



# THE PROPAGATOR

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## UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, July 7 at 7:30 PM** at the **American Red Cross** - Regional Office, 1540 West Park Avenue, Tinton Falls, New Jersey. There will be a recap of Field Day as well as a regular business meeting. For all meetings, guests are welcome and refreshments will be served. Please try to attend.

The second meeting in July, also at the Red Cross, will be on **Wednesday, July 21 at 7:30 PM** and will be a review of our Field Day operation, including our antennas. There will be lots of good pictures shown. If you took any Field Day pictures, send them to Frank prior to the meeting. As always, refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## D-STAR PROHIBITED IN FRANCE

ARCEP, the French Regulator, has prohibited the use of D-Star in France (allowed in the rest of Europe) for the following reasons:

It provides unauthorized access to the Internet.

The digital voice is considered cryptographic and a threat to National Security.

The AMBE used for digital voice is protected by patents.

For more information check out this URL: <http://draf.asso.fr/index.php?post/2010/06/28/D-STAR-situation-in-France>

From Dan, K2DJA

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## GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

Have you checked it out recently?

## CQ FIELD DAY DE W2GSA

Field Day 2010 was another success for GSARA. We operated for the last time at Fort Monmouth. In light of the hot weather and possible predicted storms, we decided to operate in the MARS building instead of our tents. We did use emergency power and the air conditioner wasn't working in the building so we still experienced the hardships of Field Day.

For antennas, we strung a Carolina Dipole (furnished by Joe, W2KQ) up about 35 feet between a pair of poles and it worked out well for 80 and 160. For 40 meters, a vertical furnished by Jim, K2EI worked out the best. On 20, 15, and 10, we used a 3-element tri-band beam (also furnished by Jim) up about 45 feet on a bucket vehicle (see picture on page 8). This was easy to erect and was effective. We also put up the NEVIS inverted vee but didn't have much luck with it.

Jim's Yaesu was used for the phone transceiver and Frank's Kenwood TS-2000 served very well as the CW transceiver. A coaxial switch selected the appropriate rig for the antennas. Since we were 1A, only one station could be on the air at a time.

We kept a transmitter on the air almost continuously for the 24 hours and made about the same number of contacts as last year. For extra points, we did copy the ARRL Field Day Message, sent a message to Rich, our Section Manager, made 5 QRP contacts using solar power, and had two unlicensed operators (Andy, KA2VXA daughters) make at least one contact each.

.All in all, those who participated had a good time. Be sure to check out the pictures on page 8. Also, we should start thinking about next year when we can't be at Fort Monmouth. Will we be able to do any better or have more fun?

## GSARA OFFICERS

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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 Josh Gluck, KC2TKK and request *The Propagator* electronically. Josh's e-mail address is <kc2tkk@gardenstateara.org>.

## 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.

## HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

## EDITOR'S NOTES

I enjoyed still another Field Day and was glad to see some new faces participating. I would like to thank Andy, KA2VXA for bringing his two daughters over and we put each one on the air for extra points. The operators on the other end were very good about coaching them to speak slowly and distinctly and the girls did a great job. I thank them both. I found the logging program very easy to use and recommend it for future years. I would also like to acknowledge the effort of many members to keep our station on the air almost continuously for the 24 hours. Nice job! Especially during the night when many of us prefer to sleep.

I've gathered together all of my copies of *The Propagator* and put them in binders by year so I can quickly access any one of them (there are a few missing – see p. 4). I found it interesting that GSARA ran a contest in late 1983 to find a proper name for its newsletter and the winning proposal was "*The Propagator*" submitted by Harry Polhemus, KN2B (he won \$15 worth of ARRL publications). So, starting in January 1984 we have *The Propagator* published almost every month and I have most of the copies.

