



THE PROPAGATOR

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NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 7

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, February 7 at 8:00 PM** at the MARS building in Fort Monmouth. Come early to enjoy the refreshments. Also, dues for 2007 are now due and will be gratefully accepted. 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, notify Larry, KB2RIS or Frank, W2XYZ. You then must check with visitor control on Oceanport Ave. to retire your old badges and get a new placard. Your old badges **CANNOT** be renewed.

FREE HAM RADIO GOODIES

CUSHCRAFT BEAM A3S 10-15-20 Meters with rotor in good condition - **FREE** – but must remove from roof of my house.

Homebrew 900 WATT LINEAR Amplifier - Pair of 813's – Runs on 117 volt line input, 50-100 Watts RF input. 75, 40, 20, 17, 15 Meters. Works well - **FREE** – But must remove from house - In 5 Foot high relay rack with large casters so can roll across floor, but heavy.

Bob McLaughlin, K2SAU
Middletown, 732-671-9128

GSARA CALENDAR

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

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

WILLIAM SCHAIBLE, K2SAZ - SK

William T. Schaible, 80, of Wanamassa, Ocean Township, died Saturday, Jan. 20, at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. He was an electronics technician with EAI Inc., West Long Branch, for 30 years until his retirement in the 1990s. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a radioman in the Philippines. Bill was an avid fisherman, gardener and was a ham radio operator with the call designation "K2SAZ." He was a member of the Ocean Township Civil Defense Squad in the 1960s. Born in Newark, he lived in Long Branch before moving to Wanamassa 54 years ago.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Ann DeAngelo Schaible; three sons, William C., Joseph H., and Peter; and a daughter, Katherine A. Schaible, all at home; and a brother, Anthony Schaible and his wife Judy of Oakhurst.

Interment will be in Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown.

MIDDLETOWN CLUB MEETING TIME

The Middletown Amateur Radio Club has changed their meeting time and place to the second Saturday of each month at 10 AM at the Union Beach Police Department Annex (Municipal Building) on Florence Avenue. However, in February, there is a schedule conflict so the meeting will be on the third Saturday, February 17. Featured speaker will be Bob Buus, W2OD talking about digital modes. Guests are always welcome. Many also meet for lunch at noon on Saturdays at Wendy's on Highway 35 just south of Sears in Middletown.

GSARA HOMEPAGE

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

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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

Well, the big news this month is that the elimination of the Morse code requirement for any class of amateur license becomes effective on Friday, February 23. At that date, no-code Technicians will have the same privileges as Technician Plus license holders including CW portions of the 80, 40, 15 and 10 meter bands as well as a portion of the 10 meter SSB band. I sincerely hope that you enjoy these new privileges.

By the way, it is somewhat ironic that some choice CW spectrum opens up to hams who probably don't know Morse code. Don't let that stop you. There are computer programs that do an excellent job of sending and receiving Morse code. Many of them operate through a sound card interface (like RIGblaster) so it's not too hard to get on the air and operate CW through your computer keyboard. Try it! You may find it a lot of fun and an easy way to work some good DX with modest power and a simple antenna.

The Marconi Hotel at the old Camp Evans on Marconi Road in Wall is open every Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 PM and is well worth a trip. Many rooms have interesting displays. QCWA Marconi Chapter 138 has a room displaying the evolution of telegraphy (from American Morse landline using sounders, through spark, CW, keyers, keyboards, and PSK31). There are displays of military electronics, military vehicles, model railroads, early computers, antique radios, and radio broadcasting artifacts. There is no formal admission price at this time although a \$5 donation is solicited.

The Marconi hotel is best reached from Route 18. From the north, take exit 7A and turn right at the stop sign onto Marconi Road. The hotel is about ¼ mile on the right. From the south, take exit 7 which puts you directly on Marconi Road and the hotel is less than ½ mile on the right.

Remember if you change your e-mail address, please be sure to inform Bruce McLeod, K2QXW.

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

73 de Bob, w2od@arrrl.net

MINUTES OF JANUARY 3 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 15 members present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ made a report for December and for the year 2006. A motion was made by Kevin, KC2NYQ and seconded by Lou, W2HAM to accept the report. The report was unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Peg Struening and seconded by Steve, N2WLH to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the January Propagator. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Old Business

President Jeff, N2LXM reported that the Christmas party with the Neptune Club was a success with nearly 60 attendees. Everyone ate well and had a good time.

