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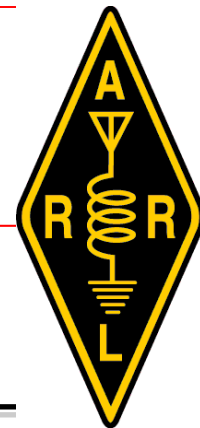
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The President's Corner De WB2PPN



Greetings Fellow Hams,

A new year has reached us once again and the new roster of Officers should be under motion. With any luck, I should be basking in the sun of Florida, as you read this. Our latest VE testing has blessed us with some new licenses and I hope we can start increasing our membership rolls again. 2007 has been a year of some accomplishment. We have a new repeater tower that has been performing well and we have an active weekly net operating again. Group participation and new ideas are our greatest assets. We can make it happen if we all work together.

Happy New Year to All
Stan WB2PPN

Ed's Notes—From the staff of the Bullthistle Bugle, we would like to wish all a Nappy and Prosperous 2008. A calendar for 3008 in included with this issue. For those that receive this publication via US mail, it is on a separate sheet. For those that receive via email, it is a separate pdt tile. Hope to see all at the meeting on Thursday, 3 January.

73

Tom KA2MYeditor



CVARA Meeting Notes 12/06/07

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

10 Members present: N2XWS, KC2PBP, WB2PPN, W2WHT, KC2CN, KA2MYD, K2DAR, KC2OFT, KA2ZFM and N2RXK.

Minutes - Minutes of last meeting accepted as published.

Treasurer's report – Accepted as read

Discussion – Power supplier – NYSEG – We will remain on fixed plan.

Breakfast meeting for Saturday 12/08/07 will not be held due to VE Testing commitment. Lunch is planned for after testing session.

Repeater “Kerchunking” problem seems to be solved for the present time after re-setting repeater.

Wed Night Net – W2WHT reported on the net response as being steady.

SET Drill – A huge drill is planned for early March. It will be on a Sunday afternoon. Major

objective in intercommunications. We need support for this effort.

Election of Officers – Nominations will be needed by the end of December.

VE Testing December 8 2007 0900 Hrs. – Good turnout and several new licenses earned.

Meeting adjourned at 1939 Hrs.

Presentation by K2DAR on Traffic Handling, followed the regular meeting.

Minutes submitted by Sunnie Linabery
KC2PBP



From: "Tony" <amasijr@stny.rr.com>

To: <Undisclosed-Recipient;>; Subject: A Thank You note - For The Bugle

It has been a long haul for me with all the repairs this year and then getting my XYL's cold two days before the test. I now an a new EXTRA Class operator.

I wish to Thank the people that were instrumental in my going for the Extra class exam and giving me so much support.

First= Ray/K2DAR, Ken/WN2WNC, Chuck/N2CHD and John/N2XWS, and Bob/N2RXX

With out their support and pushing me to do my best I might have not tried at all. Thanks to them, I have entered the family of EXTRA Class operators. A special Thank You to my XYL for her support. A big Thank You to everyone.

73
Tony/N2GVB/AE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2008

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| 3 Jan CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM | 3 Jul CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM |
| 12 Jan Winterfest 2008
Skyline Amateur Radio Club | 19 Jul Genesee Radio Amateurs
Alexander (Batavia), NY |
| 13 Jan NLI Section Convention / Ham Radio University | 7 Aug CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM |
| 26 Jan Lockport Amateur Radio Association | 4 Sep CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM |
| 7 Feb CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM | 2 Oct CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM |
| 24 Feb Long Island Indoor Hamfair & Electronics Show
Long Island Mobile ARC | 6 Nov CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM |
| 6 Mar CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM | 4 Dec 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 | |

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.



Birthday List for January & February 2008

Tony Masi	N2GVB	January 3
John Witkowski	WA2QQF	January 27
Dave Rounds	N2ZMX	February 7
Carol DeClue	N2OZW	February 26

DXCC DESK ANNOUNCES NEW ENTITY

The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island entity number 338 with an effective date of December 14, 2007. Cards with contacts dated December 14, 2007 or after will be accepted for DXCC credit. New card submissions for St Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1, 2008 in order to allow time for administrative adjustments.

On February 21, 2007 the French Ministry issued a decree making St Barthelemy an Overseas Collective, where its status is now equal to that of Guadeloupe, Martinique and other French territories currently on the DXCC List. On November 8, 2007 the President of Association Des Radio Amateurs De St Barthelemy, Philippe Delcroix, FJ5DX, contacted the DXCC Desk, requesting that St Barthelemy be considered a new DXCC entity.

The "event date" that caused St Barthelemy to be added to the DXCC list was December 14, 2007, the date the US State Department added St Barthelemy to the "List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty" with its Administrative Center in Gustavia, qualifying it under DXCC rules in Section II - 1 Political Entities (c): "The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government, and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the 'permanent population' and 'administered by a local government' criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the U.S. Department of State's list of 'Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty' as having a local 'Administrative Center,' or (b) the United Nations list of 'Non-Self-Governing Territories.'"

