



THE PROPAGATOR

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OCTOBER 2015

UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next GSARA meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. The program will feature Bob Buus, W2OD talking about PTT foot switches. Bring a guest and enjoy the light refreshments that will be available.

The second meeting in October will be held on **Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. This will be a regular business meeting. Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome.

GSARA NET 8:30 PM TUESDAYS

GSARA members meet on the Asbury Park repeater every Tuesday at 8:30 pm. In the five sessions in September we had 35 check-ins for an average of 7 per session. The following 16 members checked into this net at least once (number of check-ins in parenthesis):

KD2IEC (5), W2OD (5), KA2F (4), N2HGI (4), W2HAM (3), WA1PCY (2) K2REM (2), WB2RPW (2) N2BMK (1), KG2CM (1), K2CYS (1), KD2EPA (1), W2KQ (1), K2QXW (1), KC2YNL (1), and N2ZZP (1).

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

VE TEST SESSION OCTOBER 24

The GSARA monthly test session will be held on Saturday, October 24 at 11 am at the Red Cross. 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Arvind Subramanya, KD2JHU from Matawan. Arvind is a software engineer holding an Extra class license and is active on 20 and 40 meters. Add to your Roster:

KD2JHU, Arvind Subramanya
807 State Route 34
Matawan, NJ 07747
732-583-4987
Reachout2arvind@gmail.com

Please welcome Tom Massano, KD2JKM from Brick. Tom is a data storage consultant holding a Technician license. Add to your Roster:

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Please welcome Nicholas Corvasce, KD2JKO from Middletown. Nicholas is a student and hold a Technician license. He is interested in HF, PSK and SDR. Add to your Roster:

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Please welcome Art Olson, KD2JKP from Brick. Art is a volunteer driver and holds a Technician license. Add to your Roster:

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	W2OD	Bob Buus	946-8615
	W2HAM	Lou Russo	842-6431

FRIDAY BLUE SWAN LUNCHEONS

A number of local radio amateurs meet each Friday at the Blue Swan Diner on Highway 35 south in Ocean Township at noon. Anyone interested in amateur radio is welcome to join us in the sun room at the north end of the 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>

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

EDITOR'S NOTES

The month of September has been a long one for me with lots of drama regarding my eyes. It all began when the cataract in my left eye was deemed ripe enough for its surgical removal. In examining my eyes, the Dr. found a horseshoe tear in the retina of my right eye. This was fixed with cryosurgery and the cataract surgery scheduled for September 24. While measuring the left eye for the new lens it was discovered that my cornea had some irregularities that affect my vision. This was corrected by inserting a biofilm over the eye and leaving it in place for a week. Now I'm waiting three weeks for the eye to heal and then will go for cataract surgery on October 29. At least my vision is back to what it was before all of this activity but for much of the preparation of this issue, my left eye was taped closed with both eyes tearing badly and impairing my vision. That's my excuse for any typos.

Special thanks to Michael, AC2MV for clarifying the Windows 10 concerns from the last issue (see page 5).

I'm planning to attend the Hudson Division Awards Luncheon on November 8 at Palisades Park, NJ (see page 6) and further honor Blair, KD2EPA for his Technical Achievement Award. If you're thinking of going, I have printed out the ticket order form and will have copies at each GSARA meeting.

Tom, N2VFK is looking for volunteers to help out in the October Public Service events (see page 6). If you have a 2-meter HT or mobile rig, please consider helping. GSARA involvement with the CROP walk goes back over 25 years. Let's keep up the tradition.

It looks like we did quite well in the NJ QSO Party in September (see page 6). Hats off to John, KA2F for organizing this activity and making it a success.

I found it fascinating that a 105 year-old ham licensed for 90 years would still be actively on the air (see page 8). An even older ham (106) was found in California but had not been licensed as long. God bless them both

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 2 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at the Red Cross. There were 14 members and one guest present. The guest was Joe Kruszewski, KC2SVS from Brick. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

VE Session

John, KA2F reported that 3 people passed the exam at the GSARA Test session on August 29.

Hamfest

Rem, K2REM reported that he needs more volunteers to help at the Hamfest coming up on Saturday, September 12. The biggest issue at this time is that the availability of the food truck is a bit iffy but Rem is working on it. All needed tables will be hauled from the Red Cross on the morning of the Hamfest.

