



# THE PROPAGATOR

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## UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, March 3** at **7:30 PM** at the **American Red Cross** - Regional Office, 1540 West Park Avenue, Tinton Falls, New Jersey.

The second meeting in March, also at the Red Cross, will be on **Wednesday, March 17** at **7:30 PM**. Members are asked to bring their pet project for "Show and Tell". For all meetings, guests are welcome and refreshments will be served. Please try to attend.

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## K2USA SPECIAL EVENT STATION

The operation of K2USA to commemorate the closing of Fort Monmouth took place on the last weekend in January and was very successful. Over 1000 contacts were made and about 200 requests for QSLs or Certificates have been received. A big THANK YOU to Jeff, N2LXM for making all of the arrangements and coordinating this operation. Thanks also to the many GSARA members who showed up and took a turn or two at operating and/or logging. The certificate designed by Jeff, N2LXM looks great. If you worked the station that weekend and haven't yet requested a certificate or QSL, do it now.

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## MONMOUTH CLUB MEETING CHANGE

The Monmouth Amateur Radio Club has changed its meeting time from the morning of the second Saturday of the month to the evening of the second Tuesday at 7 PM. They still meet at the Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue.

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## W2GSA PACKET STATION

The W2GSA packet station at the WHTG tower at the UPS site in Tinton Falls has been repaired with a replacement antenna and is now fully operational. You can connect to either W2GSA-2 or W2GSA-4 on 145.05 MHz. W2GSA-2 is a node on the Flex-Node network which covers much of the east coast. If you use the "d" (destinations) command after connecting, you will see a list of nodes available. You can connect to any of them with a simple "c" (connect) command followed by the appropriate call sign. To disconnect, use the "q" (quit) command.

W2GSA-4 is a standard packet bulletin board. When connecting for the first time, you will be asked for your name, call, location, etc. To disconnect from the bulleting board, use the "b" (bye) command. In both cases, the "h" (help) command will give you a list of possible commands.

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## FIELD DAY PACKETS AVAILABLE

It's that time of year again -- time to start gearing up for ARRL Field Day, June 26-27, 2010! ARRL's flagship operating event -- always held the fourth full weekend in June -- brings together new and experienced hams for 24 hours of operating fun. Field Day packets are now available for download and include the complete rules (including changes for 2010), as well as other reference items such as forms, ARRL Section abbreviation list, entry submission instructions, a Frequently Asked Questions section, guidelines for getting bonus points, instructions for GOTA stations, a kit to publicize your event with the local press and more.

From *The ARRL Letter*, February 11, 2010

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## GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

## GSARA OFFICERS

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## PROPAGATOR AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL

Would you like to help the finances of GSARA and at the same time get your issue of *The Propagator* a few days earlier? You can get every issue e-mailed to your computer every month by simply giving your e-mail address to Josh Gluck, KC2TKK and request *The Propagator* electronically. Josh's e-mail address is <kc2tkk@gardenatateara.org>.

## BADGES AND PATCHES

If you would like a GSARA name badge, you may order one by getting a Badge Order Form from our Secretary, **Bob Buus, W2OD**, filling it out and turning it in to Bob with your \$7.00 payment.

We also now have patches available at all meetings and they cost \$3.

## OUTGOING QSL CARDS

If any GSARA members wish to combine their QSL cards that are going through the outgoing ARRL Bureau, please bring them to the next GSARA meeting along with the label from a recent QST Magazine (you must be an ARRL member to participate in this program). We then send them as a group at no charge to GSARA members. It couldn't be much easier than that to QSL. You are registered at the W2 incoming bureau, aren't you?

