



THE PROPAGATOR

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UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 PM** at the **American Red Cross - Regional Office**, 1540 West Park Avenue, Tinton Falls, New Jersey. For all meetings, guests are welcome and refreshments will be served. Please try to attend.

The second meeting in May, also at the Red Cross, will be on **Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 PM** and will be our antenna building project (see details on right). Even if you're not building an antenna, come to the meeting to provide assistance to those who are building one. As always, refreshments will be served.

TINTON FALLS HAMFEST MAY 23

The North American DX Association is holding a Hamfest on Sunday, May 23 at the MAECOM Building at 100 Tornillo Way in Tinton Falls. Sellers are \$10 (\$5 each additional space) and may arrive at 6:30 am. Buyers are \$5 (children under 12 free) and may arrive after 8 am. Breakfast and coffee will be available and there will be door prizes.

Tornillo Way is an extension of Wayside Road on the west side of the GS Parkway just after the Shafto Road traffic light. Talk-in is on the W2NJR liked system or 146.52 simplex. For more information, e-mail nadxa@nadxa.org or contact Mike, KC2Q at 908-415-6162.

GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

ANTENNA BUILDING PARTY MAY 19

Due to the wide interest shown in the portable 2-meter, 3-element yagi antenna shown at the March 17 meeting, it was decided to have an antenna construction party at our May 19 meeting whereby members can construct their own antenna. A kit of parts will be available for \$10 and instructions will be given for building and testing the antenna.

We need an accurate count of people wishing to build the Yagi in May so the proper number of kits will be available at the meeting. We've set up two links members can click to let us know if they want to participate in this project. We ask all readers to reply by either clicking the yes or no link on our website at www.gardenstateara.org or send an e-mail as appropriate to:

Yes@gardenstateara.org

No@gardenstateara.org

Those without internet access can simply call Frank, W2XYZ at 732-942-7705. We must know the count by **May 14** so that the proper number of kits can be produced in time for the May 19 meeting. Thank you.

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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@gardenstateara.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

I had a good time at the White Elephant auction on April 21 and even managed to buy some junkie at very reasonable prices. It's too bad we didn't have a bigger crowd as some of the items went for a single bid of \$1. Some real bargains were had. In fact, there were items that received no bids and thus were left over. If you weren't at the auction, you might check out the left over items. You could find something of interests to you.

The antenna building party on May 19 should be a lot of fun and an inexpensive opportunity to obtain a 2-meter yagi antenna for only \$10. Such an antenna is useful for emergency use and to listen to some of the satellites. Even if you're not interested in building this antenna, why not come to the May 19 meeting to offer help and advice to those doing the building.

If you can help out with 2-meter communications for the MS170 on Saturday, May 22, please get in touch with Tom, N2VFK. He could use a few more operators.

I enjoyed giving a couple of talks at the NJ State Amateur Convention in Trenton on April 25. One was on the history of the Morse code and was well attended. Nobel laureate Joe Taylor, K2JT was there and I was honored to meet him. He later gave an interesting talk on WSPR, which is a new program he wrote for checking paths throughout the world using QRP. My other talk highlighted Marconi's contributions to the radio art.

If you are interested in obtaining a [gardenstateara.org](mailto:gc2tkk@gardenstateara.org) email address which will give you webmail and POP3/SMTP access, please send an email to Josh at gc2tkk@gardenstateara.org with your First Name, Last Name, and Call Sign. Your email address call_sign@gardenstateara.org will be created and the login information sent back to the email address your request came from.

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 June issue is May 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

.MINUTES OF APRIL 7 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ called the meeting to order at the Red Cross at 7:31 PM. There were 16 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all members introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Lou, W2HAM to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the April 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 Laura, N2HGI to accept the report. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Public Service

Tom, N2VFK is looking for more help for the MS 170 which takes place on May 22 and 23. He especially needs operators who can set up in a vehicle as well as staffing for the Belmar rest stop. Please contact Tom if you can help out.

