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THE PROPAGATOR

OCTOBER 2012

UPCOMING GSARA MEETING

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be on Wednesday, October 3 at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. The program will have Matt Bartky, KD2AUR talking about the Skywarn program. If enough interest is shown, we will arrange for a National Weather Service Skywarn class at the Red Cross. Matt runs the WX2MON Skywarn net on Monday evenings following the ARES/RACES net at 7:30 on the Asbury Park repeater. He upgraded to General Class at the GSARA Hamfest. Refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.

The second GSARA meeting in October will be held on **Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. This will be our regular business meeting. Guests are always welcome and light refreshments will be served.

LAST TWO PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

The JDRF walk in Avon is Sunday October 7th, 0900 to about noon. We need about 4 operators.

The CROP Walk in Red Bank is Sunday 21 October from 1400 to about 1700. For this event, 7-8 operators make a good crew.

If you can help, please contact:

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HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

BEST EVER HAMFEST

Hello GSARA Members,

I'm sure many members are wondering how we did on the Hamfest. In a word, terrific. We netted a profit of about \$1385, the best that we've ever done at a Hamfest. A detailed breakdown of our income and expenses will be presented at our October 17 business meeting.

The great weather was certainly a factor in our success, but the main reason we did so well is the hard work put in by members. We worked as a team with some doing the planning, some doing purchasing, some advertising, some doing transportation, some selling tickets, some cooking, some doing testing, some doing cleaning, some doing.....well you get the picture. Everyone who did something, did a lot. Even members that just came to look around and perhaps buy something from our vendors were also a help. I've heard many comments about what a nice Hamfest we have and I have to agree. We have a great club with great members and we accomplish great things. We all did a good job and all can be proud of our accomplishments.

73, Frank W2XYZ

GSARA TO START MONTHLY VE TESTS

Thanks to Kevin, W2FA, GSARA will start conducting monthly VE test sessions at the Red Cross on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 am. That is October 13 for our first session. Please let potential hams know about this opportunity.

To make this a success, we need volunteer examiners (VEs) to help with these sessions each month. If you are not yet a VE but are interested in becoming one, contact Jeff, N2LXM for the details on how to become a VE.

GSARA OFFICERS

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| President | W2XYZ | Frank Wroblewski | 942-7705 |
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DX MEETING EACH LAST MONDAY

For those interested in DX or learning about how to chase DX, there is a meeting of DXers on the last Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. The last Monday of October is on the 26th so mark your calendars if you would like to attend.

BADGES AND PATCHES

If you would like a GSARA name badge, you may order one by getting a Badge Order Form from our Secretary, **Bob Buus, W2OD**, filling it out and turning it in to Bob with your \$7.00 payment.

We also now have 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.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Wow! Our September 22 Hamfest was the best that we have ever had. The weather was great, and, thanks to the great publicity provided by Bill, NJ2H, attendance broke all previous records. This was all in spite of a rocky start. Joe, W2KQ would not be available to help out on that day. MOESC rose our "rent" to use the parking lot by \$100. Annie, N2LAL and Ted, N2KPS were not available for kitchen duty but John, KA2F stepped in at the last minute and did an excellent job of providing delicious food. I extend a big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who worked to make this such a successful endeavor and overcame all of Murphy's glitches.

I have continued to analyze the W3ABL QSL cards dating from 1928 through 1941 and was going to write another article about it. However, I had some last-minute questions to ask Ed Jr., W2ZEP and he has not gotten back to me yet so I will postpone the article until next month. I have managed to mine some interesting information from these later cards.

I encourage all of you (especially those with HF stations) to seriously consider contacting a local boy scout troop and offering to help with the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) coming up October 20-21. We'll have our GSARA shack open on Saturday afternoon for this activity.

I'd like to remind everyone that this is YOUR newsletter and I would appreciate feedback as to what you like or don't like about each issue. It's always a tough decision as to what to include and what to delete from each issue and any comments you might have would be appreciated.

If you are interested in obtaining a [gardenstateara.org](mailto:call_sign@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 November issue is October 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ was absent so the meeting was called to order by Vice President Howard Suffill, W2HTS at 7:35 PM at the Red Cross. There were 12 members and two guests present. The guests were Christopher Petrillo with the Boy Scouts from Oceanport and Joe Bastion, KC2LFF from Highlands. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

New Business

Chris Petrillo from the Oceanport Boy Scouts asked for help from the GSARA to participate in the annual Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) to be held on October 20 and 21. Perhaps we could have the scouts visit our W2GSA station and get on the air from there. We could also provide some instruction about amateur radio. Bob, W2OD agreed to put a notice of this activity in the next Propagator.

