



# THE PROPAGATOR

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## UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next GSARA meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. The program will be a presentation on Field Day operations by Cy, K2CYS. Cy will show us how we can increase our Field Day score over last year. Don't miss it! Bring a guest and enjoy the light refreshments that will be available.

The second meeting in June will be held on **Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. This will be a regular business meeting with final planning for Field Day. Light refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.

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## GSARA NET 8:30 PM TUESDAYS

GSARA members meet on the Asbury Park repeater every Tuesday at 8:30 pm. In the four sessions in May, we had 21 check-ins for an average of 5.25 per session. The following 8 members checked into this net at least once (number of check-ins in parenthesis):

N2HGI (4), W2OD (4), N2BMK (3), KD2IEC (3), N2JFL (3), KA2F (2), N2LXM (1) and KC2YNL (1).

Mark your calendar so you remember to participate. The more participation, the more fun!

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## VE TEST SESSION JUNE 27

The GSARA monthly test session will be held on Saturday, June 27 at 11 am at the Red Cross. The fee is \$15 and you should bring the original and a copy of any amateur license presently held and the original and one copy of any credit (CSCE) forms that you have (copies will be sent in with your test results). Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a photo ID. For more information, contact Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or [n3rb@arrl.net](mailto:n3rb@arrl.net).

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## GSARA HAMFEST SUCCESSFUL

The GSARA Hamfest on Saturday, May 23, was very successful. We had a record number of vendors who took up almost all of our tailgate spaces. This was undoubtedly due to giving vendors their first tailgate space free of charge. Thanks to Rem, K2REM for coming up with this innovative idea which worked so well. We also had a good turnout of buyers thanks to almost perfect weather.

Although the food truck was a little late in getting there, the food was good. KJI Electronics was there with a wide assortment of amateur radio equipment. Thanks to all the GSARA members who worked to make this such a successful Hamfest with special thanks to Rem, K2REM for assuring that everything ran smoothly.

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## ALAN SHERMAN, W2NIR RECOVERING FROM SURGERY

What started out to be a routine colonoscopy for Alan Sherman, W2NIR turned into colo-rectal surgery at Monmouth Medical Center. He is at home recuperating from the procedure which took two and a half hours. It will be several months before he's back doing his half-marathons. Unfortunately during the surgery they found a malignancy which is highly treatable and did not spread to any of the organs. Once healed from the surgery, Alan will start chemo therapy.

Part of the recovery process is to get out and walk and Alan has friends that have accompanied him around the block. Hopefully, the walks will lengthen as he recovers. He hopes to get back to attending our meetings by the latter part of June.

Since Alan is somewhat house bound, he is trying to figure out a way to participate in GSARA Field Day from home. We all wish Alan a speedy recovery.

## GSARA OFFICERS

President	W2HTS	Howard Suffill	460-1885
Vice Pres.	NJ2H	Bill Shockley	207-4466
Secretary	W2OD	Bob Buus	946-8615
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	W2OD	Bob Buus	946-8615
	W2HAM	Lou Russo	842-6431

## FRIDAY BLUE SWAN LUNCHEONS

A number of local radio amateurs meet each Friday at the Blue Swan Diner on Highway 35 south in Ocean Township at noon. Anyone interested in amateur radio is welcome to join us in the sun room at the north end of the diner.

## PATCHES

We have GSARA 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). Ray, WA1FFT will then send them on to ARRL 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.

## GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

## HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

## EDITOR'S NOTES

June is almost upon us and, of course, that leads one's thoughts to Field Day. I repeated in this issue of *The Propagator* the article Cy, K2CYS wrote last month (see page 5) since I feel that it remains appropriate. I plan to try for the first time to operate CW directly from the logging computer. Cy will be telling us all more about how to do this at the June 3 meeting. I'm looking forward to hearing what he has to say. For a successful Field Day, we need lots of operators. Please plan to participate in any way you can. To sign up to operate or if you have any questions, e-mail [FD@gardenstateara.org](mailto:FD@gardenstateara.org).