## PROPAGATOR NOW ON THE WEB

The *Propagator* is available as a PDF file at:

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

Click on "The Propagator" and then select the month you want.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Frank, W2XYZ has been arranging for interesting speakers to come to our second meeting each month. However, for the second meetings in March and April, things will be a little different. Instead of sitting a listening to a guest speaker, we are invited to actively participate in these upcoming activities. On March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), we invite all members to bring some gadget that they have found useful (or perhaps not very useful) and talk a little about it in a Show and Tell session. Then on April 21 we are having a White Elephant auction. Members are encouraged to bring in things they no longer need and they will be auctioned by a Chinese auction. If your contribution has significant worth, feel free to bring it in and set a minimum price for it. If it sells for more than the minimum, GSARA will pocket the difference. If the minimum is not met, you get to take it back home. It should be fun and GSARA might make a few bucks on this auction too.

If you haven't already done so, renew your membership NOW. If your dues are not paid by March 15, you will be dropped from the GSARA Roster and will no longer receive *The Propagator*. You may pay your dues at any meeting or use the coupon on page 9 to mail them in to our Treasurer Joe, W2KQ. In addition, I encourage you to recruit a friend to also join GSARA. Applications are available on our web site ([www.gardenstateara.org](http://www.gardenstateara.org)) or at any meeting.

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

Remember if you change your e-mail address; please be sure to inform Josh Gluck, KC2TKK.

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

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

## HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

## **.MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3 MEETING**

**By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ was absent so Vice President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at the Red Cross at 7:30 PM. There were 13 members and one guest present. The guest was former GSARA President Walt Werner, W2TT from Tinton Falls. After the pledge to the flag, all members introduced themselves.

### New Member

An application for membership was received from Matt Bregoff, W2AOJ from Oakhurst. Licensed since 1951, Matt holds an Advanced class license and is active on HF, 6, and 2 meters. He is a retired engineer and is also interested in computers. A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Tom, N2VFK to accept Matt as an active member of GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Lou, W2HAM to accept the minutes as published in the February Propagator. The motion was accepted unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joe Dreifuss, W2KQ gave his report. A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Tom, N2VFK to accept the report. The motion was accepted unanimously.

### Old Business

Operation of the special event station K2USA during the last weekend in January (January 29-31) was successful with about 1000 contacts made. The last contact was made by Jeff, N2LXM with Jim, K2EI. QSL requests are already starting to pour in.

We have to completely clean out the MARS station building. Plans are underway to change the trustee of the K2USA license from Mike, W2EXQ to Pat Brennan, N2BZD.

Bob, W2OD has registered W2GSA on Logbook of the World and has received the password to activate the account. This information will be passed on the Howard, W2HTS.

The W2GSA packet problems on 145.05 have been partially fixed with the new antenna cut too high in

frequency. Bob, W2OD tuned the mismatched line to make the transmitter happy with a 50 ohm load. Plans are to replace the antenna with one cut for 145.05 in the spring when the weather warms up. Meanwhile, members are encouraged to use the station with W2GSA-2 as a flex-node and W2GSA-4 as a packet bulletin board.

Joe, W2KQ is still looking into obtaining liability insurance for GSARA.

Joe, W2KQ is looking for donated items from members to be used in the upcoming while elephant sale scheduled for April 21 at 7:30 PM. More valuable items will be handled by having the owner set a required minimum price. If it sells for more than the minimum, the GSARA will get the extra money. Food and soft drinks will be available at the sale.

Joe, W2KQ reported that he has enjoyed building a simple software defined radio receiver from a kit and thought that it might make a good club project. He was encouraged to make a more detailed proposal at a subsequent meeting.

### New Business

The members present were asked if they were interested in obtaining new GSARA jackets and significant interest was expressed. Joe, W2KQ will research our options and report at a future meeting.

Tentative Field Day plans are to operate for the last time at the baseball field at Fort Monmouth.

### Closing

The door prize of \$12 was won by Lorraine, KC2FDR. There being no further business, a motion was made by Tom, N2VFK and seconded by Lorraine, KC2FDR to close the meeting. The motion was accepted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

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## **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17 MEETING**

**By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ was absent so Vice President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at the Red Cross at 7:35 PM. There were 12 members and one guest present. The guest was Jim McEowen, WA2HPD from Holmdel. After the pledge to the flag, all members introduced themselves.

