



THE PROPAGATOR

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NEXT MEETING AUGUST 2

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, August 2** at **8:00 PM** at the MARS building in Fort Monmouth. Come early to enjoy the refreshments. We look forward to seeing YOU at the meeting!

FORT MONMOUTH PASSES

Please check the expiration date on your Fort Monmouth badges. Within two or three weeks before they expire, **you MUST fill out the form on the bottom of page 9** and return it to Frank, W2XYZ or Larry, KB2RIS. You may leave the "DATES OF VISIT" blank. After this form is processed, you must check with visitor control to retire your old badges and get a new placard. Note that you **CANNOT** renew your old badges and you **MUST** fill out the new paperwork.

GSARA HOMEPAGE

http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa

ONE DAY AMATEUR RADIO CLASS

A Free Entry Level One Day Amateur Radio Class will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2006 at 9:00 AM in Croyden Hall in Middletown.

The Technician VE test will be given at the end of the day (\$14.00 fee required for test).

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THANKS FROM KATHY FINCH

Just remembered that I needed to notify GSARA of my dad's (*Rogers Finch, KA2HSU - Ed*) death, so I was surprised when I saw that someone had beat me to submitting the information (*thanks to Bruce, K2QXW - Ed*). Looking over the W2GSA Memorial list, I was shocked to see how many old friends have passed on since I was a part of the club in the late '80s.

He had given me his station setup when he and Mom moved to MA in 2003, but I have yet to carve out a corner of my NH condo to set it up. Stealth antennas should be quite a fun challenge here.

Needless to say, I miss him terribly. He was a really good Dad ... and great friend.

In fact, I'm just reading July's Propagator; looks like the obit I wrote for the Asbury Park Press, with personal "ham" notes added about Dad and me. Tnx so much for publishing it, Bob!

Kathy Finch
KD2VX

FOR SALE

Heathkit SB-200 amplifier. It puts out 600w rms with CW (or 1200w PEP on phone). Cosmetically and electrically it is in great shape and I'm asking \$300.00 for it.

Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ
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GSARA CALENDAR

http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa/calendr.htm

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PROPAGATOR AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL

Would you like to help the finances of GSARA and at the same time get your issue of *The Propagator* a few days earlier? You can get every issue e-mailed to your computer every month by simply giving your e-mail address to Bruce McLeod, K2QXW and request *The Propagator* electronically. Bruce's e-mail address is <brucekleod@comcast.net>

BADGES AND PATCHES

All new GSARA members get a name badge. However, you may order additional ones by getting a Badge Order Form from our Secretary, **Bob Buus, W2OD**, filling it out and turning it in to Bob with your \$5.00 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://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa/prop.pdf

It is installed on the web about two weeks after the direct mailing to members.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The final GSARA Field Day score of 2,782 is outstanding and far exceeded my expectations. Thanks to all of the GSARA members who helped make this such a successful event.

Have you worked the new country of Montenegro yet? If not there is an excellent chance to work them during their DX Festival through August 13. See the details on page 8.

Is your address correct on the FCC database? As the article on page 7 makes clear, it is important that the FCC have your proper mailing address (it's also the law). So, if you have moved recently, be sure to notify the FCC of the new address. The procedure can be done on-line and is very simple if you know your FRN (Federal Registration Number). Of course, if you are a law-abiding amateur operator, there is no need for the FCC to get in touch with you. However, the law says that you must notify the FCC of any change in address so if you're law-abiding, you will notify the FCC of any changes.

There was an obit in the Asbury Park Press for W. Wallace Miller of Tinton Falls and formerly of Sea Girt who was listed as a ham operator. However, my search of the call sign database brought up nothing. Since he was 92 when he died, perhaps his license had expired. If anyone knows what his call sign was and any other information about him, please let me know and I will publish it in a subsequent issue of *The Propagator*. Thanks.