Member of the Year

John, KA2F announced that the members have voted Cy Stanway, K2CYS as member of the year. John will notify all members via an e-mail. Date, time and place of the banquet will be announced later.

Pope's Visit

The Red Cross has asked us to be prepared to staff the radio room during the weekend of the Pope's visit. Howard, W2HTS will coordinate a list of volunteers who might be available.

Program

The program was presented by Jeff, N2LXM and was about the 18th annual international lighthouse event. OMARC operated at the Sandy Hook lighthouse as K2USA this year and made several hundred contacts. This was the seventh year that OMARC has operated from Sandy Hook and they operated both VHF and HF with two HF stations and one VHF. All had a good time at this event.

Close

The 50/50 of \$16 was won by John Chunga, KC2YWL. There being no further business, a motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Marty, N2BMK to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:30 pm.

MINUTES OF SEPT. 16 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. There were 15 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their recent amateur radio activities.

Health and Welfare

Ralph, KC2YNL hurt his back but is resting at home as it heals.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Hunter Suffill to accept the minutes of the September 2 meeting as they will be published in the October Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John King, KA2F deferred his report to the Hamfest Committee as that was the only income and expense for the past month.

New Members

Applications were received from four new members. Nicholas Corvasce, KD2JKO from Middletown is a student interested in HF and PSK. Arvind Subramanya, KD2JHU from Matawan just upgraded to Extra Class. He is a software engineer and is active on 20 and 40 meters with his Kenwood TS-590SG. Tom Massano, KD2JKM from Brick is a data storage consultant. Art Olson, KD2JKP from Brick is a volunteer driver. A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXCM and seconded by Ray, WA1FFT to accept these four members as active members of the GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

Hamfest Committee

Rem, K2REM gave a final report on the financials for the September Hamfest. In spite of low attendance, we managed to have a net profit of \$47. If you subtract the \$68 realized from the Club Table, we had a loss of \$21. This isn't too much different than the fall Hamfest in 2014 where, after subtracting the \$385 realized from the Club table, we had a net profit of \$11.

John, KA2F reported that he had a great experience in checking cards with several people submitting cards.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is headed by Bruce, K2QXW and includes John, KC2YWL and Joe, W2KQ. They will present a slate of officers for 2016 at the October business meeting.

VE Testing Committee

The VE session at the Hamfest had 7 candidates taking exams and all passed. Two are new Technicians, three upgraded to General and two upgraded to Extra.

GSARA Member of Year

Cy, K2CYS received the most votes for GSARA Member of the Year 2015. A luncheon honoring Cy will be held on Saturday, December 5 at 2 PM at Nanette's in Tinton Falls. The cost will only be \$20 per person. A motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Ray, WA1FFT to allocate up to \$25 for a plaque honoring Cy. The motion passed unanimously.

Hudson Division Luncheon

The Hudson Division Awards Luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 8 in Palisades near the George Washington Bridge. Our own Blair Hearth, KD2EPA will be receiving the Technical Achievement Award. Tickets are \$42.50 per person. A motion was made by John, KA2F and seconded by Jeff, N2LXM to subsidize each GSARA member attending the Luncheon \$17.50 so the out-of-pocket for each member is only \$25. In the ensuing discussion, an amendment was proposed limiting the liability of GSARA to \$210 by limiting the subsidy to the first 12 members to attend. The amendment passed unanimously as did the original motion.

Public Service

Tom, N2VFK reminded us of two events in October that require our help in providing communications. The first is the Juvenile Diabetes walk on Sunday morning, October 11 in Avon. Only 3 or 4 people are needed for this.

The CROP walk is on Sunday afternoon, October 18 and requires about 8 or 10 volunteers to staff the rest stops as well as SAG vehicles. Contact Tom if you can help in either or both of these events.

Announcements

Ray, WA1FFT will be sending cards for DX contacts to the ARRL by the end of the month. In addition to the cards, you must include your ARRL membership number (or a copy of the front of QST with your mailing label).

John, KA2F reminded us that the NJ QSO Party is this coming weekend. You are welcome to operate W2GSA from the Red Cross or operate your own station (with your own call) from home.