The GSARA Hamfest was a success by any measure (see page 1). We had a record number of sellers thanks to the efforts of Rem, K2REM. I'm looking forward to doing it again in the fall and hope that we have even more participation. Suggestions for improvements should be passed on to Rem.

I was surprised to find that the FCC is thinking of dropping the vanity call sign fee (see page 6). This should be good news to all who have vanity calls. Let's hope that it will be implemented before any of you have to renew your vanity license.

Our Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB is working hard on pushing HR-1301 through congress (see page 7). The number of co-sponsors continue to grow and last I heard it was up to 55. For those in Frank Pallone's district, you've got to work to get him to co-sponsor this bill. If successful, this legislation will benefit those many hams living in restricted communities.

The ARRL Letter had a nice article about commemorating the sinking of the *Lusitania* and included material that Phil Peterson, W2DME (SK) had researched for his radio programs. It's unfortunate that Charles never got proper credit for his work due to government censorship. I believe that Phil knew Charles Apgar, 2MN personally. It is interesting to note that Charles Apgar's daughter became a famous Doctor who came up with the Apgar test for evaluating newborn babies.

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

## MINUTES OF MAY 6 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS was absent as was vice president Bill Shockley, NJ2H so the meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Red Cross by Treasurer John King, KA2F. There were 16 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves. Each was invited to say a few words about any interesting activities they were up to.

### Secretary's Report

Being a program meeting, there were no Secretary nor Treasurer reports.

### Hamfest Committee Report

The Hamfest is Saturday, May 23 at the usual MAECOM parking lot. Hamfest chairman Rem, K2REM reported that planning was going well and prizes have been acquired. He needs volunteers to prepare breakfast sandwiches and needs someone with a truck to haul tables from the Red Cross to the Hamfest site. Those wishing to volunteer to help should e-mail Rem at [hamfest@gardenstateara.org](mailto:hamfest@gardenstateara.org). A quantity of Hamfest flyers was given to Jeff, N2LXM to be handed out at the entrance gate to the OMARC Hamfest on May 16.

### Health and Welfare

GSARA member Jim Griffiths, K2EI lost his wife Bonnie, K2BON after a long illness. Her obit will appear in the next Propagator.

### Program

The program was a brief tutorial about using the N3FJP logging program for Field Day presented by Bob, W2OD. Bob also demonstrated a free program also by N3FJP called CW Teacher for learning the Morse code. Bob encouraged anyone interesting in learning the code to check this program out.

### Close

The 50/50 of \$13 was won by Jake Zabler, KOLYA. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 9 pm.

## MINUTES OF MAY 15 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM at the Red Cross. There were 14 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to accept the minutes of the May 6 meeting as they will be published in the June Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John King, KA2F gave the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Jeff, N2JFL to accept the report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Ray, WA1FFT reminded everyone that he would be sending in another batch of QSL cards to ARRL in June so bring yours in before then (with your QST address label).

### Hamfest Committee

Rem, K2REM reported that all of the Hamfest flyers have been distributed. He has made arrangements for a food truck to provide food. Hamfest workers will get a \$5 voucher to be used for food at the food truck.

You must be present to win the hourly door prizes but you need not be present for the grand prize as long as we have your e-mail address on the ticket stub. GSARA members are admitted free but are only eligible for door prizes if they purchase a ticket for \$5.

Assignments so far have Jeff, N2JFL helping bring tables over and staffing the club table, Cy, K2CYS selling the 50-50 tickets, Jeff, N2LXM putting up signs and talk-in, Bruce, K2QXW and Bob, W2OD will manage the gate.

### Field Day Committee

No members of the Field Day committee were present so this will be discussed in detail at the June 3 and June 17 meetings. John, KA2F has volunteered to provide food.

### New Business

John, KA2F is arranging with Holger to do some antenna repair work on our tower behind the Red Cross and is having an antenna party starting at 10 am on Saturday, May 30. A few helpers are needed to help lower and raise the tower and any other activities that may come up. A motion was made by Ray, WA1FFT and seconded by Jeff, N2JFL to authorize up to \$350 to pay for this antenna work. The motion passed unanimously.