Remember if you change your e-mail address, please be sure to inform Bruce McLeod, K2QXW. He is in South Africa now so I will be sending out the electronic *Propagator* this month. I hope I can do it OK.

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

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

MINUTES OF JULY 5 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at Fort Monmouth by President Jeff Harshman, N2LXM, at 8:05 PM. After the Pledge to the Flag, all members present introduced themselves. There were 20 members in attendance. We then observed a moment of silence for the two former GSARA members who became silent keys recently. They were Rogers Finch, KA2HSU and Al Emer, N2YAC. May they rest in peace.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ made a report for June. A motion was made by Mike, KC2Q and seconded by Kevin, KC2NYQ to accept the report. The report was unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Nena, N2WAY and seconded by Mike, KC2Q to accept the minutes of the June meeting as published in the July Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Service

Tom, N2VFK reported that the next Public Service events will be in October. The Juvenile Diabetes Walk will be on the 8th and the CROP walk on the 15th. He thanks the GSARA members who jumped in to help with the Sheehan Run on June 10.

Old Business

Field Day was a big success and all who participated had a good time and ate well. Jeff, N2LXM thanked all who participated and especially Jim, K2EI who designed the monster antenna which worked so very well. Frank, W2XYZ reported that K2USA made 992 contacts (216 on CW) and racked up a total of 2834 points. This is much better than either W2GSA or K2USA did last year. If we could get more volunteers to participate next year, perhaps we could run two transmitters and put a GOTA station on the air. Jim, K2EI observed that the SQUIRL logging program was very easy to use and encouraged newcomers to come out next year and participate.

Announcements

The Sussex County Hamfest is coming up on Sunday, July 9.

The next OMARC tailgate get together is Saturday, October 7. Buyers are free and sellers are \$10. See Jeff, N2LXM if you want a selling space.

OMARC is planning another set of radio classes starting in mid or late October.

The annual Colts Neck Inn luncheon for all radio amateurs is coming up on Tuesday, July 11 at noon. All are invited.

The badging procedures at Fort Monmouth are changing so be aware that when you renew your pass, there will be some changes.

The Neptune Amateur Radio Club is holding their annual picnic on Sunday, July 30. All are invited. Bring a covered dish.

The Neptune club will be running a Lighthouse special event station at the Sea Girt lighthouse on August 19-20. All are invited to join them or at least work the station.

There is no taker yet for the two-band MFJ CW QRP rig with power supply has been donated to be given to the first new young ham that has passed the code.

Closing

The main door prize was won by Nena, N2WAY. World Radio subscriptions were won by Joe, KC2HWK; Lorraine, KC2FDR; and Jim, W2TCS. There being no further business, a motion was made by Nena, N2WAY and seconded by Tom, KC2FRN to adjourn. The meeting was closed at 8:50 PM.

ARRL "DXCC DIALOG" BLOG DEBUTS

The ARRL DXCC Desk has inaugurated the "DXCC Dialog Weblog" <<http://www.arrl.org/blog/DXCC%20Dialog>> — containing news and notes about the ARRL DXCC program. "This page will have up-to-date information about the DXCC program," says ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. "It does not provide for users to post responses, but authors and e-mail addresses are listed." The blog will be updated as needed to inform and update the DXing community regarding news of interest.

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FIELD-DAY FINAL RESULTS

By Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ

Call Used: K2USA
 ARRL/RAC Section: NNJ
 Class: 1A
 Participants: 14
 Club Name: Garden State Amateur Radio Association (GSARA)
 Power Source(s): Generator
 Power Multiplier: 2X

Bonus Points:

100% Emergency power	100
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC	100
WIAW Field Day Message	100
Site Visit by invited elected official	100
Site Visit by invited served agency official	100
Submitted via the Web	50
Total Bonus Points	850

Score Summary:

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
Total QSOs	192	0	582	
Total Points	384	0	582	966

Claimed Score = 1,932 (966 x Pwr Mult of 2)

Total Score = 1,932 + 850 (bonus) = 2,782

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

Band	CW QSOs	Pwr (W)	Digital QSOs	Pwr (W)	Phone QSOs	Pwr (W)
160m						
80m					172	100
40m	117	100			44	100
20m	75	100			349	100
15m					17	100
10m						
Total	192		0		582	

Congratulations to all who participated and made this a very successful Field Day in spite of the poor weather.

