



# THE PROPAGATOR

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## NEXT MEETING JUNE 7

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, June 7** at **8:00 PM** at the MARS building in Fort Monmouth. Come early to participate in Field Day planning and enjoy the refreshments. We will be electing a new Vice President to replace Sterling, N2GT. We look forward to seeing YOU at the meeting!

If you are planning on participating in any of the Field Day activities on June 23-25, you must give your name and the hours that you plan to be at Fort Monmouth on those days so arrangements can be made to admit you to the base. This list will be compiled shortly after the June 7 meeting so it is important that you register at the meeting.

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## 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.

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## ROSTER ADDRESS CHANGE

Please change the address for Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ to:

**W2XYZ**, Frank Wroblewski  
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Lakewood, NJ 08701  
732-942-7705  
w2xyz@arrl.net

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## GSARA HOMEPAGE

[http://home.comcast.net/~gsara\\_w2gsa](http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa)

## CQ FIELD DAY

By **Marty Szumera, WN2DX**

Field Day is coming up on June 23-25. We will start setting up on Friday afternoon and continue through Saturday morning. Then, at 2 PM Saturday, we intend to be on the air and operate for 24 hours if we can muster enough operators/loggers. We plan to have a powerful station, a great antenna, and lots of outstanding food. To keep the station going for 24 hours, we will need lots of operators and loggers. Please plan to participate. We want Field Day to be an enjoyable event to as many members as possible.

My e-mail is [wn2dx@arrl.net](mailto:wn2dx@arrl.net), or put your ideas in the snail mail to Marty Szumera, P.O. Box 146, Middletown, N.J. 07748.

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## ONE-DAY TECHNICIAN CLASS

The Middletown Office of Emergency Management and Middletown RACES are again sponsoring a one-day Technician Class on Saturday, June 17 starting at 9 AM. Most who have taken this class in the past have passed the Technician Class amateur radio exam at the end of the day. So, if you know someone interested in obtaining an amateur license, please tell them about this opportunity. They must register in advance by calling Theresa at 732-615-2129.

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## GSARA CALENDAR

[http://home.comcast.net/~gsara\\_w2gsa/calendr.htm](http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa/calendr.htm)

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## HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

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## PROPAGATOR AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL

Would you like to help the finances of GSARA and at the same time get your issue of *The Propagator* a few days earlier? You can get every issue e-mailed to your computer every month by simply giving your e-mail address to 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](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

Field Day is approaching and Marty, our Chief Engineer is looking for volunteers to help set up, operate, and log. The more participation on Field Day, the more fun it is for all. It will help Marty's planning if you let him know how you plan to participate. So far, the list of volunteers is too short to support the type of Field Day we have planned. If more volunteers don't come forward, we will probably have to drastically scale back our Field Day operation and that would really be a shame. So, stand up and be counted in helping make this Field Day a very successful one!

How do you feel about advertisements in *The Propagator*? The K1CRA Radio Store sent me the ad shown on page 8 and I decided to run it to see what members think about it. On the one hand, if you are interested in the products offered, it can lead you to a good deal. On the other hand, why should GSARA be devoting resources to support commercial interests in any way. Of course, we have always run ads for members wishing to sell any of their equipment and in the past, we also listed business cards of any members who wanted them listed. But this is a little different insofar as K1CRA is not a member of GSARA. I'd appreciate your thoughts on this.

Public service events are continuing in June and I encourage you to volunteer for some of them. It is a great opportunity to show off amateur radio and it also happens to be a lot of fun. Try it!

I have received no feedback on whether we should have crossword or Sudoku puzzles in *The Propagator*. I interpret no response as you don't care one way or the other. If you do have an opinion one way or the other, please let me know.

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 July issue is June 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

## MINUTES OF MAY 3 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at Fort Monmouth by President Jeff Harshman, N2LXM, at 8:00 PM. After the Pledge to the Flag, all members present introduced themselves. There were 17 members in attendance.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ was absent so there was no treasurer's report.

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Margo Struening and seconded by Nena, N2WAY to accept the minutes of the April meeting as published in the May Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

### Health and Welfare

Jeff, N2LXM recently got out of the hospital with gall stones and is still feeling a bit beat.

Sterling, N2GT is recovering nicely from his hip replacement.

Frank, W2XYZ is undergoing radiation treatment which is going well.

