



THE PROPAGATOR

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NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 7

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on Wednesday, September 7 at 8:00 PM at the MARS building in Fort Monmouth. Come early for some good eyeball QSOs and enjoy the refreshments. There will be any late-breaking news about the closing of Fort Monmouth and the future of our meeting place. Also, some members are coming early to take an inventory and marking all GSARA-owned equipment. We look forward to seeing YOU there!

FORT MONMOUTH PASSES

Please check the expiration date on your Fort Monmouth badges. Within two or three weeks before they expire, please contact W2XYZ or KB2RIS to get them updated. They CANNOT be renewed at the visitor control center on the spot.

MARC LUNCH BUNCH MEETINGS

Area hams are once again gathering for lunch at the Middletown Burger King on Saturdays at noon. The Burger King is located on the southbound side of highway 35 just south of Kings Highway. Everyone with an interest in ham radio is welcome.

If you have 2-meter capability, check in on the Middletown Repeater 145.485 PL 151.4 to see what's happening.

GSARA HOMEPAGE HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

VANITY FEE RISES

The application fee for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign rose to \$21.90 effective for applications received by the FCC on or after Tuesday, August 23. The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a new Fee Filing Guide http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-260618A1.pdf this week, and WTB personnel have confirmed that the new vanity fee is in effect.

In a Report and Order and Order On Reconsideration (R&O) in the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 released July 7, the FCC raised the vanity application fee for FY 2005 from \$20.80 to \$21.90 for the 10-year license term. The FCC said it had adjusted FY 2004 "payment units" for each service to better reflect expected FY 2005 payment liabilities. The fee went up from \$16.30 to \$20.80 a year ago.

A reevaluation in the number of anticipated vanity call sign applications--or "payment units"--accounts for this latest fee hike. The FCC says it anticipates 7600 vanity applications--up only slightly from a year earlier.

The fee applies to applications for new vanity call signs as well as to license renewals for current vanity call sign holders. Vanity call sign licenses issued in 1996 when the FCC resurrected its vanity program will be coming up for renewal starting in mid-2006. Under current rules, Amateur Radio licensees may only file renewal applications within 90 days of their license expiration date.

More information on vanity call signs is available on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanity.html>.

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PROPAGATOR AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL

Would you like to help the finances of GSARA and at the same time get your issue of *The Propagator* a few days earlier? You can get every issue e-mailed to your computer every month by simply giving your e-mail address to Bruce McLeod, K2QXW and request *The Propagator* electronically. Bruce's e-mail address is <brucekleod@comcast.net>

BADGES AND PATCHES

All new GSARA members get a name badge. However, you may order additional ones by getting a Badge Order Form from our Secretary, **Bob Buus, W2OD**, filling it out and turning it in to Bob with your \$5.00 payment.

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

OUTGOING QSL CARDS

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

PROPAGATOR NOW ON THE WEB

The Propagator is available as a PDF file at:

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

EDITOR'S NOTES

Summer is winding down, kids are going back to school, and I'm looking forward to somewhat cooler weather. If you are like me, I've been using the hot weather as an excuse to not work on my antennas. Fall is a good time to check out all of your antennas to be sure that they will survive the upcoming winter. If you procrastinate as I am prone to do, winter may be upon us before we finish all of our planned antenna work. Let's get at it!

I guess I'm not the only one concerned about the statement in the new FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making eliminating 5 WPM Morse testing that the change would "promote more efficient use" of the amateur spectrum. The assurances by the ARRL on page 4, although factually correct (this NPRM does not propose any changes to the subbands), I worry that a year to two down the road will see such a proposal due to the obvious fact that the phone bands are much more crowded than the CW bands. I guess we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

Now might be a good time to buy a new ARRL Handbook. Note the promotion on page 7 whereby those placing advance orders will receive a reproduction of the first Handbook from 1926. I'm tempted to order the new Handbook myself just to get a copy of that original Handbook.

