



THE PROPAGATOR

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NEXT MEETING JULY 5

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, July 5** at **8:00 PM** at the MARS building in Fort Monmouth. Come early to review the Field Day activities and enjoy the refreshments. Since the tents were wet at the close of Field Day, we will be folding and packing them before or after the meeting and could use some help. 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, please contact W2XYZ or KB2RIS to get them updated. They CANNOT be renewed at the visitor control center on the spot.

GSARA HOMEPAGE

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

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2040 there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them.

Thanks to Ray, W2NXG for passing this along

CQ FIELD DAY

By **Marty Szumera, WN2DX**

In spite of the rain and Murphy working full time, we had a successful Field Day. We had a great antenna and lots of food. I would like to thank the following GSARA members who helped make this Field Day fun and successful: Jeff, N2LXM; Jim, K2EI; Ray, W2NXG; Frank, W2XYZ; Tom, KC2FRN; Bob, W2OD; Lorraine, KC2FDR; and Bernie, W2QFQ. It's a shame that only 10% of our members participated but I'm sure that those who did had a good time. I had a great time working with you guys this year, and personally, I got a lot out of the event. This should help us plan for future events (and emergencies). Some final things to get done, etc:

1. All of the GSARA gear is upstairs left in the meeting room. The two "tents" and the large tarp are spread open to dry. Let's fold up and put away at the upcoming meeting, as well as properly put the other gear away and inventory it.

2. Ray did a fabulous job as our Chef! The remaining perishables were dispersed and are gone. There is a lot of soda and water left and some cookies and more. We can use it at next meeting and over the Holiday weekend if GSARA operators stop by.

3. Bring your FD expense receipts to the GSARA meeting for Frank.

4. A special thanks to Larry KB2RIS for all he did to get permission for us to hold this event.

GSARA CALENDAR

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

GSARA OFFICERS

President	N2LXM	Jeff Harshman	922-0816
Vice Pres.	N2VFK	Tom Cosgrove	747-8896
Secretary	W2OD	Bob Buus	946-8615
Treasurer	W2XYZ	Frank Wroblewski	942-7705
Engineer	WN2DX	Marty Szumera	
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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

In spite of the lousy weather, we had an enjoyable and successful Field Day. The number of participants was disappointing but that was made up for by the enthusiasm of the few who participated. All New Jersey clubs were plagued with rain and some electrical activity so most clubs had their share of weather-related down time. GSARA activities got a nice third of a page article (with a picture of Frank, W2XYZ at the mike) in the *Monmouth Message* newspaper of Fort Monmouth. The weekly *Independent* (Middletown-Holmdel) gave the Middletown Club even more coverage with almost a full page (starting on the front page) and three photos. These local papers seem more responsive to Field Day than in years past. Perhaps it's because of the emergency communications publicity due to last years hurricanes.

It is with great sadness that we report four silent keys (two of them former GSARA members) in this issue. Al Emer's passing was particularly sad because he was so young (59). At least he died with his boots on and I am sure he would have liked it that way.

I would like to express my thanks to Tom Cosgrove, N2VFK for offering to step in as Vice President for the rest of the year. We should all look to him as an example of volunteerism in action. In spite of his very busy schedule, Tom always manages to volunteer his services wherever they may be needed. Hats off to you, Tom!

I am also pleased to see that Frank, W2XYZ has completed his 8+ weeks of radiation therapy and is now on the road to recovery. It's not a pleasant ordeal and I'm sure Frank is even happier than I am that it is over. We wish him a speedy recovery back to his old self and that the cancer is permanently zapped!

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 August issue is July 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrrl.net

MINUTES OF JUNE 7 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at Fort Monmouth by President Jeff Harshman, N2LXM, at 8:10 PM. After the Pledge to the Flag, all members present introduced themselves. There were 14 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ made a report for the past two months. The report was unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Tom, N2VFK and seconded by Tom, KC2FRN to accept the minutes of the May meeting as published in the June Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

Health and Welfare

Sterling, N2GT is continuing to recover from his hip replacement.

Frank, W2XYZ has only 3 more weeks or radiation treatment which is going well.

Harold, WB2CJE was discharged from the hospital Tuesday, June 6 and will be recovering from his surgery at home.

Public Service

Jeff, N2LXM was disappointed with the low turnout of radio operators for the Diabetes bike tour on June 3. They had to use cell phones because of lack of amateur communications! Tom, N2VFK is short on operators for the Sheehan Run in Red Bank on June 10 and needs volunteers. Two GSARA members volunteered to help. The next events are in October. They are to Juvenile Diabetes Walk in Belmar on October 8 and the CROP Walk in Red Bank on October 22. Please consider helping out in any of these events.