I thought I would try to dig out interesting tidbits of our past and have put this information from 10 and 20 years ago in this edition of *The Propagator* (see page 6). I could also do other intervals such as 5, 15, 25, 30 or 40 years. What do you think? I fear that going back too far would not be of much interest except to those few members who are older than dirt. I'd like to know what you think. Is there any interest in GSARA activities of the past?

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

Remember if you change your e-mail address; please be sure to inform Josh Gluck, KC2TKK.

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

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

## MINUTES OF JUNE 2 MEETING

**By Joe Dreifuss, W2KQ, Acting Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Frank, W2XYZ. There were 11 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes of meeting as published in the Bulletin accepted: A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Laura, N2HGI to accept the minutes of the May meetings as published in the Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Joe, W2KQ gave the Treasurers Report. A motion was made by Mike, KC2Q and seconded by Jeff, N2LXM to accept the report. It passed with a unanimous vote.

### Public Service

W2XYZ stated that N2VFK needed help with the Sheehan Run on June 19 2010. This will be a morning activity.

### Field Day

Field Day will be on June 26-27, 2010 at Ft. Monmouth.

Frank, W2XYZ stated that he had experimented with the N3FJP Field day Logging program and found it to be superior to Squirrel. All agreed that we would use the N3FJP program in that it provided more user information and was easy to make corrections if needed.

W2XYZ proposed that we should operate as a 2A with GOTA and a VHF/UHF Station. For antennas, it was proposed to use the K2EI loop, a 3 element tri-band beam, end to end Zepps, and a NEVIS antenna.

A spirited discussion took place and the results are as follows: We will operate as 1A with a Gota and VHF/UHF Radios. The Gota Station will operate from W2XYZ Mobile. Antennas will be the loop, 3 Element Beam and a NEVIS antenna. The call sign will be W2GSA.

Proposed the sum of \$ 400 be authorized for expenditure on Field day Activities. If required.

A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Jim, K2EI to authorize \$400 to be

spent as needed on Field Day activities. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### New Business

W2DND is moving and donated his equipment to GSARA. Thank you Bill. W2XYZ sold some of the equipment at the JCDXA Hamfest which resulted in the sum of \$113.00 which was turned over to our Treasurer W2KQ. The rest of the equipment will be held until our next White Elephant Sale.

### MCRA Repeater

W2XYZ stated that we were still interested in the acquisition of the MCRA Repeater. The membership was briefed on what GSARA would do with the repeater, with current operations still being maintained. Finances were also discussed.

A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Mike, KJC2Q to acquire the repeater. The motion was unanimously approved by the membership.

### Close

The 50/50 of \$11.00 was won by Matt, W2AOJ. The President W2XYZ closed the meeting at 9:30 pm.

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## MINUTES OF JUNE 16 MEETING

**By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by President Frank, W2XYZ. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves. There were 12 members and two guests present. The guests were Ralph Ciappa, KC2YNL from Freehold and Vincent Confuti also of Freehold.

### Public Service

President Frank, W2XYZ announced that Tom, N2VFK still needs a few more operators to cover the Sheehan run in Red Bank on Saturday, June 19. If you can help, contact Tom.

### Old Business

Jeff, N2LXM reported that requests for cards and certificates are still coming in for the K2USA operation in January. Some very nice letters of reminiscences have been received.

### New Business

The estate of Mike Reason, W2EXQ has left a tower on a trailer to the GSARA. A work party will be established in the near future to retrieve the trailer and bring it to the Red Cross.

### Field Day

Frank, W2XYZ passed around a sign-up sheet for those needing access to Fort Monmouth for Field Day. All names submitted will be posted at the gate and entrance can be gained by having your name on the list and showing your driver's license.

All Field Day participants will receive an ARRL Field Day coffee mug.

Field Day set-up will start on Friday, June 4 25 at 2 PM.

### Program

In Lieu of a program, Frank, W2XYZ gave a quick tutorial on the N3FJP logging program which we will use for Field Day. When then split up into several teams of three people each. One person on each team was the W2GSA operator, another represented calling stations, and the third did the logging. Using scripts furnished by Frank, all teams had a lot of fun practicing for Field Day operations.