Cy, K2CYS has updated the GSARA web site. Members are encouraged to check it out.

Howard, W2HTS said that the Red Cross is preparing for the Pope's visit. The Red Cross radio room will be open on Saturday, September 26 and members are encouraged to stop by or at least be on call in case an activation is called. Contact Howard if you might be available on a standby basis.

Jeff, N2LXM announced that the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will be on Saturday, October 17. OMARC will be actively participating. Perhaps W2GSA can participate when the radio room is open that Saturday.

The Twin Lights Bike Tour is coming on Sunday, September 27. Howard, W2HTS asked members to volunteer to help since it traditionally results in a nice contribution to our treasury.

Close

The door prize of \$14 was won by Jeff, N2LXM. Two other drawings were held for Hamfest workers. The \$10 gift certificate for RF adapters was won by Bruce, K2QXW. The \$25 gift certificate from ARRL was won by Rem, K2REM who donated it back for a second drawing which was won by Ray, WA1FFT. There being no further business, a motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Tom, N2VFK to close the meeting which was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

LAST MAN STANDING PROGRAM

Most hams know that the ABC program "Last Man Standing" includes an amateur radio station but, have never watched the show, and ask when it airs.

Well, to satisfy your curiosity, I invite you to tune in Fridays at 8pm ET on ABC to see the new 4th Season of this hit show, and see why it's a favorite of 7.8 million weekly viewers who love good, clean comedy, delivered brilliantly by America's top headliner.

Hams with sharp eyes will spot Baxter's nicely appointed ICOM shack in his office at work (opposite his boss played by Hector Elizondo) and spy all the QSL Cards on the wall above it, along with QCWA and ARRL material and publications sprinkled about.

Fresh background about the real Hams who make everything tick can be found here:

https://m.facebook.com/KA0XTT?id=269589906432073&refsrc=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F&_rdr

Vy 73, de Pete / NL7XM

WINDOWS 10 WARNING

From last month's article on page 6 regarding Windows 10 has been updated by Michael, AC2MV, who has done some further research and offers the following information which will certainly be of use to anyone contemplating using Windows 10:

"Just a note about the Windows 10 statements. All options listed on the initial setup can be turned on or off after the installation is complete. It is easier to do during setup, but not required. Nowhere does it state that Microsoft is collecting all keystrokes. There are issues with their privacy policy, and the data they collect, but it is not as bad as that article states. The biggest issues are:

Cortana - collects and uses GPS data, calendar data, email data, contacts, browsing history.

Separate collection of location data is used for advertising

Advertising ID. Lets apps utilize a user specific code to personalize ads.

Wi-Fi Sense. This one just worries me. Allows you to share Wi-Fi names and passcodes with other people. Rubs me the wrong way.

If you click on start and type the word "Privacy", you can access all privacy settings on the machine.

Michael, AC2MV"

RUSSIAN MILITARY ON HAM BANDS

The September edition of the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System (IARUMS) newsletter has reported that Russian Military traffic in the Amateur Radio 7 and 14 MHz bands increased during August. At least some of these intruders were likely to be audible in other parts of the world. Monitors in Europe reported a Russian over-the-horizon (OTH) radar in Gorodezh on 14.108 MHz, causing strong interference daily and often exhibiting splatter. In addition the Russian Navy was reported active frequently on 14.192.0 MHz using FM CW. Other monitoring stations in Germany reported numerous Chinese OTH radars in other bands, including on 75 meters.

Some of the worst offenders are OTH facilities in Russia and Iran. The signals can result in broad swaths of noise in the 20 meter band, he said. During his VoIP talk, Hadel pointed out that recruiting volunteer monitors with the "right equipment" is difficult, and he encouraged club members to join the hunt for ham band intruders.

According to Region 1 monitors, intruding signals said to be coming from Spanish fishing vessels have now been reported on all amateur bands -- shared and exclusive. A beacon, reported to be in Kazakhstan, has been transmitting "V" on 7027.5 kHz continuously. Apparent North Korean diplomatic traffic from the DPRK embassy in Moscow has been heard on 14.109.5 MHz.

Mario Taelubel, DG0JBJ, observed 31 OTH radars on 20 meters, 28 OTH radars on 15 meters, and 11 OTH radars on 10 meters during August. In addition, a Chinese OTH radar has often appeared on 80 meters in IARU Region 3.

