



# THE PROPAGATOR

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## UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next GSARA meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. The program will feature NNJ Section Manager Rich Krohn, N2SMV updating us on ARRL activities as well as plans for SET and Winlink. Bring a guest and enjoy the light refreshments that will be available.

The second meeting in October will be held on **Wednesday, October 15 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. This will be a regular business meeting. Light refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.

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## GSARA NET 8:30 PM TUESDAYS

Did you know that there is a get-together of GSARA members on the Asbury Park repeater every Tuesday at 8:30 pm? In the first four sessions in September, we have had 28 check-ins for an average of 7 per session. The following 13 members checked into this net at least once (number of check-ins in parenthesis):

N2HGI (4), W2OD (4), KC2YNL (4), K2CYS (3), N2BMK (2), KA2F (2), KC2HCY (2), K2QXW (2), KG2CM (1), K2EPD (1), W2HTS (1), AL2O (1), and W2XYZ (1).

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

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## NEW GSARA WEBSITE

Check out the revised GSARA website at:

[www.gardenstateara.org](http://www.gardenstateara.org)

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## HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

## GSARA HAMFEST RESULTS

Preliminary financial report for the September 20 hamfest:

### INCOME

Gate	\$395
50/50	\$11
Food	\$101
Club table	\$379

### EXPENSES

Door prize (bought from KJI)	\$100/00
Food	\$94.11
Ice and soda	\$67.01
MAECOM fee (normally \$300)	\$0.00

**PROFIT** was \$624.88

KJI Electronics was the only commercial vendor but we had about 6 ham vendors and an extensive club table. About 60 admission tickets were sold. There were no VE tests conducted.

Seventeen GSARA members participated, plus Carol Shockley working with Bill, NJ2H and Ralph, KC2YNL on refreshments. Thanks to all members who lent their support and special thanks go to Howard, W2HTS and Jeff, N2LXM who used their trucks to transport materials in both directions; to Cy, K2CYS and Ray, WA1FFT for covering the club tables; to Hunter for his Public Address announcements; to KJI for his donations for club members to be given away later; to Syd, KG2CM for working the 50/50s; to Bruce, K2QXW for his financial preparedness and banking skills; to Bob, W2OD and Bruce, K2QXW ever at the gate; to Howard, W2HTS for purchasing and delivering ice, soda, and water; to Jeff, N2LXM for putting up and taking down the signs; and to Hudson Division Vice Director Bill Hudzik, W2UDT for his attendance and support.

## GSARA OFFICERS

President	KA2F	John King	942-7705
Vice Pres.	W2HTS	Howard Suffill	460-1885
Secretary	W2OD	Bob Buus	946-8615
Treasurer	K2QXW	Bruce McLeod	946-4368
Engineer	W2EPD	George Graulich	255-7916
Webmaster	K2CYS	Cy Stanway	768-7773
Publicity	NJ2H	Bill Shockley	207-4466
Repeater	N2LXM	Jeff Harshman	922-0816
Radio Room Phone		732-493-9100, X1252	
Trustees	W2KQ	Joe Dreifuss	493-4236
	W2OD	Bob Buus	946-8615
	W2HAM	Lou Russo	842-6431

## DX MEETINGS UP IN THE AIR

The DX meetings on the last Monday of each month (October 25) have become a bit sporadic due to lack of interest. If you would like to meet, please contact Joe, W2KQ to find if the meeting will take place and whether it will be at the Red Cross or at the Blue Swan Diner.

## PATCHES

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

## OUTGOING QSL CARDS

If any GSARA members wish to combine their QSL cards that are going through the outgoing ARRL Bureau, please bring them to the next GSARA meeting along with the label from a recent QST Magazine (you must be an ARRL member to participate in this program). Ray, WA1FFT will then send them on to ARRL at no charge to GSARA members. It couldn't be much easier than that to QSL. You are registered at the W2 incoming bureau, aren't you?

