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THE PROPAGATOR

OCTOBER 2013

UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next **GSARA meeting** will be on **Wednesday, October 2** at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross on West Park Avenue in Tinton Falls. The program will feature John King, KA2F who will share information he has gleaned about Bob Morris, SK, the original holder of W2GSA. As always, light refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

The second GSARA meeting for October will be held on **Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. This will be a regular business meeting. As usual, light refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.

GSARA NET 8:30 PM TUESDAYS

Did you know that there is a get-together of GSARA members on the Asbury Park repeater every Tuesday at 8:30 pm? In the four sessions since September 3, we have had 22 check-ins for an average of 5.5 per session. The following 11 members checked into this net at least once (number of check-ins in parenthesis):

N2HGI (4), W2OD (4), W2HTS (3), WA1PCY (3), K2QXW (2), K2CYS (1), KD2EPA (1), KC2HCY (1), W2KQ (1), KC2Q (1) and KC2YNL (1).

Mark your calendar so you remember to participate. The more participation, the more fun!

GSARA E-MAIL ADDRESS

Although our old e-mail address still works, we have arranged with the ARRL to forward any mail to w2gsa@arrl.net to us. Many of you will find this easier to remember.

GSARA HAMFEST RECAP

By all measures, our Hamfest on September 21 was a success in spite of a little rain. Our total income was over \$1000 and expenses were about \$500 so we had a good net gain. In addition, we collected \$52.50 for the Desmond Tumor Research Foundation. Nine people sat for amateur radio exams at the VE session and seven of them passed!

Prize winners were:

1st \$100 KJI Gift Cert. to Ed Nusbaum, KD2AAW of Skillman, NJ

2nd \$50 ARRL Cert. to Len Kline, WA1PCY

3rd \$50 ARRL Cert. to Dave Sefchick, W2EEU of S. Amboy

4th \$25 ARRL Cert. to Jeff Galinat of Towaco, NJ

5th \$25 ARRL Cert. to John King, KA2F

The 50-50 of \$58 was won by a young girl.

Congratulations to the winners. All in all, it was a great Hamfest.

VE TEST SESSION OCTOBER 12

The GSARA monthly test session will be held on Saturday, October 12 at 11 am at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. The fee is \$15 and you should bring the original and a copy of any amateur license presently held and the original and one copy of any credit (CSCE) forms that you have (copies will be sent in with your test results). Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a photo ID. For more information, contact Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or n3rb@aol.com.

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DX MEETINGS UP IN THE AIR

The DX meetings on the last Monday of each month have become a bit sporadic due to lack of interest. If you would like to meet, please contact Joe, W2KQ to find if the meeting will take place and whether it will be at the Red Cross or at the Blue Swan Diner. The last Monday of October is on the 28th.

PATCHES

We have GSARA patches available at all meetings and they cost \$3.

OUTGOING QSL CARDS

If any GSARA members wish to combine their QSL cards that are going through the outgoing ARRL Bureau, please bring them to the next GSARA meeting along with the label from a recent QST Magazine (you must be an ARRL member to participate in this program). We then send them as a group at no charge to GSARA members. It couldn't be much easier than that to QSL. You are registered at the W2 incoming bureau, aren't you?

PROPAGATOR NOW ON THE WEB

The *Propagator* is available as a PDF file at:

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

Click on "The Propagator" and then select the month you want.

GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

EDITOR'S NOTES

I'm really looking forward to the program at the next meeting on October 2 when John King, KA2F will fill us in on the many missing details regarding Bob Morris, the original holder of W2GSA. John's scholarly and meticulous research on Bob's life (and death) should make for a fascinating program. Furthermore, it will fill in some of the gaps in early GSARA history. I hope to see a lot of you there.

I would also like to thank John, KA2F for the great job he did in coordinating all of the many volunteers for the GSARA Hamfest on September 21. Frank, W2XYZ expressed it well in his thank you on page 8. In spite of a pesky rain shower in mid-morning, everything went smoothly and I think all of the attendees had a good time. We ended up making a few dollars in the process.