Old Business

Jeff proposed that we have a QSL party at his house to help him in opening the envelopes and filling out the cards. This was tentatively set for Wednesday, April 14.

The MARS building at Fort Monmouth must be cleaned up. This will proceed when a dumpster is available outside the building.

Joe, W2KQ reported progress on the White Elephant sale to take place Wednesday, April 25. This event is free to all and non-members are particularly encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be available. Tickets for bidding will be available in both 25 cent and 1 dollar amounts.

The Red Cross had a Disaster Action Team meeting on March 29. The Jersey Coast Chapter responded to approximately 11 incidences in March. This included the Ocean Grove Fire on March 13, the Forest Fire in Waretown on March 20 and the Bound Brook floods. The national response to the Haiti earthquake was very impressive: 125,000 people vaccinated, 55,000 people treated at Red Cross hospitals, 40 million liters of water sent, 1800

units of blood provided, and 600 volunteers deployed to Haiti.

New Business

Joe, W2KQ has investigated the cost of liability insurance as well as insurance on our radio equipment. The liability runs about \$323 per year and equipment insurance is about \$40 (depending on how much equipment we insure. A motion was made by Bruce, K2QXW and seconded by Jeff, N2LXM to purchase whatever insurance is recommended by Joe, W2KQ. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank, W2XYZ brought a simple 3-element 2-meter yagi he built with PVC pipe and measuring tape. There was much interest shown in this so he proposed that we have a building party at the May 19 meeting. Those interested in building the antenna should contact Frank. The cost is estimated to be less than \$15 each.

Announcements

The ARRL has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Red Cross.

The JSARS Hamfest is on Sunday, April 11 at Riverwood Park in Toms River.

The OMARC tailgate Hamfest is on Saturday, April 17 at the Diana site in Wall Township.

The NJDXA Hamfest is on Sunday, May 23 at the MAECOM building in Tinton Falls.

GSARA dues for 2010 are past due.

Closing

The door prize of \$15.50 was won by Jeff, N2LXM. There being no further business, a motion was made by Tom, N2VFK and seconded by Jeff, N2LXM to close the meeting. The motion was accepted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

APRIL 21 MEETING

There was no formal meeting of the GSARA since it was superseded by the White Elephant Sale on April 21. There was a reasonable turnout with several non-member guests. Everyone had a good time and some real bargains were obtained. There were a number of items that didn't sell and are still available. Come to the May 5 meeting to see what bargains are still available.

AL CORBISIERO, N2WOP - SK

Former GSARA member Albert Corbisiero, N2WOP of Waretown, passed away Sunday, April 18, 2010, at home, after a long illness. He was 70. His daughter, Jean was by his side. Born in New York, Al moved to New Jersey in the early 1960's and spent most of his life on the Jersey Shore, the last 10 years living in Waretown. A man of many interests, Al enjoyed many hobbies, including building model airplanes, boats, and cars. Some of his work was on display at the Waretown Library several years ago. He also enjoyed spending time with local amateur radio clubs and tinkering with just about anything. A lifelong truck driver, he was the former owner of Shoe String Trucking. A past captain of the East Keansburg (Middletown) First Aid Squad, Al was also one of the first certified EMTs in Monmouth County.

In addition to his daughter, Jean of Newborn, Ga., Al is also survived by daughters, Peggy, Pat, Toni and husband Eric, all of Monticello, Ga.; daughter, Barb of Virginia Beach, Va.; daughter, Mary and husband Rory of Pocatello, Idaho; and son, Dan of Voorhees. He is survived by 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary Ann; brothers, James and Patrick; and his former wife and mother of his children, Sheila Doherty.

A warm, kind, and loving man, Al will be greatly missed by all of us who loved him.

"Now he belongs to the ages".