### Public Service

Two public service events are coming up in May – both on the Dayton weekend! The MS170 on May 20-21 is being coordinated by Stan, N2AYJ. The ARC walk in Colts Neck on May 20 is being coordinated by Bob, WD4BKD. The American Diabetes bike ride at Brookdale College in June is being coordinated by Jeff, N2LXM.

### Old Business

Marty, WN2DX reported on the status of Field Day planning that took place just prior to the regular business meeting. We will run one station at high power at the baseball field, using the light towers to support a 1000 ft. loop antenna. We need operators and loggers. Please volunteer ASAP.

At the June meeting, we will have training programs for Field Day. How to use the logging program will be discussed in detail as well as a refresher for those nervous about operating HF pileups. This is also the meeting where the lists of volunteers and their planned times on base have to be finalized to get the paperwork ready for admission to the Fort on the Field Day weekend.

### New Business

A letter of resignation was received from Vice President Sterling Rodgers, N2GT, resigning his position. Per our Constitution and By-Laws, a new Vice President will be voted on at the June meeting. We are looking for someone to volunteer for this position.

It was suggested that the Constitution and By-Laws of GSARA be posted on the GSARA home page. Bob, W2OD agreed to forward the information to Bruce, K2QXW for implementation.

### Announcements

The tail gate Hamfest run by OMARC at the Diana site on April 29 was a success.

Mike, KC2Q announced that the NADXA bus trip to Dayton is full! He pointed out that membership in NADXA is only \$20 per year but such membership allows a \$25 discount on the cost of the Dayton bus trip.

International Marconi Day on April 23 was successful with participation by both OMARC at the Diana site and QCWA at the Marconi Hotel.

### Closing

There being no further business, a motion was made by Margo Struening and seconded by Kevin, KC2NYQ to adjourn. The meeting was closed at 9:00 PM.

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## NEW JERSEY TECH+ SCORES WAS

ARRL member Jane Tymko, KC2OBS, of Bartley, New Jersey, managed to work all states during her very first year as a radio amateur. The kicker is that Tymko, a Technician with Element 1 credit--what used to be called a "Tech Plus" ticket--worked all 50 states on the often broadcaster-plagued 40-meter Novice/Tech Plus band segment, 7100-7150 kHz. "I'm working on my General, now that I've accomplished this," Tymko told ARRL when she visited Headquarters to get her cards checked for the Worked All States (WAS) Award. Tymko says Alaska was her hardest state. Her setup is modest: 100 W to a dipole. She studied for her license entirely on her own, using a Morse training program to learn the code. Congratulations, Jane!

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 19, May 12, 2006

## RILEY SAYS, "LIGHTEN UP!"

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth advised those attending the FCC forum at Dayton Hamvention 2006 to try kindness instead of confrontation when problems arise on the bands. Hollingsworth spoke May 20 to a nearly full house at Hara Arena, and for the most part he praised the behavior of the majority of Amateur Radio operators, especially those who volunteered in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina last year. But, he noted, radio amateurs still could be more courteous and less inclined to fly off the handle at some perceived on-the-air offense.

"You need to lighten up and not embarrass the Amateur Radio Service," Hollingsworth advised. "All of us make mistakes, especially with the new features you have on radios today. It's very easy to make a mistake, to be on the wrong frequency or be operating split and not know it--there's a hundred ways to make mistakes." Hollingsworth said experience has shown him that at least 75 percent of the interference complained about is absolutely unintentional.

In Hollingsworth's view, radio amateurs all too often are hypersensitive and rude. "We have a radar going to detect offenses at all times, we assume the worst in people, we rarely give people the benefit of the doubt," he said. He joked that if there were three amateurs in a town, there would be two Amateur Radio clubs.

"And there'll be two hamfests with 20 people each, because they wouldn't dare consolidate them," he added.

Hollingsworth acknowledged that "certain problem operators" remain, but the real troublemakers are rarely the newcomers to Amateur Radio. "If there's a downfall in Amateur Radio, it won't be caused by no-code Technicians or codeless anything else," he said. "It'll be caused by the microphone--no doubt in my mind." He advised his audience to ignore the troublesome operators and not give them the attention they crave by engaging them on the air.

"Now, think about it: If what you're hearing annoys you, or angers you or is stupid, use the 'stupid filter,' which is that big knob--that VFO that will take you somewhere else," he quipped. "It's the largest knob on the radio." He recommended

moving to another frequency or even another band altogether.

