



# THE PROPAGATOR

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## UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, July 6 at 7:30 PM** at the **American Red Cross** in Tinton Falls. This will be a regular business meeting with a recap of our Field Day results. Guests are welcome and refreshments will be served. Please try to attend.

The second meeting in July will be held on **Wednesday, July 20 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. This meeting will feature Frank, W2XYZ talking about his volunteer experiences in Joplin, MO after the deadly tornado. As always, guests are welcome and refreshments will be served.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER TO GSARA

Please welcome George Graulich, K2EPD from Ocean as a new member of GSARA. Licensed since 1995, George holds a General class license and likes to rag chew on UHF, VHF, 6, 10, 17, 20, 40, and 80 meters with various Yaesu bases and mobiles as well a full Drake "C" line. He is an elevator technician who is also interested in motorcycles and computers. He has an EchoLink node at K2EPD-R. Please add to your Roster:

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Ocean, NJ 07712  
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## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

The Red Bank Area CROP Walk takes place on Sunday, October 16. Registration begins at 12:30 and the walk begins at 1:30 PM.

If you can volunteer to help out, please contact Tom Cosgrove, N2VFK at 732-842-6020 or n2vfk@verizon.net

## GSARA SHIRTS TO BE ORDERED

It looks like there might be enough interest to place another order for the bright yellow GSARA shirts. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Frank, W2XYZ giving your name, call and size. There is no payment required until the shirts are delivered. Frank can be reached at frankw@optonline.net or 732-942-7705.

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## W2GSA STATION OPEN SATURDAYS

The GSARA radio room at the Red Cross will be open Saturday afternoons for those wishing to operate or just "hang out". Go around the building to the back door for entrance. If you want to check to be sure that someone is there, call 732-493-9100 ext. 1252 which is the phone in the radio room.

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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FIELD DAY

GSARA operated Field Day 2011 from the radio room at the Red Cross. We ran two stations in category 2F. A temporary double end-fed Zepp was erected in the back of the building by K2EI and it worked out quite well. The final score has not been tallied at press time but we made over 150 CW contacts (thanks to Frank, W2XYZ and Joe, W2KQ) and over 300 phone contacts (thanks to all of the participants) so our final score (with bonus points) should be up to nearly 2000.

Hats off to Frank, W2XYZ; Ted, N2KPS and two of Ted's son's for being there for the entire 24 hours plus set-up and tear-down time.

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## GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

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## HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

## 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@gardenatateara.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.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

GSARA held their first Field Day at the Red Cross so quite a few things were different than previous years. We moved up to two transmitters (we had only one last year) and operated with commercial power. There was some interference between the two transmitters so our efficiency was down a bit. Also, we could only keep one transmitter operating all night due to a shortage of operators. The double Zepp in an inverted vee furnished by Jim, K2EI worked out well and was quite easy to erect and take down.

With the two transmitters, we managed to make more phone contacts than we did last year but we did worse on CW than last year. We could certainly use more CW operators. Considering that the CW contacts count for twice as much, I suspect that we didn't do quite as well as we did last year. I think that all who participated had a good time and that's the most important.

As usual, the response to Puzzle #8 was light but both Bill, NJ2H and Vince, KE2V submitted the correct solutions. Congratulations to both!

The Red Cross drill on June 11 went well. Howard, W2HTS; Ralph, KC2YNL and Mike, KC2Q manned the station at the Red Cross. Bruce, K2QXW; Bob, W2OD and Rich, N2SMV were at Brookdale and a few messages were passed successfully.

I hate to see so many obituaries in a single month. Those of us old enough to remember Atkinson and Smith in Eatontown remember Earl, K2YLM fondly.

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@arrrl.net

## MINUTES OF JUNE 1 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ was absent so the meeting was called to order by Vice President Howard Suffill, W2HTS at the Red Cross at 7:34 PM. There were 7 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all members introduced themselves.