Almost exactly a year ago, we had a send-off luncheon for Frank, W2XYZ prior to his marriage and everyone had a good time and enjoyed the meal at Schneider's Restaurant. Joe, W2KQ would like to repeat this enjoyable event again this year as we send Frank off to Florida for the winter. See the Oktoberfest details on page 8 and if you are interested in attending, please let Joe know.

The Hudson Division awards luncheon is up in Newburgh, NY on November 2, 2013 (see page 5). I'm glad that Jeff, N2LXM can represent us with his attendance and I look forward to his report on how things went.

If you are interested in obtaining a gardenstateara.org email address which will give you webmail and POP3/SMTP access, please send an email to Josh at kc2tkk@gardenstateara.org with your First Name, Last Name, and Call Sign. Your email address call_sign@gardenstateara.org will be created and the login information sent back to the email address your request came from.

As always, I appreciate feedback or material for *The Propagator*. The deadline for the October issue is September 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

<http://www.hudson.arrl.org>

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4 MEETING

By **Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM at the Red Cross Building. There were 15 members and two guests present. The guests were former GSARA member John Cardillo, KB2MAB from Hazlet and Blair Hearth, KD2EPA from Oceanport. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves. Since this was a program meeting, the Secretary's report and Treasurer's report were not entertained.

New Member

An application for membership was received from Blair Hearth, KD2EPA from Oceanport who recently obtained his Tech license. He has a Kenwood TH-F6 HT and is on the two meter repeaters. He is with the Salvation Army and is also interested in astronomy. By unanimous vote, Blair was made an active member of GSARA.

Repeater

Frank, W2XYZ reported that he and Howard, W2HTS replaced the exciter and power amplifier in the Asbury Park repeater and the repeater is now working normally with 30 watts output.

Hamfest

John, KA2F is assembling a crew of workers for the upcoming Hamfest on September 21. He needs more help in moving tables from the Red Cross to the Hamfest site. The monthly GSARA VE session will be at 10 am at the Hamfest on the 21st rather than at 11 am at the Red Cross on the 14th.

New Business

Joe, W2KQ reported that Jim Bemiss is coordinating the acquisition of a plaque to mark Mike Reason's tomb. Will GSARA contribute to this cause? It will be taken up at the September 18 GSARA business meeting.

Program

Frank, W2XYZ kicked off the show and tell by showing his Kenwood TH-F6 HT. This tri-band (144, 222, and 440 MHz) radio with a lithium battery was thought to be the last HT that Frank would own. However, he recently bought an Icom ID-51 D-star HT and is having a lot of fun

using D-star with all of its digital bells and whistles. Although a big pricey (\$500), this dual-band radio is a good way to get into D-star.

Bill, NJ2H then showed some of his gadgets. The first was a Weller butane soldering iron which is roughly equivalent to a 75 watt electric iron but is cordless and thus ideal for soldering in the field. The cost is about \$50. He then showed a "third hand" clip and magnifier on a stand which he finds very useful and cost only \$6 on e-bay. Finally, Bill showed a portable WiFi router by Zyxel that has a wireless range of about 150 ft. and cost about \$40.

Raymond, WA1FFT described a four-pole sloper antenna that was described in the April 2002 QST. It fits in a small yard and his results have been very positive.

Jeff, N2JFL described an I-pad app that allows him to wirelessly control his KX3 transceiver. He also described a 29 foot vertical antenna that he feeds through a balun that works very well for him.

John, KA2F reviewed a 1987 QST article by him describing a home-brew balun built into a baby bottle. He showed how he even used the nipple so nothing was wasted.

Rich, N3RB described the Echolink app for the I-pad that he has been using with great success.

Len, WA1PCY described a Ham Morse app for the I-pad or I-phone which is an excellent way to learn Morse code. He demonstrated many of the useful features of this app.

Bob, W2OD showed his latest modifications to the tape measure yagi which was a club project a couple of years ago. He integrated an off-set attenuator and a VX-1 HT with the antenna to make a simple fox-hunting rig.