### Silent Key

A moment of silence was observed for Mike Reason, W2EXQ who became a silent key on Wednesday, February 10 at Jersey Shore Medical Center. He graduated from RCA Institute in New York City and was employed at Fort Monmouth until his retirement. He was the trustee of the MARS radio station at Fort Monmouth for many years. The viewing is Friday, February 19 at 11 AM followed by a funeral service at 12 noon at the Jackson Funeral Home, 242 Neptune Blvd., Neptune. Interment will be in Monmouth Memorial Park, Tinton Falls.

### Old Business

Logbook of the World password information for W2GSA was passed on to Howard, W2HTS.

The W2GSA packet problems on 145.05 should be solved with a different antenna to be installed on Thursday, February 18.

Joe, W2KQ is looking for donated items from members to be used in the upcoming while elephant sale scheduled for April 21 at 7:30 PM.

Jeff, N2LXM passed around a sample of the certificate that he designed for the K2USA special event operation at the end of January. All agreed that it looked very good.

### Speaker

Bob, W2OD gave a Power Point presentation about Marconi's first transatlantic test in December 1901.

### Closing

The door prize of \$12.50 was won by Tony, KA2ZSI. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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## **MARCH 17 GSARA MEETING**

Since the March 17 meeting falls on St. Patrick's Day we are going to have a "Show Your Stuff" night instead of a guest speaker. Basically this will be a show and tell type of program. As many of us that are interested can bring in their favorite HT, or microphone, or key or whatever and tell others why they are happy (or unhappy) with this item they purchased or built.

## **MIKE REASON, W2EXQ - SK**

Michael Lawrence Reason, W2EXQ of Neptune died on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. He was born in New York City and moved to Red Bank in 1947. Mike was first licensed in 1957 and held the Advanced Class license. He was employed by the U.S. Federal Government in Ft. Monmouth, NJ from 1966 until he retired in 1997. He was the custodian of the K2USA MARS station since 1975. He graduated from the RCA Institute in New York City. His interests were the MARS Radio Station; the QCWA (life member); the Garden State Amateur Radio Association; the Neptune Amateur Radio Club; and the Sons of American Legion.

He was predeceased by his cousin, Barbara Reason-Butler; Parents, Matthew and Molly Lane-Reason. He is survived by his devoted friend, Annette Kaiser-Haymon of Neptune; one step-daughter, Roxanne Whitley of Neptune; Five step grandchildren, Krystine Jones of Atlanta, GA, Shatiya, Tanisha, William, Jr. Whitley all of Neptune, Grayce Freeman of Neptune; Cousins, Evelyn T. Lewis of Baldwin, LA, James Thomas, Jr. of Franklin, LA, 4Star Admiral Paul (Diane) Reason USN of Chesapeake Beach, MD.

Funeral Service was Friday, Feb. 19th at Jackson Funeral Home with interment at Monmouth Memorial Park, Tinton Falls. See [Jacksonfuneralhomeinc.com](http://Jacksonfuneralhomeinc.com)

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## **KENWOOD TS-940 FOR SALE**

This radio is in Excellent Condition  
The cover has only been off to install the IF232 Interface chip for Computer control and dusting.  
Built-in Auto Tuner  
I am the original owner bought new  
No repairs were needed and the only Mod was all band TX for MARS.  
Includes the original packing, Manual, Service Manual  
Never had a problem with it,  
Great RCVR and Slope Tune works very well  
Still in use in the shack if you are interested to try it out.  
732-264-0174 Home or 732-489-4108 Cell  
\$900.00  
**Dom Cafro, N2DOM**

## ARRL ROOKIE ROUNDUP COMING

The ARRL Rookie Roundup is designed to help newly licensed amateurs build their operating skills on HF. It is a contest specifically for those new to Amateur Radio, similar to the ARRL Novice Roundup that ran from 1952 until 1995. The Rookie Roundup brings the fun and Elmering of the old Novice Roundup into the 21st century. Three Rookie Roundups will be held each calendar year: SSB in April, RTTY in August and CW in December.