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Lou, W2HAM and seconded by Bill, NJ2H to accept the minutes of the May meetings as published in the June Propagator. The motion was accepted unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joe, W2KQ was absent so there was no treasurer's report.

### Old Business

GSARA is planning on running a one-day Technician class at the Red Cross on one of the last three Saturdays in July (July 23 or 30). A firm date has not yet been set.

Field Day is coming on June 25-26. We will operate at the Red Cross as an EOC (Class F). A motion was made by Bill, NJ2H and seconded by Ted, N2KPS to authorize the expenditure of up to \$250 for Field Day expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

Work on the crank-up tower on the trailer has been postponed due to several members not being available to help on May 28.

A Red Cross Drill is planned for Saturday, June 11 from 9 am to about 3 pm. Communications should be set up between the Red Cross Headquarters and a shelter at Brookdale College. There will also be a need to communicate between Headquarters and the Cumberland county Red Cross. Volunteers are needed. See Howard, W2HTS if you can help at the Red Cross and Rich, N2SMV if you can help at Brookdale College.

### Hamfest

The final report on the May 7 Hamfest was not available since Joe, W2KQ was absent.

Application has been approved for a fall GSARA Hamfest on Saturday, September 10.

### New Business

Bill Ryan, WA2DND has donated some tower sections to GSARA. These must be picked up in Howell by someone with access to a truck. Ted, K2KPS will look into whether he can do it.

### Public Service

The Sheehan run is coming on June 18 in Red Bank. Contact Tom, N2VFK if you can help with the communications.

GSARA has been asked to provide communications for the Twin Lights Bike-a-thon on Sunday, September 25 from 7 am to 5 pm.

### Closing

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mike, KC2Q and seconded by Lou, W2HAM to close the meeting. The motion was accepted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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## MINUTES OF JUNE 15 MEETING

By Bill Shockley, NJ2H, Acting Secretary

Vice President Howard, W2HTS acting in place of Frank, W2XYZ (who was absent) brought the meeting to order at 7:35 with 12 members present and two visitors. The visitors were George Graulich, K2EPD from Ocean (who subsequently joined GSARA) and Hunter Suffill, son of Howard, W2HTS.

Joe, W2KQ gave his Treasurer's report which was discussed briefly and accepted. There were a few questions on the Hamfest income, which Joe answered.

Under new business, Jeff, N2LXM mentioned the Sheehan run and the need for help. Jeff said he would be net control starting at 0700 and needed about six members to be posted at the water stops.

Howard told the group that there has been a request to hold a one day tech class and exam for the CAP and Red Cross. The tentative date is Saturday, July 23.

Howard also mentioned that orders are being taken for club shirts and the info should go to Frank, W2XYZ.

Next was a discussion of Field Day. Howard reported that the same logging program would be used as last year. We will be operating from the Red Cross single station with one antenna, unless we put up another one. There was a discussion of

what other antennas might be used and whether we could put up a beam. There was a discussion of meals for field day and it was agreed that Frank and Howard will decide. Howard also stated that Frank will advise us of the hours and set up, especially for an antenna. Father's day was discussed as a possibility but there were few volunteers, so it is most likely to be Friday or the morning of Field Day.

Our visitor George Graulich, K2EPD, applied for membership and was voted in. He is from Ocean Township and attended the Hamfest

Mike, KC2Q won the 50/50 and took home \$7.00. No other prizes were awarded.

Jeff, N2LXM moved to adjourn, Bill, NJ2H seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Following the meeting, Bill and Joe met to discuss the September Hamfest. Joe will be responsible for getting the vendors, and Bill will develop a program for getting visitors.