### Closing

The door prize of \$13.50 was won by Jim Griffiths, K2EI. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Joe, W2KQ. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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## MISSING PROPAGATORS

I have collected all copies of *The Propagator* in my possession into binders by year since the first one in January, 1984. However, I have found some gaps that may be missing issues or gaps in the publication. If you have any of the following issues of *The Propagator*, I would like to borrow them to make a copy for my archives.

The missing issues are: June, August, and November, 1984; January through April, 1985; January and November, 1986; October, 1988; February through June, 1989; and January, February, 1990.

If you have any of the above, please contact me at w2od@aol.com or 732-946-8615. Thank you.

## DAVE BENTON, W2WSE – SK

Dave Benton, W2WSE died peacefully in his sleep on May 19, 2010. He was born on April 2, 1921 in Boston, MA and spent most of his professional career in New York City and Omaha, NE with AT&T and Northwestern Bell. He was a 1940 graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and a 1947 graduate of Harvard College.

Communications was the defining theme in Dave's life. Nurturing a keen interest in amateur radio in his youth eventually led to a career with AT&T and involvement with the ham radio community throughout his life. He built his own equipment from Heath kits, as well as the family's first TV and stereo system. Dave was a Charter member of the Marconi Chapter 138 of the QCWA and was subsequently a Diamond Jubilee member.

Dave married Jeanne Proctor on April 1, 1944, just before shipping out as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the 401<sup>st</sup> Heavy Bombardment Group with the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force in WWII. From July through December in 1944, he flew 35 missions over Germany as a bombardier, receiving the Air Medal with silver cluster, two Bronze Battle Stars and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Dave used amateur radio to communicate with friends all over the world, often through the use of Morse code. He also played boogie-woogie piano and listened to the jazz greats. He volunteered for Omaha civil defense communications and turned his eyes towards the skies as an amateur astronomer.

Dave and Jeanne retired in 1978 to relax by the ocean in Sea Girt, NJ and to spend most winters on the Caribbean island of Montserrat.

He and Jeanne were married for almost 53 years when Jeanne preceded him in death in 1997. Dave will be missed by his three children, Tracy Benton of St. Paul, MN; David Benton of Madison, WI; and Leslie Benton Bjorncrantz of Evanston, IL; two grandchildren; and his brother Peter.

Family memorial gatherings will be held in Madison, WI and Sea Girt, NJ this summer. Donations may be made to Montserrat Red Cross, P.O. Box 61, Brades, Montserrat, British West Indies or to Hospicecare, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, WI 54711.

## AL JACKSON, NK2O – SK

Albert Jackson Jr., NK2O died peacefully on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch at the age of 80. He was born in Athens, Ga. to Margie Ruth Church and raised in Sanford, Fla., as the eldest of seven children. He attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. He married Lieselotte Lena Pempfer from Giessen Germany. They were together for 47 years before she passed away on Sept. 5, 2001. A career soldier, he spent 25 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as a master sergeant in the Signal Corps. During his time in the military, he was stationed in California, Taiwan, and Germany. He also served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded a Bronze Star. He retired from active duty as an instructor at the Signal School in Fort Monmouth, (1972). Albert then began working for Johnson & Johnson (Weyerhaeuser) in Skillman until he retired. He was an avid bowler and Ham radio operator. He was a member and former president of the Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club (OMARC) and the Neptune Amateur Radio Club.

He is survived by his daughter, Melinge Jackson-Coryell; his son, Leslie Albert Jackson; his grandchildren, Cherise, Barry, and Anthony; his brothers, Anthony and Eugene Church; and his sisters, Evelyn C. Ledford and Connie Smith.

The interment and funeral ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at Arlington National Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Ely Funeral Home, Neptune. Condolences may be made online at [www.elyfuneralhome.com](http://www.elyfuneralhome.com).