The Rookie Roundup will be scored 100 percent in real time through the [www.getscores.org](http://www.getscores.org) scoring system. There are three ways to participate: by using your favorite logging software with the real time scoring support, by downloading a simple logging program from the [www.getscores.org](http://www.getscores.org) Web site or by logging your contacts directly into a [www.getscores.org](http://www.getscores.org) Web page. No separate logs are required -- it all happens online in real time and final scores will be available online within hours of the end of the contest! More information is available on all of these options at [www.getscores.org](http://www.getscores.org). Of course, you can get on the air and make contacts without logging them, but you won't have as much fun!

### Who Can Participate?

Any ham licensed for 3 years or less qualifies as a Rookie. If you were licensed in 2008, 2009 or 2010, you can compete in the 2010 Rookie Roundup. Non-Rookies may only work Rookies, while Rookies may work everybody. A major part of the success of this contest will be non-Rookies getting on the air and working the Rookies, just as in the Novice Roundup. Just like in the Novice Roundups of years past (when Novices could work anyone and non-Novices could only work Novices), Rookies may work anyone, be they Rookie or non-Rookie; however, non-Rookies are limited to only working Rookies.

### Entry Categories

Single Operator Rookie, limited to a maximum of 100 W. Spotting assistance or using call sign and frequency alerting systems is allowed, but self-spotting or asking somebody to spot you is not. All Rookies must identify themselves as a rookie. Example: "Kilo Bravo One Quebec Alfa Whiskey, Rookie." Non-Rookies only need give their call; no designation is needed.

## Awards

Certificates will be available for all participants to download. The top five high scores from each US call area, Canadian province and Mexican call area will be recognized on their certificate. No national winners will be recognized.

Go to [www.getscores.org](http://www.getscores.org) for more information on how to participate. Be sure to check out the April 2010 issue of QST for complete rules and other information. The Rookie Roundup -- a fun event for all amateurs!

From *The ARRL Letter*, February 18, 2010

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## W1AW TO ALTERNATE DIGITAL SKED

Beginning Monday, March 15, 2010, W1AW will alternate the digital modes used for its digital bulletin transmissions.

While Baudot, PSK31 and MFSK16 still make up the digital mode complement, the schedule will be altered to give more exposure to PSK31 and MFSK16.

Because of time constraints and the varying lengths of digital bulletins, there were many instances where only Baudot was used. With the new schedule, amateurs preferring either PSK31 or MFSK16 will find these modes no longer secondary.

The regular callup will be made using the mode that is transmitted first. The digital bulletin times remain at 6 PM and 9 PM eastern, daily.

The Tuesday and Friday Keplerian data bulletins will continue to be sent using just Baudot and PSK31.

The new digital schedule is as follows:

Monday: Baudot, PSK31, MFSK16  
Tuesday: PSK31, MFSK16, Baudot  
Wednesday: MFSK16, Baudot, PSK31  
Thursday: Baudot, PSK31, MFSK16  
Friday: PSK31, Baudot, MFSK16

Given time constraints and bulletin lengths, all three modes may not always be transmitted.

The complete W1AW schedule can be found on page 100 of the January issue of QST, or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html#w1awsked>.

From *The ARRL Bulletin #04*, February 12, 2010

## UNISTRUT ANTENNA SUPPORT

*This idea comes to us from Louis Kobet, WB3DZD, of Camas, Washington.*

When considering a center support for the installation of an inverted V antenna I decided on the following requirements: a strong material, easy assembly, corrosion resistant and with tilt-over capability. The initial design was to use several 10-12 foot sections of antenna mast or 2 inch galvanized pipe coupled together. Due to the cost of antenna mast and galvanized pipe being more than anticipated, an alternative, 10 foot sections of 1-5/8 inch Unistrut channel was selected.