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### **IRWIN MASAVAGE, W2VDN - SK**

Irwin Raymond Masavage, W2VDN of Manasquan died Friday, June 17, 2011 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune. He was 81. Born in Plymouth, PA, Irwin lived in Waldwick, NJ before moving to Manasquan 12 years ago. He served in the US Army during the Korean War where he was selected to attend the prestigious Antiaircraft and Guided Missile School. He graduated Phi Zeta Kappa from Farleigh Dickinson University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He had a lifelong interest in amateur radio and was a Fellow in the Radio Club of America. Irwin was a parishioner of St. Luke's Church in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ and St. Mark's Church in Sea Girt. He was an entrepreneur and inventor of small-aircraft flight simulators. Irwin was co-founder of Flightmatic, Inc., Moonachie, NJ, where he designed and built flight simulators that he installed around the globe.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 57 years, Edith J. Masavage, a son, a daughter, and 5 grandchildren.

Entombment was in Calvary Cemetery, Paterson, NJ. For more information or to send condolences please visit [www.obrienfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com).

### **EARL SMITH, K2YLM - SK**



Earl B. Smith, 83, a resident of Winthrop, Maine, died early Saturday morning, June 11, 2011 at Maine General Hospital in Augusta. He was born April 14, 1928, the oldest of 8 children born to Gordon and Annie (Chick) Smith. He attended school in East Monmouth in a 1 room

schoolhouse grades K-8th and graduated from Winthrop High School in 1946. Earl served in the United States Army from 1946 thru 1949 in Japan and after graduating from Coyne Electrical School in Boston was called to serve during the Korean Conflict. Upon discharge he worked as an electrical foreman for Bendix Corporation in New Jersey. In 1955 he started a wholesale radio and electronics business in Eatontown, New Jersey and owned and operated it successfully for 32 years (Atkinson and Smith). On June 14, 1980 in Winthrop, he married Mary Prince Cox of Monmouth. After selling his business he moved back to Maine and began an outboard motor repair business in 1988. Earl retired again in 1999 when motors became "to damn heavy to wrestle." Upon his retirement he sold his business to his good friend, David Neill and continued to work with him following his retirement. He continued to restore antique boats and maintain his large collection of old outboards. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and in 1972 organized a hunt in Botswana, Africa with amateur radio friends and shot an elephant, cape buffalo & kudu plus other less trophies. He was a 50 year extra class radio amateur, a life member of the American Radio Relay League, Post 40 American Legion, and Marconi Chapter #138 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association in New Jersey. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Mary Smith of Winthrop; 2 daughters, Sandra Curley of Elkton, MD; Vicky Kilgore of North Carolina; his sons, Dr. Steve Smith of Shelby, NC., and Raymond Smith of Neptune, NJ; 15 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; 4 stepchildren, 8 step-grandchildren and 8 step-great-grandchildren.

Messages of condolence may be sent to: [www.finleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.finleyfuneralhome.com)

## **WILLIAM BRANIN, W2BAT - SK**

William W. Branin, Sr., W2BAT of West Palm Beach, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on June 13, 2011. Mr. Branin was born on January 26, 1933 in Red Bank, NJ to the late Robert and Whilda Branin. He graduated Red Bank High School in 1951 then earned his AA degree from Brookdale College in the 1970s. Mr. Branin was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the US Navy. Mr. Branin was an instructor in Signal School for the US Army in Fort Monmouth, NJ. He retired in 1988 as a supervisor of quality control of product assurance.

He relocated to West Palm Beach in 1991 to enjoy his retirement and volunteered for many years at Palm Beach County Thrift on Belvedere Road servicing computers. Mr. Branin was a member of Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church in Lake Worth.

He was a 52 year member of Navesink Lodge #9, F & AM in Red Bank, NJ; a member of The Scottish Rite; a 32 degree Mason; a member of Crescent Temple Shrine in Burlington, NJ; member of VFW Post 2179 in Middletown, NJ; member D.A.V. as well as a member of the Amateur Radio Club in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Branin is survived by his wife of 55 years, Gladys "Tippy" Branin; sons, David A. and William W. (Bonnie) Branin, Jr.; daughter, Sharon (Stan) Searles; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service for Mr. Branin was celebrated on June 17 in West Palm Beach with Reverend Monte Tiller officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Middletown, NJ at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League.

