



THE PROPAGATOR

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GSARA MEETING WED. SEPT. 5

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, September 5 at 8:00 PM** at the MARS building in Fort Monmouth. Hopefully, we will all have our new passes and shouldn't have any trouble getting on base (see below). You are encouraged to come early to enjoy the refreshments and the informal eyeball conversations. We look forward to seeing YOU at the meeting!

FORT MONMOUTH PASSES

If, as requested, you sent Frank, W2XYZ the data to renew your Fort Monmouth pass by August 15, the information is not yet in the computer so you can not yet pick up your pass. Charlie Sleight of the Physical Security Office has been on jury duty and thus unable to enter the data. Frank is going to try to get him to enter the data on Tuesday (Sept. 4) so we can at least go there on Wednesday (the day of the meeting) and get our passes.

THE GSARA WEBSITE NEEDS YOU

Bruce McLeod is getting tired after being the GSARA webmaster for ten years. He says he wants to let someone else have that pleasure. Just think – you can be your own boss and at the same time you can have the freedom to put your own creativity into action. You don't have to know HTML nor do you need sophisticated web page creation software. You can create pages in Microsoft Word and save them as HTML files. Then you need a service provider like QSL.net to store the pages and an FTP program to ship them off to the site. If you are interested in grabbing this opportunity or learning more about it, email Bruce at k2qwx@yahoo.com.

GSARA HOMEPAGE

http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa

BUS TRIP TO ARRL SEPT. 12

Jeff, N2LXM has extended an invitation to any of us that wish to attend their ARRL Headquarters tour. The tour is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2007. Pick up/meeting location will be at the Monmouth Mall. Time will be forthcoming. RSVP to N2LXM@verizon.net if you are interested. The cost is \$35.00 per person, due by no later than 8/31/07.

POCONO AREA HAMFEST SEPT. 8

The Eastern Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Association has announced a Hamfest on **September 8, 2007** at the Stroudsburg Jr. High School, Chipperfield Dr., Stroudsburg, PA starting at 8 AM. Admission is \$5 but spouse and kids are free. Besides Ham Radio gear, this Hamfest also includes Radio Control Hobbies, Arts and Crafts, Trains, Computers, and Electronics. There will be VE Testing, Food and Drink and lots of door prizes.

Directions: Take I-80 West to Exit 302 and then 611 South for 3 miles, follow signs. For complete directions and more information, go to:

<http://www.poconohamfestplus.com>

Talk In is on 147.045, PL 131.8.

ONE-DAY TECH CLASSES

Mario, N2PVP and Jody, AA2OW are once again running a FREE entry level amateur radio class sponsored by Middletown RACES on September 8, 2007 at 9 AM at Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Road in Leonardo. There will also be VE testing afterwards for the students. The class is free, but there a \$14 charge for the test. All you have to do is register with the Middletown EOC at 732-615-2129 M-F 10 AM to 1 PM. Everyone in the last 4 classes (about 200 people) has passed!

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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:

http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa/prop.pdf

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

EDITOR'S NOTES

Murphy struck with a vengeance so the Ft. Monmouth passes won't be available to pick up at the visitor center until Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday, the day of the next meeting (details on p. 1). Since the visitor center on Oceanport Ave. closes at 4 PM, this will require making two trips to the Fort that day. As we all know, jury duty has many ways of affecting our lives.

The QCWA room at InfoAge (the Marconi Hotel) sports a nice Ten-Tec Omni VI transceiver donated by Rusty Schmid, K2LL. Unfortunately, we had some lightning activity a few weeks ago and when we turned on the rig afterward, it was inoperative. The antenna (stung up in the trees outside) had been left connected to the rig. Although the rig was grounded to the steam radiator (building ground) and the antenna coax shield was bonded to an 8 foot ground rod before coming into the building, it apparently did not protect us adequately. Lesson learned: disconnect your antenna(s) from your rig(s) when not in use.