Field Day

Jim Griffiths, K2IE stopped in briefly and offered to write a paper highlighting the fun in participating in Field Day. We hope to have a setup similar to last years. We did very well last year but were down 23% of the time. If we had more operators so we could support continuous operation, we could capture a top score for this area. So our goal this year will be to strive for more participation.

Public Service

Tom, N2VFK announced that the MS Bike Tour to Cape May will be on May 19-20. As last year, it will start at Monmouth University with rest stops in this area at 7 Presidents Park and Belmar Pavilion. We are looking for volunteers, especially those willing to ride in a vehicle.

Birthdays

Jeff, N2LXM noted that Sam, KC2HAW has a birthday coming up the following Saturday, January 6. Also, Frank, W2XYZ has a birthday on the 11th

and Larry, KB2RIS has one on the 16th. Happy Birthday to all!

Announcements

Infoage has announced a schedule of events for 2007. They include a shipwreck display on May 5, a vintage computer fest on June 10, a military vehicle display on June 16, a USO dance on September 15 and a haunted house and hayride for Halloween. Check www.infoage.org for more details.

The FCC has issued a Report and Order that eliminates the Morse code requirement for all classes of amateur license. It will become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register which is expected soon so it should be effective in early February.

The ARRL has asked for a 100 kHz of spectrum at 60 meters.

Lighthouse weekend in August 18-19 and OMARC is planning on operating from Sandy Hook. A Sayreville group is planning on operating from Twin Lights.

Tom, N2VFK has a digipeater operating on APRS with an internet I-gate. K2USA also has a digipeater on 144.390.

Bob, K2SAU is moving soon and has a linear amplifier and tri-band beam for sale very cheap. If interested, contact him as k2sau@arrl.net.

There will be an amateur radio class on the Post for 2 or 3 hours/week for 5 weeks. The day will be set soon and volunteers are needed. Please contact Larry, KB2RIS if you can help.

Program

Jeff, N2LXM played a musical MP3 clip he got from the internet called CQ Serenade. This was originally recorded in the 50's or 60's and featured Jean Harren as the singer and a bandleader from Canada.

Closing

A drawing was held for the main door prize which was won by Tony, KB2ZSI who donated it back to the club.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Peg Struening and seconded by Tom, N2VFK to close the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9:05 PM.

CODE OUT OFFICIALLY FEBRUARY 23

Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules. Effective that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. Federal Register publication January 24 of the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, started a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective.

"The overall effect of this action is to further the public interest by encouraging individuals who are interested in communications technology or who are able to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, to become Amateur Radio operators; and eliminating a requirement that is now unnecessary and may discourage Amateur Service licensees from advancing their skills in the communications and technical phases of Amateur Radio," the FCC remarked in the Federal Register version of the "Morse code" R&O. The League had asked the FCC to retain the 5 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants, but the Commission held to its decision to eliminate the requirement across the board. The rules that appeared in the Federal Register constitute their official version <<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-729.pdf>>.

The new rules also mean that starting February 23 all Technician licensees, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination, will have CW privileges on 80, 40 and 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters. Once the new rules go into effect Technicians may begin using their new privileges without any further action.

An applicant holding a valid Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for Element 3 (General) or Element 4 (Amateur Extra) credit may redeem it for an upgrade at a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) exam session. A CSCE is good for 365 days from the date of issuance, no exceptions.

For example, a Technician licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 credit would have to

apply at a VEC test session and pay the application fee, which most VECs charge, in order to receive an instant upgrade to General.

ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, cautions that a license upgrade is **not** automatic for those holding valid CSCEs for element credit. "You must apply for the upgrade at a VEC test session, and you may not operate as /AG or /AE until you have upgraded and have been issued a CSCE marked for upgrade," he stresses. "A valid CSCE for element credit only does not confer any operating privileges."

Henderson also advises all radio amateurs to know and fully understand their operating privileges before taking to the airwaves. Some Technician licensees reportedly started showing up on 75 meters December 15 in the mistaken belief that they had gained phone privileges there.