NEW IRC AVAILABLE

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has announced that a new International Reply Coupon (IRC) design <<http://www.dailydx.com/2007irc.jpg>> has been selected. Radio amateurs often enclose IRCs when QSLing DX stations directly to cover the cost of return postage. The new design, known as "Beijing Model No. 2," was submitted by Volodymyr Taran, a graphic artist from Ukraine. Chosen by a jury of 40 UPU member countries, the coupon design was inspired by Michelangelo's painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel -- two fingers about to touch framed in a postage stamp, representing the notions of communication and exchange. The new IRC will be valid until December 31, 2009. The current IRC is valid through December 31, 2006. For more information on IRCs, see the June 1999 issue of QST (page 83).--The Daily DX <<http://www.dailydx.com>>

MAJOR CHANGES TO UK RULES

The Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) reports radio amateurs there soon will no longer have to keep a log unless telecoms regulator Ofcom specifically requests it. Other significant rules changes Ofcom has announced include a substantial relaxation of regulations regarding unattended operation and remote control. Amateurs will be able to use 10 mW on any amateur band for remote operation within a 100-meter range. "Interestingly," RSGB commented, "Ofcom appears to have formally recognized Amateur Radio as a leisure activity as well as a self-training hobby." In 2005, Ofcom unveiled a laundry list of changes to the Amateur Radio rules, including the introduction of a lifetime license that could be renewed free of charge via the Internet. The lifetime license and the new changes to the licence Ofcom has just announced go into effect in October 2006. RSGB encouraged UK amateurs to read and file comments on Ofcom's documentation <<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/aradio/1/ifetimelicense>> on the new license format.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 28, July 14, 2006



AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

Amateur radio exam sessions that are given in the central New Jersey area are as follows but please contact the responsible person to be sure that the time and date are accurate.

Wall Township, Camp Evans Area on Marconi Road: Exams are held on the second Wednesday of the even numbered months (Aug. 9, 2006) at 6:30 PM. The contact person is Larry Wilkins, KB2RIS at 732-922-6720 or e-mail to kb2ris@verizon.net.

Middletown, Croyden Hall on Leonardo Road: Exams are on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. The contact person is 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. The contact person is Ed Genoino, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or e-mail to wa2nda@aol.com.

Toms River, Holiday City South Clubhouse, Meeting Room #1, Mule Road at the corner of Santiago Drive on the second Saturday of the odd numbered months (September 9, 2006) at 10:00 AM. The contact person is Bill Haldane, AC2F, 732-240-7064 or ac2f@earthlink.net.

In all cases, the fee is \$14 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.

"MAGIC BAND" DOES ITS THING

Stations in several parts of the US took advantage of a monster opening on 6 meters -- the "Magic Band" -- Wednesday, July 12. The Daily DX <<http://www.dailydx.com>> Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, who also edits "How's DX?" for QST, says the band began warming up at his Maryland QTH before sunrise, but the biggest opening occurred just before 2100 UTC.

"The band stayed open to Europe until just after 0000Z today," McClenny said July 13. He credits fellow 6-meter DX chaser Marty Green, K2PLF, with tipping him off. "I ran downstairs and could not believe my ears," McClenny enthused in the July 13 edition of The Daily DX. "I have never heard conditions so good and so widespread into Europe."

McClenny said "the band was packed" from about 50.066 to well above 50.200 MHz with CW and SSB signals and even a few weak digital signals. So bountiful were the 6-meter DX spots, he recounts, "I didn't know where to begin." McClenny said conditions were so good "stations with 10-foot high antennas and 5 W were making it across the pond."