Unistrut is a ham's Tinkertoy. It is available in 13/16, 1 1/4 and 1-5/8 inch widths, 10 and 20 foot lengths and in 12, 14 and 16 gauge sizes. It is made with dipped surface protective treatments from electro-deposition acrylic green to "hot dipped" galvanized coatings and multiple channel designs (including telescoping sections). A vast selection of brackets and fasteners is available and it is continuously slotted for easy guying. The design and choices for project use are limited only by the creativity of the user.



Figure 1: The PVC pipe and hoist pulley device mounted to the top of the Unistrut for hoisting the antenna.

The tilt over base support consisted of a treated 4 inch landscape post anchored in concrete. (The wooden post was moisture sealed at the top using the dipped coating used for hand tools and along the length with several coats of wood sealer.) The Unistrut mast pivot point on the support base was a 3 inch lag bolt about 50 inches above ground. In retrospect, a section of Unistrut could have been set in the concrete as the antenna base support.

The Unistrut mast preparation consisted of black paint (except for areas where the sections were bolted together) and the addition of a hoisting

pulley mounted at the end of a 2 foot PVC pipe (see Figure 1). One problem encountered was in bolting the Unistrut together. Bolting back-to-back against the base of the "U" was not possible because I couldn't get a socket on the bolt head inside the Unistrut channel. To get around this the Unistrut was bolted with the open "U" ends face to face. Square Unistrut channel would have eliminated this issue. The three Unistrut sections were bolted together with about a 12 inch overlap.



Figure 2: The center of the inverted V raised into position at the top of the Unistrut support.

An antenna hoisting line was fed through the pulley and mast section carried to the base support for mounting. After attaching the mast to the pivot point it was tilted up into position, plumbed and secured in place with three additional lag bolts.

The V antenna was spread out, transmission cable attached and hoisted to the top of the mast. The ends of the V antenna were attached to a 12 foot treated 4 inch landscape post that was secured to the property fence.

Do you have an idea or a simple project that has improved your operating? Maybe you've taken something commonly found around the home and developed a ham radio use for it? Why not share your hints with fellow hams in "Hints and Kinks," a monthly column in QST. If we publish your hint in QST, you will receive \$20. Send your hints via [e-mail](mailto:mailto:) or to ARRL Headquarters, Attn: "Hints and Kinks," 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. Please include your name, call sign, complete mailing address, daytime telephone number and e-mail address.

*From The ARRL Letter, February 11, 2010*

## PHIL "GIL" GILDERSLEEVE, W1CJD

By ARRL News Editor S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA

Longtime readers of QST will certainly remember the cartoons of Phil Gildersleeve, W1CJD (ex-1ANE). Known affectionately as "Gil," he drew more than 1500 cartoons for the ARRL, many of them appearing on the pages of QST.

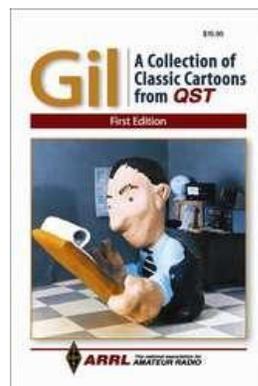
Gil started cartooning for the ARRL back in June 1927. His characters -- such as Jeeves the Butler and the gang at the Podunk Hollow Radio Club -- became old friends to readers of QST. Gil's first Jeeves cartoon was published in February 1940: From the other room comes his master's voice, saying, "Jeeves, come here and help me look for DX!" Jeeves, not really sure what exactly DX is, comes on the run with a road map, a telescope, binoculars, a lantern, a compass and a butterfly net in hand! As a native of the great state of Texas, my favorite Jeeves cartoon shows him trying to push a giant QSL card (from Texas, of course!) through the door -- the card can barely get through. Of course, things are bigger in Texas! If you ever tour ARRL Headquarters, you can see a large version of this cartoon in the second floor hallway.