I'm leaving for an exciting trip out west on September 8. I'm meeting my 42-year old son in Las Vegas and the two of us are going to the Grand Canyon and Zion Park for 5 days of hiking. I expect the scenery to be fantastic and I'm very much looking forward to the trip. Some of the trails will probably be quite challenging to my 70 year-old body so I expect to come back either quite fit or quite feeble. Either way, it will be an adventure!

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

GSARA CALENDAR

http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa/calendr.htm

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

MINUTES OF AUG. 1, 2007 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at Fort Monmouth by President Jeff Harshman, N2LXM, at 8:00 PM. After the pledge to the flag, all members present introduced themselves. There were 19 members present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ made a report for June and July (there was no meeting in July due to the holiday). The report was unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Peggy Struening to accept the minutes of the June meeting as published in the July Propagator. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Old Business

Most members' passes to get on Post are expiring in August. Charlie Sleight is taking over Larry's responsibility for the passes and would like to renew everyone at one time for the next year. Frank, W2XYZ asked all members desiring a pass to give the information to him by August 15. It will then be inputted to the Fort Monmouth computers and members should be able to pick up their pass for the next year by the end of August.

Health and Welfare

Larry, KB2RIS died on July 19. A copy of his obituary was available at the meeting for those who missed it in the Asbury Park Press. Larry did a lot for GSARA, OMARC, QCWA, and Infoage. OMARC is having a memorial plaque made up in honor of Larry. His viewing and funeral were well-attended by local radio amateurs.

Harold, WB2CJE is home from his surgery but his cancer is terminal. A card was circulated at the meeting for all to sign. Please keep him and his XYL, Laura, N2HGI in your prayers.

Field Day

The K2USA field day station operated as class 1A and was on the air most of the 24 hours. The weather was beautiful during the day but got a bit cold at night. We did very well, thanks to the monster loop antenna with a final score of 3382. This is significantly higher than last years score of 2782.

Announcements

The JSARS Hamfest is coming up on August 18 in Toms River. Kevin, W2FA will run the VE session at the Hamfest.

The Hudson Division Awards Dinner is Saturday, November 10 in Saddle Brook, NJ. Tickets are \$48 per person and must be purchased before October 29.

The lighthouse weekend is August 18-19. OMARC is planning to operate at the Sandy Hook lighthouse and NARC with NADXA will be operating at the Sea Girt lighthouse. GSARA members are invited to participate in either event.

Amateur Radio classes will again be conducted by OMAC starting October and running for 12 Saturday mornings. For more information or to register, call Pat Brannick, N2BZD.

OMARC is sponsoring a buss trip to ARRL Headquarters on Wednesday, September 12. Tickets are \$35 per person and the bus will leave from the Monmouth Mall. Contact Jeff, N2LXM if interested.

Infoage will again have a haunted hotel for the three weekends preceding Halloween. Volunteers are needed. See Jeff, N2LXM if you could help in any way.

Program

Bob, W2OD presented a history of amateur radio and included some handouts.

Closing

A drawing was held for the main door prize which was won by Pat, N2BZD.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Pat, N2BZD to close the meeting which was closed at 9:43 PM.

FIELD DAY LOGS ARE POSTED

All 2007 Field Day logs have been received and posted to the Claimed Scores page on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/claimed/>>. They reflect all applications sent from the b4h Web applet, as well as those received via the US postal service and usable electronic submissions sent via regular e-mail (non-Web applet submissions). According to Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, "In some cases we did not receive sufficient information and those entries are not allowed to be used at this time. A follow-up e-mail was sent to those concerned that included a blank summary sheet and a request to please complete the form and resubmit. In cases where we have not heard back from those requests, the entries are currently not on the list and can't be included until complete information is received back by the ARRL." Those with missing entries, who have questions or who find errors in their listing should contact Henderson via e-mail <n1nd@arrl.org> or by phone at 860-594-0236 after Tuesday, August 28 when he returns from vacation. If you call before that date, Henderson asks that you "please leave a message and please be patient. I will work with you to resolve any problems."