Announcements

Frank, WA2OYG became a silent key. He was a friend of Ed, WA2NDA.

There is a Bike a thon on Sunday, September 30 starting around Twin Lights and covering much of Monmouth County. GSARA help with communications has been requested.

The Fall GSARA Hamfest is coming up on Saturday, September 22 at our usual site. Help is needed, especially early in the morning.

Program

Bob, W2OD gave a talk about what amateur radio was like in the early days. Inspired by the box of QSL cards from W3ABL, he concentrated on the period between the end of World War I and 1928 when W and K prefixes were introduced. This was a very active period when the magic of short waves was discovered and opened up the high frequency bands.

Close

The door prize of \$11 was won by Bruce, K2QXW. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

MINUTES OF SEPT. 19 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 15 members and one guest present. The guest was Ned Meyer, KC2HCY from Ocean. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Health and Welfare

Bob, W2OD reported that Ed Shrum, W2IKI died on September 16 at the age of 69. He had worked at Bell Labs but was not a member of GSARA.

Public Service

The Twin Lights bike-a-thon is coming up Sunday, September 30 and is being coordinated by Howard, W2HTS. Anyone interested in helping should contact him ASAP.

The Juvenile Diabetes walk is coming up on Sunday, October 7 in Avon from 9 am to noon. Tom, N2VFK needs a few volunteers for this.

The CROP walk in Red Bank is Sunday, October 21 from 1 to 5 pm and we need several GSARA members to help with this. Contact Tom, N2VFK.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNK 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

Treasurer Bruce, K2QXW presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the report and it was approved unanimously.

Hamfest

The GSARA Fall Hamfest will be on Saturday, September 22 at our usual site at MOESC (MAECOM) at the corner of Tornillo Way and Shafto Road. Bill, NJ2H has been doing an excellent job of publicizing the event and the weather forecast looks favorable so we should have a good turnout. Frank, W2XYZ asked for volunteers and the following stepped up: Gate admission will be handled by Bruce, K2QXW and Bob, W2OD. The club table and talk-in will be

handled by Paul, KD2CQT and Tony, WA2ZSI. Signs and vendor parking will be the responsibility of Jeff, N2LXM. 50-50 tickets will be sold by Bill, NJ2H. The VE testing will be by Kevin, W2FA with help from Steve, N2WLH and Jeff, N2LXM. Trucks for transporting tables and stuff between the Red Cross and the site will be provided by Ralph, KC2YNL and Paul, KD2CQT. Kitchen duties, which are normally handled by Annie, N2LAL and Ted, N2KPS were up in the air because Annie and Ted had a conflict that day. During the meeting, Frank, W2XYZ received a call from them confirming that they couldn't do the kitchen this time. Frank asked for volunteers and John, KA2F stepped up to take the responsibility. Howard, W2HTS offered to take care of the parking. He also suggested that all volunteers bring HTs so we can all communicate on simplex.

Hudson Division Assistant Director Bill Hudzik, W2UDT will give a talk at 9:30 about ARRL activities. KJI Electronics will be present. We plan to raffle an LDG automatic antenna tuner. Everything seems to be falling in place for a successful Hamfest.

Old Business

GSARA received a check for \$150 for our participation in the Sheehan run in Red Bank last June.

Frank, W2XYZ is ready to order GSARA shirts and jackets so anyone not yet signed up should see him immediately if they're interested in ordering one.

The WB2ABT Asbury Park repeater has now been officially turned over to GSARA. We will be changing the call to W2GSA and Frank, W2XYZ will see that the necessary paperwork gets done.

We have found a person interested in buying our spectrum analyzer so arrangements have been made to have the potential buyer come to the Hamfest and examine the analyzer to see if he wants to buy it.

New Business

Per our Constitution, President W2XYZ has to name a nominating committee to select candidates for GSARA officers for 2013. He asked Joe, W2KQ to head the committee and serving on the

committee with Joe will be Bill, NJ2H and Tony, WA2ZSI. The committee will report at the October 3 meeting.

Jeff, N2LXM showed a badge he purchased from HES Badges. We will look into a group purchase to see if we can get a good price.