A query was made as to when the ITU established zones throughout the world. After some discussion, it was thought that the zones were created shortly after the formation of the ITU 150 years ago.

### Announcements

Jeff, N2JFL has been playing with a small Alex loop antenna with his KX-3 and it has been working very well. The small size of the antenna makes the bandwidth very small but it is not difficult to tune properly.

### Close

The door prize of \$13.50 was won by Jeff, N2JFL. There being no further business, a motion was made by Ray, KA1FFT and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to close the meeting which was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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## **MATT BREGOFF, W2AOJ GETS PACEMAKER**

.Matt Bregoff, W2AOJ recently had a pacemaker installed and is doing fine with it.

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## **RADIO ROOM OPEN SATURDAYS**

The GSARA radio room in the back of the Red Cross is open most Saturday afternoons. Simply drive all the way around to the back, where the antennas are located, to the RED DOOR. Pick up the telephone to the right of the RED DOOR and if someone is inside the radio room, they will answer and come to the door to let you in.

You can also call W2GSA on the 147.045 repeater or call 732-493-9100 ext. 1252 from your cell phone. Have patience. Do not get discouraged and leave. It sometimes gets pretty busy and noisy in the radio room so keep trying.

## **BONNIE GRIFFITHS, N2BON - SK**

Bonnie Jean Oyler Griffiths, N2BON, died Sunday, April 26, 2015 at her home in Little Silver, NJ, where she had lived with her husband, Jim, K2EI for 12 years. They previously lived in Los Alamos, NM; Conifer, CO; Silver Spring, MD; Garden Grove, CA; Paris, France; Chicago, IL; and Columbus, OH.

Born in Lexington, Kentucky on March 6, 1935, she was the daughter of Merton D. and Elizabeth White Oyler. Bonnie had a sharp mind and excelled in school. At North High School in Columbus, OH she was one of the stars of the debate team. She attended [Ohio State University](#), serving as president of Theta Chapter of the Delta Zeta sorority. Bonnie graduated with a Bachelor of Science cum laude degree in Medical Technology after being selected as a member of Mortar Board, the national senior honor society.

She married James Griffiths on August 18, 1956, and worked as a medical technologist until she and Jim started a family. While raising their four children, she enjoyed reading, gardening, and birdwatching. She could write a funny or touching poem whenever the occasion called for it. Later in life, she became an incredibly talented quilt designer and maker. She was an extensive world traveler and avid mountain hiker. Mostly she took pride in being a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother.

Bonnie was predeceased by her parents. Surviving is her devoted husband and caregiver, James S. Griffiths; daughter Donna and partner Jim Wenban of Johnson, VT; daughter Diana and husband Ron Osborn of Johnson, VT; son Charles and wife Mary of Long Valley, NJ; son David of Portland, OR; grandchildren Sam, Ben, Linden, John, Claire, and Jack; brother Bill and wife Irene of Denver, CO; and extended family.

Private services will be held in Vermont. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Bonnie may be made to the [Northwestern University Primary Progressive Aphasia Research Fund](#) at 320 East Superior St Searle 11-453, Chicago, IL 60611, or online at <http://wewill.northwestern.edu/cnadc>.

Please visit Bonnie's memorial website available at [www.johndayfuneralhome.com](http://www.johndayfuneralhome.com)

## QRZ FIELD DAY! THIS IS W2GSA!

Field Day is coming up fast. This is ham radio's premier event in North America and the Garden State Amateur Radio Association is going to have 4 Field Day Stations this year. The contest is June 27-28 (Saturday and Sunday). The antennas are planned. The stations are planned. John is going to be our chef extraordinaire again this year. The two outside tents are ready and the 2 stations indoors are warming up! We plan to operate a 40 M CW station outside, an 80/15 M station outside and 20 and 10 M inside. This is going to be an even more extensive set-up than last year when we broke the 2500 point mark! We should easily break 3K points this year and be the envy of all the other radio clubs in New Jersey! But we need your help.

