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THE PROPAGATOR

JUNE 2012

UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30 PM** and it will be devoted to planning for Field Day. There is only one more meeting before Field Day on June 23-24 so we have to plan on how we're going to participate this year. Refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.

The second meeting in June will be held on **Wednesday, June 20 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. Besides being our regular business meeting for June, we will be finalizing our Field Day plans which are just days away. Guests are always welcome and refreshments will be served.

DXCC APPROVES YEMEN & SOMALIA

ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the current 7O6T DXpedition to Yemen and the February 2012 6O3A DXpedition to Somalia have been approved for DXCC credit. "If you had cards that were recently rejected for the 6O3A 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 [DX standings](#). Due to a backup on DXCC e-mail, DXCC staff will make the corrections to accounts, but may not respond directly to messages about this."

From The ARRL Letter, May 10, 2012

GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Pete Holmes, N2EXG to the GSARA. Pete lives in Summit but also has a Bradley Beach mailing address. Licensed since 1978, he currently holds an Extra Class license. He works in Industrial/Technical Sales and is a member of the ARRL. Please add to your roster:

N2EXG, Peter Holmes

211 Lake Terr.
Bradley Beach, NJ 07720
908-723-2144
n2exg@arrl.net

Please also welcome Len Kline, WA1PCY from Red Bank to the GSARA. Licensed since 1970, Len holds a General Class license and is active on HF and 2 meters with his FT450D, FT250R, FT2700 and some vintage boat anchors. He is a Project Manager who enjoys rag chewing on the ham bands and is also a competitive Pistol shooter (static steel). Please add to your roster:

WA1PCY, Leonard Kline

321-13 Spring Street
Red Bank, NJ 07701
732-272-4056
lwkline88@verizon.net

HIGHER VANITY FEES PROPOSED

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on May 4, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$14.20 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$15 for 10 years, an increase of 80 cents. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. Read more [here](#).

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GSARA OFFICERS

President	W2XYZ	Frank Wroblewski	942-7705
Vice Pres.	W2HTS	Howard Suffill	460-1885
Secretary	W2OD	Bob Buus	946-8615
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	W2OD	Bob Buus	946-8615
	W2HAM	Lou Russo	842-6431

EDITOR'S NOTES

Our Hamfest on May 12 was a success on all counts. Thanks to all the GSARA members who contributed to this success and special thanks to Joe, W2KQ for coordinating this major effort.

Sadly, a good portion of this Propagator is taken up with obituaries for 4 radio amateurs. Steve, W2ML; Jack, WA2FVL; and Bernie, W2QFQ all played a role in the colorful history of GSARA. I believe that Bernie might be one of the last GSARA members to sport the old round metal badge that dates back to the 60s. Does anyone reading this still have such a badge? Let me know.

The little feedback I received regarding the Special Event and Hamfest information contributed by Kevin, W2FA was favorable so we're running it again for June.

The W2GSA-2 packet node has had some problems. Ralph, KC2WAD (son of W2PAT) bought a new Alinco 2-meter transceiver to replace the old Kenwood which was suspected of causing the problem. Since the problem was intermittent, we will have to wait and see if the problem is fixed. For those with packet capability, please connect to W2GSA-2 on 145.050 from time to time to see if everything is working OK.

Plan now to help operate W2GSA on Field Day. We need lots of operators if we are to keep two transmitters on the air for the entire 24 hours. It looks like we will be running high power so there should be opportunity for lots of runs at a single frequency.

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

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

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

DX MEETING EACH LAST MONDAY

For those interested in DX or learning about how to chase DX, there is a meeting of DXers on the last Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. The last Monday of June is on the 25th so mark your calendars if you would like to attend.

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.

MINUTES OF MAY 2 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM at the Red Cross. There were 23 members and four guests present. The guests were Sherry Dietz, XYL of KD2ACJ; Hunter Suffill, son of W2HTS; John Frercks, KD2AAR of Princeton, and Dr. Rebecca Mercuri, KA2IAX, our guest speaker from Hamilton. After the pledge to the flag, all members introduced themselves.

Since this was a program meeting, there were no reports from officers or club business conducted.

Program

Dr. Rebecca Mercuri, KA3IAX gave a fascinating presentation entitled "Weird Antennas of New Jersey." This talk highlighted a lot of the historical communications activities that took place in New Jersey starting with the Morse invention of the telegraph. The presentation was lively and there was a lot of audience participation. All in all, it was a program well worth attending.