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 33, August 17, 2007

OMARC TECH CLASS THIS FALL

OMARC will again be conducting Free Technician Classes at the Diana Site on Marconi Road in Wall. All classes will be on Saturday mornings starting September 15 with the following schedule:

Sept 15, 22, 29 - 9:00 am to 10:15 am

Oct 13th - 10:30 am to 11:30 am due to OMARC meeting.

Oct 20, 27 - 9:00 am to 10:15 am

November 3 - 9:00 am to 10:15 am

November 10 - 10:30 am to 11:30 am due to OMARC meeting.

November 17 - 9:00 am to 10:15 with whole course review 10:30 - 11:30

If you know anyone interested in this class, please have them contact Pat Brannick, N2BZD at 732-267-0308 or e-mail to pbrannick@aol.com.

MORSE CODE STUDY IN PA

A psychology professor at the University of Pittsburgh is conducting a study involving short-term memory and how it correlates to Morse code. Julie Fiez, the study's principal investigator, said she got the idea of using Morse code in her studies from a family member who is an Amateur Radio operator. She said she liked the idea of using CW in her experiments to see how people process audio tones. "Our interest is in verbal working memory," she said, "which is the ability to keep 'on-line' for a short time, information you can access later." Part 1 of the experiment is an assessment of the participant's Morse proficiency. First, participants will be asked to accurately copy sentences as they are presented in Morse at three different rates (16, 19, and 25 words per minute). Then they will be asked to listen to the entire Morse sentence and recall the sentence from memory. Part two asks participants to recall lists of letters from memory. The letters will either be in English or in Morse. Participants will either hear the letters through headphones or see them on a computer screen. The study will look for differences in memory performance between Morse lists and English lists. The research study is expected to continue through the fall. If you would like to participate, please contact the research team via e-mail <morsestudy@hotmail.com>. Thanks to Tom Mitchell, WY3H, and the Leader Times, part of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review family of newspapers, for some information

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 31, August 3, 2007

NEW CHIEF FOR AIR FORCE MARS

Allen Eiermann, K3LSR, has been named the new acting chief of Air Force MARS. Eiermann takes over for Don Poquette who recently retired from the Air Force. Eiermann holds a General class Amateur Radio license and is a former Navy/Marine Corps MARS member. "I am looking forward to serving the MARS community and will work closely with the Army and Navy-Marine Corps MARS Chiefs to bring the tri-service MARS programs closer to being just MARS. I fully support interoperability between the three services and the efforts to provide communications services to other federal agencies and civilian communities during times of need," Eiermann said.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 32, August 10, 2007

ARRL ON-LINE AUCTION COMING

Planning for the ARRL On-line auction, scheduled for October 24-November 2, is already in high gear, according to ARRL Business Services Manager Debra Jahnke, K1DAJ. "We have a head start this year, as many of the items used in QST's product review articles will be part of the Auction." In past years, product review items were auctioned off throughout the year via announcements in QST and written bids. QST "Old Radio" columnist John Dilks, K2TQN, started off the donation process when he dropped by ARRL HQ with a Hallicrafters SX-25 Super Defiant receiver and matching speaker. Jahnke commented: "During and after the conclusion of the first ARRL On-Line Auction last year, we were bowled over with the level of interest and the extremely positive feedback from both bidders and our generous donors. We anticipate another terrific turnout and will have even more items to bid on--a large selection of new and vintage equipment, Amateur Radio-related products and services--and a few surprises, too! Our goal is to make this an exciting, fun event for everyone."

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 31, August 3, 2007

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS IN SEPT.

September is National Preparedness Month and Amateur Radio operators are joining a wide variety of national, state and local organizations, including the US Department of Homeland Security, in educating the public about preparing for emergencies. When unexpected natural or man-made emergencies occur, our greatest individual defense is preparedness. Getting an emergency supply kit, making an emergency plan, and identifying preparedness and response resources within our communities are several things we can do to prepare ourselves. This nationwide effort is to encourage individuals and families to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Free preparedness resources are just a click away in English <<http://www.ready.gov>> and Spanish <<http://www.listo.gov>>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 31, August 3, 2007

What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long?