Monitors in Europe also have monitored transmissions between taxi drivers and dispatchers on Amateur Radio frequencies, primarily on 10 meters.

The ARRL recently forwarded reports from IARU Region 2 and Hawaii to R2 Monitoring System Coordinator Jorge Del Valle, TG9ADV. These included so-called drift net beacons on 10 meters (28.281 and 28.226 MHz), as well as digital, radar, and phone intruders heard on 20 meters in Hawaii.

From *The ARRL Letter*, Sept. 17, 2015

NJ QSO PARTY RESULTS

Here are the NJ QSO Party results which still remain tentative until the results are officially certified by the Burlington Amateur Radio Society.

Our *tentative* club score for the **2015 NJ QSO Party** contest is **16,972**.

There were **FIVE GSARA participants**: Cy, K2CYS; Len, WA1PCY; Ned, KC2HCY; Arnold, AB2N and John, KA2F.

Over 200 QSOs were made on CW and SSB on the 20, 40 and 80 meter bands.

Of the 21 NJ counties, 17 were contacted. QSOs were made with 34 states and 5 DX countries (Bahamas, Belgium, Canada, Germany, and Netherlands).

While band conditions might have been better 40 meter CW and Phone bands were consistently reliable day and night.

Of course **more** GSARA operators (working from home stations couldn't be easier) likely would have doubled our club score.

Official results may arrive before the end of October and with a bit of W2GSA luck we may be awarded first prize for Monmouth County.

73 John KA2F

HUDSON DIVISION AWARDS LUNCH

The Hudson Division Awards Luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 8 from noon to 4 PM at Meson Madrid in Palisades Park, NJ. The catering hall is located just south of the George Washington Bridge. Tickets for the event are now being sold. At the moment, only checks can be accepted as payment. To purchase tickets, please go to the Hudson Division website, print out the ticket order form, and mail it in following the instructions on the page. Here is the link to the order form:

<http://hudson.arrl.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/2015-ARRL-Hudson-Division-Awards-LuncheonTicket-Form.pdf>

Tickets this year are \$42.50 per person. The restaurant is set up with smaller tables so there is no table discount.

Our own club member **Blair Hearth KD2EPA** will receive the **ARRL Hudson Division Award for Technical Achievement** at the awards luncheon.

Please join me in congratulating all of the awards winners and please support their achievement by joining them at the 2015 Hudson Division Awards Luncheon on November 8, 2015 from 12 noon - 4:00 pm.

The past 2 years we have raised nearly \$10,000 that has been donated to the ARRL. The money this year will once again be used to help offset the expenditures we've been making in support of our HR-1301/S.1685 advocacy effort.

I hope to see you at the luncheon on Sunday, November 8, 2015! 73 de Mike N2YBB

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OCTOBER PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Sunday, October 11, 2015 in Avon-By-The-Sea JDFR Walk for the Cure Avon NJ. As this has become a short out and back event, if we get operators for both ends and another J-Pole at the south end, I may bring the bicycle and do "Tail End Charlie" two wheel mobile.

October 11, 2015

Check-in: 8:30 AM

Starts: 10:00 AM

Length of walk: 5K

Avon-by-the-Sea Boardwalk

601 Ocean Avenue

Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ 07717

Sunday, October 18, CROP Walk Red Bank Regional High School. The usual assortment of rest stops with the J-poles at the High School and First Methodist on Broad St.

Red Bank Regional High School

[101 Ridge Road](#)

[Little Silver, NJ](#)

Registration: 1:00 p.m.

Walk: 2:00 p.m.

Tom Cosgrove

Captain RBVFA Squad, EMT-B

N2VFK

SKYWARN Spotter LME002

FCC NOW PAPERLESS

The ARRL VEC is reminding Amateur Radio license applicants that the FCC no longer routinely prints or mails license documents. In an effort to streamline its procedures and save money, the FCC went "paperless" in February 2015.

VEC Manager Maria Somma has created a web page, [How to Obtain an Official FCC License Copy](#), devoted to explaining the various ways a licensee can get an official license document from the FCC. An official license displays the FCC logo and the "Official Copy" watermark across each page. A [printer-friendly version](#) of the instructions is available on the ARRL website.

