout). We congratulate this young man in his accomplishments and we're proud to have been a part of his Eagle Project on Emergency Communications.

Quote from Connor, "I would like to say that Amateur Radio is a resource that only becomes more valuable as we reach out to more people. Amateur Radio operators are caring, kind and compassionate people who serve one purpose during a disaster, to simply help when and where they are needed."



Pictured in the photo above/below are:

Mr. Dave Leidy, Debra Hornbeck, Mother (KC2OFV), Connor Hornbeck, Eagle Scout (KC2JJY), Jeff Hornbeck, Father (KC2NTT), Kevin Kiel, Scoutmaster, (KB2EZR) and Jim LeBaron, Mentor Troop 99 (WA2IAX)

Simulated Radio Disaster Drill Completed for Eagle Project Requirements

Connor Hornbeck – KC2JJY, Eagle Candidate from Boy Scout Troop#99 in Sidney, has completed a simulated Amateur Radio Disaster Drill to fulfill his requirements for Eagle Scout. The drill was executed on August 20, 2006 in Chenango County. The drill involved setting up designated shelter sites and manning them with radio operators and portable equipment. Shelter sites included the Afton High School, Greene High School, Sherburne-Earlville High School, Oxford Church and the New Berlin Fire Department.

The drill involved tying together the selected shelter sites around the country to the Emergency Operations Center in Norwich, NY. The Norwich site acted as a control point, which then relayed information to the Red Cross Headquarters in Endicott, NY. This drill was a huge success and all shelter sites were able to reach the Emergency Operations Center in Norwich. The Red Cross Headquarters in Endicott was reached by radio using the 146.820 Repeater.

Months of training and planning were required to prepare for this drill. Training consisted of map usage, site authority, site needs, equipment requirements and inventory, equipment operation training, simulated message preparation, staffing and record keeping. Both licensed and unlicensed operators participated in the drill.

Mr. James LeBaron – WA2IAX, who is Connors Eagle Mentor for the project, provided support. Mr. Raymond Darling – K2DAR assisted with training and the coordination of resources from the Chenango Valley Amateur Radio Association (CVARA). The following people also assisted with the drill – Mr. Joseph Dolgos (KA2ZFM), Mr. Stanley White – WB2PPN, Mr. John Smith – KB2YEN, Mr. Robert Root – WA2TDO, Mr. Charles Davenport Sr. – KC2BXO, Mr. Ford Drake – AB2HS, Mr. Brian Adee – K2DLB, Mrs. Judi LeBaron – KC2MYX, Mr. Jeff Hornbeck – KC2NTT, Mrs. Debra Hornbeck – KC2OFV, Jesse Hornbeck – KC2NTS. Unlicensed participants at the time were Carl Ayres, Seth Green, Ethan Green, all Boy Scouts in Troop#99 and Jillian Hornbeck.



Shown in photo above are – from left to right – front row:

Jesse Hornbeck – KC2NTS, Seth Green (Now KC2RGF), Connor Hornbeck (KC2JJY), Jillian Hornbeck, Carl Ayres (Now KC2RGJ), Jeff Hornbeck (KC2NTT), Ethan Green (Now KC2RGG), Judi LeBaron (KC2MYX). **In back row:** Ray Darling (K2DAR) and Jim LeBaron (WA2IAX).

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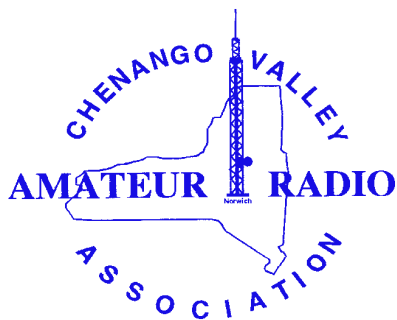
Tom, KA2MYD, editor of the Bugle is ALWAYS looking for submissions
Your views, comments, and articles will gladly be published. Send your articles to.....

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