## PROPAGATOR NOW ON THE WEB

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

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

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

## GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

## GSARA E-MAIL

w2gsa@arrl.net

## EDITOR'S NOTES

The weather on September 20 was just perfect for a Hamfest but as you can see from the results on page 1, attendance was about half of what it has been on prior Hamfests both for buyers and sellers. There are several reasons for the poor attendance but we must do something about it to bring it back up if we want to continue these activities. IMHO, much of the blame rests with the problems last spring with no restrooms, no power, and no hot food. This caused lots of negative feelings of the spring attendees and I suspect many vowed not to return. Another factor was the conflict with the DVRA Hamfest at the same time. So, put on your thinking caps and think of ways we might bring back these disillusioned attendees of the past.

I forgot to mention in the Hamfest article on page 1 that the winner of the \$100 gift certificate for KJI was our own Ed Piotrowski, WB2KCV. Congratulations, Ed!

New members have been joining GSARA at a consistently good rate with three more joining this past month (see page 6). I think that our VE sessions are playing a big part in bringing in members. Hats off to Rich, N3RB for coordinating this.

Speaking of Rich, He has just lost his sister-in-law (his brother's wife) after having lost his brother just a few years ago. Our condolences to Rich and his family.

The New Jersey QSO Party is coming up on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to participate if you can. Furthermore, if you mention that you want GSARA credited with your score when you submit your log, we have a chance to compete with all the other clubs in New Jersey. Lots of submissions could place us in the top spot for NJ. Let's try for it!

Finally, mark your calendar for Sunday, October 19 when we have both the CROP walk (Red Bank area) and Juvenile Diabetes (Avon-Belmar area) requiring our communications services (see page 7). Please help if you can.

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

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

## MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President John King, KA2F was absent so the meeting was called to order by Vice President Howard, W2HTS at 7:34 PM at the Red Cross. There were 17 members and two guests present. The guests were Art Gray, AL2O from Matawan and Ed Woznicki, AC2A from Colts Neck. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

### Reports and Business

Since this was a meeting with a program, most reports and business was postponed until the next meeting on September 17.

### Health and Welfare

Bob, W2OD reported the death of former GSARA member Mike Doelger, WB2GXP on August 18 at the age of 69. Mike moved to North Carolina after he retired. A moment of silence was observed for Mike.

### New Members

An application for membership was received with \$9.50 payment from Glenn Cohen, KD2GWH from Tennent. An ARRL member, Glenn is in Marketing and interested in photography, astronomy, aviation and amateur radio satellites. He just upgraded to an Extra class license and is now looking for amateur radio equipment. A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Bruce, K2QXW to accept Glenn's membership. By unanimous vote, his membership was accepted.

An application was also received from Ed Woznicki, AC2A from Colts Neck with payment of \$9.50. Ed is an electrical engineer with an Extra class license and is active on VHF, UHF and some PSK31 on HF. An ARRL member, he is interested in many amateur radio activities including antennas, SPRS, PDK31 and 10 GHz. He is also interested in wood and metal working as well as electronics. A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Ned, KC2HCY to accept Ed as a member of GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

### Public Service

Jeff, N2LXM reported that the American Diabetes Association is looking for amateur radio

communications help on Saturday, September 20 (the same day as the GSARA Hamfest).

The Twin Lights Bike Tour is Sunday, September 28. See Tom, N2VFK if you can help with either of these events.

### Hamfest

The Hamfest is coming up on Saturday, September 20. Bill, NJ2H produced a flyer and that has been put on our web site. We expect both KJI Electronics and Cheap Ham to be at this hamfest. A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Jeff, N2LXM to authorize expenditure not to exceed \$400 for food supplies for the hamfest. The motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Jeff, N2LXM has obtained the tags to bring the silent key plaque up-to-date. The total cost was \$148 (\$150 was authorized).