QST's "World Above 50 MHz" Editor Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, called it "probably the best 6 meter Es [sporadic E] opening of all time" into Europe. "I worked about two dozen Europeans as far east as Bulgaria but no new countries," Zimmerman said.

Rich Lawrence, KB1DMX, in Connecticut reported hearing stations in Italy, France, Spain, England, the Canary Islands, Serbia, Belgium and the Azores.

Rick Tharrington, KD4JRX, in North Carolina was among those posting exclamatory reports to the SixClub reflector. "I could not believe the European stations on the band," he said. "It sounded like 20 meters for while!" He worked EH8BPX and ON4IQ, among others, with 59 reports. "The magic band is working its magic today!" he added.

On the same reflector, Paul Lenharr, KB3NDS, reported working 18 stations in just under 45 minutes from his modest station -- 100 W to a dipole at 35 feet -- in Maryland. "This was one of the best openings for me since I started using 6 meters," he said.

In another SixClub posting, Jack Shutt, W9GT, said the band "was hopping" at his QTH in Indiana the evening of July 12, but he couldn't hear any DX. "Six meters, however, was open coast to coast," he reported, noting that he worked several stations to his west, including a couple in Nevada and one in California.

"I hope we can enjoy these conditions for a while yet," Shutt said. "Sure is fun when 6 is open!"

McClenny said Jose DaSilva, N4IS, in Southern Florida, may have been the first US station to work Montenegro on 6 meters when he snagged YU6DZ at 1559 UTC. "After four seasons on the band," McClenny concluded, "I would have to say that overall this has been the best -- and we are just about at the bottom of the sunspot cycle!"

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CANADIAN TEAM WINS WRTC-2006

Canadians John Sluymmer, VE3EJ, and Jim Roberts, VE7ZO (ex-VE3IY), officially topped the 46-team field at World Radiosport Team Championship 2006 (WRTC-2006) in Brazil <<http://www.wrtc2006.org>> July 8-9. As PT5M they logged nearly 2.44 million points to take home the gold. US teams took the second and third positions for silver and bronze medals, respectively. But the appearance in one log of a large number of what officials are calling "phantom QSOs" took another team out of medal contention.

Earning the silver medal was the US-West team of Californians Dan Craig, N6MJ, and Dave Mueller, N2NL, with nearly 2.32 million points from PW5C. The national special invited team of Doug Grant, K1DG, and Andy Blank, N2NT -- operating as PT5Y -- landed in third place with almost 2.1 million points. They had been in fourth place in the preliminary "Scoreboard" results as the event ended at July 9 at 1200 UTC. The final five changed, however, once WRTC-2006 officials reviewed all logs.

Preliminary Scoreboard numbers had the Serbia-Montenegro team of Ranko Boca, YT6A, and Djurica Maletin, YT6T -- operating as PT5L -- scrambling from 11th to third place in the final hour of the event. When the smoke cleared, however, they ended in 11th place.

In a statement <<http://www.wrtc2006.com/release59.html>> July 14, WRTC-2006 officials explained that the PT5L log contained an unusually high number of "uniques" -- call signs that appeared rarely or not at all in the logs of more than 1000 IARU contest participants or of other WRTC-2006 competitors. The officials said recorded audio from PT5L confirmed that the QSOs had in fact taken place.

"It appeared to the judges, from listening to the recording while examining annotated log extracts identifying the 'uniques,' that there was a small number of stations, probably more than one, feeding 'phantom QSOs' to PT5L," the WRTC-2006 statement said. Signing the statement in addition to Atilano de Oms, PY5EG, as WRTC-2006 steering committee chair, were judges David Sumner, K1ZZ, and Roger Western, G3SXW, and Log-Checking Committee members Larry "Tree" Tyree, N6TR, and Phil Goetz, N6ZZ.