Announcements

The GSARA DX interest group is meeting on Monday, September 24 at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross.

GSARA will conduct its first VE test session on Saturday, October 13 at 11:00 am at the Red Cross.

The Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is the weekend of October 20-21. GSARA plans to host Boy Scouts in our radio room on Saturday, October 20. Members are invited to help out.

Close

The door prize of \$16.00 was won by Laura, N2HGI. The second prize, a GSARA patch, was won by Alan, W2NIR. There being no further business, a motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Jeff, N2JFL to adjourn. With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Ed Shrum, W2IKI - SK

Edgar Vaughan Shrum, W2IKI passed away on September 16, 2012 at his home in Red Bank, NJ at the age of 69. Ed was born on March 26, 1943 in Newport News, Virginia to Samuel Hopkins Shrum and Evelyn Vaughan Shrum. They moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia in 1945. He graduated from Harrisonburg High School in 1961, from the University of Richmond in 1965, and in 1972 earned a PhD in Physics from the University of Virginia. While in Virginia, he was licensed as K4FKH. After graduation, Ed worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Long Island. In 1974, he moved to NJ to work for Bell Laboratories where he was a Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff for 25 years. He finished his career working for Mitre. His hobbies included ham radio, astronomy, birding, and travel.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Carol Ann Shrum; their children, Edgar Vaughan

Shrum, Jr., Michelle Clearwater, Scott Naef, and Susan Naef; grandchildren, Amber, Kacie, Timor, Joshua, Sarah, and Samuel; and his sister, Marilyn Shrum Lockhart of Bozeman, MT.

Services were held at King of Kings, Lutheran Church, Middletown, NJ on Wednesday Sept 19th at 11 am. Burial followed at Fair View Cemetery, Middletown. For more information or to send condolences, please visit www.pflegerfh.com.

SEAN SMITH, KG4WSS – SK IN LIBYA

Sean P. Smith, KG4WSS, of Falls Church, Virginia, was killed when the US Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was attacked on September 11. He was 34. Smith was one of four Americans,



Sean Smith, KG4WSS -- shown here in his Facebook photo -- was killed on September 11 in an attack on the US Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

including Chris Stevens -- the US Ambassador to Libya -- who was killed in the attack. Smith, a native of San Diego, enlisted in the Air Force in 1995 at age 17. He served six years as a ground radio maintenance specialist, including a deployment to Oman, before leaving the service in 2002 as a staff sergeant. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. Smith, who had worked at the State Department for 10 years, was in Libya on a temporary assignment when he was killed. Prior to his temporary assignment to Benghazi, Smith served for the State Department in Brussels, Baghdad, Pretoria, Montreal and The Hague. Read more here.

From *The ARRL Letter*, September 20, 2012

HUDSON DIVISION AWARDS LUNCH

The 2012 Awards Luncheon will be held in northern New Jersey and will be sponsored this year by Bergen Amateur Radio Association. This unique event will be held on Sunday AFTERNOON, November 11, 2012 - from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Biagio's Ristrorante 299 Paramus Road - Paramus, NJ. Biagio's has been the primary location of this event because of its wonderful food, great atmosphere and large-capacity seating that can accommodate up to 150 guests. Wouldn't it be great to fill the ballroom this year? Profits from this luncheon will be donated to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund. The cost is \$50 per person. We are hoping that the time of this years event, will allow more guests to attend to join in the celebration of the 2012 Awardees. Please send reservation requests and a check made out to Bergen Amateur Radio Assn. and send them to 2012 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Dinner – c/o KA2ANF, 235 Emburgh Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450-2918.

You will also find information about the event copies of the ad and ticket forms on the website <http://www.hudson.arrl.org>

The Hudson Division Awards Committee has just completed its review of the Nominations received for 2012. Vice Director Hudzik met via Conference Call with the Committee members and is pleased to announce the following results:

Grand Ole Ham 2012 – Sid Wolin, K2LJH (ENY) (nominated by Diane Ortiz, K2DO and George Tranos, N2GA)

Amateur of the Year 2012 – Rich Cetron, K2KNB (NLI) (nominated by George Tranos, N2GA)

Special Service Award 2012 – Len Signoretti, N2LEN (ENY) (nominated by John Fritze, K2QY, Dave Gallety, KM2O and Stephen Walsh, W2SXX)

A BIG thank you to those who served on the Nominations Committee this year:

We encourage all of you to attend this fun event to help honor the award winners for 2012!