### New Business

A motion was made by Len, WA1PCY and seconded by Jeff, N2LXM that the Garden State ARA establish an annual **Amateur of the Year award and luncheon** to be held at an area restaurant in November prior to Thanksgiving; that nominations be collected from members by the President and one Trustee who will name the award winner; that a suitable plaque be engraved (at a cost not to exceed \$100) to be awarded at the luncheon; that the award winner and guest be exempt from luncheon costs. After a lively discussion, there was little support for having the award luncheon in November and concern that the allowable costs might be too high. As a result of the discussion, Len, WA1PCY modified his motion to that of selecting a GSARA member each year as amateur of the year and that an award be presented to the GSARA amateur of the year at an annual luncheon. Details of the above process are to be worked out by an ad hoc committee appointed by the President. The motion was seconded by Joe, W2KQ and unanimously approved.

### Program

Bruce, K2QXW showed a DVD of the Descheo Island DX-pedition in 2009. A dedicated band of radio amateurs set up and operated several stations for two weeks in February, 2009 off the west coast of Puerto Rico. These dedicated

operators made over 115,000 contacts operating as K5D.

### Close

The 50-50 door prize of \$18 was won by Joe, W2KQ. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to close the meeting which was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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## **MINUTES OF SEPT. 17 MEETING**

### **By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**

President John King, KA2F called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. There were 17 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

### Health and Welfare

Bob, W2OD reported that Jack Croft, N2GUS from Fair Haven became a silent key on September 7 at the age of 84. Jack retired from Fort Monmouth in 1976 and was a 35 year member of the Fair Haven Fire Dept. He enjoyed photography, tinkering with everything electronic and being an amateur radio operator. The funeral service was at the John E. Day Funeral Home on September 11. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Fair Haven Fire Dept. A moment of silence was observed for Jack Croft, N2GUS.

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Vince, KE2V to accept the secretary's minutes from the previous meeting as will be published in the October Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bruce, K2QXW presented his report. A motion was made by Ralph, KC2YNL and seconded by Ned, KC2HCY to accept the report and it passed unanimously.

### New Member

An application for membership with proper payment was received from Tom Chicino, KC2RSE from Toms River. Licensed since 2007, Tom holds a General class license and is an ARRL member. He's active on all the HF and VHF bands with most interest in DX and rag chewing. Other interests include walking, biking, kayaking, and Tai Chi. He is a retired Correction

Lieutenant. By unanimous vote, Tom was made an active member of GSARA.

### Old Business

The Asbury Park repeater call sign should be changed from WB2ABT to W2GSA very soon when Howard, W2HTS and Rich, N2SMV can get together to visit the site.

Jeff, N2LXM has updated the silent key plaque with the additional names so it is now almost up-to-date (Mike Doelger, WB2GXP has to be added).

John, KA2F has appointed a committee consisting of himself, Len, WA1PCY; Cy, K2CYS; and Marty, N2BMK to work out the details for an annual awards luncheon. It may be a Sunday at around 2 PM and may be at Schneider's. This will honor the GSARA Ham of the Year.

### Hamfest

The fall GSARA hamfest is coming up on September 20 at our usual location at MAECOM. There will be a Seton Hall program at the same time at the site but they will use the front parking lot and use a different entrance to the building. We need someone to direct the traffic for each event to the appropriate entrance and parking lot. We also need two people to run the 50-50. We need helpers to bring additional tables to the site (MAECOM is furnishing 8 tables). Helpers should get there as early as possible (6:30 am). KJI Electronics will be there but Cheap Ham will not due to a conflict with the DVRA hamfest. The door prize will be a \$100 gift certificate from KJI and the drawing will be around noon. You need not be present to win.

In the interest of promoting more business for KJI, Bill, NJ2H volunteered to send an e-mail to the recently licensed amateurs in the area to encourage them to look at the equipment available for sale from KJI and also remind them that ARRL publications can be purchased from KJI without paying the high shipping costs if ordered from the ARRL.

