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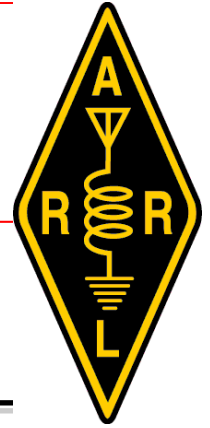
# THE BULLTHISTLE BUGLE

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## *The Vice-President's Corner*

De KA2MYD



Greetings to fellow members of the CVARA;

It has been a very mild winter so far this season. Above average temperatures have surly saved many dollars on the heating cost. Maybe the savings will be converted into new toys for the lucky ones.

As most of you know, our President is spending a couple of months in the Sunshine state. I figured that someone should write something to fill this space, of course I am the second in command and I understand that it is my duty to perform the duties of president in his absence. So I am at the keyboard writing this.

I have not been active on the radio for what I feel is a very good reason. I am going through a life changing experience. My lady friend of over 40 years has decided that she wants to move in and co habituate with me. So I have been getting ready for this big event. I hope to be able to bring her to the March meeting.

Speaking of meetings the February meeting is tonite, Thursday, February 7, 2008. As I have heard on the TV, :Come on down:

73  
Tom  
KA2MYD

## CVARA Meeting Notes 1/03/08

It is the understanding that there were only five members present at the January meeting.

A very short meeting was held

The meeting was adjourned and reconvened at the local Mc Donald's



W1AW Receives New Equipment for 160 Meters: Within the next week, W1AW, The Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, will replace the exciter and amplifier currently being used for the 160 meter broadcast equipment with brand new gear -- an ICOM IC-756ProIII and a new ICOM IC-PW1 amplifier. This equipment replaces a Ten-Tec Omni VI+ and Ten-Tec Hercules II amplifier. W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, said, "It's still important that W1AW maintain its presence on the air. Despite current technology, Amateur Radio operators still look to W1AW for code practice and bulletin transmissions, Frequency Measuring Tests, Field Day messages, emergency communications, frequency beacons -- these can't be transmitted unless the equipment is fully functional and performing properly." When the new 160 meter equipment is installed, W1AW's broadcast equipment will consist of the following: 10 meters -- ICOM IC-756Pro/Harris RF-3230 amplifier; 15 meters -- ICOM IC-756ProII/Harris RF-3230 amplifier; 17 meters -- ICOM IC-756ProII/Harris RF-3230 amplifier; 20 meters -- ICOM IC-756ProII/ICOM IC-PW1; 40 meters -- ICOM IC-756ProII/Command Technologies 40-meter amplifier; 80 meters -- Ten Tec Orion I/Harris RF-3230 amplifier, and 160 meters -- ICOM IC-756ProIII/ ICOM IC-PW1.

Amateurs Activated as Tornado Strikes Mississippi Town: On the afternoon of January 10, an EF3 tornado hit Caledonia, Mississippi, approximately 60 miles southeast of Tupelo. The tornado caused major damage to the town of 1000 people; an elementary school gymnasium was severely damaged. The Lowndes County Emergency Operations Center activated area storm spotters in advance of the approaching storm; hams assigned to the EOC activated the Amateur Radio station there and started to gather information on the weather. After the storm passed, EOC personnel requested assistance from radio operators to help with reports of major damage to homes and buildings in the town. The EOC set up a command post at the fire station downtown and asked members of ARES to provide communication between the EOC and Red Cross; the Red Cross had set up a shelter at a local church not too far from the affected area, and local amateurs set up portable lights and generators. Hams maintained communication until 7 PM local time. Members of the Monroe County Amateur Radio Club set up their repeater for a secondary emergency contact frequency in Monroe County; Lowndes County is just south of Monroe County. -- Information provided by Doug Scallions, KD5FUO, ARRL Emergency Coordinator for Lowndes County

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2008

7 Feb CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

24 Feb Long Island Indoor Hamfair & Electronics Show  
Long Island Mobile ARC

6 Mar CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

3 Apr CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

13 Apr Mt. Beacon ARC

1 May CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

30-31 May Atlantic Division Convention (Rochester Hamfest)  
Rochester Amateur Radio Association

5 June CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

3 Jul CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

19 Jul Genesee Radio Amateurs  
Alexander (Batavia), NY

7 Aug CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

4 Sep CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

2 Oct CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

6 Nov CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

4 Dec CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

***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.



Radio Amateur Named Head of Tropical Prediction Center: Veteran meteorologist Bill Read, KB5FYA, was named the new director of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Tropical Prediction Center, which includes the National Hurricane Center (NHC) earlier this month. Read had served as the Center's acting deputy director since August 2007. The NHC has a dedicated amateur station on-site -- W4EHW -- and has worked closely with hams for decades. In announcing Read's appointment to head the Center, NOAA Administrator Conrad Lautenbacher cited Read's three decades of experience with the agency and of his reputation as "a trusted consultant to emergency managers" in the Houston area. NOAA's Tropical Prediction Center contains three divisions: The National Hurricane Center -- provides forecasts of the movement and strength of tropical weather systems and issues watches and warnings for the US and surrounding areas; The Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch -- issues year-round marine forecasts and

warnings over the tropical and subtropical North Atlantic and eastern Pacific, produces tropical cyclone position and intensity estimates and provides operational support during landfalling hurricane and tropical storm events; The Technical Support Branch -- provides support for the Center's computer and communications systems, developing new techniques for tropical cyclone and tropical weather analysis and prediction.

ARRL DXCC Desk Approves E4/OM2DX Operation: ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the 2007 E4/OM2DX DXpedition to Palestine has been approved for DXCC credit. "If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail <dxcc@arrl.org>; to the ARRL DXCC Desk and you will be placed on the list for update," Moore said

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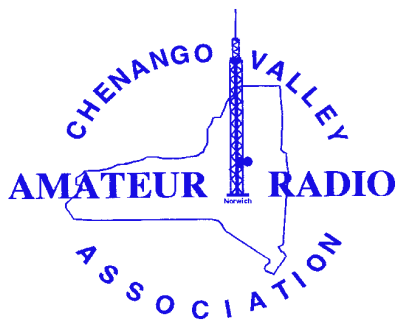
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***Deadline for the March 2008 Bugle is February 20th***

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