Finally, the iDX award being offered by CQ (see page 8) has already stirred up some controversy. Many hams think that contacts over the internet via VoIP should not count since it's not "radio". I'm of the opinion that anything that encourages the newer hams to go after operating awards is fine with me so I'm all for it. What do you think? I'll be glad to publish your opinion in a future *Propagator*.

Remember if you change your e-mail address, please be sure to inform Bruce McLeod, K2QXW.

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

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

MINUTES OF AUGUST 3 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Jeff Harshman, N2LXM, called the GSARA to order at Fort Monmouth at 8:06 PM. There were 21 members and two guests in attendance. All members present introduced themselves. The guests were Russ Frazer (Civil Air Patrol) from Jackson and Pat Villani, WB2GBF from Freehold. We all recited the Pledge to the Flag.

Treasurer's Report

Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Larry, KB2RIS and seconded by Peggy Struening to accept the report. The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Bob Buus, W2OD reported that Newsletters for neighboring amateur radio clubs were received. A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Larry, KB2RIS to accept the minutes of the July meeting as published in the August Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

The secretary also reported that GSARA is again registered as an affiliated club with the ARRL.

Health and Welfare

It was reported that Shirley Holzberg, N2KQ was home from the hospital and recovering.

Laura Clanton, N2HGI had a tumor removed from her head and it tested benign! She is making a speedy recovery.

Sympathy was expressed to Tony, KA2ZSI who suddenly lost his wife of 46 years. Many members attended the wake and funeral of Alice Tarantino earlier in the week. May she rest in peace.

Upgrade

Andy Beringer, AA2ZL, who worked his way up to an Extra class license, gained the confidence to go back to school and recently received his Associates degree in Mechanical Engineering. Hearty congratulations to Andy, who claims that amateur radio was the inspiration for his to pursue this additional goal.

Field Day

President Jeff Harshman, N2LXM thanked and congratulated all of the participants of Field Day. The Monmouth Message for July 29 carried an article and color picture about the W2GSA and K2USA Field Day effort.

The Radio Club of America also carried an article about the GSARA Field Day effort in the quarterly newsletter called the Aerogram.

Old Business

Thanks to the efforts of several members who came early to the meeting, the feed line to the rhombic antenna was replaced. Upon trying the repaired antenna, the first contact was with Israel which gave us a 59 report. Congratulations to all who helped get this antenna back on the air.

The control cables and feed line for the 20 meter beam is next on the list of projects to be done. It is proposed to get a few members together on a non-meeting Wednesday evening to complete this work.

Larry, KB2RIS pointed out that we must tag all equipment at Fort Monmouth owned by GSARA. Jeff, N2LXM has a bunch of tags made up. It was proposed that a few members get together some Wednesday and do it.

Larry, KB2RIS also pointed out that there have been some problems in getting some badges renewed and he is working on resolving it.

The GSARA generator, presently stored at Rich's, K2CPE QTH will be moved to Jeff's, N2LXM QTH.

There was a brief discussion regarding the status of Fort Monmouth. There appears to be a slightly better than 50-50 chance that it will remain open.

Public Service

Tom, N2VFK announced that the next event will be the Juvenile Diabetes walk on Sunday, October 9 in Avon. Then there is the Red Bank area CROP walk on Sunday, October 16. Both will need operators.

Announcements

International Lighthouse weekend is coming up on August 20-21 and the Neptune club will be participating.

Jeff, N2LXM announced the JSARS hamfest on Sunday, August 14 and he will have a table there.

If any members would like to sell something, he will be glad to put it on his table.

OMARC will again be conducting amateur radio classes at the Diana site of the old camp Evans starting in September and culminating in a VE exam on the first Saturday in November.

Two important hamfests are coming up in October. The Delaware Valley Radio Association will have their hamfest on Saturday, October 2 and the Mercer County Park. On Sunday, October 3, OMARC will have a tailgate party at the Diana site of the old Camp Evans.