Close

The door prize of \$26 was won by Bill, NJ2H. There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

MINUTES OF MAY 16 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM at the Red Cross. There were 14 members and three guests present. The guests were Hunter Suffill, harmonic of Howard, W2HTS, Leonard Klein, WA1PCY from Red Bank, and Jim Hawkins, WA2WHV from Middletown. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Health and Welfare

Tony, KA2ZSI is in rehab and is gradually getting better.

Lou, W2HAM seriously hurt his foot in an accident at home and was in Jersey Shore Medical but went to rehab today.

Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML is suffering with the final stages of pancreatic cancer.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to accept the minutes as published in the May Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was received from Paul Roman requesting our assistance with the Sheehan Run in Red Bank on June 16 and the Twin Lights Bike Tour in Highlands on September 30.

Flyers were received from the Raritan Valley Radio Club regarding their Hamfest on June 16 in Piscataway.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bruce, K2QXW gave his report. A motion was made by Howard, W2HTS and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to accept the treasurer's report and it passed unanimously.

New Members

An application for membership was received at the Hamfest from Peter Holmes, N2EXG from Bradley Beach with the necessary fees. His application was accepted unanimously.

An application for membership was received from Leonard Kline, WA1PCY from Red Bank with the necessary fees. His application was accepted unanimously.

Old Business

The trip to the Battleship New Jersey in Camden was successful and all who attended had a good time.

The new tubes for the 30L1 linear amplifier work fine but the power supply is very noisy and the capacitors should probably be replaced. Frank will look at Dayton to see if he can find suitable replacements at a reasonable price. A motion was made by Howard, W2HTS and seconded by Bruce, K2QXW to authorize Frank to spend up to \$100 on replacement capacitors. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim, KD2BUG put another 220 volt outlet in the radio shack so we can now run the linear and have the air conditioning on at the same time.

Hamfest

The GSARA Hamfest on Saturday, May 12 was the most successful so far. The weather was perfect and we had a good attendance of both sellers and buyers. Joe, W2KQ reported that we netted \$1,362.75 from this event.

Field Day

We plan to operate as 2F again on Field Day but will use high power this year with our linear amplifiers. Jim, K2EI has proposed we put up a 40 meter loop on temporary poles in the back of the Red Cross. Bob, W2OD asked about plans for a "free" VHF station that could work sporadic E on 6 meters. Unfortunately, we have no horizontally polarized 6 meter antennas up at this time so something would have to be erected for Field Day. Bob agreed to look into it.

The GSARA meetings in June will be devoted to planning for Field Day.

New Business

There is interest in getting shirts, jackets and/or sweatshirts with the GSARA logo. Jeff, N2LXM agreed to coordinate the order and they will be purchased as a group from Adpro Imprints at www.adproimprints.com. Bob, W2OD was asked to put a notice in the next Propagator.

There was a query about GSARA badges. Joe, W2KQ will look into a potential supplier of these badges.

Announcements

Frank, W2XYZ is heading to Dayton in a van with 2 other passengers. There they will meet up with Mike, KC2Q and 2 others who are flying in to attend the Dayton Hamvention. Mike is going to ride back to NJ in the van to stay a while before returning to Florida.

John King, KA2F has a new book coming out about Highlands, NJ.

Close

The door prize of \$13 was won by Joe, W2KQ and he donated it back to the club. Thank you, Joe. There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Howard, W2HTS. With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

STEVE MENDELSON, W2ML - SK

After a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, of Dumont, New Jersey, passed away May 23. He was 67. An ARRL Life Member, Mendelsohn began his time with ARRL in 1983 when he was elected as Vice Director of the Hudson Division. After two terms as Vice Director, he was elected as Hudson Division Director in 1987. In 1996, the ARRL Board of Directors elected Mendelsohn as its First Vice President, where he served until 2000. The next year, he was again elected as the Hudson Division Vice Director, serving through 2004.

Outside of his League activities, Mendelsohn was active both as the Communications Director of the New York City Marathon and, along with his wife Heidi, W2MLW, as the Game Day Frequency Coordinator (GDC) for the New York Jets. The November 2007 issue of QST featured Mendelsohn on its cover along with an article about him and the GDC program. Mendelsohn was inducted into the CQ Hall of Fame last week for his contributions to the ARRL, the New York City Marathon and the National Football League.