We need three things and all three are vital.

First, we need help with set-up on Friday afternoon (probably) and Saturday morning. We have to put up the poles for the antennas and the tents.

Second, and this is super important, we need OPERATORS! Field Day can't work if there are insufficient numbers of operators. Therefore, if you would like to operate, please get back to Howard, W2HTS at [howards@lssons.com](mailto:howards@lssons.com) and let him know that you will be there. We are in great need of both CW and Phone operators. Make a commitment of a few hours or all day and all night, if you like. All four stations need to be humming all day long.

Third, we need help taking apart the stations at 2 PM on Sunday. Try to carve out some time if you can. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

In other Field Day news: **on June 3** at the regular GSARA meeting, we will be outlining Field Day, demonstrating the use of the computer interfaced with the radio for logging purposes and giving an overview of what we will be doing. **On June 17** we will have the regular business meeting and then go over the Field Day operations. You won't want to miss any of it.

No matter what your level of experience or expertise, Field Day is an awesome experience. You will have the chance to improve your skills or use your skills to make as many contacts as possible.

GSARA is committed to putting on a terrific Field Day again this year to be even better than last year (which was awesome). Please support the club and make our Field Day effort the best ever.

73 OM and YLs and see you in the contest!

*Cy Starway, K2C4S*

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## NEW ARRL GENERAL CLASS BOOK

The new *ARRL General Class License Manual* (8th edition) is now available in softcover, spiral-bound, and e-book versions. The optional academic-style [spiral-bound](#) edition (ARRL Item No 1904, retail \$32.95) lies flat, making it more convenient for both students and instructors. It includes everything you need to prepare for the 35-question General class Amateur Radio license exam, so you won't have any surprises on test day.

The exam questions and answer key are built from the latest General class question pool, which goes into effect on July 1, 2015. You can use the *General Class License Manual* in conjunction with ARRL's online [Exam Review for Ham Radio](#). It includes detailed explanations for all test questions as well as FCC Amateur Service (Part 97) rules.

*The ARRL General Class License Manual* is also available in traditional [softcover](#) format (ARRL Item No 8119, retail \$29.95). Both spiral-bound and softcover editions are available from the [ARRL Store](#) or from your [ARRL Publications Dealer](#), or call 860-594-0355 or toll-free in the US 888-277-5289 to order.

In addition to the hard-copy manuals, ARRL has just released a [digital edition](#) of *The ARRL General Class License Manual* in Kindle format from [Amazon](#).

The ARRL also offers Kindle editions of *The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual* and its question-and-answer study guides, [ARRL's Tech Q&A](#), [ARRL's General Q&A](#), and [ARRL's Extra Q&A](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, May 14, 2015

## FCC TO ELIMINATE VANITY FEE

QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 19 ARLB019  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT May 26, 2015

To all radio amateurs

The FCC is eliminating the regulatory fee to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign. The change will not go into effect, however, until required congressional notice has been given. This will take at least 90 days. As the Commission explained in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, and Order (MD Docket 14-92 and others), released May 21, it's a matter of simple economics.

"The Commission spends more resources on processing the regulatory fees and issuing refunds than the amount of the regulatory fee payment," the FCC said. "As our costs now exceed the regulatory fee, we are eliminating this regulatory fee category. The current vanity call sign regulatory fee is \$21.40, the highest in several years. The FCC reported there were 11,500 "payment units" in FY 2014 and estimated that it would collect nearly \$246,100.

In its 2014 Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) regarding the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for FY 2014, the FCC had sought comment on eliminating several smaller regulatory fee categories, such as those for vanity call signs and GMRS. It concluded in the subsequent Report and Order (R&O) last summer, however, that it did not have "adequate support to determine whether the cost of recovery and burden on small entities outweighed the collected revenue or whether eliminating the fee would adversely affect the licensing process."

The FCC said it has since had an opportunity to obtain and analyze support concerning the collection of the regulatory fees for Amateur Vanity and GMRS, which the FCC said comprise, on average, more than 20,000 licenses that are newly obtained or renewed, every 10 and 5 years, respectively.