As a result, the judges and log-checking committee decided to reduce the threshold for determining a unique QSO to a relatively small number of logs and to delete all uniques from the logs of all 46 competing teams.

While most teams lost about 15 QSOs, the action resulted in the deletion of 240 contacts -- nearly all "manufactured" at the other end -- from the PT5L log and the loss of the bronze medal. The five WRTC-2006 officials said it appears most likely that the "phantom QSOs" were intended to sabotage either one or both of the PT5L operators specifically or a randomly selected WRTC station.

"Such behavior, by amateur operators outside the WRTC event itself, is both reprehensible and illegal and deserves to be thoroughly investigated," the officials said. "However, doing so within the time frame of the WRTC event was impossible."

Taking the fourth spot with some 2.02 million points was the Ukrainian team of Yuri Onipko, UT4UZ, and Dimitry Stashuk, UT5UGR, who competed as PW5X. They'd showed up in fifth place in the preliminary standings. Rounding out the top five was the PT5D team of Stefano Brioschi, IK2QEI, and Stefano Galli, IK2JUB, of Italy. They racked up nearly 1.99 million points.

These special awards were also presented: PW5U (XE1KK/XE1NTT) for the most CW QSO points among stations with at least 35 percent SSB QSOs; PT5N (9A8A/9A5K) for the most SSB QSO points; PW5K (ES5TV/ES2RR) for the most accurate log among the top 20 finisher, and PW5G (IZ3EYZ/9A1UN) for the top score among Bi-National Young Team participants.

WRTC-2006 selected 47 teams to take part, but only 46 competed because the Czech Republic team of OK1FUA and OK2RZ was unable to get to Brazil because of an airline service suspension. Citing other commitments, three-time WRTC winners Dan Street, K1TO, and Jeff Steinman, N5TJ, did not participate in this year's event in Brazil.

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MAINTAIN YOUR ADDRESS WITH FCC

The FCC has suspended two Amateur Radio licenses because the holders had failed to maintain correct mailing addresses in the Commission's licensee database. Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth wrote Larry L. Smith, KC7LJR, of Middleton, Idaho, and Larry J. Maniag, KD7JTG, of Payson, Arizona, on June 28 to inform them the FCC was suspending their Technician tickets for the remainder of their license terms or until each licensee provides a valid mailing address.

In his letter to Smith, Hollingsworth noted that on three occasions in late 2005, the FCC had been unable to deliver warning notices alleging deliberate interference to a 2-meter repeater system.

He told Maniag that the US Postal Service earlier this year returned as undeliverable two warning notices alleging deliberate interference with several repeaters.

Hollingsworth cited §97.23 of the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules that requires each license grant to show the licensee's correct name and mailing address. The rule provides that "revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct mailing address."

Hollingsworth cited the same rule to an Ohio licensee apparently tempting a similar fate. On June 26 Hollingsworth afforded Robert D. Reckner, W8IQJ, more time to respond to complaints involving his service as MIDCARS net control. The complaint alleges deliberate interference as a result of his starting the net on top of existing communications on 7.258 MHz in April. A June 1 letter enclosing the complaint came back to the FCC as undeliverable, he said.

In another failure-to-reply case, Hollingsworth notified William E. Kuth, KB2SGQ, of Utica, New York, on June 27 that

his license renewal application has been designated for dismissal. That action effectively eliminates Kuth's Amateur Radio privileges, and Hollingsworth reminded him of that fact.

In May, the FCC notified Kuth that his renewal application "could not be routinely granted" and had been referred to the Enforcement Bureau for review. That came in the wake of a Warning Notice for allegedly operating on 26.815 MHz without a license and causing interference on 10 meters. Additional complaints alleged that Kuth operated on 26.945 MHz.

Hollingsworth said postal records indicate that Kuth received the FCC inquiry on May 5 but did not respond. The letter to Kuth noted that the address on his renewal application differed from his actual mailing address. Kuth's Technician license expired in November 2004.