Note: When Al was a member of GSARA in the early 1990s, his call was N2VOJ and he attended with his second wife, Carol, KC2DZD. They lived in Keansburg at the time. I think Carol passes away a few years ago. - Editor

ROBERT POLK, KB2DH - SK

Robert E. Polk, Jr., KB2DH of Leisure Village East section of Lakewood passed away Saturday April 17, 2010 at St. Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Long Branch with his family by his side. Robert was born and raised in Charlotte, NC and moved to Neptune in 1949. Robert and his wife moved to Deltona, FL in 1981 and resided there for 23 years before moving to Lakewood in 2004. Robert was a submarine navy veteran of World War II serving from 1942 until 1946. He worked at Fort Monmouth as an electrical engineer and was a licensed radio amateur. Robert

was a member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Manasquan. He was also a member of several clubs, US Submarine Veteran's Inc, OMARC Amateur Radio Club, American Legion Post 346, Neptune, Men's Club of Leisure Village East and a former member and past state president of the National Association of Power Engineers. Robert was also a ham radio operator.

Robert was predeceased by his parents and five siblings. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude S. Polk of Lakewood; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Darlene Polk of Neptune; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Jim Baxendale of Manasquan and Carolyn and Mike DeMerritt of Charlotte, NC. Robert is also survived by his six grandchildren, and a great granddaughter.

A funeral service was held Saturday April 24, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Manasquan. Interment followed at Monmouth Memorial Park, Tinton Falls. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Coastal Habitat for Humanity, 200 Hwy 71 Suite 3, Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762. To send condolences to the family please visit www.orenderfamilyhome.com.

TUNE IN DAYTON WEBCAST AND WIN

We are less than one month away from our live streaming broadcast of the Dayton Hamvention. This is our 8th year to broadcast and we have viewers in over 150 countries. In addition to the video, there is a chat room where hams around the world can chat with us and each other.

We have tons of prizes. We have a GRAND PRIZE this year. It is the Yaesu FT-950 HF/6mtr transceiver. And if you are logged into the chat room when we announce the grand winner you will receive a BONUS prize of a Yaesu VX-170 handheld. We have numerous other prizes such as Comet antenna, Diawa wattmeters, Heil Mics and boomsets, \$500 gift certificates towards Alpha Amps, to just mention a few prizes. We will be giving these prizes out when our trip starts at 1300 UTC on Wednesday May 12 and continue until we get back home on Sunday May 16th. You can start entering TODAY for the grand prize at <http://w5kub.com>

Come on over and visit our site today and start chatting with hams around the world.

Thanks, Tom W5KUB

SLIGHT DECREASE IN VANITY FEE

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) on April 13 seeking to lower the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$13.40 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go down to \$13.30 for 10 years, a decrease of 10 cents.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal four years ago. Instructions on how to comment on this NPRM are available on the FCC Web site at, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/howtocomment.html>.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 13 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). In 2007, the Commission lowered the fee from \$20.80 to \$11.70. The FCC said it anticipates some 14,800 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$196,840 in fees from the program.

Those holding call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal. That's because Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

From *ARRL Bulletin 13*, April 14, 2010

W1AW CODE PRACTICE ON ECHOLINK

Audio from W1AW's CW code practices and CW/digital bulletins is now available using EchoLink via the W1AW Conference Server "W1AWBDCT." The 9:45 PM ET phone bulletin is currently unavailable via W1AWBDCT. The audio is sent in real-time and runs concurrently with W1AW's regular transmission schedule. According to W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, this server is currently at an experimental stage: "Since the server is located at ARRL -- and uses the ARRL's Internet connection -- there may be an issue as to how many users can connect to W1AWBDCT via EchoLink. The current number of connections is set to 350. If the current system can properly handle these connections without adversely affecting the performance of the conference server, this number will be bumped up higher." All users who connect to the conference server are muted. Please note that any questions or comments should not be sent via the "Text" window in EchoLink. Please send any questions or comments via e-mail.

From *The ARRL Letter*, April 22, 2010

FCC PROPOSES RULE CHANGE

In March, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed to amend the Part 97 rules governing the Amateur Radio Service. The new rules would provide that, under certain limited conditions, Amateur Radio operators may transmit messages during emergency and disaster preparedness drills, regardless of whether the operators are employees of entities participating in the drill.