Close

The 50-50 door prize of \$17 was won by Rich, N3RB. An antenna book redonated by Bob, W2OD was won by Frank, W2XYZ. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Raymond, WA1FFT. With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

MINUTES OF SEPT. 18 MEETING

By **Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. There were 19 members and one guest present. The guest was former member Herb Holzberg, W2HH from Sea Bright. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Health & Welfare

Bob, W2OD reported that Wayne Green, W2NSD became a silent key on September 13 at the age of 91. Wayne started many successful magazines including 73, Byte, InCider, 80 Micro, and others. He was a critic of the ARRL but remained a member for much of his life. A moment of silence was observed in Wayne's memory.

Bob, W2OD also reported that George West, WA2MNV is celebrating his 65th wedding anniversary on September 19. George and his wife moved from Monmouth Beach to Wall about 5 years ago. He is a long-time member of the Marconi Chapter 138 of the QCWA.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Tom, N2VFK to accept the secretary's report from the last meeting as will be published in the October Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Bruce, K2QXW. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

Hudson Division Cabinet Meeting

Bob, W2OD reported on the Hudson Division Cabinet Meeting held in Morristown on August 17 and run by Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB. Mike would like to strengthen ARRL support of Clubs and is pushing for a library of potential programs that can be used by clubs. He also wants to help volunteer instructors and give clubs more credit for new and renewed ARRL membership. He wants to cultivate local access to legislators. LoTW is being overhauled to make using it easier. The DX Advisory

Committee is doing a complete review of DXCC rules. A plug was made to enhance participation in the Awards Luncheon in Newburgh on November 2. Finally, next year is the 100th anniversary of the ARRL and a National Convention is being planned in Hartford, CT.

Hamfest

The GSARA Fall Hamfest will be on Saturday, September 21 at our usual site at MOESC at the corner of Tornillo Way and Shafto Road. John, KA2F reported that both Mike Lisenco, N2YBB and Bill Hudzik, W2UDT will be attending. KJI Electronics will be there as a major vendor and the weather is expected to be good. John asked for as many volunteers as possible to be at the Red Door of the Red Cross at 6 AM to help load and unload tables for the Hamfest.

Public Service

The Twin Lights Bike-a-thon is coming up Sunday, September 29 and more volunteers are needed. Jack Guire, KC2VZV has agreed to coordinate this activity. So far, Jeff, N2LXM, Rich, N2SMV and Howard, W2HTS have volunteered to help.

Old Business

Howard, W2HTS reported that the repeater appears to be working OK with the new exciter and power amplifier. We hope it continues.

New Business

The Hudson Division Awards Banquet is asking clubs to run ads in the Program Booklet. A half-page ad is \$50. A motion was made by Frank, W2XYZ and seconded by Jeff, N2LXM to take out a half-page ad. The motion passed unanimously. Frank asked if anyone from GSARA would be interested in attending this banquet and Jeff, N2LXM said that he and his wife would probably go. He would be reimbursed for his travel expenses.

John, KA2F mentioned that June 24, 2014 will be the 350th anniversary of the founding of New Jersey by Berkeley and Carteret. He suggested setting up a station at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park and operating a special event station (N2J) over the week-end of June 21-22, 2014. All present thought that this was a good idea to pursue further.

Joe, W2KQ brought up the desirability of having a marker on the grave of Mike Reason, W2EXQ. The total cost is estimated to be \$450 and he thought that \$250 from GSARA would be appropriate. A motion was made by Howard, W2HTS and seconded by Tom, VFK to commit \$250 to this cause. The motion passed unanimously.

Howard, W2HTS brought up the need to have a copy machine on premises for the VE test sessions. A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Rich, N3RB to buy an inexpensive copy machine with a maximum cost of \$100. The motion passes unanimously.

Announcements

Frank, W2XYZ announced that he has appointed Rich, N3RB as the new VE coordinator for GSARA.