Bud Clarke is selling some amateur radio equipment. A list was available at the meeting and will be in the next Propagator.

The Red Dragon Civil Air Patrol meets Wednesdays at Fort Monmouth from 7 PM to 9:30 PM in building 1109. CAP member Russ Frazer announced that they had a lot of surplus tables, chairs and desks. Larry, KB2RIS agreed to look into it to see if any could be of use to GSARA. Russ also announced that Coast Guard Day will be celebrated at Sandy Hook.

Closing

The door prize was won by Joe, W2KQ. There being no further business, a motion was made by Peggy Struening and seconded by Dave, WA2DJN to adjourn. The meeting was closed at 8:50 PM.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

The following items are FREE:

Heathkit transmitter Model HX-11 - 50 Watt, 3-tube crystal-controlled CW Transmitter. Never been used! Excellent.

AEA PK 88 TNC for packet

The following items are priced but will accept best offer:

AEA Isopole 2-meter antenna - \$25

2-meter Mag Mount Antenna - \$10

Carolina Windom 160-meter antenna - \$30

20-meter Hamstick with magnetic mount - \$30

Interested? See **C. W. Clarke, KE2DT**
732-842-7011
Fair Haven, NJ

CW SUBBANDS UNCHANGED BY FCC

Any FCC decision to eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for HF access would have no impact on either the current HF CW subbands or on the CW privileges of Amateur Radio licensees. "There seems to be a lot of confusion on these points, judging by the questions I've been getting," said John Hennessee, N1KB, of the ARRL Regulatory Information Branch. He emphasizes that the proceeding does not put forward or recommend any changes in CW allocations.

The FCC is currently accepting comments on its Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235, released July 19, which proposes to do away with the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for all license classes.

Hennessee further notes that the FCC also has not proposed to extend HF privileges to current Technician licensees who have not passed a Morse code examination. The Commission's NPRM&O suggests that in a no-Morse-requirement regime, such Technician licensees would be able to gain HF access by taking the Element 3 General class written examination.

To file on-line comments on the FCC NPRM&O in WT Docket 05-235 or to view others' comments in the proceeding, visit the ECFS site <<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>> and click on "Submit a Filing" or "Search for Filed Comments." In either case, type "05-235" in the "Proceeding" field, being careful to include the hyphen but not the quotation marks. Directions for filing comments, which can be in the form of an attached document, are on the ECFS site. Click on "Getting Started" to learn more.

As of week's end, more than 1700 comments had already been filed. The FCC has not yet established a closing date for comments in this proceeding, and it's not likely to release a Report and Order in this Docket until early next year.

In a separate--and unrelated--Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 04-140, the FCC agreed with an ARRL proposal to reallocate the current Novice/Tech Plus CW subbands to create additional room on certain 'phone subbands. If the FCC goes ahead with that proposal, Novice and Tech Plus licensees would have CW privileges in the current General class CW bands.

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.EMERGENCY POWER DAY

What makes Amateur Radio unique is its ability to communicate with one another anywhere in the world--and even in orbit--without having to rely on any outside infrastructure whatsoever. Hams can even do this without being plugged into the wall socket. Experienced radio amateurs take this capability for granted, but the general public is far less aware of it. So, an Emergency Power Operating Event (EPOE) on Amateur Radio Awareness Day, Saturday, September 17, will highlight Amateur Radio's ability to communicate worldwide without commercial mains, the Internet or a cellular telephone system.

"What better way to mark Amateur Radio Awareness Day than by calling attention to this unique capability?" says ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "It is particularly appropriate since September is the Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Month."

Amateur Radio Awareness Day activities typically focus on increasing public awareness. Past events have included public demonstrations, talks to community groups and getting local media coverage. According to DHS, National Preparedness Month is aimed at encouraging Americans to prepare for emergencies and to raise public awareness about the importance of being prepared.