French St Martin (FS), while also added to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty, will remain on the DXCC List, but it is now considered a Point 1 Political Entity under the same classification as that of St Barthelemy.

Please direct any questions you may have about St Barthelemy, St Martin or the DXCC program to the ARRL DXCC Desk dxcc@arrl.org;

UPCOMING OPERATING EVENTS

Are you getting a new rig this holiday season? Maybe you are perfectly happy with the one you have now. Does it really matter as long as you get on the air? Put your rig to good use and join in these operating events and contests that are coming up the first week of 2008.

The ARRL Straight Key Night fast approaching! Dust off that old J-38 and enjoy CW as it used to be. This on-air operating event is designed to encourage all Amateur Radio operators to enjoy sending Morse code the old-fashioned way. While the event is called Straight Key Night for a reason, the main point is to encourage the use of CW in a relaxed, no-pressure atmosphere. Bugs and iambic paddles are allowed, but we encourage all participants to use a straight key if possible. Enjoy a good ragchew and cast your vote for the "best fist" you hear. Be sure to tell us about your most memorable contact. The ARRL Straight Key Night is from 0000 UTC-2400 UTC on January 1, 2008. You can find complete details on page 98 of the December 2007 QST.

The first weekend of 2008 provides an opportunity to enjoy some healthy competition. The ARRL RTTY Roundup has quickly become one of the best contests using the digital modes. RTTY, PSK31, and several other digital modes are used to communicate with other amateurs all around the world. If you've wanted to try your hand at digital operating, this contest is an exciting way to get your feet wet. The ARRL RTTY Roundup is from 0000 January 5, 2008-2400 UTC January 6, 2008. Complete rules can be found on page 97 of the December QST.

Are you looking for a fun way to share Amateur Radio with your kids? Kids Day, created by the Boring Amateur Radio Club of Oregon, takes place on Sunday, January 6, 2008. Kids get behind the microphone and make actual on-the-air contacts with other kids across the United States and Canada. Kids exchange their name, age, location and their favorite color in a contest-style event. Custom certificates are available for free download for each child that participates! Kids Day is a great way to show your fam-

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ily just how much fun you can have with Amateur Radio. You can find more information on page 39 of the December 2007 QST.

Make it your New Year's resolution to get on the air more. Be it CW, digital modes such as RTTY or PSK31, SSTV or simply using your microphone, there is something magical about radio. Make 2008 the year you rediscover what the magic is all about.

ARRL's Logbook of the World Counts More Than 150 Million Contacts: ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) -- a repository of log records submitted by users from around the world -- passed its latest milestone Wednesday, December 19 as the QSO counter clicked past 150 million contacts entered into the system, with more added since. When both participants in a contact submit matching QSO records to LoTW, the result is a QSL that can be used for ARRL award credit, such as DXCC. ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, said, "These 150 million QSOs represent a doubling of the total since July 2005 when ARRL Contributing Editor H. Ward Silver, N0AX, wrote an article for QST, 'Logbook of the World -- 75 Million QSOs Can't Be Wrong!' <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/silver.pdf>>. Thanks for using LoTW. We are planning to improve usability and add support for new awards in 2008." Check out Logbook of the World at <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>>.

Help Scientists Save the Shrikes: If you live in an eastern state and can tune away from the ham bands for a few minutes a day, you could help scientists study an endangered bird species. Every year, Eastern Loggerhead Shrikes <<http://www.shrike.ca/>> leave their nesting grounds in Ontario, Canada, but fewer and fewer are returning in the spring. Researchers at the University of Guelph in Ontario have placed radio tags on 16 young shrikes. They are asking for assistance from hams and monitoring enthusiasts to find out if the tagged birds end up in Florida as expected, or somewhere else. You can help by tuning in regularly to the tag frequencies, which are between 172-173 MHz. The primary target area is Tennessee, North Carolina and states to the south. The complete frequency list is published <<http://www.homingin.com/>>, along with articles to help you distinguish the pulsed tags from other signals you may hear there. Please listen now, because these Loggerhead Shrike transmitters are slowly decreasing in power output and will begin to fail in mid-February 2008. -- Joe Moell K0OV, ARRL ARDF Coordinator

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"Well sir, I haven't spoken with the technician yet, but from the looks of things, I'd say it could be a serious problem."

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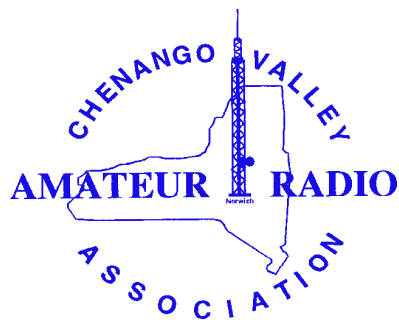
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Deadline for the February 2008 Bugle is January 20th



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