Frank, W2XYZ also announced that Ray, WA1FFT is the new QSL manager for GSARA.

John, KA2F announced that he is now ready to share details about Bob Morris, W2GSA after meeting with Bob's living relatives. This will be our program for the October 2 meeting. John also mentioned that October 24, 2013 is the 70th anniversary of Bob's death. He suggests having a radio QST at the gravesite.

Close

The door prize of \$17.50 was won by Rem, K2REM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

By Paul Strongoli, KD2CQT

I have been having some health problems and the doctors are eating me alive. I am trying to sell some stuff to help my self out. If any body can use this stuff, I want to sell it.

1. Alinco DR-635 dual-band radio with the remote kit so you can put the radio in the back and the front part on the dash. It has the upgraded mic with the numbers on the front. Also included is the manual and a magnet mount antenna. It is a complete mobile station ready to use.

2. I have a Dentron MT-2000A antenna tuner which can handle up to 3000 watts. It can handle wire, coax or ladder line.

3. I have a Rohn 50 ft. tower consisting of a brand new base, four 10 ft sections and a 10 ft mast. It tilts over at the base.

4. I have a Yaesu FT-101EX covering 10 thru 160 with a D104 desk mic. It works perfectly and also has an AM filter so it can be used on AM. I also have a frequency counter that plugs in the back of the radio and a matching Yaesu speaker.

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HUDSON DIVISION AWARDS

**By Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, n2ybb@arrl.org
ARRL Hudson Division Director**

It is my pleasure to announce the 2013 ARRL Hudson Division Award winners. These individuals have given of themselves above and beyond what anyone could reasonably expect in support of advancing the Amateur Radio art and service. They are:

Amateur of the Year 2013 Kevin Morgan, AB2ZI
Amateur of the Year 2012 Rich Cetron K2KNB
Grand 'Ol Ham 2013 Tony Pazzola W2BEJ
Grand 'Ol Ham 2012 Sid Wolin K2LJH
Technical Achievement Award 2013 David Galletly, KM2O
Special Service Award 2012 Len Signoretti, N2LEN

Please make certain that you join us as we celebrate their achievements, as well as those of the winners of the 2012 awards, at the annual ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Ramada Café International in Newburgh, N.Y.

Tickets are \$35.00 and can be ordered online using PayPal at the website of this year's sponsor, The Orange County Amateur Radio Club: http://www.ocarc-ny.org/HV_awards.shtml

You can use the mail order form found there or on the Division website at www.hudson.arrl.org

The entrance exam for medical school asked:
"Rearrange the letters P-N-E-S-I to spell out the part of the human body that is most useful when erect."

Those who spelled SPINE became doctors.
The rest are in Congress.

WAYNE GREEN, W2NSD – SK

Wayne S. Green II, W2NSD ("Never Say Die"), of Hancock, New Hampshire, died September 13. He was 91. A well-known and often outspoken figure during what some consider Amateur Radio's golden years in the 1950s and 1960s, Green helmed CQ Magazine for 5 years before becoming the self-proclaimed "El Supremo and Founder" in 1960 of 73 magazine, which he published until 2003.

"The purpose of [73] at that time was to get more hams building equipment," Green recounted in a radio interview several years ago. A hallmark of 73 was Green's iconic, rambling, and wide-ranging "Never Say Die" editorials, in which he rarely missed an opportunity to tweak the ARRL and his magazine competitors for their perceived shortcomings. In 2012 Green contributed back issues of 73 to Internet Archive.

"Wayne will be remembered in many different ways by many different people, but he will be long remembered," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "He maintained his membership in the ARRL despite being a persistent critic. In the early days of packet radio he gave me some good advice as to how the ARRL should promote the new technology: 'Talk about it as if everybody's doing it, and eventually they will be.'"

Indeed, Green often was ahead of the curve in promoting such technologies as single-sideband phone, solid-state, FM, and the marriage of computers and ham radio, and he went on to found and publish Byte and other computer-oriented publications. "I live mostly in the future," Green was quoted as saying.