Hollingsworth praised the Volunteer Examiner program as "outstanding" and noted there had not been a single complaint in the past year stemming from an examination session. He also said the Amateur Radio community should have a greater appreciation for what the ARRL is doing on its behalf.

"Most of you have no idea how much work is done in Newington for you and the Amateur Radio Service generally," he said. "I see it every day, but I think you have no idea of the hard work and dedication that comes out of that office up there, and I don't think we would be there if it weren't for [the League]."

"This country's communications infrastructure needs Amateur Radio," Hollingsworth emphasized, praising Amateur Radio's overall performance following Hurricane Katrina. "You have a tremendous amount to be proud of."

He also suggested that radio amateurs have an obligation to stay informed about what's going on in Amateur Radio that might affect their activities. "You have to not only keep up, you have to lead the way, because it's in your charter," he said, pointing to §97.1 of the Amateur Service rules.

Hollingsworth noted at the start of his talk that he could not address any questions dealing with the FCC's long-awaited decision on the Morse code requirement (Element 1), because he works in the Commission's Enforcement Bureau. "We don't meddle in rule making," he explained, but added that he didn't expect CW to decline if the FCC does drop the 5 WPM Morse requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes as it's proposed to do.

The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) handles Amateur Radio rule makings, Hollingsworth noted, including the "Morse code" proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, and the so-called "omnibus" proceeding, WT Docket 04-140. The WTB has said it will rule first on the omnibus proceeding, then tackle the Morse code proceeding, but it has not indicated when to expect either Report and Order.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 21, May 26, 2006

## SUITSAT 1 CONTEST

The sky is falling! Well, not really, Chicken Little, but the now-silent SuitSat-1--the Russian Orlan spacesuit cum Amateur Radio satellite—is likely to fall into Earth's atmosphere and burn up in a few weeks. Launched February 3 from the International Space Station, SuitSat-1 was a project of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program. Identifying as RS0RS and transmitting voice greetings and an SSTV picture, SuitSat-1 remained operational for more than two weeks, easily outlasting initial predictions that it would transmit for about one week. The only rub was that its signal was far less robust than its sponsors had expected.

"The orbit life is dependent on the atmospheric drag that the satellite experiences," ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, explained when SuitSat-1 was launched. An analysis done prior to its deployment predicted a 70 to 120-day orbital life for SuitSat-1, meaning the end should come sometime in early June on the outside.

The mission continues to capture imaginations around the world as well as attention in the popular press. To keep the momentum going a bit longer ARISS and AMSAT are sponsoring a "Chicken Little Contest," <<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/ariss/suitsatContest.php>> in which participants pick the date on which they believe SuitSat-1 will drop out of orbit.

The winner will be the individual who picks the date closest to SuitSat-1's actual re-entry. Enter by filling out the online entry form on the AMSAT Web site <<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/ariss/contestEntry.php>>.

The SuitSat-1 "Chicken Little Contest" has three entry categories: Kindergarten through grade 8; high school (grades 9-12), and adult. Contest rules permit one entry per person. Certificates will go to winners of each group.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 21 May 26 2006

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Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto a freeway.

## HURRICANE STATION WX4NHC TEST

The National Hurricane Center's WX4NHC <<http://www.wx4nhc.org/>> will conduct its "Hurricane Season 2006 On-the-Air Station Test" Saturday, June 3, from 1300 until 2200 UTC.

The annual station test provides an opportunity for WX4NHC to check out all of its radio equipment, computers and antennas using as many modes and frequencies as possible. It's also a chance for RFI monitoring of NHC equipment and to conduct some operator training. It is not a contest or simulated hurricane exercise.

WX4NHC will operate on HF, VHF and UHF. Phone frequencies will be 7.268, 14.325, 21.325 and 28.525 MHz. CW frequencies will be 14.035, 21.035 and 28.035 MHz. PSK31 will be on 14.070 MHz. Look for WX4NHC on the DX spotting networks as well. WX4NHC also will be on the VoIP Hurricane Net <<http://www.voipwx.net/>> (IRLP node 9219; EchoLink WX-TALK Conference) from 1700 until 1900UTC. WX4NHC also will operate on South Florida area VHF and UHF repeaters and on FM simplex.