### New Business

The annual Hudson Division Awards Luncheon is being held out on Long Island this year. Jeff, N2LXM volunteered to represent the GSARA at the luncheon. A motion was made by Charlie, KB2YTM and seconded by Ralph,

KC2YNL to authorize the expenditure of \$50 for GSARA to take out a half page ad in the Awards Luncheon booklet. The motion passed unanimously.

John, KA2F asked for volunteers to serve on a Nominations Committee to produce a slate of officers for GSARA for 2015. Bill, NJ2H; Jeff, N2LXM; and Vince, KE2V offered to serve on the committee and will report a slate of officers at the October 15 meeting.

John, KA2F pointed out the need for a light in our storage cage at the Red Cross. A motion was made by Howard, W2HTS and seconded by Ned, KC2HCY to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$150 to put a light in the cage. The motion passed unanimously.

John, KA2F also pointed out that we need an inventory of all of the equipment in the cage. This can be done some Saturday when we have the new light installed.

There are several mag-mount antennas in our storage cage that should be measured and labeled with their resonant frequency. Charlie, KB2YTM offered to bring in his analyzer and made the measurements.

#### Announcements

John, KA2F announced the programs for the rest of the year. The October 1 meeting will feature Rich Krohn, N2SMV bringing us up-to-date on ARRL activities as well as the plans for SET and the use of Winlink. The November 5 meeting will be about wireless telegraphy at Twin Lights before Marconi in 1899. The December 3 meeting will be a movie about Marconi's first trans-Atlantic radio experiment.

Howard, W2HTS fixed the broken emergency floodlight in the radio room at the Red Cross.

#### Close

The door prize of \$16.00 was won by Ned, KC2HCY. There being no further business, a motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Bill, NJ2H to close the meeting which was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

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### **BOB GUERCIO, AC2Z - SK**

Former GSARA member Robert J. Guercio, 69, of Neptune, died suddenly on Friday, September 19, 2014. He was born in Brooklyn,

NY to the late Anthony and Josephine Guercio. Robert was a graduate of Queens College and later received his Master's Degree in Physics from Monmouth University. He was retired as an Electronics Engineer at Fort Monmouth and later taught Mathematics at Brookdale Community College where he was an adjunct professor. Robert was a member of several organizations including the Chess Club, the Model Railroad Club and the GSARA.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years Kathleen Guercio of Neptune, his daughter Michelle Guercio and many loving family members and friends.

The funeral service was on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at the Ely Funeral Home, Neptune. Condolences may also be made online at [www.elyfuneralhome.com](http://www.elyfuneralhome.com).

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### **MIKE DOELGER, WB2GXP - SK**

Former GSARA member Michael Maron Doelger of Tyron, NC and formerly of Fair Haven, NJ, died on Monday, Aug. 18, 2014 at Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C. after a brief illness. He was 69. Michael grew up in Shrewsbury, NJ and was the son of Richard and Eileen Doelger. He attended Shrewsbury Boro School as a child and in 1959 attended the first class of the newly established Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, NJ. He received a B.A. from Loyola University in Chicago and a Master's degree in Education from Rutgers University. He spent 7 years teaching in the Forked River and Middletown school districts before beginning a new career in landscaping. He successfully operated his Fair Haven lawn care company for over 30 years, satisfying his customers while advancing his education at Rutgers Cook College of Environmental and Biological Sciences.

Mike was an active member of The Church of the Nativity in Fair Haven, serving as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and maintaining the parish grounds. Following his retirement, he relocated to Tyron, NC. He was active in his new community and fulfilled his life-long dream of becoming a Gentlemen Country Farmer.

Mike was an accomplished ham radio operator (WB2GXP). He was an avid cyclist and traveled the world with his cycling club trekking thousands

of miles for both recreation and fundraisers while traversing the globe from Alaska to New Zealand.

Michael is survived by his son, Brian Doelger of Atlantic Highlands, NJ; daughter, Carrie Strand and son-in-law Steven of Fair Haven; five grandchildren; brothers, Richard of Shrewsbury, NJ, Peter of Somerville, NJ, David of Austin, TX; and several nieces and nephews.