Former ARRL Contributing Editor Stan Horzempa, WA1LOU, once wrote in his "Surfin'" web column, "We take computers and the Internet for granted today. I first became interested in computers when Wayne Green, W2NSD, started writing about them in 73 magazine in the 1970s. Back then, you had to build your own from scratch or from kits."

Green maintained a larger-than-life presence, even in the years after he faded from the Amateur Radio spotlight, and he never did really retire. "Hey old buddy, I will miss you," radio talk show host Art Bell, W6OBB, posted to Wayne Green's blog. "NEVER SAY DIE is a phrase that will be

with me till it's my time." Green was an occasional guest on Bell's "Coast to Coast AM" overnight talk program. There hardly was an issue that Green would not confront, and he expounded a variety of unconventional science, health, and medical theories - from cold fusion and the moon landing to AIDS and cancer cures. He continued to write and speak frequently on these topics and others, as well as on public policy, even at hamfests where he was a guest.

The "Final" in his blog sums up Green's overarching philosophy. "Wayne Green passed away September 13, 2013 in a peaceful, painless transition from this life on Earth. An eternal optimist, and one who loved to share his never-ending zest for life, he was a friend to many and will be missed greatly. Wayne was not afraid of dying and was very much ready to embark on his next great adventure to the afterlife."

From ARRL Special Bulletin 11, September 16, 2013

ARRL CENTENNIAL WEBSITE UP

The ARRL Centennial Convention website <www.arrl2014.org/> is now live! Online registration is coming soon. The League will celebrate 100 years of "Advancing the Art and Science of Radio" next year from Thursday, July 17, to Saturday, July 19, 2014. Most Centennial Convention activities will take place at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, where thousands of League members and friends are anticipated. Hartford was ARRL's birthplace.

Online convention registration will become available in January. A two-day ticket is \$25 in advance, \$30 on-site (free of charge for attendees age 21 and younger). It includes Friday and Saturday Exhibit Hall admission and access to all forums and general sessions. Additional events include free bus trips all three days to ARRL Headquarters and WIAW.

Stay tuned for the ARRL National Centennial Convention program and registration, starting January 2014. We look forward to seeing you join us in celebrating 100 years!

From *The ARRL Letter*, Sept. 19, 2013

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

HUDSON DIVISION CABINET MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD

This meeting was called to order in Morristown by Mike Lisenco, N2YBB at 10 am. There were about 20 attendees representing various amateur radio organizations in Northern New Jersey. All present introduced themselves and who they represented. I represented the GSARA. The primary purpose of the meeting was to share the results of the ARRL Board meeting which was held in Connecticut in July.

Club Sub-committee

Information was gathered from many clubs regarding their needs from ARRL. After gathering this information, it was found to be almost identical to what was identified in a report 3 years ago so we are going in circles. ARRL obviously needs more communications between the clubs and headquarters. Seeking club information at arrl.org is awkward and should be improved. Clubs are encouraged to use their club call @ arrl.org (e.g. w2gsa@arrl.org). Mike is pushing for a library of programs that can be used by the clubs. This wouldn't just be speakers but would include power point presentations and videos. Most of the ARRL web site complaints are the result of too little IT staff and that needs to be fixed.

Education Sub-committee

The VE program seems to be going OK but the league is attempting to give more recognition to the many volunteers. The volunteer instructor program is broken and needs fixing. Volunteer instructors should be able to download the instructor's manual for free (the volunteer has to buy it now). The kickback to the clubs for new members and renewals is so awkward that it is seldom used. If it could be done online and allow payment by credit card, it would be a great improvement.

Legislative Program

The ARRL use of lobbyists has not been very effective. Mike proposed contacting our legislators on a local basis which stirred up the board but gained grudging support. Mike proposes starting a Political Action Committee (PAC). He also mentioned that Frank Pallone is on the Communications Committee in D.C. We

should cultivate local access to him so he knows what our amateur radio concerns are.