73, Joyce KA2ANF and Bill W2UDT
" The Hudson Division Team "

LAST MAN STANDING SPECIAL EVENT STATION

The crew of the hit ABC comedy Last Man Standing is planning a radio event on Sunday, October 28 to kick off the show's second season. Last Man Standing features Tim Allen as Mike Baxter, KA0XTT. According to Last Man Standing Producer John Amodeo, NN6JA, Mike's station is back this year with even more gear. In addition, all the antennas that were in the catwalk last year have been relocated to the studio's roof.

Using special event call sign K6T, the show's crew will operate on HF, VHF, UHF, D-STAR, EchoLink and IRLP to communicate with fans of the show; 12 members of the Last Man Standing crew are licensed amateurs. Members of the Los Angeles-based PAPA System will assist the crew with running the event. The crew will use several



PAPA System repeaters to run analog VHF, UHF and D-STAR communications. They will also be monitoring the Disney Amateur Radio Interconnect repeater system, which has repeaters in New York City (W2ABC), Florida (WD4WDW and WD4WDW-B/D-STAR) and California (KB6AJE), as well as EchoLink capability. A list of frequencies and an operating schedule will be posted on the KA0XTT Facebook page and on Amodeo's Twitter feed in the next few weeks. A special QSL card will be sent to all hams who contact K6T; hams do not need to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, nor do they need to send postage or "green stamps."

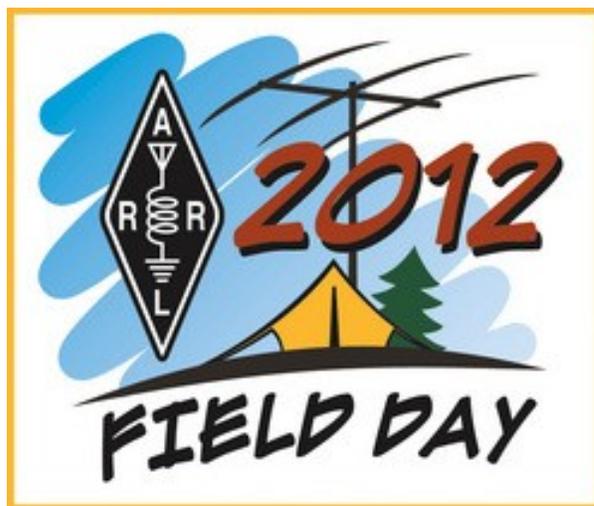
Last Man Standing begins its second season on Friday, November 2 at 8/7 Central.

From *The ARRL Letter*, September 20, 2012

If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

2012 FIELD DAY LOGS POSTED

More than 2600 submissions have been received for the 2012 running of ARRL Field Day. According to ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, this is another great showing for the number of entries received for what is one of Amateur Radio's most popular on-the-air operating events. The combined list of Logs Received for Field Day has been posted online. The list includes all logs submitted via the <http://www.b4h.net/> website, as well as those



submitted via e-mail and US Mail.

Because Field Day is not a "Cabrillo-format" event, there is no automated robot for processing entries. When you go to the website to see if your submission was received, look near the bottom of the page under "Other Reports." Click on the link to open the PDF for the 2012 listings.

Henderson explained that the current list only shows general categories; the various sub-categories are added when the data is merged into the master database. Claimed scores or bonuses are also not included, as these are not publicized until the results are officially released. The results from the 2012 ARRL Field Day will be posted online on or around November 1, as well as in the December issue of QST. The 2013 ARRL Field Day is scheduled for June 22-23.

From *The ARRL Letter*, August 30, 2012

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

ARDF TEAM USA EARNS 13 MEDALS

*By ARRL Amateur Radio Direction Finding
Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV*

As they packed their suitcases in preparation for the World Championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), the members of Team USA were eager, but they had no idea that they would return home with 13 medals. Team USA has participated in these biennial championships since 1998, and the most medals they had won any time so far had been two, with no golds. This year, however, would be different; their practice sessions and training camps would make them better prepared than ever.

The sport of ARDF -- also called fox tailing, fox hunting and radio-orienting -- has undergone many changes since the first World Championships in 1980, but the basics remain unchanged. A championship course has five transmitters in a mapped area of rural and wooded terrain, typically 1000 acres or more. When Fox #1 comes on the air, contestants set out from the start as and try to be the fastest to "punch in" at all required transmitters and then make it to the finish line in another part of the forest. Read more here.