Polaroids.

JERSEY CLUB FUNDS SCHOLARSHIP

ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, attended the Sussex Hamfest in July where the Morris Radio Club (New Jersey) donated more than \$31,000 to the ARRL Foundation. This money is earmarked for an annual Morris Radio Club Scholarship to go to a deserving area high school senior who is an Amateur Radio operator. Ron Levy, K2CO, former W2 QSL Manager, long time New Jersey DX Association (NJDXA) officer and MRC trustee, led the club contingent in presenting the check. Also on hand at the ceremony were ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, and Vice Director Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF. If you or your club is interested in doing something of a similar nature, contact Mary Hobart, K1MMH <k1mmh@arrl.org>, at the ARRL Development Office <<http://www.arrl.org/development>>.

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MIDDLETOWN CLUB MEETING TIME

The Middletown Amateur Radio Club meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 AM at the Union Beach Police Department Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue. Many also meet for lunch at noon on Saturdays on Highway 35 at either Wendy's (just south of Sears) or Burger King (south of King's Highway) in Middletown. Check the Middletown repeater on Saturday morning to verify which location.

HAROLD CLANTON, WB2CJE VERY ILL

Please pray for Harold Clanton, WB2CJE who is in very serious condition with advanced cancer of the liver. His prognosis is very grim. Please also pray for his XYL, Laura, N2HGI in this trying time for her.

SYRIA TO CELEBRATE 60 YEARS

The Technical Institute of Radio, the IARU member-society in Syria, will celebrate 60 years of Amateur Radio in that country from October 15-November 15. In honor of this important milestone, TIR members will be using special prefix 6C60 on all HF bands during the month.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 30, July 27, 2007

CANADIAN SPECIAL EVENT FOR SEPT.

A demonstration of cooperation in emergency communications preparedness between Canadian radio amateurs and those in the United States is planned for September 29-30 with special event station

VO1ARES <<http://www.rac.ca/fieldorg/aresjointevent.htm>>. It will be located at the Marconi memorial station on historic Signal Hill, St John's, Newfoundland, where reception of the first transatlantic wireless transmission occurred in 1901. Sponsored by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) and Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), the facilities are provided by Parks Canada and coordinated by the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs (SONRA).

The objectives of the special event are threefold: To highlight the capabilities of Amateur Radio in providing emergency communications in times of crisis, to illustrate the cooperation between Canada and the United States on emergency preparedness within the context of the Security and Prosperity Partnership signed by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada in 2005, and to create a database of communications "first responders" that the Government of Canada could contact for emergency communications assistance in times of crisis.

Radio amateurs from across Canada and the US are being invited to participate in this first-time official activity, with opening festivities scheduled September 29 from 1430-1730 UTC. In particular, ARES units in both countries are encouraged to take part and to "talk up" the value of Amateur Radio as a community resource. Officials from the Canadian government have been invited, and ARRL Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has confirmed his intention to attend. Operations will feature virtually all transmission modes on most HF bands over the two-day period. Times and frequencies are yet to be determined.

A commemorative QSL card will be issued. QSLs may be sent direct to VO1ARES via VE9GLF, G. L. Friars, 35 Upper Quaco Rd, Baxters Corner, NB E25 2S2, Canada. All replies from VO1ARES will be via the bureau. Those wishing a direct reply, including Short Wave Listeners, must include an envelope and sufficient postage. Within Canada, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope. If outside of Canada,

please include sufficient International Reply Coupons (IRCs) to cover the cost of a letter from Canada to your country. This is imperative in order to receive a card directly; otherwise it will go via the bureau.

Listen for VO1ARES both before and after the special event. The call sign will be active September 27-October 1.

Upcoming issues of RAC's The Canadian Amateur (TCA) magazine and the RAC Web site <<http://www.rac.ca/>> contain further details of the event. -- Information provided by Bob Cooke, VE3BDB

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 33, August 17, 2007

AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

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

Wall Township, Camp Evans Area on Marconi Road: Exams are held on the first Saturday of the even numbered months (October 6, 2007) at 10 AM. The contact person is Pat Brannick, N2BZD at 732-267-0308 or e-mail to pbrannick@aol.com.