Distracted driving laws are having a negative effect on mobile amateur radio operations. N.J. had an exception for amateur radio but it is not clear that it still prevails with new legislation.

LoTW and DXCC

Logbook of the World (LoTW) has become the premier logging program in the world. An overhaul is coming to TQSL to make using LoTW easier. The DX Lab Suite has recently improved integration with LoTW.

The DX Advisory Committee has asked for a complete review of the DXCC rules. The expanding use of remote stations has to be addressed.

Awards Luncheon

The Hudson Division Awards Luncheon is coming up on November 2, 2013 in Newburgh, NY. It is hosted by the Orange County Amateur Radio Club at the Café Internationale at the Ramada Inn from noon to 4 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more information go to www.ocarc-ny.org.

Centennial Convention

The 100th birthday of the ARRL is going to be celebrated with the ARRL National Centennial Convention in Hartford, CT on July 17-19, 2014. Registration should open soon (including hotel details). For more information, go to www.arrl2014.org.

Closing

The Cabinet meeting adjourned shortly after noon.

HUDSON DIVISION 2013 LUNCHEON

The Hudson Division Awards Luncheon will be held in Newburgh, NY of Saturday, November 2, 2013 from noon to 4 PM. The forms for ticket and ad sales are now available on the Division website (<http://www.hudson.arrl.org>). Tickets are \$35 per person.

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

OCTOBERFEST AT SCHNEIDERS

Our lame duck President is leaving for the warmer climate of Florida so let's send him off with an Oktoberfest.

Date and time: October 5, 2013 from 2 to 5 pm.

Location: Schneider's Restaurant, 801 Main St., Avon By the Sea, NJ 07717

Price: \$25 includes Tax and Gratuity

Menu: (includes an appetizer)

Main Course choice of:

1. Sausage Platter
2. Pork tenderloin
3. German Chopped Steak

Desert and Coffee

BYOB of Wine or Beer

Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

73 de Joe, W2KQ

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THANKS TO HAMFEST VOLUNTEERS

I want to thank all of you for the great job you did making the Hamfest a reality. Special thanks go to John for his untiring efforts to make the event possible, and to his wife Helen whose efforts in the kitchen were a tremendous asset to us. Of course, thanks to Jeff for putting up and taking down the Hamfest signs, Bill for the zillions of emails and other advertising he did to publish the event, Bruce and Bob for standing for hours at the gate to sell tickets, Cy for manning the club table all morning long; Ralph and Len for handling coffee and drinks; and Joe for making the initial arrangement that we could use MAECOM as our Hamfest site. Additionally, thanks to Rich for running the VE Test and those VE's that assisted him. Finally, thanks to the members and anyone I might have forgotten at the moment for their help and participation. Lastly, but far from last, I thank Howard, my right-hand man, for his constant support, help, suggestions and prods that helped me do my part.

73 de Frank, W2XYZ

TEN YEARS AGO

From the October 2003 Propagator: Bicentennial Hall in Fair Haven is closed for renovations. All future meetings will be at the Ft. Monmouth MARS station and everyone must get a pass to be admitted to the Fort. The FCC is seeking comments regarding Morse code for the amateur exam. Opinions are strong and widely scattered. Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML is challenging Frank Fallon, N2FF as Director of the Hudson Division. Logbook of the World officially opened for business.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the October 1998 Propagator: ARRL increased the outgoing QSL fee from \$4 to \$6 per pound. ARRL launched a web magazine called "The ARRLWeb Extra" for members. Vanity call applications surged when the fee was lowered from \$50 to \$13 by the FCC. While Yaesu has not yet released the FT-100 (a fall rollout is predicted), Icom announced the IC-706MkIIG covering 160 through 70 cm. The FCC adopted a Universal Licensing System (ULS). A biography of Hiram Percy Maxim by Alice Clink Schumacher is available from ARRL.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the October 1993 Propagator: The Shore Area Hamfest at Allaire Airport is Sunday, October 10. The GSARA Dinner Dance at the Town and Country Diner in Keyport is Friday, October 29. Music and entertainment is by Joe Sudyka, KB2CLZ. Nena Puryear, N2WAY (SK) joined GSARA. The CROP walk on October 17 is being coordinated by Jerry, W2RRX (SK). GSARA will provide communications for the Freehold 300th birthday parade on October 31.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From the October 1988 Propagator: The Shore Area Hamfest is scheduled for Sunday, October 16 at the Wall Township Intermediate School on Allaire Road. The FCC has proposed opening the 17-meter (18 MHz) band to amateur service. The FCC and FBI are cracking down on users of modified VideoCipher-II descramblers for satellite TV signals.

