



THE PROPAGATOR

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GSARA MEETING WED. FEB. 6

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, March 5** at **8:00 PM** at the MARS building in Fort Monmouth. Frank, W2XYZ will talk about his mini DX-pedition to Anguilla and what it is like to operate from there as VP2EFW.

You are encouraged to come early to enjoy the refreshments and the informal eyeball conversations. We look forward to seeing YOU at the meeting!

FORT MONMOUTH PASSES

If you have not yet renewed your Fort Monmouth pass, send Frank, W2XYZ the required data which will have to be entered into the Ft. Monmouth computer. It is only after the data is in the computer that you can pick up the pass at the Oceanport visitor center. The passes are good for six months.

THE GSARA WEBSITE NEEDS YOU

Bruce McLeod is getting tired after being the GSARA webmaster for ten years. He says he wants to let someone else have that pleasure. Just think – you can be your own boss and at the same time you can have the freedom to put your own creativity into action. You don't have to know HTML nor do you need sophisticated web page creation software. You can create pages in Microsoft Word and save them as HTML files. We already have an Internet Service Provider who gives us free space for our pages. Then you will need an FTP program to ship the pages off to the site; for this function Bruce uses a shareware program called WS_FTP. If you are interested in grabbing this opportunity or learning more about it, email Bruce at k2qxw@yahoo.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Randy Kulzer, N2CUG as the latest member to join GSARA. Randy is a computer engineer living in Wall and holds a Tech Plus license. He was a member of GSARA many years ago and is an ARRL member. He is currently active on VHF/UHF with Digital Modes, Phone, Spread Spectrum, ATV and APRS. Welcome to the GSARA, Randy. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

ROSTER CHANGES

Please add a new member to your roster:

N2CUG, Randy Kulzer
2235 Allenwood Road
Wall, NJ 07719
rkulzer@usa.net

Please change Bob's, KG2IK e-mail address to:

kg2ik@verizon.net

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

Saturday, March 1: Split Rock ARA Hamfest
Indoors at Parsippany PAL
Parsippany, NJ

For more info: www.splitrockara.org/hamfest

Sunday, March 2: Bergen ARA Auction
Westwood Regional Jr/Sr High School
701 Ridgewood Rd., Washington Township
Admission is Free

For more info: www.bara.org

Saturday, April 5: OMARC Tailgate Hamfest
Camp Evans Diana Site
Marconi Road, Wall Township
For more info: www.omarc.org

GSARA OFFICERS

President	N2LXM	Jeff Harshman	922-0816
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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 <k2qxw@yahoo.com>

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://www.monmouth.com/~gsara/prop.pdf>

It is installed on the web about two weeks after the direct mailing to members.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Please remember to renew your membership in GSARA for 2008 if you haven't done so already. A year's membership is only \$15 (\$20 if you want *The Propagator* mailed to you). Dues may be paid at the March 5 meeting or mailed to:

Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ
450-B Cheshire Ct.
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Note that if you have not paid by mid-March, you will be dropped from the roster and this is the last issue of *The Propagator* that you will receive.

The death of Les Hill, W2QHS (see page 4) came as a shock to me since I had just seen him at his wife's wake and he seemed to be doing very well. He was a regular attendee at our amateur radio weekly luncheons for the past 20 years or so. Besides his amateur radio and church activities, he was quite a student of languages and impressed me with how many different languages he could speak. I will surely miss him.

I'm looking forward to hearing about Frank's, W2XYZ adventures on his dx-pedition to Anguilla which he will talk about at our March 5 meeting. It should be very interesting to hear what it is like to be at the other end of the pile-ups. The island looks beautiful as a tropical paradise.

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 April issue is March 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.monmouth.com/~gsara>

GSARA CALENDAR

<http://www.monmouth.com/~gsara/calendr.htm>

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at Fort Monmouth by President Jeff Harshman, N2LXM, at 8:05 PM. After the pledge to the flag, all members present introduced themselves. There were 23 members present.

Treasurer's Report

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January 2008 meeting had been published in the February Propagator. A motion was made by Tom, N2VFK and seconded by Nena, N2WAY to accept the minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously.

Upgrade

Ray Lett, W2NXG just upgraded to Extra Class.