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

Toms River, Riverview Park Recreation Building: Exams are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. The contact person is Ed 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 8, 2007) at 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is required (no walk ins). The contact person is Bill Haldane, AC2F, 732-240-7064 or ac2f@earthlink.net.

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

FCC ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

On August 23, the FCC's Enforcement Bureau released new Amateur Radio enforcement actions. Norman Ball, KE6VWN, of Sunland, California, and Richard Martin, KE6RJI, of Maywood, California, both received Warning Notices informing them that the FCC had received written complaints concerning the K6GE repeater and cited their "failure to follow rules set forth by the licensee/control operators of the repeater system for its users." They were told that they had been told to refrain from using this repeater system, "but have apparently ignored both verbal and written requests" to do so. Both Ball and Martin were informed by the FCC that if they use the repeater again after receiving their letters from the FCC, "[the FCC] will initiate enforcement action against your license, which may include revocation, monetary forfeiture (fine) or a modification proceeding to restrict the frequencies on which you may operate." The FCC warned Ball and Martin that fines "normally range from \$7500 to \$10,000."

Mark F. Hubeny, N9ZHW, of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, received notification from the FCC informing him that he never responded to their Warning Notice concerning the operation of his amateur station on non-amateur frequencies sent June 1 of this year. He was told he had 20 days to respond. The letter said, "Failure to respond appropriately to this letter of inquiry may constitute a violation of the Communications Act and our rules. We will afford you an additional 20 days from the date of this letter to respond."

Romeo C. Valdez, K6RMY, of San Jose, California, received notice from the FCC about a complaint filed against the operation of his station. "The complaint alleges that you are operating an unidentified repeater on 147.735 MHz," the letter said. Valdez was directed to "review and fully address the complaint within 20 days of receipt of this letter. Failure to respond to this letter would be a separate violation of the Commission's rules."

Smith Trucking, Inc, of Smithfield, Pennsylvania, was cited by the FCC for "operating radio equipment without a license on the frequency 28.535 MHz and causing interference to licensed stations in the Ten Meter Amateur Band. The drivers were observed operating unlicensed in April and May 2007 on Route 19 between the Fairmont, West Virginia area and the Haywood power plant

near Shinnston, West Virginia." The FCC admonished Smith Trucking to "[p]lease advise your drivers that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a license is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934...and subject them to a fine or imprisonment, as well as in seizure of any non-certified radio transmitting equipment."

James T. Ogden, N7KPU, of Prescott Valley, Arizona, was advised by the FCC of a complaint from "the licensee of a coordinated repeater system, with supporting documentation, alleging that your N7KPU repeater is operating without coordination on 447.350/442.350 MHz and causing harmful interference. The complaint indicates that you have been contacted numerous times about this problem but have declined to address it." The FCC requested information from Ogden concerning the coordination, if any, of his repeater, and asked that he forward any complaints he might have received. The FCC also wants Ogden to describe in detail how his repeater is configured, "including all sites, IRLP links and addresses, using diagrams where necessary. Detail any changes in location since the coordination, if any, was issued." Ogden was informed that any information he provided will be used to determine what, if any, action the FCC might take in this matter.

The FCC issued an Order of Dismissal and Termination against Jack R. Sharples of Florida concerning the matter of his application for a new Amateur Radio license. In May, in a Hearing Designation Order, the FCC called Sharples "a convicted felon and registered sexual predator," and said "Sharples's felony conviction for at least one sexual-related offense involving children raises material and substantial questions as to whether he possesses the requisite character qualifications to be a Commission licensee. Although Sharples's felony adjudications occurred more than seven years ago, the nature of the criminal misconduct, and the fact that the Amateur Radio Service is particularly attractive to children, call into serious question whether he should be permitted to obtain an Amateur Radio authorization." Sharples had 20 days since the release of the HDO to file a written appearance; on June 19, "he submitted to the Presiding Judge a document in which he set forth reasons for filing an [Amateur Radio license] Application, notwithstanding his felony convictions [and] the document was received as a good faith