More information may be obtained by contacting Brian at: [bmdoelger@gmail.com](mailto:bmdoelger@gmail.com) or writing to: P.O. Box 4276, Middletown, N.J.

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### **JACK CROFT, N2GUS -SK**

John F. "Jack" Croft, 84, a 64 year Fair Haven resident passed away Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014 at Riverview Medical Center. Jack was born in Little Silver. He attended Red Bank High School. He began his work life at Ross' Farm near Sickles in Little Silver. He was also employed by JH Kelly Co. in Red Bank before moving on to Research and Development at Fort Monmouth as a self-taught electronics engineer. Jack retired from Ft. Monmouth in 1976 after more than 20 years of service. He was a 35 year member of the Fair Haven Fire Dept. In his spare time Jack enjoyed spending time with his family, photography, tinkering with everything electronic and operating his amateur radio station, N2GUS.

Jack is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Jane A. (Doughty) Croft; sons, John F. Jr. and wife Kathy of Silver Spring, MD, Steven J. and wife Cathy of Lake Hopatcong, NJ, David P. and wife Sandra M. of Middletown, NJ and Paul J. and wife Kathleen of Fords, NJ; daughters, Lynn Hervilly and husband Jean of Fair Haven, NJ, Karen Martin and husband John of Freehold, NJ, Mary Croft and partner Jessica Hedler of Maricopa, AZ and Florence Milutinovic and husband Jim of State College, PA; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral home service took place at John E. Day Funeral Home, Red Bank on September 11. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Middletown. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Fair Haven Fire Dept., 645 River Road, Fair Haven, NJ 07704, or, [VNA of Central Jersey](#), 141 Bodman Place, Red Bank, NJ 07701. Please visit John's memorial website available at [www.johne-dayfuneralhome.com](http://www.johne-dayfuneralhome.com).

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome Tom Chicino, KC2RSE from Toms River as a new member of GSARA. Licensed since 2007, Tom holds a General class license and is an ARRL member. He's active on all the HF and VHF bands with most interest in DX and rag chewing. Other interests include walking, biking, kayaking, and Tai Chi. He is a retired Correction Lieutenant. Add to your roster:

KC2RSE, Tom Chicino  
24 Yucca Ct.  
Toms River, NJ 08755  
732-240-7395  
[thomaschicino@verizon.net](mailto:thomaschicino@verizon.net)

Please also welcome Glenn Cohen, KD2GWH from Tennent. An ARRL member, Glenn is in Marketing and interested in photography, astronomy, aviation and amateur radio satellites. He just upgraded to an Extra class license and is now looking for amateur radio equipment. Add to your roster:

KD2GWH, Glenn Cohen  
P. O. Box 399  
Tennent, NJ 07763  
732-446-7083  
[glenncohen@earthlink.net](mailto:glenncohen@earthlink.net)

Also welcome Ed Woznicki, AC2A from Colts Neck. Ed is an electrical engineer with an Extra class license and is active on VHF, UHF and some PSK31 on HF. An ARRL member, he is interested in many amateur radio activities including antennas, SPRS, PDK31 and 10 GHz. He is also interested in wood and metal working as well as electronics. Add to your roster:

AC2A, Ed Woznicki  
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### **RADIOSHACK IN TROUBLE**

Back in the day, [RadioShack](#) employees would answer the phone by saying, "You've got questions, we've got answers." But RadioShack now seems stumped, and bankruptcy is looming ever larger as the retailer casts about for a white knight. Last March, in the wake of a substantial drop in holiday sales and a big fourth-quarter loss, the Fort Worth, Texas-based RadioShack

announced plans to close 1100 of its outlets, leaving the chain with 4000 stores, including more than 900 dealer franchises. The company's second-quarter 2014 report has been deemed "dismal" by investment advisors.