The mythical Podunk Hollow Radio Club depicted the idiosyncrasies of a group of radio enthusiasts getting together. The cover for the June 1964 issue of QST shows the Podunkers -- hundreds of them -- happily camped out in a forest setting. In the large tent in the rear, several hams are operating their radios. In the foreground, several more are chatting up a couple of attractive girls in a convertible, little cartoon hearts fluttering over one ham's head. And off to the far right, the Department of Conservation is beginning to set up their blasting apparatus with its accompanying signs of "Turn off all two-way radios!"



But Gil also used his cartoons to teach proper on-the-air behavior. In March 1938, he drew an eight panel cartoon of a man calling CQ on CW. Each panel had the man getting older, where by the seventh panel, he was old, bald and with a long beard, spider webs all around. The last panel showed a tombstone that read "Here lies C. Q. McGall. He died without even signing his call." The next month, Gil drew a single panel cartoon with a line separating the panel into two parts. In the first part, he showed a radio amateur "all worn to a frazzle" from handling so much traffic, as well as dealing with QRM. The second half showed two amateurs handling traffic as a team, "all full of vim and vigor." Gil's point was spot-on: "Cooperative operating does a better job with greater efficiency all around. Instead of harassed, inefficient, overworked operators, put key stations on a 6 or 8 hour basis, with relief and second operators for efficiency during intensive operation."

Gil's interests were not limited to ham radio. A native of Portland, Connecticut, he began working for the Middletown (CT) Press as the Portland correspondent in 1940, became county editor in 1943 then city editor in 1945. Sometime later, he was named news editor. His cartoons also decorated the Press and various trade journals. He served in the volunteer fire company and was captain of Fire Company No 2 for nine years.



Gil passed away on November 4, 1966. "His work became a tradition," wrote former QST Managing Editor Laird Campbell, W1CUT (SK) in the foreword of Gil: A Collection of Classic Cartoons from QST. "His knack for expressing ideas, feelings or situations unique to Amateur Radio was, and still is, unexcelled. [He] could take a rudimentary idea and turn it into a final masterpiece through the uncanny strokes of his pen. Gil's creations will never be forgotten. His conceptions remain alive in the minds of both old-timers and newcomers to Amateur Radio." Now you know!

From *The ARRL Letter*, January 28, 2010

## WINLINK 2000 ACCESS

A NNJ RMS Packet gateway into Winlink 2000 is now accessible from W2GSA-2. This system can be used to access email services via Winlink 2000 in the event local internet service is disrupted.

The RMS packet gateway is WB2FTX-10 located in Butler at FN20TX. The radios, TNC and computer are back up powered, although the internet connection is not.

All you need to do is connect to W2GSA-2. Once connected, issue the command: c WA2SNA.

After successful connection to WA2SNA issue the command: c WB2FTX-10 0 (that is c WB2FTX-10 space zero) and you will be connected to one of the multiple Winlink 2000 CMS. You can then send your email.

When finished, log off of WB2FTX-10 with the command "B" for bye and you will be returned to the flexnet node. Use "q" for quit to leave Flexnet.

The system is open for general and Emcomm use 24/7.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this RMS Packet gateway or questions about the NNJ Eastnet Flexnet network operation and its associated Packet Bulletin Board Systems (PBBS).

73 Dave WB2FTX  
Section Traffic Manager- Northern NJ

## CHERRYVILLE HAMFEST MARCH 20

SAVE THE DATE - Cherryville Hamfest is back!

Cherryville Repeater Association II, Inc. Hamfest  
Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 8 am to 1 pm.  
North Hunterdon Regional High School  
1445 State Route 31 South, Annandale, NJ 08801  
Just South of Clinton and Interstate 78 in beautiful  
Hunterdon County, NJ.

Reserve your table NOW to sell new or used radio equipment, computer gear, parts, accessories, wire, cable or electronics!