The FCC R&O includes an Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket 04-140 – the so-called "omnibus" proceeding. It will modify Part 97 in response to ARRL's request to accommodate automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in the wake of other rule changes that became effective last December 15. The Commission designated 3585 to 3600 kHz for such operations, although that segment will remain available for CW, RTTY and data. The ARRL had requested that the upper limit of the CW/RTTY/data subband be set at 3635 kHz so there would be no change in the existing 3620 to 3635 kHz subband.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part 97 rule revisions on its "FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/>>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 04, January 26, 2007

MOST-WANTED DXCC ENTITIES

The DX Magazine, published by Carl Smith, N4AA, has released the results of its 2006 most-wanted DXCC entities survey, The Daily DX <<http://www.dailydx.com>> reports. The newsletter notes that the survey list omitted Swains Island (KH8/S), which joined the DXCC List last July 22 and may otherwise have been number one. For 2006, Scarborough Reef (BS7) remains on top. The second most-wanted entity is Lakshadweep Islands

(VU7), where a second DXpedition in as many months is now on the air with the call signs VU7RG and VU7MY. North Korea (P5) still holds the number-three slot, followed in order by Yemen (7O), Navassa (KP1), Glorioso (FR/G), Bouvet (3Y/B), Desecheo (KP5), Marion Island (ZS8) and Heard Island (VK0/H). Displaced from the Top 10 in 2006 were Peter I (3Y/P) and Andaman Islands (VU4). The complete listing of the Top 100 most-wanted DXCC entities eventually will appear on the DX Publishing Web site <<http://www.dxpub.com>>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 03, January 19, 2007

WELCOME NEW TECHS

As a result of the one-day tech licensing class held January 13 at Croyden Hall, the following new Technicians have joined our ranks:

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| 1. Leonard Calabreo | KC2QQS |
| 2. Katherine Henry | KC2QQT |
| 3. Lois Wilkes | KC2QQU |
| 4. David Delucia | KC2QQV |
| 5. Raimundo Gorriin | KC2QQW |
| 6. Patrick Ambrose | KC2QQX |
| 7. Yusmila Cuevas | KC2QQY |
| 8. Kimberly Quiambao | KC2QQZ |
| 9. Kenneth Falls | KC2QVG |
| 10. Carmen Schltheis | KC2QVA |
| 11. Glenn Mason | KC2QVB |
| 12. Yonkai Liao | KC2QVC |
| 13. Thomas Henry | KC2QVD |
| 14. Adrienne Grable | KC2QVE |
| 15. Christine Farrel | KC2QVF |
| 16. William Elliott | KC2QVH |
| 17. Christine Romo | KC2QVI |
| 18. Stephen Mamich | KC2QVJ |
| 19. Michael Romo | KC2QVK |
| 20. Alfonse Cinavemani | KC2QVL |
| 21. Brett Davis | KC2QVM |
| 22. Marc Boyle | KC2QVN |
| 23. Jonathan Ryan | KC2QVO |
| 24. Sandy Boyle | KC2QVP |

If you hear any of these newcomers on the local repeaters, please extend to them congratulations and a warm welcome.

From Mario, N2PVP via the Internet

PRESIDENT BUSH LAUDS HAM RADIO

President George W. Bush has written the ARRL to recognize the just-ended Hello Amateur Radio public relations campaign and to extend "greetings to all those celebrating 100 years of voices over the airwaves." The president said the centennial of Reginald Fessenden's landmark Christmas Eve 1906 voice broadcast "opened the door for technological advances" that improved the lives of people around the world.

"I appreciate all who work in radio, and I am grateful to the Amateur Radio operators who provide emergency communications that help make our country safer and more secure," President Bush wrote. "Your good work strengthens our society and represents the American spirit."

ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, conceived and developed the Hello campaign. He says that while that initiative is formally over, ARRL public information coordinators and officers will take advantage in the new year of the momentum it generated.

"As we begin launching the new Emergency Communications campaign, the friendships and goodwill developed in Hello will aid in future promotions of Amateur Radio," Pitts commented. "For 100 years, radio in its many forms has saved lives and aided in crises. We have a great legacy and a bright future."

The grand finale of the Hello campaign December 29-30 involved special event operations from W1AW (see *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 26, No 02, Jan 12, 2007), W1F at Brant Rock, Massachusetts, and GB1FVT in Scotland.

The theme of the ARRL's 2007 public relations initiative is "Ham Radio . . . Getting the Message Through for your Family and Community." It will focus on Amateur Radio's capability to provide reliable emergency communication when traditional systems fail or become overloaded

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ADVICE FOR THE DAY: Be nice to your kids.
They will choose your nursing home one day.