This Amateur Radio Awareness Day, September 17, the ARRL will sponsor a 15-hour Emergency Power Operating Event for stations operating off the grid. "It is not a contest," Sumner stresses. "It is simply a demonstration of what we amateurs can do without having to rely on the commercial mains, and what we will do whenever the need arises."

An announcement in September QST (page 49) spells out the details. The event kicks off at 1300 UTC on Saturday, September 17, and wraps up at 0400 UTC on September 18. The ARRL is inviting home stations to operate from generator or battery power. Mobiles and portable stations also are welcome to participate, although unlike Field Day, the emphasis is not on setting up a temporary station, but rather on operating your regular station on emergency power.

There is no set exchange; contacts may be casual, but operators are encouraged to share information on their emergency power sources in

addition to the traditional signal report, name and location.

ARRL Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will be on the air for the event, running on emergency power from its 60-kW emergency backup diesel generator. W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, says the whole point is to showcase that Amateur Radio is prepared during National Preparedness Month--"and any time, for that matter," he adds. A special QSL will be available to stations contacting W1AW while running from an emergency power source. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with all QSL card requests, and indicate on your card the emergency power source used. (Address cards to W1AW, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.)

"I hope we can work stations operating on emergency power in all 50 states," says Sumner. "It should be a lot of fun, and we may even learn something!"

The League is encouraging participating radio amateurs or groups to invite local Citizen Corps leaders to see Amateur Radio installations in emergency power mode.

"The two events offer great opportunities for Amateur Radio to showcase its valued service to the nation," said outgoing ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO. She urged ARRL-affiliated clubs and Field Organization volunteers to take advantage of the occasion to set up public demonstrations of Amateur Radio and to present or even demonstrate--under the banner of National Preparedness Month--the free services Amateur Radio provides to the community.

ARRL Club/Mentoring Program Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, believes a public Emergency Power Operating Event offers a great opportunity to recruit prospective hams for licensing classes that clubs may be forming this fall.

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TRUTHS LEARNED BY CHILDREN

You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.

2006 HAMVENTION BUS TRIP

At DAYTON, OH.

Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21

3 days of Hamming, Talks, Demos & Forums

Thousands of dollars worth of door prizes

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(if needed, we will book you with a roommate)

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Family Special \$580.00 OM & XYL

NADXA members **Deduct \$25.**

Last year (2005) Bus Trip Participants, **Deduct \$20**

Previous years Bus Trip attendees, **Deduct \$ 10**

Bus leaves: Thurs. May 18th 2006 **7:00 AM** from
GSPky Rest Area 100.

Return: Sunday night late, or Mon. morn. (approx.
midnight - 1:30 AM) May 22, 2006

Reservations: Deposit of \$50.00 or full payment
now. Bal. by March 25, 2006.

Contact: Mike DiPersio, KC2Q, P.O. Box 357,
Bradley Beach, NJ 07720

Telephone: 732-927-0171 or cell 908-415-6162

e-mail: kc2q@arrl.net or nadxa@juno.com

AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

Amateur radio exam sessions that are given in the central New Jersey area are as follows but please contact the responsible person to be sure that the time and date are accurate.

Wall Township, Camp Evans Area on Marconi Road: The first Saturday of the even numbered months (October 1, 2005) at 10 AM. Contact person is Larry Wilkins, KB2RIS at 732-922-6720 or e-mail to kb2ris@wmconnect.com.

Middletown, Croyden Hall on Leonardo Road: The second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. Contact person is Rich Evans, KB2MUN at 732-471-0237 (evenings).

Toms River, Riverview Park Recreation Building: The third Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. Contact person is Ed Genoio, 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 (September 10, 2005) at 10:00 AM. Contact person is Bill Haldane AC2F, 732-240-7064 or ac2f@earthlink.net

In all cases, the fee is \$14 and you should bring the original and a copy of any amateur license presently held and original and one copy of any credit (CSCE) forms you have. Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a picture ID and/or birth certificate.