When working WX4NHC, report your call sign, signal report, location, name and a brief description of current weather conditions (e.g., "sunny," "rainy," "windy"). Nonhams may participate by submitting their actual weather conditions using the On-Line Hurricane Report Form <<http://www.wx4nhc.org/WX-form1.html>>.

QSL cards are available for an SASE to WX4NHC Assistant Amateur Radio Volunteer Coordinator Julio Ripoll, WD4R, 14855 SW 67 Ln, Miami, FL 33193-2027. Do not QSL directly to the National Hurricane Center. Due to security measures, no visitors will be allowed at NHC during this test.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 21 May 26 2006

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What if there were no hypothetical questions?

One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.

When the only tool you own is a hammer, every problem begins to look like a nail.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

## FCC MUM ON MORSE CODE RULING

All bets appear to be off as to when the FCC might make a final decision on deleting the Morse code requirement. Last July, an FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235 proposed to eliminate the Element 1 (5 WPM) Morse code requirement for all license classes. Most observers expected the Commission to release a Report and Order (R&O) to that effect by the end of this year, but even that timetable could prove optimistic, based on what the Commission will say publicly. Before tackling the Morse proceeding, the FCC wants to wrap up another important Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, the so-called "omnibus" or "phone band expansion" proceeding. Responding to an ARRL inquiry, FCC personnel would not go on the record and declined even to hazard a ballpark guess on when the FCC might act on either Amateur Radio proceeding.

"They're at different points in the process," an FCC staffer said, refraining from saying anything that might suggest a commitment. "One is farther along in the review chain than the other." The staff member indicated that the "omnibus" proceeding is "way ahead" of the Morse proceeding in the WTB pipeline.

The FCC staffers attempted to assure ARRL that the WTB has not been sitting on its hands. "It takes a while to plow through 4000 comments," one said, referring to the huge volume of opinions filed in the Morse docket. "It's not being neglected." The staff member did allow that WTB staff had completed its comment review in the Morse proceeding but wouldn't say when it might see the light of day. "I'd hesitate to say," one staff member demurred. Neither would even say whether the WTB expected to conclude either proceeding by the end of 2006.

"They should probably start learning code," one staffer advised those waiting for the FCC to drop the Morse requirement before upgrading, noting that a Certificate of Successful Completion of Exam (CSCE) for a written exam element is only good for a year. Even after the FCC goes public with its decision on Morse code, still more time is likely to pass before any new rules go into effect, the staff member pointed out.

Earlier this year a WTB staffer, speaking without attribution, told ARRL, "We certainly hope

to release WT Docket 05-235 sometime this year, but we're not making any predictions at this time. We certainly are not saving up any big announcements for Dayton Hamvention."

When the FCC does act, no one's expecting any major surprises: The Commission appears poised to simply drop the Morse requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes as it proposed last summer. Beyond that, the FCC turned away several other petitions, including proposals to create a new entry-level license class.

Any FCC decision to eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for HF access would have no impact on either the current HF CW-only subbands or on the CW privileges of Amateur Radio licensees. Current Technician licensees who have not passed Element 1 will not gain HF access if the FCC drops the Morse requirement.

The "omnibus" Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 04-140, released in April 2004, consolidated a dozen petitions for rulemaking, some dating back to 2001. The Commission has proposed to go along with the ARRL's Novice refarming plan aimed at reallocating the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands to expand portions of the 80, 40 and 15 meter phone bands. The FCC also agreed with an ARRL proposal to extend privileges in the current General CW-only HF subbands to present Novice and Tech Plus licensees (or Technicians with Element 1 credit).

Among other things, the FCC also proposed to essentially do away with its rules prohibiting the manufacture and marketing to Amateur Radio operators of amplifiers capable of operation on 12 and 10 meters. And it further proposed to adopt a rule to limit the number of applications a licensee may file on a given day for the same vanity call sign.