Field Day

Jeff, N2LXM is soliciting input from members as to what we want to do for Field Day. Do we want to operate at our same location as last year? How many transmitters? This will be discussed further at our March 5 meeting.

New Business

Jeff, N2LXM asked for an indication on interest in a bus trip to ARRL Headquarters. Many members expressed interest so he will look into arranging a trip sometime in late April or early May. It would be during the week.

Jeff also asked about interest in a trip to the battleship New Jersey. This would not require a bus but would probably be a car pool.

Public Service

Tom, N2VFK announced that our big public service event is the MS-170 from Monmouth University to Cape May on May 17-18. Lots of operators are needed so please volunteer as soon as you can.

Tom also announced the Sheehan Run in Red Bank on June 14. Volunteers are needed for this relatively short event. See Tom to volunteer.

Program

Jeff, N2LXM bought a bargain GPS receiver module for only \$4.50. He interfaced it to his laptop and brought it to the meeting to demonstrate.

Closing

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nena, N2WAY and seconded by Lorraine, KC2FDR to close the meeting which was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

FCC CHANGES BANK FOR VANITY PAY

As of February 14, 2008, U.S. Bank has replaced Mellon Bank as the lockbox bank for all FCC programs (with the exception of auction-related payments). Applicants who manually file FCC paper applications via mail -- usually for new vanity call signs or for renewal of vanity call signs - will need to send payments to U.S. Bank. Amateurs filing paper applications for a new Vanity Call Sign Applications need to submit FCC Payment Form 159 and the FCC Regulatory Fee <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanityfee.html>>, along with the FCC Form 605 and FCC Form 605 Schedule D. After completing all required forms, mail them along with the payment to the address of the Commission's new lockbox bank: Federal Communications Commission, PO Box 979097, St Louis, MO 63197-9000. When submitting fees, payments or applications to the lockbox bank, filers should specifically reference the Government Lockbox number - 979097 -- on the 159 payment form. U.S. Bank will accept hand-delivered filings or courier deliveries at their office located at U.S. Bank, attn: FCC Government Lockbox Number 979097, SL-MO-C2-GL, 1005 Convention Plaza, St Louis, MO 63101. According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, "The FCC has also established a 45-day transition period that began on February 14 to mitigate the transition's impact and to provide time to resolve any reconciliation and change-over discrepancies." The FCC strongly encourages the use of their electronic filing and payment options. Electronic payments can be submitted through their secure Web site <<http://www.fcc.gov/fees/feefiler.html>>. Electronic payments allow for faster processing of applications. Further info can be found on FCC Web Site <<http://www.fcc.gov/fees/lockbox.html>>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 06, February 15, 2008

A. LES HILL, W2QHS - SK

Longtime GSARA member Alexander Leslie Hill Jr., W2QHS, 85, of Tinton Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. He was born in Washington, Pa. and was the son of A.L. and Lillian Gooch Hill. "Les" was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, where he ran the church sound system, and where he served as co-chairman of the church's cemetery committee. Les earned his baccalaureate degree from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pa., and his master's degree in electrical engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken. His career as an electrical engineer spanned 43 years. He had been employed by Western Electric, and later by Bell Laboratories in Holmdel, from which he retired in 1987. A man with a unique sense of humor, Les will also be remembered for his avid interest in amateur radio operation. He will be especially remembered as a man of warmth, a man who was thoroughly devoted to his wife and family, as well as to his faith.

Les was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Mary E. "May" Hill, whose death occurred 12 days earlier (see below). He was also predeceased by his daughter, Kathryn Mary Hill, in 1974. He is survived by four sons, two half-brothers, and four grandchildren. Les was expecting his first two great-grandchildren this summer.

In lieu of flowers, donations honoring Les' memory may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Shrewsbury. Letters of condolence can be emailed through the website www.sidun.com or to pcas@verizon.net.

XYL OF W2QHS DIED

Mary "May" Hill, wife of Les Hill, W2QHS, passed away Thursday, February 14, at home. She was born in Kearny, and has been a Tinton Falls resident since 1966, where she had been a member on the New Shrewsbury Garden Club. She retired in 1991 from First Union Bank, East Brunswick, after 21 years of service. Mrs. Hill was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, where she had been a former assistant financial secretary, member of the Mission Bells, chancel choir, craft group, and ordained deacon and elder.