Old Business

Jeff, N2LXM announced that sign-up sheets for Field Day were available and all who plan to participate must sign-up so passes to get on site can be obtained. There will be a training session on Saturday, June 17 at the MARS station to get everyone familiar with the rig and logging program that will be used on Field Day. The time of the

session will be e-mailed to all who have signed up to participate in Field Day.

With the resignation of Sterling, N2GT as Vice President, we need a volunteer to fill the position for the rest of the year. Tom, N2VFK graciously offered his services. Since there were no other candidates for this position, the secretary cast the vote making Tom Vice President for the rest of 2006.

Announcements

The radio classes are finishing with a VE session on Wednesday, June 14. A two-band MFJ CW QRP rig with power supply has been donated to be given to the first new young ham that has passed the code.

Closing

The main door prize was won by Ray, N2NXG. World Radio subscriptions were won by Jeff, N2LXM and Tom, N2VFK. There being no further business, a motion was made by Nena, N2WAY and seconded by Margo Struening to adjourn. The meeting was closed at 8:44 PM.

THREE AMATEURS TO ISS JULY 1

NASA has tentatively cleared the shuttle Discovery for a July 1 flight to the International Space Station. Three radio amateurs will be among the seven crew members. One of them, European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut and Mission Specialist Thomas Reiter, DF4TR, will remain on the ISS as part of the Expedition 13 and 14 crews, marking the first three-person crew since NASA grounded the shuttle fleet in 2003. Discovery will carry no Amateur Radio equipment. Commander Steve Lindsey will head the 12-day STS-121 mission. Others on the flight include Pilot Mark Kelly, Mission Specialists Michael Fossum, Lisa Nowak, KC5ZTB, Stephanie Wilson, KD5DZE, and Piers Sellers. The Discovery crew will test new hardware and techniques to improve shuttle safety, as well as deliver supplies to the ISS and make repairs. Now aboard the ISS are Expedition 13 Commander and cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov, RV3BS, and Flight Engineer and NASA Station Science Officer Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 25, June 23, 2006

FIELD-DAY SUMMARY

By Bob Buus, W2OD

I have participated in about 30 Field Days and continue to find it challenging and fun! It's too bad more GSARA members do not seem to feel the same way based on the poor participation. The purpose of this article is to inform the non-participants of what they missed and encourage them to participate in the future.

On the technical side, we ran a single transmitter at 100 watts on emergency power to qualify for class 1A. The SSB transmitter was a Yaesu FT-990 furnished by K2EI. The CW transmitter was the Kenwood TS-450 owned by GSARA. The antenna was a horizontal loop with a circumference of 1000 feet (yes, almost a fifth of a mile!) up about 70 feet and fed by 450 ohm ladder line from a MFJ balanced antenna tuner (all thanks to K2EI). The tuner and antenna could be switched between the two transmitters with a switch furnished by N2LXM. An added nice touch furnished by K2EI was a headset with boom mike and foot operated PTT switch on the SSB rig.

Power was supplied by a portable 2.5 KW generator supplied by K2EI. It ran rather quietly and very reliably throughout the 24 hours although the gas tank had to be filled occasionally. We didn't try solar power (and lost a potential 100 points) because there simply wasn't any sunshine.

For logging, we used a standard Windows 2000 desktop running the SQUIRL logging program. This program was very easy to use and many (including KC2FDR and KC2FRN) successfully used it with little training.

On Friday afternoon, the antenna support lines were shot over the top of the 75 foot field lights using a sling shot furnished by W2XYZ. Three of the supports went up easily but the fourth was a problem and took more effort than the other three combined. By late afternoon, the loop of wire was in place on the ground and attached to the four support lines which were then carefully pulled up over the light towers. If everyone had had an HT (or even some FRS radios) we could have saved a lot of yelling. By quitting time, the antenna was up and ready to go.

Erection of the tent was left until Saturday morning. Marty, WN2DX arrived at about 6 AM

Saturday morning and found that the guards did not have the list of operators. After some quick e-mails, Larry, KB2RIS got it straightened out and there were no further troubles getting on the Post. The tent was sited on a shady spot (maybe the sun would come out later), a sturdy table brought in and all of the equipment set up on Saturday morning.