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## **LoTW NOW ON FACEBOOK**

Last week, the ARRL added a Logbook of The World page to social networking site Facebook. With almost 300 fans, the page is growing every day. The LoTW page on Facebook offers the latest LoTW news, as well as comments from users. Have you checked out the ARRL Facebook page lately? With almost 18,000 fans, it's the most popular Amateur Radio page on Facebook

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## **HARRISON HODGE, W2CQR - SK**

Harrison T. C. Hodge, W2CQR of Freehold, formerly of New Milford, died Monday, May 23, 2011, at Applewood Estates, Freehold Township. He was 97. Born in Tottenville, S.I., he was an Eagle Scout and played the drums in a scout band. Harrison was a controller for John Price Jones, N.Y.C. A World War II veteran, he served as a Navy Seabee in the Pacific from 1943-1946. He enjoyed ham radio, woodworking, and radio controlled boats.

He is predeceased by his wife, Fern E. Stricklin, in 2007. Surviving are his sister, Nan E. Rodino of New Hampshire; daughter, Pamela Garver and her husband William of Blue Bell, Pa.; son, Douglas Hodge and his wife Joan of Milltown; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held at Rocky Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill, NJ.

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## **ON-LINE EMCOMM CLASS**

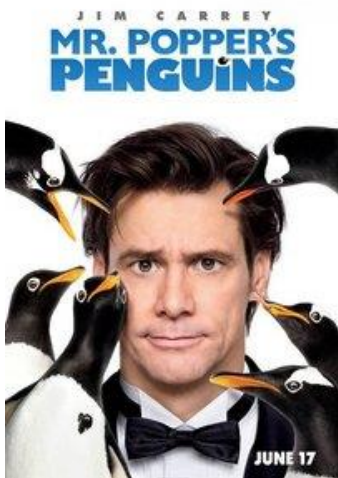
Registration is now open for the new online Introduction to Emergency Communications course (EC-001). Course information, including a description, pre-requisites and instructions on how to register are available on the ARRL website. Slots are still available for the section which begins Friday, July 29; the registration deadline is Sunday, July 17. ARRL Education Services Manager Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, explained that she is also looking for qualified volunteers to provide support as Mentors for the course, as well as Field Instructors who want to lead classroom sessions to instruct the course material.

The new Introduction to Emergency Communications course includes updated content from the previous Basic Emergency Communications Level 1 course, as well as some content previously included in the former Level 2 course. The EmComm training program has been restructured to offer two courses: This enhanced basic course for EmComm volunteers who want to serve as part of an ARES® response team and the management course -- Public Service and Emergency Communication Management for Radio Amateurs (EC-016) -- for those who are serving in ARES® leadership and management roles. Read more here.

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 16, 2011

## AMATEUR RADIO IN NEW MOVIE

In Mr. Popper's Penguins -- one of the newest films out this summer -- young Tommy Popper communicates with his father using what many reviews are calling ham radio. But while the Poppers are using a radio tuned to 21.2460 (15 meters SSB), this frequency was not available to US hams as a phone frequency in the 1976-78 time period, as shown in the movie. Neither do the Poppers use call signs. Instead, they use handles: Young Tommy is "Tippy Toe" and Mr. Popper is "Bald Eagle." Mr. Popper -- who, in one transmission, is in Marrakesh -- calls his son in New York City. There is no interference or static on the frequency; it seems they are the only ones on the band. While it is exciting to see Amateur Radio on the big screen, movies such as Frequency and Contact, and television shows such as Jericho and The Simpsons have presented Amateur Radio more accurately.



From *The ARRL Letter*, June 23, 2011

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## CQ ANNOUNCES 2011 HALL OF FAME

CQ magazine announced its 2011 Hall of Fame inductees on May 20, welcoming 12 new members into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame, one new member of the CQ DX Hall of Fame and one new member of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame honors those individuals, whether licensed hams or not, who have made significant contributions to Amateur Radio, as well as those amateurs who have made significant contributions either to Amateur Radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect of life on our planet. The CQ Contest and DX Halls of Fame honor those amateurs who not only excel in personal performance in these major areas of Amateur Radio but who also "give back" to Amateur Radio in outstanding ways. Read more here.