According to [CNNMoney](#), though, the retailer has been able to shutter only 200 of those shops -- because it costs a lot of money even to close locations, and RadioShack has none to spare. It's already bleeding cash -- some \$149 million just this year -- in its struggle to board up unprofitable locations and keep its head above the rising waters, and, as CNNMoney reported, credit rating agency Moody's expects the company's bank account to run dry within another 12 months. One Wall Street analyst already has warned of impending bankruptcy, and Forbes.com [reported](#) last week that the retailer itself has confirmed the likelihood of a Chapter 7 or Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing, if it cannot find a buyer or restructure its debt.

A filing the retailer submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) this week said that if RadioShack cannot sell the firm, partner with another company, or restructure its debt, "we may not have enough cash and working capital to fund our operations beyond the very near term, which raises substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern." And if Plan A does not work out, the retailer told the SEC, "we would likely be required to liquidate under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code." Read [more](#).

From *The ARRL Letter*, September 18, 2014

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## **PUBLIC SERVICE ON OCTOBER 19**

Sunday 19 October will be a busy day!

The Juvenile Diabetes walk from Avon into Belmar and return is in the morning (about 0800 to 1200). There are only 3 stops on this one so four operators is sufficient (I have two thanks to Syd & Jeff and I make three).

The CROP walk starts about 1400. There are five stops in Red Bank and Little Silver so 7 operators should be sufficient. Again, so far, we have three operators (counting myself).

Tom Cosgrove, N2VFK  
Past Captain RBVFA Squad, EMT-B  
SKYWARN Spotter LME002  
Red Cross Disaster Volunteer since 1995

## **VE TEST SESSION OCTOBER 25**

The GSARA monthly test session will be held on Saturday, October 25 at 11 am at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. The fee is \$15 and you should bring the original and a copy of any amateur license presently held and the original and one copy of any credit (CSCE) forms that you have (copies will be sent in with your test results). Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a photo ID. For more information, contact Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or [n3rb@arrl.net](mailto:n3rb@arrl.net).

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## **ARCHIE'S STAN GOLDBERG, SK**

[Stan Goldberg](#), the artist who, with Mike Esposito, drew the "Archie's Ham Radio Adventure" comic for ARRL in the 1990s, died August 31. He was 82. A New York City native, Goldberg was Marvel Comics' chief colorist during the 1960s, when most of the characters now associated with Marvel were created.

"He's the reason Spider Man's costume is red and dark blue, the reason the Incredible Hulk's skin is green," said Jim Massara, N2EST, who penned *QST* cartoons in the 1980s and also once worked for Marvel. "Goldberg was a giant in our industry."

Massara said Goldberg was best known for drawing teen-related comics, first for Timely, a Marvel Comics predecessor, where Goldberg started as a staff colorist in 1949, when he was just 16. He went on to work for DC Comics and, finally, for Archie Comics starting in the early 1970s. "He was Archie Comics' prolific lead artist for a number of years, and along with Dan DeCarlo was one of two artists who defined the look of Archie and the gang for several decades," Massara told ARRL.

Massara said Goldberg was well liked and respected by his colleagues. In 1994, he was honored with an Inkpot Award at Comic-Con International in San Diego, and in 2012 he was inducted into the National Cartoonist Society's Hall of Fame.

Goldberg had suffered a debilitating stroke in mid-August. His [Facebook page](#) includes more information on his work.

From *The ARRL Letter*, Sept5ember 4, 2014

## NJ QSO PARTY OCTOBER 4-5

The annual NJ QSO Party will run this October 4 and 5, 2014 and operate on CW and SSB on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. The Party runs from noon to 11:59 pm Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm Sunday. The exchange is RS(T) and county. Each SSB contact is 1 QSO point and each CW contact is 2 QSO points. The same station can be contacted on CW and SSB on each band. The multiplier is number of counties (21 max) plus number of states (49 not in NJ) plus 1 DX (84 max). There is a one-time 100 point bonus for working K2TD.