"The Commission often receives multiple applications for the same vanity call sign, but only one applicant can be issued that call sign," the FCC explained. "In such cases, the Commission issues refunds for all the remaining applicants. In addition to staff and computer time to process

payments and issue refunds, there is an additional expense to issue checks for the applicants who cannot be refunded electronically."

The Commission said that after it provides the required congressional notification, Amateur Radio vanity program applicants "will no longer be financially burdened with such payments, and the Commission will no longer incur these administrative costs that exceed the fee payments. The revenue that the Commission would otherwise collect from these regulatory fee categories will be proportionally assessed on other wireless fee categories."

The FCC said it would not issue refunds to licensees who paid the regulatory fee prior to its official elimination.

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## HAM BREAKS WWI SPY STATION

According to wireless history accounts, it was a radio amateur, Charles Apgar, 2MN, of Westfield, New Jersey, who finally figured out the significance of the odd buzz-like transmissions he'd heard emanating evenings from German Telefunken station WSL in Sayville, Long Island. As [recounted](#) by the late Phil Petersen, W2DME, Apgar not only was curious, but suspicious.

"Apgar had a very advanced sensitive Armstrong regenerative receiver that he modified to make off-the-air recordings on a cylinder recorder," Petersen wrote. "Suspecting that WSL was transmitting secret intelligence at very high speed, Apgar further modified his audio recorder to greatly reduce the speed on playback. As he suspected, the 'buzz' was actually secret Morse code sent at very high speed." Apgar turned his recordings of WSL's transmissions over to the US Secret Service, which seized the station in July 1915.

WSL officials "were charged with sending illegal secret messages regarding allied and neutral shipping," Petersen recounted. "It was also believed that the German submarines obtained secret information that led to the sinking of the passenger ship *Lusitania*. After the government seized the station, sinkings by U-boats greatly decreased." Read [more](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, April 30, 2015

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Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

## PROGRESS WITH HR-1301

By Mike Lisenco, N2YBB

I would like to provide an update regarding our progress on HR-1301, the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015. As you remember, it is a bill that would direct the FCC to extend PRB-1's "reasonable accommodation" of Amateur Radio antenna systems to those subject to CC&R's (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) in order to provide uniform support for the strong federal interest in Amateur Radio communications.

After a strong showing of the initial bill in 2014 with almost 70 co-sponsors, we are rapidly gaining support in 2015. According to the Library of Congress website, <http://congress.gov> (Go to the search engine in the upper middle section of the page and enter HR1301), we now have 50 cosponsors. In the Hudson Division, we have 30 congressional districts. NLI and ENY have 21, NNJ has 9.

Currently signed on as cosponsors in our division are:

Peter King [NY-2]  
Steve Israel, [NY-3]  
Grace Meng [NY-6]  
Eliot Engel [NY-16]  
Sean Patrick Maloney [NY-18]  
Chris Gibson [NY-19]  
Paul Tonko [NY-20]  
Chris Smith [NJ-4]  
Leonard Lance [NJ-7]  
Rodney Frelinghuysen [NJ-11]

If you are a constituent and have not yet emailed them a thank you, please do it today.

Through my many visits to the House we've also picked up a number of legislators who are not in the Hudson Division.

So, in just this Division we are currently at 33 percent co-sponsorship. That's good, but it could be a lot better. I'm aiming for 100% co-sponsorship. In order for us to accomplish that goal, we need your continuing help and support.

In prior emails that I have sent to the Hudson Division, I have asked that you do 2 things.

First, I asked you to go to your Congressman/woman's website and send them an email in support of HR-1301. I even included

instructions on how to do that and a template to be used for that purpose.

Second, I asked you to fill out the hard-copy letter addressed to your Representative, to print it out, and then to mail it to ARRL HQ so that we can take these letters and distribute them, in person, to the Members in Washington when we visit their offices in support of the Bill.