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see next page)

Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. **W2NIR** on October 19. All times are EDST. Contests are listed in the October QST, p. 89.

October 1 – **Old Barney VE Session** at 6:30 pm in Manahawkin. Contact Urb Le Jeune, W2DEC at 609-296-5856 or urb@w2dec.com

October 1 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting** at 7:30 pm in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

October 1 and every following Tuesday – **GSARA Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 8:30 pm.

October 1 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 pm.

October 2 – **GSARA Meeting** AT 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. Program features John, KA2F talking about Bob Morris, the original holder of W2GSA.

October 3 - **HCARC meeting** at 7 pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

Oct. 5-6 – **Oceania DX Phone Contest** from 4 am Sat. to 4 am Sun. See <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com>

October 6 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 5 pm on Marconi Road in Wall.

October 7 - **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-35 wpm). See www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule

October 7 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

October 9 – **432 MHz UHF Sprint**, all modes from 7pm to 11 pm. See <http://www.svhfs.org>

October 9 – **Holiday City VE Session** at 7 pm in Toms River. Contact is Larry Puccio, K2QDY at 732-349-2950 or e-mail at lpuccio1@comcast.net

October 10 – **JSARS meeting** in Riverwood Park Rec. Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive at 7:30 pm.

Oct. 12-13 - **Oceania DX CW Contest** from 4 am Sat. to 4 am Sun. See <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com>

October 12 – **JSARS Hamfest** in Lakewood at Pine Park, 500 Country Club Drive. VE Testing. \$5 Admission. For more information see <http://www.jsars.org> or e-mail k2hew@comcast.net

October 12 – **OMARC Meeting** at 9:00 am at the Diana Site on Marconi Road in Wall. Guests welcome.

October 12 – **VE Test Session** at 11 am at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Contact Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or e-mail at n3rb@aol.com

October 14 -. **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 16 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Regular business meeting.

October 17 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:00 pm Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoio, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or wa2nda@comcast.net.

Oct. 19-20 – **Telephone Pioneers QSO Party**, all modes from 1 to 11 pm Sat. and 1 to 11 pm Sun. See <http://www.tpqso.com>

October 21 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

October 23 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 4 pm (10-35 wpm). See <http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule>

Oct. 25-27 – **CQ World Wide SSB Contest** from 8 pm Fri. to 7:59 pm Sun. See <http://www.cqww.com>

October 28 -. **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 28 – **DX Interest Group**, Check with Joe, W2KQ as to time and place. See page 2.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 OBARC GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	2 GSARA Mtg.	3 Hol. City Mtg.	4	5 Oceania DX SSB
6 InfoAge Oceania DX SSB	7 ARES/RACES 7:30 CW Qual. Run	8 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	9 Hol. City VE 432 Sprint	10 JSARS Mtg.	11	12 OMARC Mtg JSARS Hamfest GSARA VE 10am Oceania DX CW
13 InfoAge Oceania DX CW	14 RACES Net 7:30	15 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	16 GSARA Mtg.	17 JSARS VE	18	19 W2NIR WB2KNS Pioneer QSO Pty.
20 Pioneer QSO Pty. InfoAge	21 ARES/RACES 7:30	22 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	23 KC2CRI CW Qual. Run	24	25 CQ WW SSB	26 CQ WW SSB
27 CQ WW SSB InfoAge	28 DX Mtg. RACES Net 7:30	29	30	31 Halloween		



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