From *The ARRL Letter*, May 26, 2011

## A NEW HOMEBREW CHALLENGE

The ARRL has sponsored two Homebrew Challenges in the past, designed to test our members' design and construction skills by making useful amateur gear at low cost -- and sharing their results with our members. Our first ARRL Homebrew Challenge, announced in 2006, required the construction of a 40 meter, 5 W voice and CW transceiver built for less than \$50 of new parts. The Second Homebrew Challenge, announced in 2009, resulted in a number of creative designs of low cost 50 W linear amplifiers to follow the transceiver -- two for about \$30, as well as a multiband amplifier with many features for somewhat more.

For 2011, the ARRL has issued a challenge to build a transceiver in celebration of the (slow) return of sunspots. This challenge will be in two parts and hams can enter either or both options:

- Option 1: A single band 25 W SSB and CW transceiver for 10 or 6 meters, with a prize of \$200.
- Option 2: A 25 W SSB and CW transceiver that can be switched between 10 and 6 meters, using one or two switches, with a prize of \$300.

Instead of challenging entrants to make the transceiver at the lowest cost, the ARRL will instead challenge builders to provide the highest quality, best performance and most features within the cost target of \$150 for Option 1 and \$200 for Option 2. In addition to the cash prize, the winners of these challenges will have articles describing their designs in QST and will receive the usual page rate for the published articles. Additional entrants who meet the minimum requirements -- and have interesting design features -- may also be considered for QST or ARRL Web articles.

Entries for either option must be received at ARRL Headquarters no later than November 1, 2011. To be considered, each entrant must submit a working transceiver that is suitable for testing in the ARRL Lab. Documentation required includes a priced parts list indicating the source and purchase price of each part, an article draft including a design description, construction hints, alignment instruction, block diagrams and schematic diagrams.

For more information, including specific requirements and evaluation criteria, please visit the ARRL Homebrew Challenge web page.

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 23, 2011

## PUZZLE #9 – STUDYING FOR TECH

To stimulate his daughter to study for the Tech exam, a GSARA member offered pay her \$15 for each correct answer on the practice test but fine her \$10 for each wrong answer on the test. After she answered the 35 questions in the practice test, neither owed any money to the other. How many questions did she correctly answer? Should she go for the actual test or study some more?

Send your answer to w2od@aol.com

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## ARRL SURVEY UNDERWAY

The ARRL has asked an independent research company specializing in survey research to conduct a survey of Amateur Radio operators. Readex Research -- headquartered in Stillwater, Minnesota -- has conducted similar studies for ARRL in the past, including QST readership studies and large national surveys. This most recent survey is being conducted by mail and e-mail, and includes representative populations of Amateur Radio operators from among US and international ARRL members, as well as non-member FCC licensees. While not every member will receive a survey, participation from those individuals who are selected is critical for the success of this project. Responses will be kept confidential and only used in tabulation with others; no data about survey participants -- including contact information -- will be shared with anyone. Please contact ARRL if you have any questions about the survey.

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 23, 2011

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## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the July 1996 Propagator: In spite of being near the minimum of the sunspot cycle, Chief Engineer Rich Rohloff, KG2CN reported that GSARA made about 560 contacts on 75, 400 phone and 300 CW contacts on 40, and about 350 to 400 contacts on 20 operating 3 transmitters at Tatum Park in Middletown. Five new members joined GSARA. They were Barry Boyce, KC7BZC; Jack Petro, KB2GJU (SK); Mario Sellitti, N2PVP; Bob Curci, N2XWK (now W2XR); and Gary Palamara, KB2YTN (SK). Fifteen GSARA members volunteered their time for the Big Brothers Bike-A-Thon starting and ending at Brookdale College.