Many of you have done this, and I thank you and am grateful to you for participating in this battle. Unfortunately, many of you have still not done this. To you I humbly ask that you join in and to please send both an email AND complete a letter that we can carry with us when we visit Congressional offices so that we can tell them that their constituents support this Bill.

As you know, I, along with some ARRL staff, officers, and directors have made numerous visits to Capitol Hill to visit representatives and their staffs to solicit their support and co-sponsorship of HR-1301. This has been very successful, but we have a long way to go. We are also working very hard in our search for a sponsor and co-sponsor in the Senate for a companion bill. Talks are proceeding, and we hope to have an announcement in the near future.

This is a critical issue to the future health of Amateur Radio. While you personally may not be subject to CC&Rs, many are, and the amount is increasing exponentially. In 1970, there were approximately 2.1 million residents affected by CC&R's. By 2011, a mere four years ago, 62.3 million were affected! Whether or not you are currently affected by CC&R's, I ask that you support this effort on behalf of all amateur radio operators in the United States!

So what can you do, as an individual member? The answer is simple. For a very few minutes of your time you can provide assistance to the cause that would be extremely helpful and highly valuable. Many of you already know that everything you need is available on the ARRL website: [www.arrl.org/hr-1301/](http://www.arrl.org/hr-1301/) including who your elected officials are, and what their contact information is. Again, I ask that the very minimum that you do is to send your Representative an e-mail via their website. Go to: <http://www.house.gov/> Go to the upper right of the webpage and enter your zip code. This should bring you to a map. Click on your Representative's name, which will take you to

their website. Go to their "Contact Me" link and find the way to e-mail them. Cut and Paste the sample letter from either the one I emailed you a few weeks ago or use the one found at [www.arrl.org/hr-1301/](http://www.arrl.org/hr-1301/) into the e-mail box, personalize as necessary, and hit "Send". That's it. Remember, numbers are critically important!

In addition, please make certain to mail the hard-copy letter found on the [www.arrl.org/hr-1301](http://www.arrl.org/hr-1301) website. There are instructions as to how you can mail or e-mail a SIGNED written letter to [n1nd@arrl.org](mailto:n1nd@arrl.org) for personal delivery to your Representative. Once again, speaking from personal experience, having those letters in hand by ARRL officials visiting the Representatives show that we are indeed representing constituents within their districts.

Please DO NOT mail these letters directly to your Representative. Letters that are sent via U.S. mail directly are quarantined in another facility for security reasons, and have a significant delay in delivery.

Thank you for your help. This truly is an all-hands effort! 73 de Mike N2YBB

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### TRANSCEIVER FOR SALE

1. Astron 20 Amp Power supply
2. Yaesu FT-2400 2 meter transceiver (50w output)

Both in good condition and roughly 12 years old. They may be inspected at the club radio room any Saturday Noon to 2pm.

Offers will be considered by

Richard Bilon N3RB  
[4332lee@gmail.com](mailto:4332lee@gmail.com)

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### WELCOME TO THE 21st CENTURY!

Our Phones are wireless, Cars are Keyless, Tires are Tubeless, Dress is Sleeveless, Youth is Jobless, Leaders are Shameless, Relationships are Meaningless, Babies are Fatherless, Feelings are Heartless, Education is Valueless and Children Mannerless.

Everything is becoming LESS, but still our hopes are Endless! In fact I am Speechless & come to think of it NOW Clueless!

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### TEN YEARS AGO

From the June 2005 Propagator: On Friday, May 13, Jay Leno had a speed contest between teens sending a text message and seasoned hams sending the same message by Morse code. Code sent and received at 29 wpm won handily. OH2BR set a Guinness World Record by making 56,239 contacts from VP6BR in 2000.

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### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the June 2000 Propagator: A 5 element 6 meter Yagi antenna was donated to GSARA by Dave Lawrence, KC2DJX. Antenna expert Bob Felsenheld, W2BCC became a silent key. Dave Ottenberg, WA2DJN rejoined GSARA. He was a member back in the 50s and 60s. Former Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, J11KIT died of a stroke May 15.