The FCC dismissed the upgrade application of Andrew O. Ojwang, KI4LTH, of Roswell, Georgia, based on the licensee's response to "numerous complaints about the operation of your station since the grant of your General class license," Hollingsworth wrote. Following the complaints, the FCC last October set aside Ojwang's General license and his renewal application, which reverted to pending status.

"Pursuant to your response dated May 31, 2006, your General class application is being forwarded to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau for dismissal," Hollingsworth informed Ojwang on June 28. Complaints regarding Ojwang's on-air operation would have to be resolved before the Commission would consider an upgrade application, Hollingsworth advised. The FCC appears to have renewed Ojwang's Technician ticket for a full 10-year term, however.

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MONTENEGRO DX FESTIVAL

Radio amateurs and equipment from all over Europe and from a few countries outside the continent converged this week on Montenegro -- the newest DXCC entity -- for the Montenegro International DX Festival. The event kicked off at noon on Thursday, July 20, with a salute to Montenegrin hams, the Amateur Radio Association of Montenegro and the country's telecoms authority and military.

The three-week Amateur Radio event is aimed at putting the tiny, new Balkan nation on the DX map in a big way. Seven stations identifying as 4O3T will be on the air from various locations. Nineteen-year old Nikola Ilic, YZ6AMD, made the first 4O3T QSO to start the festival, working DF3IU.

During the formalities, Montenegro Amateur Radio Union President Veso Babic, YU6A, and event organizer Ranko Boca, YT6A, welcomed all visitors to Montenegro. Well-known DXer Martti Laine, OH2BH, discussed some of the challenges facing ham radio as well as the opportunities for further talks with Montenegrin authorities. International Amateur Radio Union representative Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, promised to help Montenegro become an IARU member-society. Babic also reminded those on hand of Amateur Radio's valuable emergency communication effort following an earthquake in 1979.

Nearly four dozen operators from more than 10 countries are expected to serve as 4O3T operators during the DX Festival, which continues until August 13. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, and his wife Linda, KA1ZD, will join the event in progress.

Look for 4O3NT on or about these frequencies: CW: 1826.5, 3522, 7022, 10,106, 14,022, 18,072, 21,022, 24,892 and 28,022 kHz; SSB: 3795, 7055, 14,190, 18,145, 21,290, 24,945 and 28,490 kHz; RTTY: 7035, 10,135, 14,085, 18,105, 21,085 and 28,085 kHz; 6 meters, CW/SSB: 50,106 kHz. An online searchable log will be available on the SRACG Web site <<http://www.yu6scg.cg.yu/log-book-search.html>>.

Yaesu, SteppIR, Acom and the Northern California DX Foundation have supplied equipment for the event.

Festival organizers have set the ambitious goal of 200,000 contacts for the event, which will use all HF bands. DX Festival activities also will include several basic courses on ham radio operating and CEPT license examinations aimed at new and less-experienced radio amateurs.

There's still room for more operators, especially during the second and third weeks of the event. Contact Ranko Boca, YT6A <yt6a@cg.yu>, with a copy to Martti Laine, OH2BH <oh2bh@sral.fi>. QSL via YT6A.

The United Nations admitted the Republic of Montenegro as its 192nd member on June 28, automatically making Montenegro the 336th current DXCC entity. Montenegro declared its independence on June 3 following a national referendum May 21.

There are fewer than 100 native radio amateurs in Montenegro. The International Telecommunication Union has not yet assigned a distinctive call sign block to the new country, although current Montenegrin radio amateurs have been using their YU/YT/YZ/4O-prefix call signs.