At 2 PM, K2EI found a good frequency on 20 meters and started working the pileups using K2USA. In the first half hour, he worked 75 stations for a run rate of 150/hour. Later, Marty, WN2DX got on 20 CW and worked a large number of stations at a good rate. Since CW contacts count for twice as much as phone, our score was rapidly increasing. Life is good!

Then we had a visit from Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF and NNJ Section Manager Bill Hudzik, W2UDT. They liked our antenna and stayed for a surprising length of time. Hey, things are going almost too well.

Then Murphy struck with a vengeance. The skies opened and we were treated with a torrential downpour! We then discovered that our shady spot for the tent was a shallow area that quickly became a small lake about 3 inches deep with the tent in the middle of it. There was no choice but to pitch the other tent on higher ground (lots of fun in driving rain and wind) and move all of the equipment into it. Try as we might, some moisture got into the equipment. The computer monitor was the first to go with a frying noise as it died. Fortunately, we had a replacement available. Then the computer wouldn't boot and when it did, it was very intermittent and died often. Throughout the rest of Field Day, we were rebooting the computer periodically. Next year we should have a backup computer with the logging program on it. Then the FT-990 started acting up but after it dried out, it worked reliably for the rest of the event.

W2OD arrived at about 7 PM with the intent of passing the Field Day Radiogram on the JSARS Traffic Net at 7:30. Just as the net was being called up, the repeater abruptly went off the air (probably lightning problems). Murphy was still alive and well. The second attempt at 8:00 on the Central Jersey Traffic Net was successful and the message was passed.

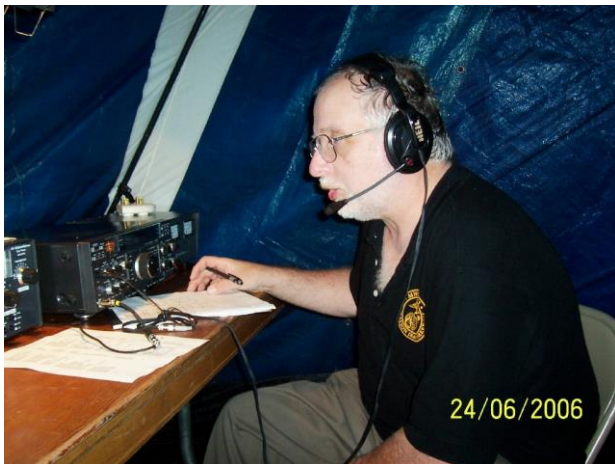
Frank, W2XYZ showed up in the evening to help so Ray, W2NXG and Marty, WN2DX decided

to call it a day and go home for some Zs. W2OD left at around 10 PM and W2XYZ about an hour later. That left Jeff, N2LXM to man the station alone for the rest of the night! A little help during the night would have been welcomed but Jeff pulled through and was finally relieved by WN2DX at around 6 AM Sunday. As more people showed up, the station was kept on the air almost continuously (except for the computer crashes) with various operators and loggers.

Although the logs have not yet been processed, we probably exceeded 2000 points which beats last years K2USA score. We certainly had a lot more contacts but we didn't do quite as well on the bonus points. Thanks to K2EI, we did get a nice write-up in the Monmouth Message with a picture of Frank, W2XYZ operating the MARS station last year.

The food was excellent and more than ample thanks to Ray, W2NXG. Marty, WN2DX provided cold soft drinks and water throughout the event. Lorraine, KC2FDR brought some assorted donuts Saturday afternoon so there was always plenty to munch on.

All in all, it was a very successful Field Day in spite of the poor weather. I suspect that those who put in the most effort got the most enjoyment out of it. Please plan to participate next year. The weather is bound to be better and the fun is almost guaranteed.



President Jeff Harshman operating SSB late Saturday night. Jeff single-handedly kept the station on the air all night! Picture by Ray, W2NXG.

ROGERS FINCH, KA2HSU - SK

Long-time former GSARA member Rogers Finch, KA2HSU became a silent key on Friday, May 5, 2006. He was 86 and lived in Little Silver for many years. Born in Broadalbin, NY, he married Barbara Hine of Gloversville, NY in 1942. He was a graduate of MIT where he received bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering.