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## BOY SCOUTS REVIVE MERIT BADGES

In keeping with Boy Scouts of America's centennial theme -- Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey -- four retired badges have been brought back for the group's 100th anniversary. The effective date for earning these new merit badges -- Carpentry (1911-1952), Tracking (formerly Stalking, 1911-1952), Pathfinding (1911-1952) and Signaling (formerly Signaler, 1910-1992) -- is April 1, 2010; requirements must be completed no later than December 31, 2010. The contemporary merit badges closely resemble the original designs of their counterparts, but with a gold border, immediately identifying it as a 2010 historic merit

badge. These four historical merit badges may be used toward a Scout's rank advancement.

"The Signaling merit badge is a great way to encourage hams who are already involved in Scouting to mentor this limited-time badge in their Troop and perhaps in other ways, such as camps," said ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT; Milesosky is the chairman of the ARRL's ad hoc Committee on Scouting. "Hams -- and especially clubs, that have more resources and volunteers -- who are not involved in Scouting at the present time but want to assist a Troop with earning the Signaling merit badge -- should contact their local BSA Council to inquire about Scoutmasters in their area to contact and offer their assistance." The requirements for the Signaling merit badge are the original requirements as written in 1911. Read more [here](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 10, 2010

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## K2USA LETTER OF THANKS

*Received by Jeff, N2LXM:*

Dear Jeffrey,

I received your beautiful QSL certificate Saturday, May 29, and I am compelled to express my gratitude for your club's effort to give Ft. Monmouth a fitting and honorable farewell. I was stationed there from December, 1969 to September, 1970 and lived in Asbury Park with my wife. My daughter was born at the hospital on Ft. Monmouth. Thankfully, I was ordered to a signal site in Italy, near Pisa. I understand why New Jersey is the Garden State. Your Special Event Station brought so many memories from 40 years ago. I appreciate and am grateful for the efforts of your club in producing such a fine QSL, at no small expense. It is one of my most memorable QSLs. Again thanks so much and hope you can work Field Day there, as you hoped. As Secretary of the Hualapai A.R.C. in Kingman, AZ, I will be listening for K2USA one more time.

73 es gud DX,

Robert L. Lemon, WA7DHQ

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My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, "73." My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

## PHISHING E-MAILS NOT FROM ARRL

We have received several reports from ARRL members with arrl.net e-mail accounts who have recently been contacted via e-mail asking for personal information, such as user names and passwords. Please be assured that these e-mails are fraudulent attempts at phishing and did not originate from ARRL. "This is a very crude attempt at phishing, using an easily determined spoof of the originating/return address," said ARRL Chief Financial Officer Barry Shelley, N1VXY. "There is never a time when we would ask via mass e-mail for user names and passwords of arrl.net users. There is simply no need to ever do so." If you receive an e-mail asking for personal information and it looks like it originated from ARRL, please do not respond, just delete it.

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 24, 2010

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## FCC SEEKS COMMENTS ON 5 MHZ

In May, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) -- ET Docket No 10-98 -- proposing to amend the Part 97 rules governing the Amateur Radio Service. Specifically, the Commission looks to modify the rules pertaining to the use of five channels in the 5330.6-5406.4 kHz band (60 meters) to replace one designated channel with one that is less encumbered, to authorize three additional emission designators and to increase the maximum authorized power in this band. On June 15, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register, which started the clock on the deadline for comments. Comments must be filed on or before July 15, 2010 (30 days after publication in the Federal Register); reply comments must be filed on or before July 30, 2010 (45 days after publication in the Federal Register). Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on page 6 of the NPRM.