CONTEST SCORES AVAILABLE

An auto-updating HTML-version of the contest "Printable Line Scores" now is available on the ARRL Contest Results Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/results/>>. The new line scores document also automatically reflects any corrections, formerly entered manually by HQ staffers. "The idea is to give you exactly what used to be in QST," says ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "The new system interactively uses the current on-line database to generate the scores. When a change is made in the database, the line score document will reflect it immediately." ARRL members and non-members alike can access the line scores. Henderson says the HTML Printable Line Scores for a given contest become available once the PDF of the contest writeup has been posted. "Click on "Printable Line Scores," and voila, it's there!" he says. Because it's an HTML document, viewers no longer will have to use Adobe Reader to view or print their scores, and the type font is a bit larger and easier to read, although it might take a couple of more pages to print. Printable Line Scores are available for any ARRL contest that includes an on-line database for members. That's most ARRL Contests starting with the 2001 ARRL November CW Sweepstakes. For more information, contact Henderson, <n1nd@arrl.org>.

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ANOTHER INTERNET SCAM

Let the seller beware! The ARRL again cautions anyone selling Amateur Radio and related equipment via Radios On-Line or QST Ham Ads (or via on-line auction sites or other advertising media) to beware of so-called "advance fee fraud" payment schemes aimed at ripping you off <<http://www.secretservice.gov/alert419.shtml>>.

We continue to receive reports from ARRL members who have received responses to their ads from individuals offering to overpay for goods via bank check with instructions to deduct the cost of their item(s) from the overpayment (typically quite substantial) and return the "change" to the buyer or another individual. The "bank check" is bogus, however, and the seller ends up holding the bag. This is a well-known scam. There's additional information on the Scam Victims United Web site <<http://www.scamvictimsunited.com/>>. Transact carefully, and protect yourself from fraud!

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ARRL DVD AVAILABLE

A DVD version of the League's 10-minute video *The ARRL Goes to Washington* now is available from the on-line catalog <<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=9507>>. The cost is \$5. Produced by Dave Bell, W6AQ, Alan Kaul, W6RCL, and Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, this video documents the League's activities on behalf of Amateur Radio on Capitol Hill and at the FCC. This video offers an opportunity to call attention to ARRL's critical advocacy efforts in an entertaining and informative way. Featuring ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, and narrated by former CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, the presentation's debut at Dayton Hamvention was resoundingly positive. The video makes a great centerpiece for an Amateur Radio club program or meeting, and it's ideal for showing at hamfests, forums and even civic group meetings. It is not intended, nor available, for telecasting or broadcasting, however. *The ARRL Goes to Washington* remains available for downloading, free of charge, from the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/pio/VTS-Video.mpg>>. The file is 95 MB, so a high-speed connection is necessary.

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NEW HANDBOOK BONUS

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of *The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications*, those placing advance orders for the 2006 edition will receive a reproduction of the very first edition of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*, published in 1926. Authored by the late ARRL Communications Manager Francis Edward "Ed" Handy, W1BDI, this 224-page volume is a facsimile of the Handy's signed, personal copy and even includes some of his handwritten notes. This offer is available until September 30, 2005, or while supplies last--and only directly from ARRL and select ARRL publication dealers. The 2006 Handbook comes with *The ARRL Handbook on CD-ROM* (version 10.0)--fully searchable with additional software and reference material. Early Handbook orders will ship after October 1. *The ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications* is \$54.95 in hardcover, \$39.95 in softcover. Visit the ARRL on-line catalog <<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=no-hb2006>>.

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LONG DISTANCE 911

Dave Wiesen, K2VX, says a call from a fellow National Traffic System (NTS) participant in upstate New York to 911 in Reston, Virginia, may have saved his life. On July 10, Wiesen--just home in Reston following extensive back surgery--was on a CW traffic net he often frequents. But after listening to Wiesen's sending, Anne Fanelli, WI2G, in Elma, New York, got concerned. "Anne heard me on the air and felt that I didn't sound right, in terms of my Morse and also the confused content," Wiesen recounts. "She asked me what was wrong, and when I didn't reply she called 911." Wiesen says the rescue squad arrived, and he wound up spending three days in the hospital, where doctors determined that he'd had an adverse reaction to one of his pain medications. Fanelli is the manager of the New York State Net, and Wiesen says the two have communicated extensively over the years, mostly on CW. Both Wiesen and Fanelli are ARRL members, and Wiesen holds an appointment as an ARRL Official Relay Station.