VINCENT NIRELLA, KA2BUD - SK

Vincent Nirella, KA2BUD, of Middletown died Tuesday, February 12, at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. He was 84 and had been a librarian for the Middletown Township Library System for over 20 years, retiring in 1987. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA and lived there until moving to Middletown in 1966 with his family.

Vincent was a life member of the V.F.W. Post 2179, Port Monmouth, and the American Legion Post 38. He was very active in the volunteer work that the V.F.W. is involved in, especially spending time and helping out at the VA home in Menlo Park. He was a licensed radio amateur with the call KA2BUD and an avid numismatist later in his life.

Vincent graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy in 1942 and later earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving on the USS Wasp, and also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Jane; a son; two daughters; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Veterans Memorial Home-Menlo Park, Attn: Ed Weisenhorn, 132 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 3013, Edison, NJ 08818-3013. Letters of condolence may be e-mailed to condolences@pfliegerfuneralhome.com.

SON OF W2PAT DIED

Marvin "Skip" Bernstein, son of Marv Bernstein, W2PAT, passed away Thursday, February 21 at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. He was born in Long Branch and resided in Tinton Falls. He was 64.

He was predeceased by his mother, Alma "Sunny" Bernstein. Surviving are his father, Marvin Bernstein, W2PAT, of Tinton Falls, a brother, Ralph Bernstein of Howell; two sisters, Judy Madure of Florida and Nancy Upchurch of South Carolina and many nieces and nephews.

Interment is private. Letters of condolence can be e-mailed through the website www.sidun.com.

NAME THE W1HQ MASCOT

W1HQ, the Laird Campbell Memorial HQ Operators Club, has a mascot in need of a name. Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB, purchased the six-foot long stuffed yellow-green toy snake as a way to make the refurbished station a bit friendlier.

Breen said, "In addition to the physical upgrades to W1HQ, we realized that it is our club -- therefore it should be fun too! It just seemed so natural to have a mascot for our club station. The snake comes in handy when stressed out trying to get that DX that is just out of reach! With all the serious sides of ham radio, it's important to remember that it is fun - and not to take ourselves too seriously sometimes!"

Breen and the rest of the W1HQ team are calling on the Amateur Radio community to help give the as-yet unnamed snake a name: "We encourage all amateurs to submit a name for the snake. We will get together and go over all the entries to choose the best one and announce the winner at our W1HQ special event around the first of April."

"I will be blogging again and posting YouTube videos of the event," Breen said. "We'll announce the winner over the air, on the blog and in video, too." She previously blogged the Hello-Live! Event and the W1AW HF Open House.

The contributor of the winning entry will receive their choice of a current edition of "The ARRL Operating Manual," "The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications" or "The ARRL Antenna Book." All entries should be family-friendly (G-rated) and sent via e-mail <w1hqsnake@arrl.org>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 07, February 22, 2008

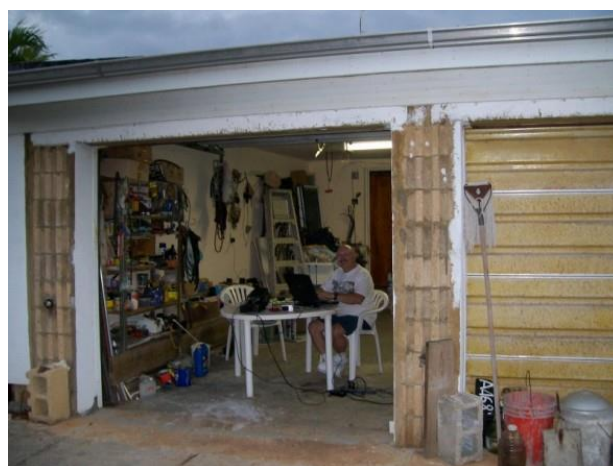
DX-PEDITION TO ANGUILLA

Frank, W2XYZ; Mike, KC2Q; and the North American DX Association made a DX-pedition to Anguilla in February to operate VP2. Anguilla is a British Overseas Territory and is the most northerly of the Leeward Islands in the Lesser Antilles in the Caribbean.