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 17, 2010

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## TEN YEARS AGO

From the July 2000 Propagator: The Jersey Coast DX Association was formed by Mike, KC2Q. Field Day was at Tatum Park in Middletown and GSARA had about 35 participants. We made over 1000 CW contacts and 1660 on Phone. The speaker at the July 19, 2000 meeting is to be Hudson Division Director, Frank Fallon, N2FF.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the July 1990 Propagator: Field Day was at Tatum Park in Middletown with Bob, WA4GWG in charge. Tom, N2CUI (SK) flew President Wayne, KD2EV over the site and Wayne took a picture which was published. We made 135 CW contacts and 855 on Phone. The Shore Area Ham & Computer Fest was advertised for November 11, 1990 at Allaire Airport.

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## AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

Amateur radio exam sessions in this 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 except for April and August at 10 AM. The October session will be during the OMARC tailgate Hamfest. The contact person is Pat Brannick, N2BZD at 732-267-0308 or e-mail to pbrannick@aol.com.

**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](mailto: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 (July 10, 2010) at 10 AM and on the second Wednesday of the even numbered months (August 11, 2010) at 7 PM. The contact person is 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.

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My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandpa, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

## HUDSON DIVISION CABINET MEETING

By John Gagen, W2YR

The Hudson Division Cabinet met on Saturday, June 5. Here is a quick summary of the topics discussed.

It was mentioned at the meeting that the Sussex ARC will be having their annual hamfest at the Sussex county fairgrounds on July 11th and that this is always a large and well attended hamfest.

Every month the Hudson Division selects one club newsletter for mention as the best newsletter in the division. .pdf copies of newsletters should be sent to Frank each month at: [N2FF@arrl.org](mailto:N2FF@arrl.org). I asked if he currently receives the newsletters for the FrankFord Radio Club, GSARA, OMARC or the Marconi chapter of the QCWA and he answered NO.

A discussion of available scholarships administered by the ARRL for radio amateurs was brought forward by Frank. He wanted all to be aware that 65 scholarships are available each year and they need to be applied for by amateurs who wish to further their education.

Frank also mentioned that for those clubs who hold hamfests concurrently with VE tests, that the admission to the hamfest must be free for those VE applicants.

Frank mentioned that the FCC has now proposed to change the vanity call sign program for the issuance of calls in the "class A" pool. The FCC wants to limit this pool to strictly American citizens. I totally agree with this proposal and hope that it was brought about by my proposal on this subject at last year's cabinet meeting. Currently the vanity program is open to all and many amateurs worldwide hold USA callsigns in the vanity program. On the surface there is nothing wrong with this, however, 2 letter call signs are a finite resource that many American hams are unable to have in their own country. Meanwhile many non-American hams hold 2 letter vanity call signs and live outside of the USA. This is good proposal and I applaud the FCC for their willingness to address this unfair situation.

The Hudson Division Awards luncheon will be held at 12 noon on November 14th this year at Biagio's restaurant in Paramus, NJ. The guest speaker will be Kay Craigie, the current ARRL president. Three division awards will be given:

Amateur of the year, Grand Ole Ham and Technical achievement. Please see the Hudson Division website for further information and nomination procedures. <http://www.hudson.arrl.org/> Frank also asked that division clubs put an ad in the luncheon program booklet to help support this event.

I spoke with Joyce (KA2ANF) who is the Hudson Division vice director and she told me that the ARRL is currently working towards the 100th anniversary of the league and is attempting to recover many items in storage and in the attic of headquarters. She is also making periodic trips to Newington volunteering time to assist in this project in the historical committee.

The formation of a "PAC" (political action committee) within the ARRL remains a contentious issue with Dave Sumner opposing it in fear that it could jeopardize the ARRL's tax status. Several directors within the league wish to form a PAC to further amateur radio legislation and not endorse any candidate or party. This will be something interesting to watch in the future!