On April 22, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register and the FCC is seeking comments on it. Comments must be filed on or before May 24, 2010 (30 days after publication in the Federal Register); reply comments must be filed on or before June 7, 2010 (45 days after publication in the Federal Register).

Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on page 5 of the NPRM. The NPRM is available on the web in PDF format at, http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-45A1.pdf.

From *ARRL Bulletin 14*, April 26, 2010

RECONROBOTICS OPPOSES ARRL

Following the ARRL's March 24 Petition for Reconsideration of the FCC's grant of a waiver to permit the operation of a robotic video device in the 430-450 MHz band, ReconRobotics filed an Opposition to the ARRL's Petition, declaring that, among other things, the ARRL did not follow proper procedure when submitting it. On April 16, ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, filed a reply, asking the Commission to "reconsider, rescind and stay the ReconRobotics waiver and the effectiveness of the Order" in accordance with the ARRL's Petition for Reconsideration. Read more on the ARRL's reply [here](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, April 22, 2010

HOMEBREW DEMO AREA AT DAYTON

The Dayton Hamvention and the Midwest VHF/UHF Society have teamed up to host the first ever Discover Homebrew demonstration area at Hamvention 2010.

Located in booths 179, 180, 191, 192, and booths 203, 204, 215, and 216 in the North Hall, there will be 6 eight foot tables available to accommodate many homebrewers and their gear simultaneously. The Hamvention will provide AC power along with H-F and possibly VHF antenna access. All you need to do is bring your favorite home built project, set it up and demonstrate it to anyone who is interested.

This demonstration area will operate on an open schedule basis. This means that you can be there when you want for as long as you want, space permitting. A sign-in sheet will be provided where you can record your project description, contact information and times you will be providing a demonstration.

The only restriction is that no sales of these demonstration items will be permitted as a courtesy to paying exhibitors. However, if you have commercial plans for your project, it is fine to go ahead and talk about them.

More about this and other Hamvention happenings is on line at www.hamvention.org. (Dayton Hamvention)

From *Amateur Radio Newslines* #1706, April 23, 2010

ARRL EXPO AT DAYTON HAMVENTION



On May 14-16, hams from all over the world will make their way to the Hara Arena, located in Trotwood, Ohio for the 2010 Dayton Hamvention®. Held annually since 1952, Hamvention is one of the largest Amateur Radio gatherings in the world, and as we have been doing since 2005, the ARRL will bring the ARRL EXPO -- a showcase of ARRL exhibits and activities that celebrate the very best of Amateur Radio -- to thousands of radio amateurs. ARRL staff will also present a number of exciting, interactive forums throughout Hamvention weekend. Read more [here](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, April 22, 2010

DAYTON HAMVENTION FORUM SKED

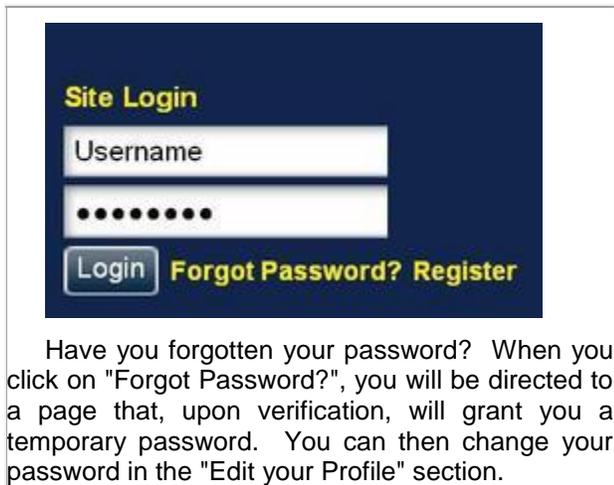
One of the many highlights at Dayton Hamvention® -- sponsored by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) -- is the myriad of educational and fun forums that take place the entire weekend at Hara Arena. DARA has coordinated 43 unique programs that encompass nearly 80 hours of programs and activities for the thousands of people expected to attend these programs. Hamvention, the largest event of its kind, will be May 14-16 at Hara Arena in Trotwood, Ohio. Please keep in mind that the schedule may change before Hamvention. Read more [here](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, April 22, 2010

NEW ARRL WEB SITE

By ARRL News Editor S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA

When the new ARRL Web site launched on April 13, we received an overwhelming, enthusiastic response to it. But along with that, we have also received a few questions on how to find certain features on the new site. Click [here](#) for a quick guide to find some of the more popular features, such as the ARRL Periodical Archive Search and Logbook of The World, on the new ARRL Web site.