FESSENDEN TRANSMISSION HEARD

A Christmas Eve CW transmission from the SAQ Alexanderson alternator site in Grimeton, Sweden, drew a raft of reports, 166 in all, most from Europe. SAQ's 200 kW signal on 17.2 kHz was barely readable in North America, however. The holiday transmission from the historic site on Sweden's west coast marked the 100th anniversary of Reginald Fessenden's landmark voice broadcast from Brant Rock, Massachusetts, on Christmas Eve 1906.

"The conditions this time were not the best," Lars Kålland, SM6NM, said of the December 24, 2006, transmission. "It was much better in the last winter transmission, 19th Feb 2006. The transmission was received in the USA, but very weak."

Six listeners in the US were able to copy all or part of SAQ's transmission, including Jay Rusgrove, W1VD, in Connecticut, who gave SAQ a 349 to 449 report. Alan Douglas on Cape Cod reported a weak signal, while Bill Ashlock in Andover, Massachusetts, said he had "fairly good copy" of SAQ's very-low-frequency signal. Far better reports showed up from various points in Europe. Lubomir Bobalik, OK2BVG, reported that SAQ was 15 dB over S9 in the Czech Republic.

Swedish-American engineer Ernst Alexanderson developed the radio transmitter that bears his name while working for General Electric in Schenectady, New York. The device is essentially a large high-frequency alternator (i.e., an ac "generator") with a high-speed rotor connected directly to an antenna system. A similar station once operated on Long Island, New York (*also New Brunswick, New Jersey – Ed.*). The circuit was used to transmit telegrams and messages between Europe and the US. Such systems were in use through World War II to provide international telecommunication.

The SAQ site houses the last working Alexanderson alternator and is home to Amateur Radio station SK6SAQ.

Kålland said SAQ would announce its next scheduled transmission. SAQ is a member of the Swedish Amateur Association (SSA), and listeners may QSL via the bureau.

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NEW VANITY CALLS HELD UP

The hold on processing new Amateur Radio vanity call sign applications remained in effect at week's end, although FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff members have indicated informally that it would end very soon. The Commission stopped processing new vanity call sign applications while it modifies the software that handles vanity applications. The suspension, which does not affect vanity call sign renewals, resulted from a new Amateur Radio Service rule that went into effect December 15 to discourage the filing of multiple applications by one individual for the same call sign on the same receipt day.

"The Commission continues to accept vanity call sign applications," a brief announcement on the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) Web page says. "However, these applications will not be processed until software changes in accordance with the recent rule making have been fully implemented."

The FCC granted the last Amateur Radio vanity call signs on January 4 for applications received December 15. The current suspension affects new vanity call sign applications submitted on December 18 or later. Once processing of new vanity applications resumes, the FCC says, it will process all applications in the queue in the order in which they were received. Typically, it takes 18 days from the time the FCC receives a vanity application until the call sign is issued -- or the application is denied.

The FCC's "omnibus" Report and Order (R&O) in WT Docket 04-140 stipulates that if the FCC receives more than one application requesting a vanity call sign from a single applicant on the same receipt day, it will process only the first application entered into the ULS. The FCC will dismiss any subsequent vanity call sign applications from the same applicant on the same receipt date. The FCC put new vanity call sign processing on hold after an applicant unwittingly submitted 30 applications for the same call sign three days after the new rule became effective.

The current vanity call sign fee, payable for new applications as well as renewals, is \$20.80 for the 10-year license term.

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FAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The non-profit Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) now is accepting applications for 56 academic year 2007-2008 scholarships to assist radio amateurs pursuing higher education. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2007.

FAR fully funds three of scholarships and administers 42 others without cost on behalf of various club and individual donors; grant income funds the remaining 11 awards. Amateur Radio licensees pursuing a full-time course of study beyond high school and accepted by or enrolled in an accredited university, college or technical school are eligible to apply.

Scholarship grants range from \$500 to \$3000, and preference in some cases goes to applicants living in particular geographical areas or pursuing certain studies. Non-US residents are eligible to apply for some of the scholarships.

Request more information and an application form via e-mail <scholarships@farweb.org> or by sending a QSL card by April 30 to FAR Scholarships, PO Box 831, Riverdale, MD 20738.

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THINGS TO THINK ABOUT KIDS!

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.
2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.
4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
6. We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

From the Internet

AUTOMOBILES AND COMPUTERS

At a computer expo, Bill Gates, comparing the computer and auto industries stated, "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating:

If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics.