73,

John Gagen - W2YR, HS0ZDJ  
Assistant Director Hudson Division ARRL

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## 2009 ARRL ANNUAL REPORT

The ARRL Annual Report for 2009 -- now available online and in print -- reviews the major events of the year and documents the renewed growth of both the ARRL and the activities of the Amateur Radio Service. In 2009, the ARRL experienced a growth in membership, ending the year with 156,125 members, an increase of nearly 1 percent from 2008. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, called it "obvious, contrary to the soap box of the doom and gloom crowd" that interest in Amateur Radio is still in great shape: "2009 was a year where we exceeded our goal of 30,000 new Amateur Radio licensees and the ARRL membership grew right at 1500 members. Even in a year of national economic turmoil, our publication and advertising sales were strong for the year and provided a solid financial result that will allow us to continue to fund a number of initiatives that support and defend the Amateur Radio Service." Read more [here](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 24, 2010

## FIELD DAY 2010 PICTURES



The Tri-band beam is up over 45 feet and worked out very well. It went up easily. The hardest part was bolting the elements to the boom. Picture by K2EI



Joe, W2KQ operating CW while Howard, W2HTS does the logging. Picture by K2EI



Frank, W2XYZ operating the FT-817 QRP off solar power with Bob, W2OD logging. Picture by K2EI



Marty, N2BMK helping with the erection of the Carolina Dipole. Picture by K2QXW



Frank, W2XYZ preparing to shoot the line over a telephone pole. Picture by K2QXW

## NOTES ON CALENDAR (see last page)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g. **K2YWI** July 1. All times are EDST. Contests are listed in the July QST, p. 80.

June 30-July 1 – **Canada Day Contest**, Phone and CW all bands from 8 PM Wed. to 7:59 PM Thursday. See [www.rac.ca/service/contesting](http://www.rac.ca/service/contesting)

July 1 - **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

July 3-4 – **PSK Firecracker Sprint** on 40 meters from 8 PM Sat. to 2 AM Sun. See [www.podxs070.com](http://www.podxs070.com)

July 4 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 4 PM on Marconi Road in Wall. Exhibits by QCWA, OMARC, Antique Radio, Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, etc. \$5 donation requested.

July 5 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.

July 6 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon at left rear table. All are welcome.

July 6 – **Monmouth Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 7 PM in Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue.

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

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

July 7 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross, West Park Ave. and Shafto Road in Tinton Falls.

July 7 - **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (35-10 wpm). See July. QST, pp. 87 and 104 or [www.arrrl.org/w1aw](http://www.arrrl.org/w1aw)

July 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.

July 9 – **FISTS Summer Sprint**, CW from 8 PM to midnight. See [www.fists.org](http://www.fists.org)

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

July 10-11 – **IARU HF World Championship**, Phone & CW from 8 AM Saturday to 8 AM Sunday. See [www.arrrl.org/contests](http://www.arrrl.org/contests)

July 10 – **Holiday City VE Session** at 10 AM in Toms River. Pre-register with Larry Puccio, K2QDY at 732-349-2950 or e-mail at [lpuccio1@comcast.net](mailto:lpuccio1@comcast.net)

July 11 – **Sussex County Fairgrounds Hamfest** in Augusta, NJ. \$7 admission. See [www.scarcnj.org](http://www.scarcnj.org)

July 12 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.

July 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](mailto:n2pvp@n2pvp.com)

July 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](mailto:wa2nda@comcast.net).

July 17-18 – **North American RTTY QSO Party** from 2 PM Sat. to 2 AM Sun. See [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)

July 17-18 – **CQ WW VHF Contest**, all modes from 2 PM Sat. to 5 PM Sun. See [www.cqww-vhf.com](http://www.cqww-vhf.com)

July 21 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls.

July 23 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 9 AM (10-35 wpm). See July QST, pp. 87 & 104 or [www.arrrl.org/w1aw](http://www.arrrl.org/w1aw)

July 19 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.

July 24 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at 9 AM at the American Legion on Gully Road in Neptune.

July 24-25 – **Islands On The Air (IOTA) Contest**, Phone and CW from 8 AM Sat. to 8 AM Sun. See [www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2010/riota.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2010/riota.shtml)

July 26 -. **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.

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