Have you forgotten your password? When you click on "Forgot Password?", you will be directed to a page that, upon verification, will grant you a temporary password. You can then change your password in the "Edit your Profile" section.

Have you forgotten your password? You can easily get a temporary password by clicking on the "[Forgot Password?](#)" link, located directly under the log-in box at the top of the page (see photo). You can either request a temporary password via e-mail (you must use the e-mail you originally used to register for the previous ARRL Web site), or you may retrieve a temporary password immediately by providing your user name (for hams, this is usually your call sign) and your ARRL member ID number (found on your QST mailing label). You must also provide either your call sign or your last name. Click [here](#) to receive a temporary password.

We have also received inquiries regarding the "Favorites" function on the new Web site. Once you successfully log in to the Web site, you will see a drop-down box that says "Your Favorites" right underneath your name (see photo). Go to any page on the new ARRL Web site. Would you like to find it in just one step? The "Your Favorites" feature will do just that! When you are on the desired page, just click on the "Your Favorites" drop-down menu, click "Add to Favorites" then click the "Go" button. Now you have stored that Web page as one of your favorites; each time you wish to go to that page,

you can just access it through the "Your Favorites" drop-down menu (see photo).



You can easily add pages from the ARRL Web site to "Your Favorites." Just go to the desired page, click the "Your Favorites" drop-down menu, then click "Add To Favorites" and then click on the "Go" button.

Of course, with a project as large as the new ARRL Web site, there are still some bugs to be worked out. Our IT Department is busy fixing them, so please know that we are trying to solve these problems as quickly as possible.

From *The ARRL Letter*, April 22, 2010

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR YHOTY

The nominating period for the 2010 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award is now open. Each year, the Amateur Radio Newsline in association with Vertex Standard Corporation -- the makers of Yaesu brand ham radio gear -- and CQ Magazine combine to honor a ham radio operator age 18 or younger for his or her contributions to ham radio or to society itself through ham radio.

All nominations and materials required by the official rules must be received by Amateur Radio Newsline no later than midnight on May 30th. Both "mail-in" and electronic submissions are being accepted this year.

Full rules and a downloadable nominating form are now on our website at www.arnewslines.org. Just scroll down until you see "2010 Young Ham of the Year Awards Now Being Accepted" and click on the word "here" to download the directions and the form. You can also leave questions and comments on the official Young Ham of the Year Award page on Facebook dot com.

From *Amateur Radio Newsline #1706*, April 23, 2010

SHOCK ABSORBER POWER SUPPLY

Imagine being able to power your radio gear and recharge your car's battery with power derived from your auto's shock absorbers. In a recent study, mechanical engineers from the State University of New York designed and tested a retrofit regenerative shock absorber that recovers a vehicle's vibration as energy. The researchers built a small scale prototype of the regenerative shock absorber, and demonstrated its ability to harvest 2 to 8 watts of power during typical driving conditions. This, at a speed of about 45 mph.

The researchers predict that a full-scale system on a four-wheel car should be able to recover up to 256 watts under real world driving conditions. They also believe the ability to harvest approximately 64 watts per wheel will increase considerably when the system is used on irregular or poorly paved roadways.