Here are a few pictures from down there. For more details, come to the March 5 GSARA meeting where Frank will tell all about it.



Frank, W2XYZ receiving the license for VP2EFW



Frank, W2XYZ is operating VP2EFW from the garage of his rental in Anguilla. Come to the GSARA meeting to find out more about his rig and antennas used.



Frank, W2XYZ relaxing in Anguilla after working the pile-ups and sightseeing. Yes, that's the beautiful ocean in the background.

RECIPROCAL LICENSES CHANGED

The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) has revised its table of equivalence between FCC amateur licenses and the CEPT license. Effective February 4, 2008, Recommendation T/R 61-01 (as amended) now grants full CEPT privileges only to those US citizens who hold an FCC-issued Amateur Extra or Advanced class license. This means that those US licensees who hold an FCC-issued General or Technician license are no longer eligible for full operating privileges in countries where CEPT-reciprocal operation had previously been permitted. US Novice class licensees have had no reciprocal operating privileges under the CEPT provisions. These changes are the result of a re-evaluation of US and CEPT license class's equivalence by the CEPT's Radio Regulatory Working Group at its meeting January 29-February 1, 2008 in Basel, Switzerland. The Working Group deals with numerous areas of concern including Amateur Radio, and is responsible for applications from countries to participate in T/R 61-01, as well as other Amateur Radio related issues. "Changes in the US license structures and examinations often have ancillary implications beyond the immediate impact upon the US licensees," said Dan Henderson, N1ND, ARRL Regulatory Information Manager. "While this CEPT change affects several classes of US licensees when they visit Europe and other CEPT signatory countries, it has no effect on their operating privileges at home."

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 05, February 8, 2008

NOTES FOR VISITING AUSTRALIA

According to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), Amateur Radio operators traveling to Australia who wish to operate in that country do not need to apply for an Australian Amateur Radio license. This new policy, effective February 15, 2008, allows amateurs who hold a non-Australian Amateur Radio license to operate up to 90 days under a Class License <http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_1311>; licensees who will be in Australia for more than 90 days will need to apply for an Australian Amateur Radio license. -- Information provided by Roger Hickey, W6MSC

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 06, February 15, 2008

NEW VE MANUAL NOW ONLINE

The 9th edition of the ARRL VEC/VE Manual <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vemmanual/>> is now online on the ARRL Web site. The manual, the most complete source on the Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner Program, has everything you need to know in order to be an ARRL Volunteer Examiner.

"We're really excited about the new Manual," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "We've put a lot of work into it, taking suggestions from Volunteer Examiners all over the United States. It's very comprehensive, yet easy to understand." Somma said the manual is full of new and timely information, taking into account the latest licensing rule changes.

"One of the biggest changes to the 9th edition is the deletion of all the procedures having to do with Morse code testing," Somma said. She said that more than 80 percent of the Manual's content has been revised.

The Manual, written to help guide amateurs through the VEC program, is also a guide for those aspiring to be Volunteer Examiners. "Any General, Advanced or Amateur Extra class license holder is eligible to be a Volunteer Examiner," Somma said. "It's a simple process to become a VE -- just complete the ARRL VE application form and pass a 40-question 'open book' test and you're set! If you're an active ham radio operator, you probably enjoy giving back to the Amateur Radio community, be it through public service or as a Volunteer Examiner.

Information in the Manual includes how to become an accredited Volunteer Examiner and how to participate in the Amateur Radio examination process, as well as real-life experiences from current Volunteer Examiners. "It's really a reference manual with tons of details. The real-life experiences in the Manual will help current and future Volunteer Examiners know how to deal with those pesky situations that sometimes pop up," Somma said.

For more information on the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Program, please see the ARRL VE Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/index.html>>.

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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 first Saturday of the even numbered months (April 5, 2008) at 10 AM. The contact person is Pat Brannick, N2BZD at 732-267-0308 or e-mail to pbrannick@aol.com.

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

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

Toms River, Holiday City South Clubhouse, Meeting Room #1, Mule Road at the corner of Santiago Drive on the second Saturday of the odd numbered months (March 8, 2007) at 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is required (no walk ins). 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.