Somma said the *easiest* way for a license holder to obtain a license copy is to call the FCC at (877) 480-3201.

Licensees can also download and print their own official license copy by logging into the Universal Licensing System (ULS) using their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and password, then clicking on "Download Electronic Authorizations" in the menu on the left. The ULS has also added a green informational banner that says, "Change your paper authorization preferences [here](#), or download your official electronic authorizations [now](#)." Clicking the "[here](#)" hyperlink will take you to the Paper Authorization Preferences" page. To continue receiving paper license documents, click "Yes." Clicking the "[now](#)" hyperlink will take you to the "Download Authorizations" page.

On the "Download Authorizations" page, scroll down to the "Filter by Radio Service" box (remember, the ULS is *not* just for the Amateur Service). First, **highlight your call sign** and then click "ADD>" to put your call sign into the "Authorizations to Download" column. Scroll down a little further and click "DOWNLOAD>" to create an official FCC license PDF document that can be saved or printed.

When modifying, renewing, or requesting a duplicate license copy, a licensee who already has an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and provides a valid e-mail address under "Applicant Information" while logged into the ULS system will receive an official ULS-generated electronic authorization via e-mail.

All Amateur Radio exam applicants should include a valid e-mail address on their NCVEC 605 form, in order to receive a copy of their license electronically.

From *The ARRL Letter*, Sept. 24, 2015

FCC RESCINDS VANITY CALL

The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) on August 26 [proposed](#) to modify the license of Joshua A. Babb, W3JB, of Maricopa, Arizona, to reflect his previous call sign, KD7HLX. The prior holder of W3JB, John K. Birch, had died, and the FCC canceled the license on August 17, 2012. Barring exceptions to the 2-year waiting period, this meant the FCC would not accept applications for W3JB until August 18, 2014. Babb applied for W3JB on June 21, 2014, however, indicating that he was Birch's nephew, and the FCC granted the request on August 8, 2014.

The WTB's Mobility Division noted that Babb had earlier filed four other vanity applications seeking various "JB" suffix 1 × 2 call signs, including W3JB. All were dismissed, either because they fell within the 2-year waiting period or the FCC had already randomly selected a competing application. Responding to the Bureau's request to document his relationship to the deceased former holder of W3JB, Babb replied that Birch was his "grandfather's mother's brother."

"Mr. Babb's response to the Division's inquiry indicates that Mr. Birch was his great-great uncle," the FCC said. "This does not exempt Mr. Babb from the 2-year waiting period for call sign W3JB. The [exemption](#) applies only to specified close relatives. The relationship claimed by Mr. Babb is too distant to qualify."

The Division concluded that granting Babb the call sign W3JB was improper and proposed that modifying Babb's license to replace W3JB with KD7HLX, his former call sign, would be appropriate. The WTB will not issue a modification order, however, until Babb has been notified of the proposed action and has had an opportunity to file a protest, which he must do in writing within 30 days.

From *The ARRL Letter*, Sept. 3, 2015

105-YEAR-OLD AMATEUR

The Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) has honored 105-year-old Charlie Hellman, W2RP, of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, for his 90 years in Amateur Radio. The QCWA's announcement also served to flush out another active ham who, while 1 year older than Hellman, has not been licensed quite as long. On August 31, the QCWA presented a "90 Year Continuous Licensed Certificate Award" (No 1) to Hellman, whom the organization at the time called "the oldest living Amateur Radio operator in the United States and possibly the world." Hellman got his ham ticket in 1925, when he was 15 years old. He joined QCWA in 1975 and is a member of QCWA Chapter 181 in New York's Hudson Valley. He gets on the air regularly.

After QCWA [posted](#) its announcement on the [QRZ.com](#) news forum, however, Marcel Stieber, AI6MS, chimed in to point out that Hellman is not the oldest known ham. He said that Harry Wolf, W6NKT, of Morro Bay, California, is 106, although licensed but since 1936.

QCWA Webmaster Bob Roske, N0UF, stepped forward to renew Wolf's lapsed QCWA membership and noted that since Wolf had been licensed for more than 75 years, QCWA would issue him a life membership. And now the organization may recognize his longevity as well.