Cabrillo electronic logs are to be e-mailed to [njqp@comcast.net](mailto:njqp@comcast.net) by October 25. GSARA members should specify GSARA as their affiliated NJ Club. The NJ club with the highest aggregate score will receive a gavel.

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### A NOTE FROM LEE LENSKEY, K2EEI

Just a quick note to let folks know that I have not disappeared. I just got called up for a 7-month deployment overseas. Leaving for Pope Field in NC tomorrow. They still need us old-timers when precision flying needs to be done.

Please pass along to the membership so they don't think I just dropped out of the club. As soon as I get situated, I'll be looking to get set up on 20m and EchoLink (is our node up?). Not sure when I will have email access until I get there.

Thanks and 73, Lee, K2EEI

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### RADIO ROOM OPEN SATURDAYS

The GSARA radio room in the back of the Red Cross is open most Saturday afternoons. Simply drive all the way around to the back, where the antennas are located, to the RED DOOR. Your have a choice of ways to gain entry (in order of preference):

1. Call W2GSA on the repeater 147.045 (p167)
2. Call on the telephone 732-493-9100 ext. 1252
3. Ring the doorbell (CW preferred)
4. Bang on the door until either someone opens or your fist gets sore.

Hopefully, someone will let you in where you can operate or kibitz with others as you choose.

## TEN YEARS AGO

From the October 2004 Propagator: The response letter received by Frank, W2XYZ after he wrote to President Bush regarding BPL was published on page 8. Leslie Grove, W2UKY became a silent key on August 23 and Red Gioggia, W2RDV on August 28. The ISS was configured as an FM repeater for the first time. The Army released 17 acres of Camp Evens to Wall Township which turned it over to InfoAge.

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### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the October 1999 Propagator: Bicentennial Hall in Fair Haven was closed due to structural problems so GSARA will meet at Fort Monmouth starting in October. A special event station will operate at Twin Lights to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marconi's successful operation from there. OMARC will operate the first week, GSARA the second, and QCWA the third. Rich Moseson, W2VU was named editor of CQ magazine.

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### TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the October, 1994 Propagator: The Shore Area Hamfest will be held at Brookdale College for the first time on October 9. The GSARA dinner/dance at the Town and Country Inn in Keyport is October 21. New members included Al Emer, N2YAC (now SK), Lou Russo, KB2RIO (now W2HAM) and Larry Wilkins, KB2RIS (now SK).

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### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

There was no Propagator for October 1989.

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### THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the October, 1984 Propagator: Al Lombardo, N2CUJ took over as editor of The Propagator from Vince Rosati, KE2V. VE testing started and Trevor Lewis, KA2TGF was the first in this area to take an exam and upgraded to Advanced. The 4<sup>th</sup> Treasure Island event was being planned by Harry Polhemus, KN2B. OMARC was in a bit of turmoil as to whether it should be a club (OMARC) or an association (OMARA). Russia changed their call letters so the letter after the initial U or R indicates the area or republic.



## NOTES ON CALENDAR (see next page)

Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. **KD2FLD** on October 7. All times are EDST. Contests are listed in the October QST, p. 87.

Sept. 30-October 7 – **W1AW/3 (Wash. DC) W1AW/6 (California) and W1AW/KL7 (Alaska)** from 8 pm Tuesday to 8 pm Tuesday.

October 1 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm. Program features NNJ Section Manager Rich Krohn, N2SMV

October 2 - **HCARC meeting** at 7 pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

Oct. 4-5 – **Oceania DX Phone Contest** from 4 am Sat. to 4 am Sun. See <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com>

Oct. 4-5 – **NJ QSO Party**, CW & Phone from noon to 11:59 pm Sat. and 10 am to 4 pm Sunday. See <http://www.k2td-bcrc.org>

October 5 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 5 pm on Marconi Road in Wall.