TOWER AVAILABLE

Bob Cummins K2KER has a 40 foot EZ way tilt over tower and Hygain TH6 beam for sale. He did not give a price but I think he will give the tower away and just wants to sell the beam antenna. He is in Middletown. His phone number is 732 671 5388. He has already been in contact with Red Bank recycling for the scrap value, so I don't think he wants much for them.

Bob, N2DR

Los Angeles's full name is El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula -- and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

ARRL HANDBOOK PRAISED

A broadcast industry trade publication has named "The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications" as the top-rated reference book of broadcast engineers. In an article <<http://radioworld.com/pages/s.0047/t.11230.html>> in the February 13 edition of "Radio World," the various annual versions of the "Handbook" received the most mentions of necessary literature on the engineer's desk. Doug Fearn, K3KW, an independent handcrafter of audio equipment and a former chief engineer, said, "Not only did I learn electronics from that book, but the old editions are superb examples of how to explain things clearly." Andy Butler, senior director for systems engineering at PBS and a former president of the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE), also recommended the "Handbook," calling it "The best, most comprehensive, cheapest guide to technology you will ever need."

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 07, February 22, 2008

AVAYA CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The new slate of officers for the Avaya Amateur Radio Club is:

President: Tom Kenny NJ2DX
Vice-President: Tom Brown W2EQ
Sec/Treas: Marsh Gosnell K2CN

AF1US – SK TOWER FOR SALE

Dan Biringer, KB2D, has been asked by Bonnie Palamara to help liquidate Gary's (AF1US - SK) tower and 2 dual-band yagis located in Howell. It should be sold locally due to the difficulty of shipping. The package consists of:

Glen martin, M-18, 40 ft. tilt-over tower, 4 10-ft. aluminum sections with hard ware.

Glen martin 1840a/m hazer (mast and "create" brand rotor included!)

Glen martin tower mounting base.

Included in all this are the 2 dual-band yagis and associated hardware, guys, rotor control cable, etc, still on the premise.

The price is \$1,000

For more information, call Dan at 732-833-8461 or e-mail to Dano1252@hotmail.com

FIELD DAY RULES AND FORMS AVAIL.

It's that time of year again -- time to start gearing up for Field Day, ARRL's flagship operating event. Field Day, held the fourth full weekend in June, brings together new and experienced hams for 24 hours of operating fun. ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, says there are several rule changes this year, mainly concerning "Get on the Air" (GOTA) stations and the elimination of the Demonstration Mode Bonus Category.

The official 2008 ARRL Field Day Web page is up and running at <http://www.arrl.org/fieldday>. The page includes a summary of available resources, with links to Field Day forms and rules, logos and reference links. There is also a link for ordering commemorative Field Day T-shirts, pins and other supplies. ARRL Sales and Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, said supplies will begin shipping in early March, but it's not too early to place a pre-order now. Radio clubs are encouraged to order early.

GOTA (Get on the Air) stations are those stations set aside by Field Day teams designed to get non-hams or newly licensed hams on the air. Unlike in past years where GOTA stations were limited to only one band, the 2008 rules state that these stations may operate on any authorized HF or VHF Field Day band. Keep in mind that only one signal may be transmitted from the GOTA station at any time. Henderson said the eligibility for operating the GOTA station has changed slightly: Anyone who has been licensed since Field Day 2007 is eligible to operate the GOTA station, regardless of license class.

For 2008, the Demonstration Mode Bonus category has been eliminated and replaced by an Educational Activity Bonus worth 100 points. "This bonus is intended to encourage clubs and groups to do some more formal educational activity during their Field Day operation," Henderson said. If you have any questions concerning what activities might be appropriate for this bonus, Henderson said you should submit them via e-mail fdinfo@arrl.org.

Be sure to read the Field Day rules and FAQs in the 2008 Field Day Packet for details of these changes. There are also numerous small changes in the FAQs and support materials in the packet that

should help groups and individuals as they plan their Field Day activities, Henderson said.

The 2008 Field Day Packet also includes an expanded Press Kit, thanks to the work of ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP. Included in this expanded portion of the packet is a sample "Field Day Proclamation" for those groups who work with local city or town officials toward getting a Field Day Week declared in their location.