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CQ KICKS OFF iDX AWARD PROGRAM

CQ Amateur Radio magazine's new "iDX Award" program will start for contacts made on or after January 1, 2006. The iDX Award will recognize contacts made using voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) systems. It's the final component of the magazine's "Waking Up DXing" program to encourage more DXing activity. "The iDX Award brings back and updates an old concept of introductory-level awards to help bring newer hams into the sport and mindset of DXing," explained CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. The CQ iDX Award recognizes confirmed contacts with 25 to 100 different countries--or entities--made using remote bases or repeaters linked with VoIP networks such as IRLP or EchoLink. "Because virtually all new hams today come into Amateur Radio as Technicians operating VHF and UHF, Novice awards have been largely discontinued," Moseson noted. "The iDX Award brings the concept of the Novice award to where newer hams are operating today." CQ DX Awards Manager Billy Williams, N4UF, says the CQ iDX Award "recognizes the changing landscape and its inevitable effect on where Amateur Radio will be in 2020." Contacts must use radio on at least one end of the link to count for the award. Computer-to-computer contacts, while possible on such systems as EchoLink, will not count. Complete details are on the CQ Web site <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>>.--CQ Magazine

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DXCC DESK APPROVES T6EE

The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved this operation for DXCC credit: T6EE, Afghanistan, from September 19 until October 16, 2004. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are available on the W1AW DX Bulletins page <<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/dx/>>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 30, August 5, 2005

FIND RADIO CLASSES ON ARRL WEB

A new user-friendly feature on the ARRL Web site--the ARRL Amateur Licensing Class Search Page <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/courses/>> --lets prospective hams search for a licensing class in their area. It also allows ARRL-registered instructors to list their classes on the Web. Visitors can search for classes by ZIP code, ARRL Section or state. Registered ARRL instructors can list their classes via the Volunteer Instructor Support page <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/instructor/>> by completing a simple form. Listings will automatically drop from the list when the class is completed. The new page also links beginners and those planning to upgrade to various resources, including ARRL's Now You're Talking! study manual and the ARRL Exam Session Search page <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml>>. "We're very excited about this new feature that makes it easier for prospective hams to find a class so that they can earn their Amateur Radio license," said ARRL Affiliated Club and Mentor Program Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ. "ARRL also continues to support all of the instructors who give so much time and energy to teaching classes for new hams and upgraders." To become a registered ARRL Volunteer Instructor contact Fusaro, w3iz@arrl.org; 860-594-0230.

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ARES E-LETTER DEBUTS

The ARES E-Letter debuted Wednesday, August 17, and will publish on the third Wednesday of each month after that. More than ever, hams are volunteering to help meet the communication needs of our nation, states and communities. Devoted entirely to Amateur Radio emergency communication and public service, The ARES E-Letter is a response to this expanding awareness. Anyone with an interest in emergency communication or public service activities can sign up online <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/ares-el/about.html>> to receive The ARES E-Letter. Each issue will contain a wealth of after-action reports, editorials, technical tips, news and views.

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NOTES ON CALENDAR (see reverse side)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., **WB2CJE** on September 10. All times in EDST

Sept. 1 – **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

Sept. 1 and every Thursday – **MCRA Net** at 7:30 PM on 147.045 repeater.

Sept. 2 and every Friday – **Lunch at Blue Swan Diner**, Rt. 35 South, Ocean Township at noon.

Sept. 4 and every following Sunday – **QCWA News Net** on W2NJR Linked Repeater System at 8:30 PM.

Sept. 6 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon in Middletown. Back room on left.