From The ARRL Letter, September 20, 2012

IARU SUPPORTS RADIO DOMAIN NAME

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has expressed public support for a .radio top-level domain name. Under the proposal as put forth by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), registration will be available via the EBU to all eligible radio representative organizations and broadcasters, Internet radios, radio amateurs, radio professionals and their respective representative organizations, as well as companies providing radio-specific products and services in order to create a worldwide radio community. The proposal must be approved by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN); this organization is responsible for the coordination of the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers and, in particular, ensuring its stable and secure operation. Read more here.

From The ARRL Letter, August 30, 2012

DXCC APPROVES 12 OPERATIONS



On September 19, the ARRL DXCC Desk approved the following 2012 operations for DXCC credit: 3B8/IW5ELA (Mauritius); E40VB (Palestine); JY8VB (Jordan); 9A8VB (Croatia); E7/UA4WHX (Bosnia-Herzegovina); 4O7VB (Montenegro); Z38VB (Macedonia); ZA/UA4WHX (Albania); YU9VB (Serbia); EY8/UA4WHX (Tajikistan), and UN/UA4WHX (Kazakhstan).

Also approved was the 1998 XU1A DXpedition to Cambodia. If you have had QSLs rejected for this operation, please send a request via e-mail to be placed on the list for update. If you remember the submission in which you included the QSL, please note this in your e-mail, as it will expedite the search for the rejected QSO.

From The ARRL Letter, Aug. 30 and Sept. 20, 2012

AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

Amateur radio exam sessions in this area are as follows but please check with the contact person.

Middletown, Croyden Hall on Leonardo Road: Exams are on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. Contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP 732-787-7184 or e-mail to n2pvp@n2pvp.com.

Toms River, Riverview Park Recreation Building: Exams are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. Contact Ed Genoio, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792, wa2nda@aol.com.

Toms River, Holiday City South Clubhouse, Meeting Room #1, Mule Road at the corner of Santiago Drive on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 PM. Contact Larry Puccio, K2QDY, 732-349-2950 or lpuccio1@comcast.net.

In all cases, the fee is \$15 and you should bring the original and a copy of any amateur license presently held and original and one copy of any credit (CSCE) forms you have. Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a picture ID.

REGEN. CIRCUIT 100 YEARS OLD

On September 22 in 1912, Edwin Howard Armstrong, an undergraduate student at Columbia University, in his attic lab at his home in Yonkers, NY, invented the regenerative circuit. This circuit, also known as the Armstrong oscillator, became the building block of modern electronic communications.

73, Jeff, WA4AW
Major EH Armstrong Memorial Radio Club
W2XMN- W2XEA
www.freewebs.com/mafma

FIVE YEARS AGO

From the October 2007 Propagator: ARRL is holding its second On-Line Auction on October 24, 2007. Longtime GSARA member Harold Clanton, WB2CJE became a silent key. His widow, Laura, N2HGI still attends most of our meetings.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the September 1997 and October 1997 Propagators: A bootleg pirate, using various bogus call signs, was on the Asbury Park repeater. One-by-one special event call signs are now available. The Shore Area Hamfest and ARRL New Jersey State Convention will be held at Brookdale College on October 12. The 40th anniversary of Sputnik is being celebrated. A mini-Sputnik will be hand launched from the Russian Mir space station. Marv Bernstein, W2PAT reminisced about how he and Jerry Havel, W2RRX set up a listening station for Sputnik in the hexagon at Fort Monmouth. New RF Safety requirements for amateurs will go into effect by the end of the year. Frank, W2XYZ moved to his present location in Howell. A pirate FM station in Howell calling itself WZVU was shut down by the FCC. Owner Salvatore DeRogatis argued that he had the right of free speech to justify the station.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