## SOLUTION TO PUZZLE #8 – AN IQ TEST

- 1) That which Noah built – **H**) ARC (Ark)
- 2) An article for serving ice cream - **K**) CONE
- 3) What a bloodhound does in chasing a woman - **F**) CENTER (Scent Her)
- 4) An expression to represent the loss of a parrot - **B**) POLYGON (Polly Gone)
- 5) An appropriate title for a knight named Koll - **I**) CIRCLE (Sir Koll)
- 6) A sunburned man - **N**) TANGENT (Tan Gent)
- 7) A tall coffee pot perking - **A**) HYPOTENUSE (High Pot in Use)
- 8) What one does when it rains - **L**) COINCIDE (Go Inside)
- 9) A dog sitting in a refrigerator - **P**) PERPENDICULAR (Pup In de Cooler)
- 10) What a boy does on the lake when his motor won't run - **O**) HEROS (He Rows)
- 11) What do you call a person who writes for an inn - **C**) INSCRIBE (Inn's Scribe)
- 12) What the captain said when his boat was bombed - **G**) DECAGON (Deck All Gone)
- 13) What a little acorn says when he grows up - **D**) GEOMETRY (Gee, I'm a Tree)
- 14) What one does to trees that are in the way - **J**) AXIOM (Ax 'em)
- 15) What you do if you have yarn and needles - **E**) UNIT (You Knit)
- 16) Can George Washington turn into a country - **M**) COSECANT (Course He Can't)

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## MACQUAIRE IS., VK0KEV APPROVED

ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the current VK0KEV DXpedition to Macquarie Island has been approved for DXCC credit. "If you had cards that were recently rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk," Moore said. "Please note that due to extremely heavy e-mail, DXCC staff may not respond to your message. Once your record is updated, results will appear in Logbook of The World (LoTW) accounts or in the live, daily DXCC Standings."

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 9, 2011

## GSARA HAMFEST SEPTEMBER 10

The ARRL has approved our application for a ham fest to be held on Saturday, September 10 at the Monmouth Adult Education Community (MAECOM) in Tinton Falls (same location as our May 7 Hamfest). Admission will be \$5 per carload for buyers and \$15 for the first seller table and \$10 per table for subsequent ones. There will be VE exams and food will be available for sale.

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## OOPS, I GOOFED

In the last Propagator I had the note: "In 2011, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays. This apparently happens once every 823 years! This is sometimes called 'money bags'." The first sentence is true, July does have 5 Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. With a little thought, it is obvious that the second sentence is NOT true. Any year that July 1 is a Friday (about once every 7 years) this will occur. In fact, anytime one of the seven 31-day months starts on a Friday, there will be 5 Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in that month.

This illustrates the danger of peeling some interesting "fact" off the internet without thinking about it which is what I did last month. I apologize for misleading you. Interestingly, no one pointed this error out to me, so I guess that I'm not the only one who isn't thinking!

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## NEW RUSSIAN PREFIX SYSTEM IN USE

If you have been on the HF bands lately, you may have noticed that a number of new prefixes are in use by stations in the Russian Federation. Here is a summary of the changes recently adopted by the Russian telecommunication authorities. Thanks to SRR President Roman Thomas, R5AA (ex-RZ3AA) for the information.

- Russian prefixes with the numeral 2 are no longer limited to Kaliningradsk. Stations with RA2 and UA2-UI2 (with F and K as the first letter in the suffix) are in Kaliningradsk; otherwise, these prefixes will be used in European Russia.

- Stations with the following prefixes are in European Russia: R1, RA1-RZ1 (except RI1 as noted below), R2, RB2-RZ2, R3-R7, RA3-RZ7, UA1 and UA3-UI7. Also, stations with the prefixes R8, R9, RA8-RZ9 and UA8-UI9 (with F, S, T, W or X as the first letter in the suffix) are in European Russia.

- Except for those listed above, all stations with 8, 9 and 0 as the numeral are in Asiatic Russia.

- Russian Antarctic stations use temporary call signs in the series RI1ANA-RI1ANZ and RI00ANT to RI99ANT.