"We are excited that historic station K6KPH will once again participate transmitting the W1AW special Field Day Bulletin on the West Coast," Henderson said. More details are available in the Field Day Packet.

Henderson said that those wishing to obtain a complete Field Day Packet via US mail need to send a 9 x 12 inch self-addressed, stamped manila envelope with 5 units of postage to Field Day Packet Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

If people wish to order display kits for their tables at Field Day, please contact Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, ARRL Education Manager, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111, tel 860-594-0296. The cost for the display kit ranges from \$8-\$12 depending on shipping. To ensure having the kits in time for Field Day, you are encouraged to order them no later than June 13.

From *The ARRL Letter*, Nos. 05 & 07, Feb. 8 & 22, 2008

FROM THE DXCC DESK

ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the following operations have been approved for DXCC credit: The 2007 E4/OM2DX DXpedition to Palestine, the 2008 J5C DXpedition to Guinea-Bissau; the 2007 VK9WWI DXpedition to Willis Island, and the current YI9PT operations in Iraq. "If you had cards rejected for any of these operations, please send an e-mail dxcc@arrl.org to the ARRL DXCC Desk and you will be placed on the list for update," Moore said.

Also, the 3Y0E DXpedition to Bouvet Island from December 2007-February 2008 has been approved for DXCC credit.

From *The ARRL Letters*, No. 4, 6 & 7, Feb. 1, 15 & 22, 2008

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see reverse side)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., **W2FA** March 21. All times until March 9 in EST and EDST after that. Contests are listed in the March QST, p. 74.

Feb. 29-March 2 – **ARRL International DX SSB Contest** from 7 PM Friday to 7 PM Sunday. See March QST, p. 74 or www.arrl.org/contest

March 1 – **Split Rock ARA Hamfest** in Parsippany, NJ. See March QST, p. 99 or www.splitrockara.org

March 2 – **Bergen ARA Auction** at 1 PM. See March QST, p. 99 or www.bara.org

March 2 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 3 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

March 4 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** is canceled for New Years Day.

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

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

March 5 – **GSARA Monthly Meeting** at Ft. Monmouth MARS station at 8 PM. Guest speaker is Frank, W2XYZ describing his DX-pedition to Anguilla.

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

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

March 7 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (10-40 wpm). See March QST, pp. 74 and 97.

March 8 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ.

March 8 – **Holiday City VE Test Session** at 10 AM in Toms River. Pre-register with Bill Haldane, AC2F at 732-240-7064 or ac2f@earthlink.net. No walk-ins.

March 8 – **Middletown Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 10 AM in Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue.

March 8 – **North American RTTY Sprint** from 7 PM to 11 PM. See March QST, p. 74 or www.ncjweb.com

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

March 13 – **Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS)** meeting in Riverview Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 PM.

March 14-15 – **10-10 Mobile QSO Party** from 8:01 PM Friday to 7:59 PM Saturday. See March QST, p. 74 or www.ten-ten.org

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

March 18 – **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 18 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 7 PM (10-35 wpm). See March QST, pp. 74 and 97.

March 20 – **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.

March 22 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at 9 AM at Irv's Deli, Route 33, Neptune.

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

March 28-30 – **CQ WPX SSB Contest** from 8 PM Friday to 8 PM Sunday. See March QST, p. 74 or www.cqwp.com

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					ARRL DX SSB	1 ARRL DX SSB Split Rock Hmfst
2 ARRL DX SSB Bergen Auction InfoAge	3 ARES/RACES 7:30	4 Pancake House Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	5 GSARA Mtg	6 Hol. City Mtg.	7 Blue Swan CW Qual. Run	8 OMARC Mtg. MARC Mtg Hol. City VE N.A. RTTY
9 InfoAge	10 RACES Net 7:30	11 QCWA News 9 PM	12	13 JSARS Mtg.	14 Blue Swan 10-10 Mobile	15 10-10 Mobile
16 InfoAge	17 ARES/RACES 7:30	18 CW Qual. Run Croyden VE 7 PM QCWA News 9 PM	19	20 JSARS VE	21 W2FA Blue Swan	22 Neptune Mtg
23 InfoAge	24 ARES/RACES 7:30	25 QCWA News 9 PM	26	27	28 Blue Swan CQ WPX SSB	29 CQ WPX SSB
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