TEN YEARS AGO

From the September 2002 and October 2002 Propagator: Silent keys included Al Rauch, W2EYW, Joe Mount, WB2KAK, and Brad Dargue, KT2U. The CD version of the Radio Amateur Callbook is being discontinued after the Winter 2003 edition. The Callbook began publishing in 1920. A 1923 QSL card from 1AW sold on e-bay for \$2125 – a new record. Program at the October 2 meeting was Gil Harris, WB2YAB demonstrating his Tesla coil.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the September 1992 and October 1992 Propagators: The Dinner Dance at the Town and Country Inn in Keyport on August 14 was a big success with 78 people attending. Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF (later W2ML-SK) gave a talk on September 16 and was presented with honorary membership to GSARA. The program for October 7 featured Dom Cafro, KB2CMF (now N2DOM) talking about packet radio. The October 21 meeting featured Marv Bernstein, W2PAT talking about the 500 foot tower just erected at the UPS site. Andrea Copp, N2LAL joined GSARA. The Shore Area Hamfest was at Allaire Airport on October 11.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From the October 1987 Propagator: Emory Wall, K2YWI joined GSARA. Dom Cafro, KB2CMF (now N2DOM) upgraded to General Class. The October program featured Tony, W2GUM (SK) and his brother Vic, W2VC (SK) talking about 10 GHz operation. Al Allen, K2LG (SK) had an article over 5 pages long about the fundamentals of antennas. Members were urged to write to their congressmen opposing a proposal to give the 220-222 MHz band to commercial interests. It was stopped then but reared its ugly head again later when we indeed did lose the 2 MHz segment of the band.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Guest speaker at the September 19, 1972 meeting was Walt Maxwell, W2DU (SK) speaking on the Care and Feeding of Antennas.

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. 87

October 1 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 2 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon at left rear table. All are welcome.

October 2 – **Old Barney VE Session** at 6:30 pm in Manahawkin. Contact Urb Lejune, W2DEC at 609-296-5785 or urb@usats.com

October 2 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting** at 7:30 pm at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

October 2 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 pm.

October 3 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Program about Skywarn.

October 4 - **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

October 5-6 – **Worked All Provinces of China**, Phone and CW from 8 pm Friday to 6:59 pm Saturday. See <http://www.mulandxc.org>

October 6-7 – **Oceania DX Phone Contest** from 4 am Sat. to 4 am Sun. See <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com>

October 7 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 5 pm on Marconi Road in Wall.

October 8 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 8 - **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-35 wpm). See www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule

October 9 – **VE Test Session** at Croyden Hall, Leonardo section of Middletown at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP at 732-787-7184 or n2pvp@n2pvp.com

October 9-10 – **10-10 Sprint**, all modes from 8:01 pm Tues. to 7:59 pm Wed. See <http://www.ten-ten.org>

October 10 – **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 11 – **JSARS meeting** in Riverwood Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive at 7:30 pm.

October 13 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 am at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ. Guests are welcome.

October 13 – **VE Test Session** at 11 am at Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Contact Kevin Wagner, W2FA at 732-279-0532 or e-mail at w2fakgw@gmail.com

October 13-14 – **Oceania DX CW Contest** from 4 am Sat. to 4 am Sun. See <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com>

October 15 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 17 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Regular business meeting.

October 18 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:30 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.

October 20-21 – **Telephone Pioneer QSO Party**, all modes from 3 pm Saturday to xx Sunday. See <http://www.tpqso.com>

October 22 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 24 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 4 pm (10-35 wpm). See <http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule>

October 26-28 – **CQ World Wide SSB Contest** from 8 pm Friday to 7:59 pm Sunday. See <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>

October 27 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at 9 am at Irv's Deli & Restaurant, Hwy 33 in Neptune.

October 29 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 29 – **GSARA DX Interest Group** at 7:30 at the Red Cross.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Peg Struening ARES/RACES 7:30 | 2 Pancake House Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM | 3 GSARA Mtg. | 4 Hol. City Mtg. | 5 ARES/RACES 7:30 | 6 Oceania Phone |
| 7 Oceania Phone InfoAge | 8 RACES Net 7:30 CW Qual. Run | 9 Croyden VE 7 PM 10-10 Sprint QCWA News 9 PM | 10 10-10 Sprint Hol. City VE | 11 JSARS Mtg. | 12 | 13 OMARC Mtg GSARA VE Oceania CW |
| 14 Oceania CW InfoAge | 15 ARES/RACES 7:30 | 16 QCWA News 9 PM | 17 GSARA Mtg. | 18 JSARS VE | 19 W2NIR WB2KNS | 20 Tel. Pioneer |
| 21 Tel. Pioneer InfoAge | 22 ARES/RACES 7:30 | 23 KC2CRI QCWA News 9 PM | 24 CW Qual. Run | 25 | 26 CQ WW SSB | 27 Neptune Mtg CQ WW SSB |
| 28 CQ WW SSB InfoAge | 29 RACES Net 7:30 DX Mtg 7:30 | 30 | 31 | | | |