Mendelsohn was a 30 year veteran of the US Navy, rising to the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer, with a Cryptologist rating. He received two Navy Achievement Awards for creating an important national security database for personal computers. While stationed in Scotland in the late 1960s, Mendelsohn was GM5AHS. He was a member of the North Jersey DX Association (NJDXA) and was the current President of the Bergen Amateur Radio Association (BARA). At one point, Mendelsohn served as President of both organizations simultaneously.

"Steve's passing is a great loss in the world of Amateur Radio," said ARRL Hudson Division Director Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF. "I will always treasure the times I spent with Steve over the many years I knew him. To me, and to all of Amateur Radio, he was a strong leader, dedicated mentor and most importantly, a true friend to many of us throughout the entire Amateur Radio community. Most recently, as a courageous fighter, Steve battled pancreatic cancer, but still continued to serve the ham community until the

end and enjoyed many hours on the air. Our prayers go out to his family and his beloved Heidi. Rest now, my friend, you are at peace. We will miss you."

"Steve brought a unique personality and perspective to the ARRL Board," said ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. "Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time of loss."

The wake and funeral were held at the William G. Basralian Funeral Home in Oradell on May 25-27.

Steve had asked for donations to the Lustgarten Foundation instead of flowers.

The Lustgarten Foundation
1111 Stewart Avenue
Bethpage, New York 11714
Toll Free: 1-866-789-1000
<http://www.lustgarten.org>

If you wish to send condolences to Heidi Mendelsohn, the mailing address is:

Steve and Heidi Mendelsohn
318 New Milford Avenue
Dumont, NJ 07628

Further information about Steve's life may be found on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/news/former-arrl-first-vice-president-steve-mendelsohn-w2ml-sk>.

From *ARRL Special Bulletin 6*, May 23, 2012

HEATHKIT CLOSES UP SHOP

For the second time since 1992, Heathkit Educational Services has shuttered its doors. Rumors of the legendary kit-building company's demise were posted on QRZ.com, with several readers bringing the news to the attention of the ARRL. In August 2011, Heathkit announced it was returning to the kit building business, and in September, that it would once again be manufacturing Amateur Radio kits. The ARRL tried to reach Heathkit to confirm that the company is still in business, but their phone and fax numbers have a continuous busy signal, and e-mails to the company have gone unanswered. Read more [here](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, May 10, 2012

JOHN "JACK" KEATING, WA2FVL - SK

John J. "Jack" Keating, 83, of Union Beach, passed away, Friday, May 25, 2012, at home. Born in the Bronx, NY, in February 1929, he graduated from NYC schools. He served his country in the [US Navy](#) during the [Korean War](#) from 1947-1952 as an ENG3/C and a tin can sailor on the USS Hank. In 1953, he married and moved to South Amboy. He belonged to the South Amboy Fire Department; and was the captain of the Mechanicsville Company. John worked as a Stationary Engineer for Ashland Chemical Company, and held a Blue Seal License. In 1956, he moved to Union Beach where he became involved in the community. He was a member and president of the Union Beach Board of Health; served as the Emergency Director; was a council member and president for two terms; and a court mediator for 15 years. He worked as a boiler/black seal operator with the Union Beach Board of Education for 10 years.

John was also a Ham Radio Operator (call letters WA2FVL) and a member and president of the Garden State Amateur Radio Association. He was also a radio operator for OEM of Union Beach. John was an avid motorcyclist; the founder and president of the Raritan Roadrunners Motorcycle Club, Inc. He spearheaded the committee to get motorcycles back on the parkway; and was successful in achieving that goal. John was a camper and belonged to the Happy Wanderers Trailer Club; where he camped in 50 states and five Providences in Canada.

John was predeceased by his beloved wife, Patricia L. (Kuntne) Keating in 1999; a son, Gary and a daughter, Joann. He is survived by his loving children, Barbara Mason of Howell; Patricia Marciniak of Union Beach; Michael Keating of Union Beach; and Walter Keating of Howell; nine cherished grandchildren and four great grandchildren. John will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family RC Church, Union Beach on May 30 with interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, Keyport. To offer the family online condolences please visit www.dayfuneralhome.com.