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....Twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

From The Internet thanks to Joe, W2KQ

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 first Saturday of the even numbered months (Feb. 3, 2007) at 10 AM. 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 (March 10, 2007) at 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is required (no walk ins). 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.

NEW PROVIDENCE AUCTION/FLEA

New Providence Amateur Radio Club's Annual Auction and Indoor Flea Market will be held this year on Friday, February 23, 2007 at the New Providence Municipal Center Gymnasium (a change from last year). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; auction begins at 7:00 p.m.

"Some of New Jersey's most highly prized and valuable radio, electronic, audio, and computer items will be available."

Further information can be found at: <http://www.nparc.org/auction.htm>

A flyer that includes driving directions is at: <http://www.nparc.org/flyers/AuctionNPARC.pdf>

2007 DXCC HONOR ROLL DEADLINE

The deadline for inclusion in the next DXCC Honor Roll listing is March 31. Submissions must be postmarked by that date. The Honor Roll list will appear in August QST. There are 337 current entities on the DXCC List, and you must be at 337 to qualify for Top of the Honor Roll or within the numerical top 10 to qualify for Honor Roll. The current minimum number for Honor Roll is 328. (Deleted entities do not count toward Honor Roll). "Top of Honor Roll" and "Honor Roll" plaques and lapel pins are available to all past and current Honor Roll members. Visit The ARRL DX Century Club Program [Web page <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc>](http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc) for information on how to order.

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DUES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1!

It's time to pay your dues for 2007 (if the label on page 10 does not show you paid) to our treasurer **Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ**. Regular membership is \$15, family membership is \$25, students are \$7.50 and active Military personnel pay no fee (but submit form to show continued interest in belonging). If you wish to have a paper copy of *The Propagator* mailed to you, add \$5 and check this box:

NAME _____ CALL _____

wishes to continue membership in GSARA for 2006. Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Make checks payable to GSARA and mail or give to:

Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ
450-B Cheshire Ct.
Lakewood, NJ 08701

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see reverse side)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., **N2TQG** February 2. All times in EST.

February 1 – **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

February 2 and every Friday – **Lunch at Blue Swan Diner**, Rt. 35 South, Ocean Township at noon.

February 3 – **OMARC VE Session** at 10 AM at Diana Site on Marconi Road. See p. 8.

February 3 – **SSB North American Sprint** from 7 PM to 11 PM. See Feb. QST, p. 100 or www.ncjweb.com

February 4 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 4 PM on Marconi Road in Wall off Route 18 exit 7 (northbound) or 7A (southbound). Exhibits by QCWA, OMARC, Antique Radio, Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, Model Railroad, Vintage Computers, & NJ Divers. \$5 donation requested (but not required).

February 5 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

February 6 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon in back room to left. All are invited.

February 6 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 PM at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

February 6 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 PM.

February 7 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 7 PM (10-35 WPM). See February QST, pp. 97 and 100.

February 7 – **GSARA Monthly Meeting** at the MARS Building at Fort Monmouth at 8:00 PM.

February 8 – **Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS)** meeting in Riverview Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 PM.

Feb. 9-11 – **CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest** from 7 PM Friday to 7 PM Sunday. See Feb. QST, p. 100 or www.cq-amateur-radio.com

February 10 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ.

February 10 – **CW North American Sprint** from 7 PM to 11 PM. See Feb. QST, p. 100 or www.ncjweb.com

February 12 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.

February 13 – **Amateur Radio Luncheon** at Perkins in Colts Neck Inn at noon. All amateurs invited.

February 13 – **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

February 15 – **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.

Feb. 16-18 – **ARRL Int. DX Contest** from 7 PM Friday to 7 PM Sunday. See Dec. QST, p. 99 or www.arrl.org/contests

February 17 – **Middletown Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 10 AM in Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue.

February 19 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

February 22 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 4 PM (10-35 WPM). See February QST, pp. 97 and 100.

February 23 – **New Providence Auction and Flea Market** at 7 PM. See February QST, p. 99 or www.nparc.org/auction.htm

Feb. 23-25 – **CQ WW 160-meter Contest** from 7 PM Fri. to 7 PM Sun. See Jan. QST, p. 98 or www.cq-amateur-radio.com

February 24 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at American Legion Post #346, 31 Gully Road, Neptune at 9 AM.

February 26 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.

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