The NPRM&O in WT Docket 05-235 is on the FCC Web site <[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-143A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-143A1.pdf)>. More information on WT Docket 04-140 is on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/04/15/102/>>, and the NPRM is on the FCC Web site <[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-79A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-79A1.pdf)>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 20, May 19, 2006

## NEW ARRL STUDY GUIDES AVAILABLE

The keys to passing the Amateur Radio Technician license examinations starting July 1 now are available. The ARRL has produced The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual--a brand-new publication that includes all the information a prospective ham needs to get licensed, including the significantly revised Technician class (Element 2) question pool going into effect at mid-year. Also just out: the fourth edition of ARRL's Tech Q & A. These new publications will supplant the popular and familiar Now You're Talking! (5<sup>th</sup> edition) and ARRL's Tech Q & A (3rd edition) for those not planning to sit for the Technician examination any sooner than July 1. The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (Order No 9639) retails for \$24.95. The new fourth-edition ARRL Tech Q & A (Order No 9647) sells for \$15.95. Both are available via the ARRL online products catalog <<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/>>. Anyone aiming to take the Technician class (Element 2) Amateur Radio examination \*before\* July 1 of this year should study Now You're Talking! (5th edition) and ARRL's Tech Q & A (3rd edition), which remain available. This summer, a new online class, "The ARRL Ham Radio License Course" will replace the current Technician License Course (EC-010). Along with a 100-percent risk-free guarantee, registration will include a copy of the new ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, a one-year ARRL membership and post-graduate support.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 20, May 19, 2006

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## 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 (June 14, 2006) at 6:30 PM. The contact person is Larry Wilkins, KB2RIS at 732-922-6720 or e-mail to kb2ris@wmconnect.com.

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

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

**Toms River**, Holiday City South Clubhouse, Meeting Room #1, Mule Road at the corner of Santiago Drive on the second Saturday of the odd numbered months (May 13, 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.

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## DXCC OPERATIONS APPROVED

The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved these operations for DXCC credit: YI9AQ (Iraq), current operation, effective September 21, 2004; YI9LZ (Iraq), current operation, effective May 8, 2005; D6/WB4MBU (Comoros), operation from May 24 to October 27, 2001; D68JC (Comoros), operation from October 23 to November 8, 2001, and 4W2AQ (Timor-Leste), operation from June 18 to December 17, 2003; 4W6AAB – Timor-Leste, current operation effective May 22, 2006; ZV0F – Fernando de Noronha, operation March 30-April 4, 2006; 6O0M – Somalia, operation from April 7-24, 2006; S01R – Western Sahara, operation April 11-21, 2006; YI9NS – Iraq, operation January 5-March 28, 2006; YI9HU – Iraq, operation May 18-June 5, 2005; HN0Z – Iraq, operation March 27-28 and May 29-30, 2004; A6/OD5TX – United Arab Emirates, operation October 5-November 5, 2005; TT8WL – Chad, November 19, 1996-March 8, 1997; J5DOT Guinea-Bissau, operation April 25-May 5, 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.

From *The ARRL Letters*, Nos. 20 & 21, May 19 & 26, 2006

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I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

## CONSENT DECREE WITH PILOT

A consent decree has finally ended an enforcement action against Pilot Travel Centers LLC that could have cost the company \$125,000 in fines. In November 2004 the FCC issued a Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL) asserting that Pilot, despite multiple citations and warnings, continued to market CB transceivers labeled as Amateur Radio gear but intended for use on both Citizens Band and amateur frequencies. An FCC Order released May 11 adopts the attached consent decree between the agency and Pilot and terminates the forfeiture action. While Pilot agrees to make "a voluntary contribution" of \$90,000 to the US Treasury "without further protest or recourse," the company does not admit any wrongdoing.

"The parties further agree that this consent decree is for settlement purposes only and that by agreeing to the consent decree, Pilot does not admit or deny any liability for violating the [Communications] Act or the rules in connection with the matters that are the subject of this consent decree," the agreement stipulates.

Under the terms of the consent decree, Pilot must refrain in the future from marketing as "Amateur Radio" gear any transmitting devices with built-in features to facilitate CB operation. The company also must determine in advance that any CB transmitting gear it offers for sale is FCC certificated. CB transmitters must receive FCC certification—formerly called "type acceptance." Amateur Radio transmitting equipment does not require FCC certification.

Should Pilot plan to sell legitimate Amateur Radio transceivers, it must ensure before marketing or selling them that the ARRL Lab has reviewed the equipment in question and determined that it transmits only in the Amateur Radio bands. The ARRL Lab tests equipment both for QST "Product Review" articles as well as for compliance with QST advertising policy, which requires that items offered for sale meet FCC rules.

Further, the consent decree requires Pilot to remove from sale certain Galaxy brand transceivers (models DX33HML, DX66V and DX99V) and any other "Amateur Radio" transceivers that have not passed ARRL Lab muster in the course of product review or advertising compliance testing. Pilot also will have to ensure that any CB transceivers on sale

by entities leasing space on its premises are FCC certificated.