BERNIE SCHREIBMAN, W2QFQ - SK

Bernard Schreibman, 89, of Tinton Falls died Saturday, May 26, 2012. He was born in Washington, D.C. raised in Brooklyn, NY and graduated from Brooklyn Technical H.S. He lived in Eatontown for 55 years before moving to Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls six years ago. Mr. Schreibman was a [WWII Army](#) veteran and served in the CBI Theatre. He was a logistics management specialist at Ft. Monmouth for 30 years before retiring in 1983. He was also a part time teacher for the Monmouth County Vocational Schools for 10 years. He loved teaching electronics and wood working. Mr. Schreibman was a member of many fraternal organizations including the [VFW](#) Oakhurst #2226, Past Chaplain of the American Legion Post #325, JWV Jersey Shore Post 125, and Caesarea Lodge F&AM #64 and NARFE. He was a ham radio operator, W2QFQ, for over 70 years. He was a member of the Garden State Amateur Radio Association, Jersey Shore Chaverim and QCWA. While living in Eatontown, he was a member of the Police Reserves and Communications Coordinator for emergency management. Mr. Schreibman was a member of Cong. Torat El, Oakhurst and more recently an active member of the Seabrook Jewish Community. He enjoyed playing the harmonica. Mr. Schreibman was a partner in Seaside Amusement Company, Seaside Heights.

He was predeceased by his wife Grace in 2007. He is survived by his son Steven Schreibman of Ocean Twp.; his two daughters, Marion Schaal of Staten Island, NY and Linda Cahill of Durham, NC, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were on May 30 at Bloomfield-Cooper Jewish Chapels, Ocean Twp., with internment at Beth Israel Cemetery, Woodbridge, NJ.

Donations can be made to JWV Post 125 or Seabrook Jewish Community.

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1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone

EMIDIO CICCONE, WA2FSX - SK

Emidio Ciccone "Mid", 91 of Belmar, passed away Sunday, May 20, 2012, at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY. Emidio was born in Teora, Avellino, Italy and immigrated to the United States in 1929. He resided in Newark and then in Belleville. Mid and his wife spent summer vacations in Belmar since the 1960s before retiring permanently to the Jersey shore in 1997. Emidio was a U.S. [Army](#) Air Force veteran, starting out in the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth in 1942, then serving in the Air Transport Command 19th Weather Squadron during [World War II](#), maintaining weather stations throughout Africa and Arabia rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant. After the war, he worked at a succession of companies, including J. H. Scharff, Mohawk Electric, Walter Kidde, Singer, Lionel and Wolock & Lott. He held a First Class Radio Operators License and a patent for fire alarm systems. Mid was an amateur radio operator WA2FSX, member of Belmar Wall [VFW](#) Post 2620 and a supporter of Camp Evans InfoAge. His hobbies included radio electronics and photography, and he had a keen appreciation for history, especially that of industry and technology.

Emidio is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Victoria Ciccone (nee Meccia); son, Jeffrey of Absecon and Belmar; son, Scott and his wife; and grandchildren all of Lawrenceville and Brielle; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved cat, Buddy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, May 25 at St. Rose R.C. Church, Belmar. Burial followed in St. Anne's Cemetery, Wall. A donation may be made to InfoAge, 2201 Marconi Rd., Wall, NJ 07719 (www.infoage.org). For further information or to send condolences to the family, please visit www.obrienfuneralhome.com.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the June 1992 Propagator: Over 57 people attended the talk at the May meeting by Frank Gunther, W2ALS (SK) who talked about the early development of police radio. Chief Engineer Joe, WA2GSY (now W2KQ) made a plea for help with Field Day at Tatum Park.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUNE

By Kevin Wagner, W2FA

06/02/2012 | D-Day Commemoration

Jun 2-Jun 6, 1200Z-2200Z, W2W, Baltimore, MD. Amateur Radio Club - National Electronics Museum. 21.270 14.270 7.240. Certificate & QSL. W2W - Special Event Station, PO Box 1693, MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. Daily operation; see web site for QSL & certificate details and web cam. ww-2.us

06/02/2012 | Museum Ships Weekend

Jun 2-Jun 3, 0001Z-2359Z, NJ2BB, Camden, NJ. Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station. 21.326 14.262 7.262 7.042. Certificate & QSL. Margaret Burgess, 150 Schooner Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08005. www.nj2bb.org

06/04/2012 | Battle of Midway

Jun 4, 1200Z-2200Z, W2W, Baltimore, MD. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum. 21.270 14.270 7.240. Certificate & QSL. W2W - Special Event Station, PO Box 1693, Baltimore, MD 21203. www.k3nem.org