October 6 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

October 6 - **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-40 wpm). See [www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule](http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule)

October 7 – **Old Barney VE Session** at 6:30 pm in Manahawkin. Contact Urb Le Jeune, W1UL at 609-296-5856 or [urb@w2dec.com](mailto:urb@w2dec.com)

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

October 7 and every following Tuesday – **GSARA Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 8:30 pm.

October 7 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 pm.

October 7-October 14 – **W1AW/4 (Virginia), W1AW/0 (Missouri) and W1AW/KH0 (Tinian CNMI)** from 8 pm Tuesday to 8 pm Tuesday.

October 8 – **Holiday City VE Session** at 7 pm in Toms River. Contact is Larry Puccio, K2QDY at 732-349-2950 or e-mail at [lpuccio1@comcast.net](mailto:lpuccio1@comcast.net)

October 8 – **432 MHZ Fall Sprint**, all modes from 7 pm to 11 pm. See <http://www.svhfs.org>

Oct. 9 – **JSARS meeting** in Riverwood Park Rec. Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive at 7:30 pm.

October 11 – **OMARC Meeting** at 9:00 am at the Diana Site on Marconi Road in Wall. Guests welcome.

Oct. 11-12 – **Oceania DX CW Contest** from 4 am Sat. to 4 am Sun. See <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com>

October 13 -. **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

Oct. 14-Oct. 21 – **W1AW/4 (Alabama), W1AW/8 (Michigan) and W1AW/KH0 (Tinian CNMI)** from 8 pm Tuesday to 8 pm Tuesday.

October 15 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Regular business meeting.

Oct. 16 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:00 pm Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoio, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or [wa2nda@comcast.net](mailto:wa2nda@comcast.net).

Oct. 18-19 – **W/VE Islands QSO Party**, all modes from noon Sat. to 7:59 pm Sun. See <http://www.usislands.org>

Oct. 18-19 – **Telephone Pioneer QSO Party**, CW/Digital from 1 to 5 pm Sat. and 7 to 11 pm Sun. Phone from 7 to 11 pm Sat. and 1 to 5 pm Sunday. See <http://www.tpqsos.com>

October 20 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

Oct. 21-Oct. 28 – **W1AW/7 (Nevada) and W1AW/8 (W. Virginia)** from 8 pm Tuesday to 8 pm Tuesday.

October 22 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 4 pm (10-40 wpm). See <http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule>

Oct. 24-26 – **CQ WW SSB Contest** from 8 pm Fri. to 7:59 pm Sunday. See <http://www.cqww.com>

October 25 – **VE Test Session** at 11 am at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Contact Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or e-mail at [n3rb@arrl.net](mailto:n3rb@arrl.net)

October 27 -. **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 27 – **DX Interest Group**, Check with Joe, W2KQ as to time and place. See page 2.

Oct. 28-Nov. 4 – **W1AW/7 (Wyoming) and W1AW/1 (Massachusetts)** from 8 pm Tues. to 8 pm Tues.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 GSARA Mtg.	2 Hol. City Mtg.	3	4 Oceania SSB NJ QSO Pty
5 Oceania SSB NJ QSO Pty InfoAge	6 ARES/RACES 7:30 CW Qual. Run	7 <b>KD2FLD</b> OBARC GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	8 Hol. City VE 432 MHz Sprint	9 JSARS Mtg.	10	11 OMARC Mtg Oceania CW
12 Oceania CW InfoAge	13 RACES Net 7:30	14 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	15 GSARA Mtg.	16 JSARS VE	17	18 NA Island QSO Tel. Pioneers
19 Tel. Pioneers <b>W2NIR</b> NA Island QSO InfoAge	20 ARES/RACES 7:30	21 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	22 CW Qual. Run	23 <b>KC2CRI</b>	24 CQ WW SSB	25 GSARA VE 11am CQ WW SSB
26 CQ WW SSB InfoAge	27 DX Mtg. RACES Net 7:30	28 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b>	



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