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### TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the June, 1995 Propagator: GSARA spark plug since 1953, Mike Begala, K2CTJ became a silent key on May 27. Marlo Montanaro, KA2IRQ wrote an excellent article on "The Role of Amateur Radio in Hurricane Communications". The Amateur Radio Communication Service Corps of Monmouth County was formed under the leadership of Roy Edwards, KB2LUO. Laurie Korkowski, N2XWA joined GSARA (she later served as a very effective President).

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### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From the June, 1990 Propagator: A Roster published with The Propagator showed GSARA had 122 members. The "Shack of the Month" picture featured the station of Dom Cafro, KB2CMF (now N2DOM). John Breza, WR2Z (SK) had an article on how to measure the loss of coaxial cable. Dave Kelly, WA2B earned 5 band WAS. Phil Peterson, W2DME (SK) had an article about Bud Waite, W2ZK.

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### THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the June 1985 Propagator: This issue was all about Field Day at Tatum Park coordinated by Chief Engineer Bob Ewing, WA4GWG.

## NOTES ON CALENDAR (see next page)

Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. **KC2RRP** on June 1. All times EDST. Contests are listed in the June QST, p. 86

June 1 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

June 2 – **Old Barney VE Session** at 6:30 pm in Manahawkin. Contact Urb Le Jeune, W1UL at 609-296-5856 or [urb@w2dec.com](mailto:urb@w2dec.com)

June 2 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting** at 7:30 pm in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

June 2 and every following Tuesday – **GSARA Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 8:30 pm.

June 2 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 pm.

June 3 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm. Program is Cy, K2CYS giving tips for operating Field Day.

June 4 - **HCARC meeting** at 7 pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

June 6-7 – **RSGB and IARU Region 1 Field Day**, CW HF from 11 am Sat. to 11 am Sun. See <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/>

June 7 and every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 5 pm on Marconi Road in Wall.

June 8 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

June 10– **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)

June 10 - **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-35 wpm). See June 2015 QST article on page 77 and [www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule](http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule)

June 11 – **JSARS meeting** in Riverwood Park Rec. Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive at 7:30 pm.

June 13 – **OMARC Meeting** at 9:00 am at the Diana Site on Marconi Road in Wall. Guests welcome.

June 13-14 – **ARRL VHF Contest**, all modes from 2 pm Sat. to 10:59 pm Sun. See <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

June 15 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

June 17 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Regular business meeting.

June 18 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:00 pm Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoio, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or [wa2nda@comcast.net](mailto:wa2nda@comcast.net).

June 21 – **Father's Day**

June 21 – **Kid's Day**, Phone from 2 pm to 7:59 pm. See <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

June 22 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

June 27 – **VE Test Session** at 11 am at the GSARA Hamfest in Tinton Falls. Contact Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or e-mail at [n3rb@arrl.net](mailto:n3rb@arrl.net)

June 27-28 – **ARRL Field Day** from 2 pm Saturday to 2 pm Sunday. See <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

June 29 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

June 30 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 7 pm (10-35 wpm). See June 2014 QST article on page 77 and <http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>KC2RRP</b> ARES/RACES 7:30	2 OBARC GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	3 GSARA Mtg.	4 HCARC Mtg.	5	6 CW FD Europe
7 CW FD Europe InfoAge	8 RACES Net 7:30	9 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	10 Hol. City VE CW Qual. Run	11 JSARS Mtg.	12 <b>KD2FHT</b>	OMARC Mtg 13 <b>KA2ZSI</b> ARRL VHF
14 ARRL VHF InfoAge	15 <b>KA2F</b> <b>W2HAM</b> ARES/RACES 7:30	16 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	17 GSARA Mtg.	18 JSARS VE	19	20
21 Kids Day Father's Day	22 <b>WB2KCV</b> ARES/RACES 7:30	23 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	24	25	26 <b>N2LXM</b>	27 <b>W2HTS</b> GSARA VE 11am Field Day
28 Field Day InfoAge	29 RACES Net 7:30	30 CW Qual. Run				



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