06/16/2012 | Delmarva Chicken Festival

Jun 16-Jun 17, 1400Z-0000Z, K3C, Salisbury, MD. Peninsula Radio Operators Society. 14.240 7.182. QSL. Delmarva Chicken Festival, PO Box 1077, Salisbury, MD 21802. Celebrating Delmarva Poultry Industry www.delmarvapros.i8.com

06/16/2012 | The War of 1812 Kickoff

Jun 16-Jun 17, 1800Z-1900Z, W3FT, Reisterstown, MD. Baltimore Amateur Radio Club. 21.360 14.285 7.181 3.840. QSL. Baltimore Amateur Radio Club, C/O W3FT, 12360 Owings Mills Blvd, Reisterstown, MD 21136. This event is in preparation for the 2014 celebration we are planning for the Battle of Baltimore. We are starting off by celebrating the Bi-Centennial of the WAR of 1812 The Blue Angels will be flying over the Baltimore Harbor and the Tall Ships have started to come into ports here. We will run as many bands as we safely can depending on the conditions. As you work us we will announce if we are on 10M, 6M, & 2M. www.w3ft.com

06/30/2012 | 13 Colonies Bonus Station

Jun 30-Jul 6, 1300Z-0359Z, WM3PEN, Philadelphia, PA. Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club. 21.313 14.313 7.213 3.813. QSL. Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club, 3341 Sheffield Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19136. www

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From the June 1987 Propagator: Recent upgrades included Dom Cafro, KB2CMF to Technician; Joe Sudyka, KB2CLZ to General; and Laura Clanton, KB2BMK (now N2HGI) to General. Chief Engineer Vince Rosati, KE2V made a plea for help with Field Day.

HAMFESTS IN JUNE

By Kevin Wagner, W2FA

06/03/2012 | Breeze Shooters Hamfest & Computer Show

Location: Butler, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Breeze Shooters Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.breezeshooters.net>
[Learn More](#)

06/09/2012 | Bloomsburg Hamfest

Location: Lime Ridge, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Columbia-Montour ARC
Website: <http://www.qsl.net/cm-arc/>
[Learn More](#)

06/09/2012 | Chaffee Country Hamboree

Location: Chaffee, NY
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Pioneer Radio Operators Society
Website: <http://pionerradiooperatorsociety.bravehost.com>
[Learn More](#)

06/09/2012 | Skyline ARC's Summer Hamfest

Location: Cortland, NY
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Skyline Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.skylineradioclub.org>
[Learn More](#)

06/30/2012 | Eastern Pennsylvania Section Convention (Electronics Expo & Firecracker Hamfest)

Location: Harrisburg, PA
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club
Website: <http://www.w3uu.org>
[Learn More](#)

06/30/2012 | Rochester Hamfest & Technology Exposition

Location: Rochester, NY
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Rochester Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://www.rochesterhamfest.com/>
[Learn More](#)

DISCOVER DIGITAL QST

If you're an ARRL member, you now have access to the [new digital edition](#) of the June 2012 issue of QST. It is available to all ARRL members at no cost. All you need to do is log on to the ARRL website. Also available: digital editions of the January through May 2012 issues.

You will find links to all the digital editions on our [website](#). But wait -- there's more! All ARRL members now also have access to every issue of QST via the [Periodicals Archive](#) -- from the first issue, published in December 1915, through the December 2011 issue. You'll find more information about the digital edition in the [FAQ](#) (frequently asked questions) section. We hope you enjoy the new digital editions of QST. Unless you have chosen to [opt out](#) of the print edition, you will continue to receive QST in the mail each month.

From *The ARRL Letter*, May 24, 2012

LoTW MARKS 50,000 USERS

On May 1, Dragan Pavlovic, YT3PDT, completed his registration process for Logbook of The World (LoTW), becoming the 50,000th person to take advantage of the ARRL's online QSL confirmation system. According to ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, there are more than 3500 individuals from outside the US in the process of obtaining a digital certificate, and more than 1800 individuals inside the US who have started the certificate process, but not yet finished.

Earlier this year, the ARRL and CQ Communications [announced](#) that the ARRL will provide support for CQ-sponsored operating awards by LoTW, beginning with the WPX Award. This project has [entered the beta testing phase](#) with a select group of hams and, barring any unforeseen circumstances, is on track to be launched to the Amateur Radio community this month.