He served as an officer in the US Army Quartermaster Corps during World War II and retired from the US Army Reserve in 1975 with the rank of brigadier general. His career accomplishments include assistant professor, MIT Department of Mechanical Engineering; Chief of the US Scientific, Technical and Economic Mission, Rangoon, Burma; director of research, associate Dean of the Hartford Graduate Center; Dean of the School of Science and vice president for Planning at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Chief of University Relations of the Peace Corps; Executive Director of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and executive vice president of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. He was a Registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts and New York and a Certified Association Executive. In 1985 he received the Key Award, the highest national honor given by the American Society of Association Executives. He was a member of many military, professional, historical, patriotic, and genealogical societies.

His amateur radio interests were wide-ranging but he was particularly interested in emergency communications. Non-radio interests included family history and genealogy.

His son, John R. Finch, died in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons David R. Finch and Steven A Finch; daughters, Kathryn A. Finch, KD2VX (who served as secretary of GSARA in 1987) and Elizabeth Finch McCarthy; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Donations may be sent in his memory to North Shore Medical Center Foundation, 81 Highland St., Salem, MA 01970.

AL EMER, N2YAC – SK

Former GSARA member Allen R. Emer, N2YAC of Holmdel died Saturday, June 24 after being struck by lightning while camping. He was 59 and has lived in Holmdel for the last 17 years.

Al lived his life to the fullest. Besides being a licensed radio amateur, he was a freelance lighting cameraman, a commercial hot air balloonist since 1969, a licensed fixed-wing pilot, scuba diver, spelunker, an avid sailor, kayaker, camper, adventurer and a zealous reader. His proudest moments were with his son Sean, KC2DIJ. In 1998, he was selected to set up a ham radio contact with the MIR Space Station for the Land O'Pines School in Howell. Together they shared a wide range of adventures, from meteorite hunts in the Arizona desert, to whale watching off Cape Cod.

Al served the community as a volunteer for the Marine Mammal Stranding Center, and he spent countless hours in the Holmdel High School television studio adjusting lights and setting up cameras so that students could have a chance to share in his passion for the art. The passion with which he lived his life was reflected in his work as a cameraman. Throughout his career, Al was involved in numerous high-level productions, from the red carpet of the MTV Video Music Awards, to the Discovery Channel's documentary on astronauts. He has received numerous awards and distinctions for his work with corporate video productions. He filmed video interviews with celebrities ranging from corporate executives to movie stars. It didn't matter what the job was; he would approach a commonplace interview with the same passion as he did while hanging out of a military helicopter filming an aerial assault.

Surviving are his wife, Sue, KB2TWL; his son, Sean; his twin brother, Dudley, KK7IF and his wife Linda, KC7GXX of Las Vegas, NV; and his younger brother, Richard of Tucson, AZ.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834.

A slide show about Al Emer, K2YAC and his hobbies is at:

<http://photos.yahoo.com/ph/allenemer/slideshow?.dir=/cbf4&.src=ph>

GARY, AF1US REMEMBERS AL

I put together a single page on my website with several photos of Al Emer in Happier times and a few remembrances. Just thought that some of the GSARA folks might want to view the pictures. The URL is below.

http://www.garypalamara.com/Special_Emer.htm

Hope you're well.

Gary Palamara, AF1US

LOU PISCIOTTO, K2ICE - SK

Louis A. Pisciotto, K2ICE, a lifelong resident of Wanamassa, Ocean Township, died Sunday, June 25, at the MediCenter, Neptune City at the age of 80. He worked for his family's business, Charlie's Bar and Grill, Asbury Park, for many years until retiring. He held a general class amateur radio license with the call sign K2ICE. Years ago he was active on 2-meter AM (before FM). His QSL card featured each of his call letters on an ice cube. He also loved gardening, working with crafts and he loved his dogs. Mr. Pisciotto was a 1944 graduate of Asbury Park High School.

Surviving is his sister, Anna H. Pisciotto of Wanamassa.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution to the Monmouth County SPCA, 260 Wall St., Eatontown, NJ 07724, or the Wanamassa First Aid, Wickapecko Drive, Wanamassa, NJ 07712, would be appreciated. To e-mail a condolence message, visit www.ogmhognj.com/obituaries.htm

ROBERT WAGNER, KB2FIL – SK

Extra Class Amateur Robert Wagner, KB2FIL became a silent key on Sunday, June 11 at home in Keyport. He was 59. Born in the Bronx, and formerly of Staten Island, he was an area resident for 32 years. He was an Iron Worker for Brennon Brothers, Avenel for 25 years.

He was predeceased by his wife, Susan Wagner and a sister and brother. He is survived by two daughters, Patricia Maurer of Old Bridge, and Dawn Wardell of Allentown; two sons, Robert Jr. of Cliffwood Beach, and John Wagner of Keyport; and seven grandchildren.

AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

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

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

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

Toms River, Riverview Park Recreation Building: Exams are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. The contact person is Ed Genoino, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or e-mail to wa2nda@aol.com.

Toms River, Holiday City South Clubhouse, Meeting Room #1, Mule Road at the corner of Santiago Drive on the second Saturday of the odd numbered months (July 8, 2006) at 10:00 AM. The contact person is Bill Haldane, AC2F, 732-240-7064 or ac2f@earthlink.net.

In all cases, the fee is \$14 and you should bring the original and a copy of any amateur license presently held and original and one copy of any credit (CSCE) forms you have. Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a picture ID.

QST "OLD RADIO" EDITOR HONORED

QST Contributing Editor John Dilks, K2TQN, has received the Marconi Memorial Award from the Veteran Wireless Operators Association (VWOA) <<http://www.vwoa.org/>> "for his persevering efforts over the past 15 years in collecting, restoring, displaying and demonstrating the operation of vintage radio equipment," the award plaque reads. "His published writings of radio history preserve the memories of all radio and wireless pioneers." VWOA President Alan Ehrlich, WA2GDQ, presented the award to Dilks on May 20. Dilks has written the popular monthly "Old Radio" column <<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/arrl/>> for QST since January 2000.--Mike Shaw, K2LRE

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 24, June 16, 2006

DAYTON ATTENDANCE FLAT

Dayton Hamvention? 2006 General Chairman Jim Nies, WX8F, reports that the estimated attendance for the May 19-21 event was very nearly the same as last year's. "Our best estimates for attendance at 2006 Hamvention put the number at 20,324, a slight drop from 2005, but still within the ballpark for the three latest all-volunteer Hamvention years," Nies told ARRL. In 2005, an ARRL Convention year, 20,411 visitors attended Hamvention. The number of attendees in 2004 was calculated at 19,869. Nies said the Dayton Amateur Radio Association's Hamvention Committee will conduct a critique meeting June 13 to identify areas of Hamvention that need improvement and to discuss possible solutions, although Nies says that process already has begun informally. "Some committee chairmen have begun planning their timelines and their recruiting for next year," he adds.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 23 June 9, 2006

COURTESY URGED ON 6-METER FREQ

Radio amateurs taking advantage of recent openings on 6 meters are advised that the ARRL 6-meter band plan <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/6m>> designates the segment 50.100 to 50.125 MHz as the "DX window." The idea behind this unofficial designation, which reflects a consensus of longtime band users, is to keep that area of the band clear for US-to-DX contacts on "The Magic Band." Veteran 6-meter operators report hearing many US stations working each other when the band is open. Such complaints arise each year when the band first opens, says ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Dave Patton, NN1N. "Frequently the newcomers learn where to operate quickly enough, and often the veterans can be heard gently coaxing them up the band for a nice chat, at the same time making them aware of the band plan," he added. US stations are asked to keep stateside operation above 50.125 MHz (the "SSB calling frequency") as a courtesy to those attempting to work DX during band openings.

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A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

DXCC ANNOUNCES RULE CHANGE

The ARRL DXCC Desk has announced new language to replace the wording of a previously removed DXCC rule pertaining to political entities. The change adds a Paragraph 1(c) under Section II, DX List Criteria, in the DXCC Rules.

"Upon request of the Programs and Services Committee, the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) has studied the impact of a change to the DXCC rules," said the announcement. The DXAC, the Awards Committee and the PSC have concurred in the rule change, which became effective June 15, 2006.

The new Section II, Paragraph 1(c) reads: "The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the 'permanent population' and 'administered by a local government' criteria of this subsection, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the US Department of State's list of 'Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty' as having a local 'Administrative Center,' or (b) the United Nations' list of 'Non-Self-Governing Territories.'"

The DXCC Desk says Rule 1(c) is intended to recognize entities that are sufficiently separate from their parent for DXCC purposes but don't qualify under Rule 1(a) or Rule 1(b). "The new rule will cause certain geographic separation entities to be reclassified as political entities," ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, explains. This, in turn, will reduce the mileage for a first separation for these entities from 800 km to 350 km.

QSOs with any new entity resulting from this rule change will count for credit only for contacts made on or after the start date for that entity. In no case will QSOs made prior to the date of this notice be considered for credit for any new entity created as a result of this rule.