Sept. 6 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 PM at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See

Sept. 6 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 PM.

Sept. 7 – **GSARA Monthly Meeting** at the MARS Building at Fort Monmouth at 8:00 PM.

Sept. 8 – **Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS)** meeting in Riverview Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 PM.

Sept. 9 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (10-35 WPM). See September QST, pp. 92 and 98.

Sept. 10 – **OMARC Meeting**, 8:30 AM at Bedrock Diner, 10 Main St., Bradley Beach.

Sept. 10 – **Holiday City VE Exam Session** at Toms River at 10 AM. See page 6.

Sept. 10 – **QCWA Picnic**, 11 AM to 5 PM at Oakhurst Pavilion.

Sept. 10 – **North American Sprint**, CW from 8 PM to Midnight. See www.ncjweb.com or Feb. QST, p. 102.

Sept. 12 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.

Sept. 13 – **Perkins Luncheon** in Colts Neck at noon. All amateurs and guests welcome.

Sept. 13 – **VE Test Session** at Croyden Hall, Leonardo section of Middletown at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Rich Evans, KB2MUN at 732-471-0237 (evenings). See page 6.

Sept. 15 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:30 PM Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoino. WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or wa2nda@aol.com. See page 6.

Sept. 17 – **One-Day Amateur Radio License Class**, 8 AM to 4 PM at Croyden Hall in Middletown sponsored by Middletown RACES. To register, call Middletown OEM at 732-615-2129. For more information, contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP at 732-706-4103.

Sept. 17 – **North American Sprint**, SSB from 8 PM to Midnight. See www.ncjweb.com or Feb. QST, p. 102.

Sept. 17-18 – **QCWA Fall QSO Party** from 2 PM Saturday to 2 PM Sunday. See Sept. QST, p. 99 or www.qcwa.org/2005-qso-party-rules.htm

Sept. 19 – **144 MHz Sprint** from 7 to 11 PM. See www.svhfs.org/fall_sprint_rules.htm or Sept. QST, p. 98.

Sept. 19 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

Sept. 20 – **Middletown Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 8 PM in Croyden Hall off Leonardville Road.

Sept. 21 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 7 PM (10- 40 WPM). See September QST, pp. 92 and 98.

Sept. 23-25 – **CQ Worldwide RTTY DX Contest** from 8 PM Friday to 8 PM Sunday. See www.cq-amateur-radio.com or Sept. QST, p. 99.

Sept. 24 – **Neptune ARC Meeting** at Bedrock Café in Bradley Beach at 9 AM.

Sept. 24 – **Holmdel Simulated Emergency** at Garden State Art Center. RACES will be activated.

Sept. 25 – **QRP Homebrewer Sprint**, CW/PSK31 from 8 PM to midnight. See Sept. QST, p. 99 or www.njqrp.org/data/qrp-homebrewersprint.html

Sept. 26 – **Buttonwood Manor Lunch** at noon. Raritan Bay Amateurs. All are welcome.

Sept. 26 – **JCDXA meeting** at 7:30 PM (6:30 for dining) at the Cobblestone Diner on Rt. 35 in Eatontown.

Sept. 26 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only to participate.

Sept. 27 – **222 MHz Sprint** from 7 to 11 PM. See www.svhfs.org/fall_sprint_rules.htm or Sept. QST, p. 98.

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4 QCWA News 8:30	5 LABOR DAY	6 Mdtltwn Pncke Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	7 GSARA Mtg.	8 JSARS Mtg. MCRA Net 8:00	9 Blue Swan CW Qual. Run	10 OMARC Mtg. WB2CJE Hol. City VE QCWA Picnic N. A. CW Sprint
11 QCWA News 8:30	12 RACES Net	13 Perkins Lunch Croyden VE 7 PM QCWA News 9 PM	14	15 JSARS VE MCRA Net 8:00	16 Blue Swan	17 Ham Class QCWA QSO Pty N. A. SSB Sprint
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