"Radio amateurs around the world consider LoTW to be the 'must have' awards and electronic confirmation system," Patton said. "We look forward to planned improvements and upgrades, and we are gratified that so many people have helped the system grow and become more and more useful."

From *The ARRL Letter*, May 3, 2012

DAYTON HAMVENTION

When Hara Arena -- home of the Dayton Hamvention for the past 48 years -- opened its doors at 9 AM on Friday, May, 18, thousands of hams swarmed in, eager to see the latest and

greatest that Amateur Radio has to offer. And they weren't disappointed! With the introduction of three new transceivers this year, as well as hundreds of vendors inside and in the world-famous flea market, there was a definite buzz in the air, especially within the ARRL EXPO.

Visitors to the ARRL EXPO saw a lot of activities relating to DX, including DXCC card checking and a chance to drop off QSL cards for the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau. Representatives from the International Amateur Radio Union and IARU Member-Societies, including the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club, the Japan Amateur Radio League, the Qatar Amateur Radio Society and the Radio Society of Great Britain were on hand within the ARRL EXPO. "The theme of the 2012 Hamvention was Internationally Connected," explained ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R. "What better way to get connected than meeting with fellow radio amateurs from around the world?" Read more [here](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, May 24, 2012

TEN YEARS AGO

From the June 2002 Propagator: President Shirley Holzberg, KC2APV passed her Extra Class exam (and subsequently changed her call to N2KQ). Field Day was at Tatum Park under Chief Engineer Frank Gudicello, K2TVY. The number of US Extra Class amateurs topped 100,000. The FCC proposed new amateur bands at 5 MHz and 136 kHz (we eventually got a few channels at 5 MHz but 136 kHz is still in limbo). North Korea was on the air as P5/4L4FN.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the June 1997 Propagator: Kachina announced their 505DSP computer-controlled Transceiver (now called Software Defined Radio, SDR) at the Dayton Hamvention. Also announced were the Yaesu VX-1R and Alinco DJ-S11T compact HTs. Kenwood announced Sky Command and Yaesu rolled out the FT-920. The North Jersey DX Association celebrated its 40th anniversary with special event station W2JT/40.

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1,000,000 aches = 1 megahertz

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see next page)

Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. **KC2RRP** on June 1. All times are EDST. Contests are listed in the June QST, p. 79.

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

June 5 – **Old Barney VE Session** at 6:30 pm in Manahawkin. Contact Urb LeJune, W2DEC at 609-296-5785 or urb@usats.com

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

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

June 6 – **GSARA Meeting, 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross, West Park Ave. & Shafto Road, Tinton Falls. Field Day planning.

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

June 3 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 5 pm on Marconi Road in Wall.

June 8 - **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-35 wpm). See www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule

June 4 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

June 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

June 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

June 14 – **JSARS meeting** in Riverwood Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 pm.

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

June 9-10 – **ARRL VHF QSO Party**, all modes from 2 pm Saturday to 11 pm Sunday. See <http://www.arrl.org/contest-rules>

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

June 15-16 – **SMIRK QSO Party**, 6 Meters, all modes from 8 pm Friday to 7:59 pm Saturday. See <http://www.smirk.org>

June 16 – **Kid's Day**, Phone, all hf bands from 2 pm to 8 pm. See <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

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

June 19 – **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.

June 20 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Regular business meeting and last minute Field Day arrangements.

June 19 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 7 pm (10-35 wpm). See <http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule>

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

June 23-24 – **ARRL Field Day** from 2 pm Saturday to 5 pm Sunday, all modes, all bands. See <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

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

June 25 – **GSARA DX Interest Group** at 7:30 at the Red Cross.

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					1 KC2RRP	2
3 InfoAge	4 ARES/RACES 7:30	5 WA2HPD Pancake House Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	6 GSARA Mtg	7 Hol. City Mtg.	8 CW Qual. Run	9 OMARC Mtg. VHF QSO Pty
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17 InfoAge	18 ARES/RACES 7:30	19 CW Qual. Run QCWA News 9 PM	20 GSARA Mtg.	21 WB2KCV JSARS VE	22	23 Field Day
24 Field Day InfoAge	25 RACES Net 7:30 DX Mtg 7:30	26 N2LXM QCWA News 9 PM	27 W2HTS	28	29	30 Neptune Mtg