The consent decree brings to a close an enforcement action dating back more than six years. In its 2004 NAL, the FCC cited 47 separate instances between 2002 and 2004 when Pilot allegedly had offered for sale various models of non-certificated Galaxy CB transceivers labeled as "amateur radios" that easily could be modified for CB operation.

The Order and the consent decree are at [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-53A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-53A1.pdf).

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### CLUB SAVINGS FROM K1CRA STORE

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Is there another word for synonym?

Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it  
all"?

The speed of time is one-second per second.

Is it possible to be totally partial?

What's another word for thesaurus?

Is Marx's tomb a communist plot?

## NOTES ON CALENDAR (see reverse side)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., **W2TCS** on June 9. All times in EDST unless otherwise noted.

June 1 – **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

June 2 and every Friday – **Lunch at Blue Swan Diner**, Rt. 35 South, Ocean Township at noon.

June 3 – **American Diabetes Bike-a-thon** starting at 7:30 at Brookdale College. The coordinator is Jeff Harshman, N2LXM at 732-922-0816 or n2lxm@juno.com

June 5 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

June 6 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon in Middletown. Back room on left.

June 6 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 PM at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See

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

June 7 – **GSARA Monthly Meeting** at the MARS Building at Fort Monmouth at 8:00 PM.

June 8 – **Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS)** meeting in Riverview Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 PM.

June 9 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (35-10 WPM). See June QST, pp. 93 and 98.

June 10 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ. Note the change in meeting place.

June 10 – **Sheehan Run** in Red Bank from 7 AM to about 11 AM. Contact Tom Cosgrove, N2VFK at 732-747-8896 or n2vfk@comcast.net if you can help.

June 10-11 – **ARRL June VHF QSO Party** from 2 PM Saturday to 11 PM Sunday. See May QST, p. 104 or [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)

June 12 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.

June 13 – **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

June 14 - **OMARC VE Test Session** at 6:30 PM at the Diana site off Marconi Road at Camp Evans. Contact Larry Wilkins, KB2RIS at 732-922-6720 or [kb2ris@wmconnect.com](mailto:kb2ris@wmconnect.com). See page 6.

June 15 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:30 PM Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoino, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or [wa2nda@comcast.net](mailto:wa2nda@comcast.net).

June 17 – **Piscataway Hamfest** at 7 AM at Piscataway High School. \$6 admission. Contact John Weber, WA2C at 609-636-7251 or [johnwa2c@msn.com](mailto:johnwa2c@msn.com) or [www.w2qw.org](http://www.w2qw.org)

June 17 – **Technician Class**, one day starting at 9:00 AM at Croydon Hall. Contact Theresa at 732-615-2129 to sign up.

June 17 – **Kids Day** from 2 PM to 8 PM. See June QST, p. 53 or [www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html)

June 19 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

June 20 – **Middletown Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 8 PM in Croyden Hall off Leonardville Road.

June 21 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 7 PM (10-35 WPM). See June QST, pp. 93 and 98.

June 24 – **Neptune ARC Meeting** at American Legion Post #346. 31 Gully Road in Neptune at 9 AM.

June 24-25 – **ARRL Field Day** from 2 PM Saturday to 2 PM Sunday. See May QST, p. 105 or [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)

June 26 – **Buttonwood Manor Lunch** at noon. Raritan Bay Amateurs. All are welcome.

June 26 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only to participate.

June 26 – **JCDXA meeting** at 7:30 PM (6:30 for dining) at the Cobblestone Diner on Rt. 35 in Eatontown.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Hol. City Mtg.	2 Blue Swan	3 Diabetes Bike
4	5 Ham Classes ARES/RACES 7:30	6 Mdiltwn Pncke Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	7 GSARA Mtg.	8 JSARS Mtg.	9 W2TCS Blue Swan CW Qual. Run	10 OMARC Mtg. Sheehan Run VHF QSO Pty.
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18 Father's Day	19 N2UJJ ARES/RACES 7:30	20 MARC Mtg QCWA News 9 PM	21 WB2KCV CW Qual. Run	22 N2LXM	23 Blue Swan	24 Neptune Mtg Field Day
25 Field Day	26 KC2HWK Buttonwod Mnr JCDXA Mtg. RACES Net	27 W2HTS QCWA News 9 PM	28	29	30 Blue Swan	



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