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UK 5 MHZ EXPERIMENT EXTENDED

UK telecommunications regulator Ofcom and the Ministry of Defence okayed extending the 5 MHz Amateur Radio experiment until June 30, 2010, and adding two new channels -- 5368 and 5373 kHz (center frequencies). Under the expanded plan, the UK and the US now will enjoy three center-frequency channels in common -- the two new channels and 5405 kHz. The UK experiment, which began in 2002, was to have concluded July 31. The Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) says the extension followed discussions between Ofcom and the RSGB. Current notices of variation (NoVs) issued by the Radiocommunications Agency -- the former telecoms regulator -- still expire July 31, 2006, however, and Full license holders in the UK who want to continue using the 5 MHz frequencies will have to file a new NoV application. Applicants must explain how they plan to experiment on the 5 MHz channels.

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NOTES ON CALENDAR (see reverse side)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., W2QHS on August 1. All times in EDST unless otherwise noted.

August 1 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** is canceled due to the Holiday.

August 1 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 PM at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

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

August 2 – **GSARA Monthly Meeting** at the MARS Building at Fort Monmouth at 8:00 PM.

August 3 – **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

August 4 and every Friday – **Lunch at Blue Swan Diner**, Rt. 35 South, Ocean Township at noon.

August 4-6 – **National Lighthouse Weekend** from 8:01 PM Fri. to 7:59 PM Sun. See Aug. QST p. 88 or www.arlhs.com

August 5-6 – **NA QSO Party, CW** from 2 PM Sat. to 2 AM Sun, See Jan. QST, p. 101 or www.ncjweb.com

August 7 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

August 8 – **VE Test Session** at Croydon Hall, Leonardo section of Middletown at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP at 732-787-7184 or n2pvp@n2pvp.com

August 9 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (10-35 WPM). See August QST, pp. 86 and 88.

August 10 – **Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS)** meeting in Riverview Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 PM.

August 11 – **Amateur Radio Luncheon** at Perkins in Colts Neck Inn at noon. All amateurs invited.

August 12 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ. Note the change in meeting place.

August 14 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.

August 15 – **Middletown Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 8 PM in Croyden Hall off Leonardville Road.

August 17 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:30 PM Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoino, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or wa2nda@comcast.net.

August 18-20 – **Int. Lighthouse Weekend** from 8:01 PM Fri. to 7:59 PM Sun. See Aug. QST p. 88 or illw.net/index.html

August 19-20 – **NA QSO Party, SSB** from 2 PM Sat. to 2 AM Sun, See Jan. QST, p. 101 or www.ncjweb.com

August 19-20 – **NJ QSO Party** from 4 PM Sat. to 3 AM Sun. and 11 AM to 10 PM Sunday. See Aug. QST, p. 88 or www.qsl.net/w2rj

August 21 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

August 24 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 4 PM (10-35 WPM). See August QST, pp. 86 and 88.

August 26 – **Neptune ARC Meeting** at American Legion Post #346. 31 Gully Road in Neptune at 9 AM.

August 28 – **Buttonwood Manor Lunch** at noon. Raritan Bay Amateurs. All are welcome.

August 28 – **JCDXA meeting** at 7:30 PM (6:30 for dining) at the Cobblestone Diner on Rt. 35 in Eatontown.

August 28 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only to participate.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		W2QHS 1 Pancake House Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	2 GSARA Mtg.	3 Hol. City Mtg.	4 Blue Swan Nat. Litehouse	5 W2ML Nat. Litehouse NA QSO Pty
6 Nat. Litehouse NA QSO Pty	7 ARES/RACES 7:30	8 Perkins Lunch Croyden VE 7 PM QCWA News 9 PM	9 WA2DJN CW Qual. Run	10 JSARS Mtg.	11 Blue Swan	OMARC Mtg. 12
13	14 N2GT RACES Net	15 MARC Mtg QCWA News 9 PM	16	17 K2EI JSARS VE	18 Blue Swan Int. Litehouse	19 Int. Litehouse NA QSO NJ QSO
20 Int. Litehouse NA QSO NJ QSO	21 ARES/RACES 7:30	22 QCWA News 9 PM	23	24 CW Qual. Run	25 Blue Swan	Neptune Mtg 26
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