Applications for DXCC award credits resulting from this change will be accepted on or after October 1, 2006.

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NEW DXCC FEE SCHEDULE

The ARRL DXCC Desk has announced DXCC program fees will rise slightly when a new awards fee schedule goes into effect July 1. See <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/05/23/3/fees-06Jul.html> The fee for a basic DXCC application (including certificate and pin for initial applications only, 120 QSO maximum) and for first endorsement applications within a year will increase to \$12 for ARRL members and to \$22 for foreign nonmembers. Second and subsequent endorsements (120 QSO maximum) within a year will be \$22 for ARRL members and \$32 for foreign nonmembers. The \$10 fee for a basic DXCC application (120-credit maximum) was established in 1990, and the current overall fee schedule has been in effect since 1998. "It costs us to provide this service," explains ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. "We don't make any money from DXCC." The cost of other DXCC-related items such as plaques and pins also will go up July 1. Mills estimates the active population of DXCC members at between 15,000 and 18,000.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 22, June 2, 2006

DXCC APPROVES AFGHANISTAN

The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved this operation for DXCC credit: T61AA, Afghanistan, current operation effective May 23, 2006. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program.

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WANTED TO BUY

I'm looking for a working Radio Shack HTX-404 Hand-Held transceiver for 440 MHZ.

Les Hill, W2QHS
732-643-8933

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see reverse side)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., K2YWI on July 1. All times in EDST unless otherwise noted.

July 1 – **Canada Day Contest**, CW/SSB from 8 PM Friday to 7:59 PM Saturday. See July QST, p. 92 or www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm

July 3 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

July 4 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** is canceled due to the Holiday.

July 4 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 PM at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

July 4 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 PM.

July 5 – **GSARA Monthly Meeting** at the MARS Building at Fort Monmouth at 8:00 PM.

July 5 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (35-10 WPM). See July QST, pp. 87 and 92.

July 6 – **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

July 7 and every Friday – **Lunch at Blue Swan Diner**, Rt. 35 South, Ocean Township at noon.

July 8 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ. Note the change in meeting place.

July 8 – **IARU HF World Championship** from 8 AM Saturday to 8 AM Sunday. See April QST, p. 102 or www.iaru.org/contest.html

July 8 – **Holiday City VE Test Session** at 10:00 AM in Toms River. The contact person is Bill Haldane, AC2F, 732-240-7064 or ac2f@earthlink.net.

July 9 – **FISTS Summer Sprint**, CW from 1 to 5 PM. See Feb. QST, p. 99 or www.fists.org

July 10 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.

July 11 – **Annual Amateur Radio Luncheon** at the Colts Neck Inn at noon. All amateurs invited.

July 11 – **VE Test Session** at Croydon Hall, Leonardo section of Middletown at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP at 732-787-7184 or n2pvp@n2pvp.com

July 13 – **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 15-16 – **CQ WW VHF Contest**, all modes from 2 PM Saturday to 5 PM Sunday. See July QST, p. 92 or www.ncjweb.com

July 16 – **Pennsylvania Hamfest** near Valley Forge. See July QST, p. 90 or www.marc-radio.org/hamfest.html

July 17 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

July 18 – **Middletown Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 8 PM in Croyden Hall off Leonardville Road.

July 20 – **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.

July 21 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 9 AM (10-35 WPM). See July QST, pp. 87 and 92.

July 22 – **Neptune ARC Meeting** at American Legion Post #346. 31 Gully Road in Neptune at 9 AM.

July 24 – **Buttonwood Manor Lunch** at noon. Raritan Bay Amateurs. All are welcome.

July 24 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

July 24 – **JCDXA meeting** at 7:30 PM (6:30 for dining) at the Cobblestone Diner on Rt. 35 in Eatontown.

July 29-30 – **RSGB IOTA Contest** from 8 AM Saturday to 8 AM Sunday. See July QST, p. 92 or www.rsgbhfcc.org

July 31 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only to participate.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						K2YWI 1 WB2BSJ Canada Day
2	3 KZ5WP ARES/RACES 7:30	4 Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	5 CW Qual. Run GSARA Mtg.	6 Hol. City Mtg.	7 Blue Swan	OMARC Mtg. 8 K2QXW Hol. City VE IARU Cntst.
9 IARU Cntst. FISTS Sprint	10 RACES Net	11 Colts Neck Inn Croyden VE 7 PM QCWA News 9 PM	12	13 JSARS Mtg.	14 Blue Swan	15 CQ WW VHF
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