In their research, the scientists also discovered that the power regenerated by this system is proportional to the square of the magnetic flux across the coils in the shock absorber system. Consequently, increasing the flux by a factor of two quadruples the peak power output. More on this discovery is on line at <http://iopscience.iop.org/0964-1726/19/4/045003/> (Elektor E-Magazine and WIA News)

From *Amateur Radio Newline #1706*, April 23, 2010

AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

Amateur radio exam sessions in this 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 (June 5, 2010) 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 (May 8, 2010) at 10 AM and on the second Wednesday of the even numbered months (June 9, 2010) at 7 PM. The contact person is Larry Puccio, K2QDY, 732-349-2950 or lpuccio1@comcast.net.

In all cases, the fee is \$15 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.

FCC FINES PHONEJAMMER.COM

The FCC has notified a United Kingdom-based firm known as Phonejammer.com of its Apparent Liability for Forfeiture in the amount of \$25,000. This, for marketing in the United States of radio frequency devices designed to intentionally interfere with licensed cellular and Personal Communications Services.

Phonejammer.com was originally issued a Citation by the FCC after it discovered instances where businesses in the United States were found using the devices. In both cases the sale of the items was traced directly to the Phonejammer.com website. In its reply to the citation, Phonejammer.com through its attorney claimed that it does not market to the United States, and has not shipped or distributed units to the United States. This despite the fact that the FCC has receipts from Phonejammer showing that such purchases were made.

In affirming the fine the FCC said that regardless of what Phonejammer may claim, the evidence clearly demonstrates that on at least two occasions within the past year, Phonejammer has sold and shipped phone jamming units to individuals in the United States. One was bought by an individual in Carrollton, Texas on April 21, 2009 and the other by an individual in Port St. Lucie, Florida on September 24, 2009. Both purchases were made through the Phonejammer.com website and that Phonejammer shipped both devices to addresses in the United States.

Phonejammer.com was given the customary 30 days to pay the fine or to file an appeal. (FCC)

From *Amateur Radio Newline #1706*, April 23, 2010

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see last page)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g. **N2BMK** May 22. All times are EDST. Contests are listed in the May QST, p. 78.

April 30-May 1 – **10-10 Spring Digital Contest** from 8:01 PM Fri. to 7:59 PM Sun. See www.ten-ten.org

May 1-2 – **Radio Club of America QSO Party**, Phone from 1 PM Sat. to 12:59 AM Sat. See www.radio-club-of-America.org

May 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.

May 3 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 7 PM (10-35 wpm). See May. QST, p. 78 or www.arrl.org/w1aw

May 3 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.

May 4 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon at left rear table. All are welcome.

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

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

May 5 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross, West Park Ave. and Shafto Road in Tinton Falls.

May 6 - **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

May 8-9 – **Armed Forces Communications Test**, Phone & Digital from 8 AM Sat. to 8 PM Sun. See www.netcom.army.mil/mars

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

May 8 – **Holiday City VE Session** at 10 AM in Toms River. Pre-register with Larry Puccio, K2QDY at 732-349-2950 or e-mail at lpuccio1@comcast.net

May 8 – **FISTS Spring Sprint**, CW from 1 PM to 5 PM. See www.fists.org/sprints.html

May 9 – **Mothers Day**

May 10 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.

May 11 – **Monmouth Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 7 PM in Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue.

May 11 – **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

May 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.

May 15-16 – **All America Contest**, CW from 11 AM Sat. to 7:59 PM Sunday. See www.powerline.com.br/cwjf/eng4.htm

May 17 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.

May 19 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Antenna building party.

May 20 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:30 PM Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoio, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or wa2nda@comcast.net.

May 21 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 9 AM (10-35 wpm). See May QST, p. 78 or www.arrl.org/w1aw

May 23 – **NADXA Hamfest**, MAECOM Bldg, Tinton Falls from 8 AM. Adults \$5. See p. 1.

May 24 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 PM.

May 29 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at 9 AM at the American Legion on Gully Road in Neptune.

May 28-30 – **CQ WW WPX Contest**, CW from 8 PM Fri. to 8 PM Sunday. See www.cqwp.com

May 29 – **Bergen ARA Hamfest** in Washington, NJ, 8 AM to 2 PM. Buyers \$5, sellers \$15. See www.bara.org

May 31 – **Memorial Day**

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