(No objectionable material permitted)

Tables \$15 each if PAID before March 10, 2010 or \$20 at the door. (No tailgating.)

For more information or to download registration: [www.qsl.net/w2cra](http://www.qsl.net/w2cra) or call (908) 391-7655. Vendor pre-registration fee payable to Cherryville Repeater Assoc. II, Inc, PO Box 308, Quakertown, NJ 08868.

Vendor contacts: Tony Ploski, W2HWW, [aploski@comcast.net](mailto:aploski@comcast.net) and Roberto Matos, K2PA, [matos99@comcast.net](mailto:matos99@comcast.net) or (908) 788-8253.

Hamfest chair: Michael Varas, N1MNV, [mvaras@comcast.net](mailto:mvaras@comcast.net) or (908) 246-2555.

TOTALLY INDOORS!

RAIN OR SHINE!

GREAT FOOD, TOO!

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## NOTES ON CALENDAR (see last page)

All times are EST. Contests are listed in the March QST, p. 78.

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

March 2 - **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon at left rear table. All are welcome.

March 2 - **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 PM at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

March 2 and every following Tuesday - **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 PM.

March 3 - **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross, West Park Ave. and Shafto Road in Tinton Falls.

March 4 - **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

March 5-7 - **ARRL International DX Phone Contest** from 7 PM Friday to 7 PM Sunday. See [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)

March 5 - **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (10-35 wpm). See March QST, p. 102 or [www.arrl.org/wlaw](http://www.arrl.org/wlaw)

March 6 - **OMARC VE Test Session** at 10 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road in Wall. See Pat Brannick, N2BZD at 732-267-0308 or e-mail to [pbrannick@aol.com](mailto:pbrannick@aol.com)

March 7 and every Sunday - **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 4 PM on Marconi Road in Wall. Exhibits by QCWA, OMARC, Antique Radio, Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, etc. \$5 donation requested.

- March 8 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.
- March 9 – **Monmouth Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 7 PM in Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue.
- March 9 – **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
- March 10 – **Holiday City VE Session** at 7 PM in Toms River. Pre-register with Larry Puccio, K2QDY at 732-349-2950 or e-mail at lpuccio1@comcast.net
- March 11 – **Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS)** meeting in Riverview Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 PM.
- March 13 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ.
- March 13-14 – **Idaho QSO Party**, all modes from 2 PM Saturday to 2 PM Sunday. See [www.nx7tt.com](http://www.nx7tt.com)
- March 13 – **North American RTTY Sprint** from 7 PM to 11 PM. See [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com)
- March 15 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.
- March 16 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 7 PM (10-40 wpm). See March. QST, p. 102 or [www.arrl.org/w1aw](http://www.arrl.org/w1aw)
- March 17 – **Happy St. Patrick's Day**
- March 17 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 at the Red Cross, West Park Ave. and Shafto Road in Tinton Falls. Program is show and tell with members bring in their interesting projects.
- March 18 – **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).
- March 19-20 – **10-10 Mobile QSO Party**, all modes from 7:01 PM Friday to 6:59 PM Saturday. See [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org)
- March 20 – **Cherryville Hamfest** in Annandale, NJ from 8 AM to 1 PM. See p. xx.
- March 20-21 – **North Dakota QSO Party**, SSB and CW from 1 PM Saturday to 1 PM Sunday. See [www.w0cq.com](http://www.w0cq.com)
- March 22 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.
- March 26-28 – **CQ WPX SSB Contest** from 7 PM Friday to 7 PM Sunday. See [www.cqwp.com](http://www.cqwp.com)
- March 27 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at 9 AM at the American Legion on Gully Road in Neptune.
- March 27-28 – **Timonium Hamboree and Computerfest** at Maryland State Fairgrounds from 6 AM to 4 PM Saturday and 6 AM to 2 PM Sunday. See March QST, p. 98 or [www.gbhc.org](http://www.gbhc.org)
- March 29 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.

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