First licensed as W2AMK, Hellman was an educator. After working his way through the City College of New York, he taught physics on the secondary level. During World War II, the Department of War tapped Hellman to write a textbook, *Elements of Radio*, for training radio operators.

Two of Hellman's siblings also held ham tickets. His brother Robert, now deceased, was W2JAN. His brother Benjamin, 96, is W2VB.

Also an educator, Wolf indicated on his QRZ.com profile that he once taught electronics at the college level and, after retiring in 1973, went to live in Hong Kong where he operated as VS6GF for 4 years before returning to California. He said he's on the air every day, mostly on 40 meter CW. -- *Thanks to QCWA, Pete Varounis, NL7XM, and Charles Tropp, N2SO*

From *The ARRL Letter*, Sept. 10, 2015

TEN YEARS AGO

From the October 2005 Propagator: There were five articles related to the Amateur Radio role during and after Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi. There were rooftop rescues, volunteer clearing houses, and many instances of amateur radio supplementing overloaded cell phone networks. The ARRL extended League membership for members affected by the storm and the FCC extended license renewal dates in the affected states. SuitSat (an amateur transmitter installed in an outdated Russian spacesuit).was sent to the ISS for a future launch.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the October 2000 Propagator: Jeff, N2LXM agreed to temporarily store the club generator in his back yard (it was recently moved to the back of the Red Cross). Marv Bernstein, W2PAT donated a 1953 2-meter crystal-controlled transceiver to GSARA. As of September 1, all amateurs must comply with the RF Safety rules. MetroCor has replaced TSARC for coordinating repeater frequencies. There was a long list of video VHS tapes belonging to GSARA and available for loan to members. Marlboro prohibited the use of cell phones while driving.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the October, 1995 Propagator: W2GSA will operate a special event station at Sandy Hook commemorating the 100th anniversary of Fort Hancock. A trip to ARRL headquarters is planned for September 27. John Breza, WR2Z became a silent key. The Alinco DX-70T got a bad review. Wait for the Icom 706 coming out.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

There was no October 1990 Propagator.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

There was no October 1985 Propagator but Ed Piotrowski, WB2KCV had a 2-page write-up about operating Treasure Island on October 5 and 6.

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see next page)

Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. **KD2FLD** on October 7. All times EDST. Contests are listed in the October QST, p. 89

October 1 - **HCARC meeting** at 7 pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

Oct. 3-4 - **Oceania DX Contest, Phone** from 4 am Saturday to 4 am Sunday. See <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com>

October 4 and every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday - **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 5 pm on Marconi Road in Wall.

October 5 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

October 5 - **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-40 wpm). See October 2015 QST page 98 and www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule

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

October 6 - **Old Barney ARC Meeting** at 7:30 pm in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

October 6 and every following Tuesday - **GSARA Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 8:30 pm.

October 6 and every following Tuesday - **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 pm.

October 7 - **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm. Program is about PTT foot switches designed by Bob Buus, W2OD

October 8 - **JSARS meeting** in Riverwood Park Rec. Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive at 7:30 pm.

Oct. 9-10 - **10-10 Day Sprint**, all Modes from 8:01 pm Fri. to 7:59 pm Sat. See <http://www.ten-ten.org/index.php/activity>

Oct. 10-11 - **Oceania DX Contest, CW** from 4 am Saturday to 4 am Sunday. See <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com>

October 10 - **OMARC Meeting** at 9:00 am at the Diana Site on Marconi Road in Wall. Guests welcome.

October 12 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 14 - **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

October 15 - **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.

Oct. 17-18 - **Telephone Pioneers QSO Party**, all modes from 1 pm Sat. to 11 pm Sun. See <http://www.tpqso.com>

October 19 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

October 21 - **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Regular business meeting.

October 21 - **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 4 pm (10-40 wpm). See October 2014 QST page 98 and <http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule>

Oct. 23-25 - **CQ WW DX Contest, SSB** from 8 pm Fri. to 7:59 pm Sun. See <http://cqww.com/rules.htm>

October 24 - **GSARA VE Test Session** at 11 am at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. See Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or 4332lee@gmail.com

October 26 - **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

October 31 - **Halloween**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HCARC Mtg.	2	3 Oceania DX SSB
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