- Franz Jozef Land stations use temporary call signs RI1F, RI1FJ and RI1FJA-RI1FJZ.

- Malyj Visotskij island stations use temporary call signs RI1M, RI1MV and RI1MVA-RI1MVZ.

From *The ARRL Letter*, June 9, 2011

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## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

There was no Propagator for 1986 but John King, KA2F sent out details of the upcoming Asbury Park 10K Classic Race to be held on August 9, 1986: GSARA members were to be posted along the course and 2-meter simplex was used for communications with the Asbury Repeater as a back-up.

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## AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

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

**Wall Township**, Camp Evans Area on Marconi Road: Exams are held on the first Saturday of the even numbered months (August 6) at 10 AM. Contact 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. Contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP 732-787-7184 or e-mail to n2pvp@n2pvp.com.

**Toms River**, Riverview Park Recreation Building: Exams are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. Contact Ed Genoino, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792, [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 Wednesday of every month at 7 PM. Contact Larry Puccio, K2QDY, 732-349-2950 or [lpuccio1@comcast.net](mailto:lpuccio1@comcast.net). Directions at the HCARC website [www.hcArc.us](http://www.hcArc.us).

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.



## NOTES ON CALENDAR (see last page)

Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. **K2YWI** on July 1. All times are EDST. Contests are listed in the July QST, p. 73.

June 30-July 1 – **Canada Day Contest**, Phone & CW from 8 pm Thursday to 8 pm Friday. See [www.rac.ca/service/contesting](http://www.rac.ca/service/contesting)

July 3-10 – **10-10 Spirit of 76 QSO Party**, 10 meters, all modes from 8 pm Sunday to 8 pm the following Sunday. See [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)

July 3 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 5 pm on Marconi Road in Wall. Exhibits by QCWA, OMARC, Antique Radio, Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, etc. \$5 donation requested.

July 4 – **Independence Day Holiday**

July 5 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon at left rear table. All are welcome.

July 5 – **Monmouth Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 7 pm in Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue.

July 5 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 pm at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

July 5 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 pm.

July 6 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross, West Park Ave. and Shafto Road in Tinton Falls.

July 6 - **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-35 wpm). See July QST, p. 91 or [www.arrl.org/wlaw](http://www.arrl.org/wlaw)

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

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

July 9-10 – **IARU HF World Championships**, SSB and CW from 8 am Saturday to 8 am Sunday. See [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)

July 11 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

July 12 – **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 13 – **Holiday City VE Session** at 7 pm in Toms River. Contact is Larry Puccio, K2QDY at 732-349-2950 or e-mail at [lpuccio1@comcast.net](mailto:lpuccio1@comcast.net)

July 14 – **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 16-17 – **CQ WW VHF Contest**, all modes, 6 and 2 meters from 2 pm Saturday to 5 pm Sunday. See [www.cqww-vhf.com](http://www.cqww-vhf.com)

July 16-17 – **North American QSO Party RTTY** from 2 pm Saturday to 2 am Sunday. See [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)

July 18 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

July 20 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Frank, W2XYZ will talk about the tornado damage and Red Cross response in Joplin, MO.

July 21 – **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](mailto:wa2nda@comcast.net).

July 22 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 9 am (35-10 wpm). See July QST, p. 91 or [www.arrl.org/wlaw](http://www.arrl.org/wlaw)

July 23 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at 9 am at the American Legion on Gully Road.

July 25 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

July 30-31 – **IOTA Contest**, SSB & CW from 8 am Saturday to 8 am Sunday. See [www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2011/riota.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2011/riota.shtml)

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3 InfoAge 10-10 QSO	4 Independence Day 10-10 QSO	5 10-10 QSO Pancake House MARC Mtg 7 PM Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	6 10-10 QSO CW Qual. Run GSARA Mtg	7 10-10 QSO Hol. City Mtg.	8 K2QXW 10-10 QSO	9 OMARC Mtg IARU Champ 10-10 QSO
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