Notice of Appearance. "Sharples, in a telephone call with the FCC requested more time to consider whether he would continue to prosecute his Application. The request was granted without objection." On June 27, Sharples sent a fax to the Presiding Judge withdrawing his application for an Amateur Radio license. The FCC's request to dismiss the application with prejudice and terminate the preceding was granted, as was Sharples's application for an Amateur Radio license, also with prejudice, on August 1.

On March 8, 2007, David O. Castle, WA9KJI, of Evansville, Indiana, was first notified by the FCC to "refrain from using the repeater system operating on 146.79/146.19 and 147.15/147.75 MHz," stemming from a complaint by the trustee of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society, W9OG. In May, 2007, the FCC notified Castle that it was designating his license renewal application for hearing in the wake of alleged misconduct extending back several years and continuing at least until earlier this year. In its Hearing Designation Order from May, the Commission said, "Since 1998, Castle has been warned repeatedly to refrain from intentionally interfering with radio communications; broadcasting without communicating with any particular station; causing interference on amateur repeaters; using amateur repeaters without authorization, and using indecent, slanderous or harassing language. We find that Castle's continuing course of conduct raises questions as to whether he possesses the requisite character qualifications to remain a Commission licensee." Castle was given 20 days to respond to the HDO, but according to the Memorandum Opinion and Order released August 20, 2007, "to date [August 1, 2007], no written appearance has been filed by, or on behalf of, Mr. Castle. In addition, a prehearing conference was held on August 13, 2007, in the Commission's Washington, DC offices. No one attended or entered an appearance on behalf of Mr. Castle."

The Commission, however, did receive a number of communications by or on behalf of Castle, one requesting that the contents of the HDO be sent to him "in an audible form (cassette or cd)" because he has "limited eye sight." The MO&O said Castle told the FCC "Travel will not be possible due to health and finances. Representation by an attorney is not in my budget." The FCC complied with Castle's request and sent him a disc

containing audio files of all the documents released in his proceeding to date. Castle's daughter, Donna J. Dill, sent the Presiding Judge a fax on June 18 stating, among other things, that her father "is not able to travel or hire an attorney...He tells me that he has sent his statement and this is all he is able to do as his eye sight is limited and health poor."

It was concluded through Castle's and Dills' submissions to the FCC that Castle did not intend to appear as directed, and "even assuming that these documents can somehow be construed as 'pleadings,' as defined in Section 1.204 of the Commission's Rules, they are procedurally deficient and may not, therefore, be considered." As such, it was ordered that Castle's application to renew his Amateur Radio license be dismissed with prejudice.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 34, August 24, 2007

CONNECTICUT MUSEUM REOPENS

A generous individual who wishes to remain anonymous donated \$40,000 to the Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of Connecticut, enabling the museum to pay off their debt to the town of Windsor, Connecticut. The donation comes as the museum plans to reopen this summer for the first time in more than seven years. Since that time, the museum has acquired a 20,000 square foot building in Windsor, and volunteers have been hard at work restoring the building for public use. The town of Windsor extended the museum a \$35,000 loan that helped them pay insurance and other expenses while the group worked to ready its new location. A \$100,000 state grant paid for major building upgrades, allowing the museum to plan for an August opening. The Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of Connecticut is dedicated to the preservation of old-time communications equipment and to educating the public. The museum displays radios, televisions, motion picture and telephone equipment, as well as vintage advertising and memorabilia. Audio, video and paper libraries, along with an extensive collection of schematics, are also available for research. For more information, visit their Web site <<http://www.vrcmct.org>>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 34, August 24, 2007

What do you get from a pampered cow?

Spoiled Milk.

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see reverse side)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., **N2WLH** September 7. All times in EDT.

September 2 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 4 PM on Marconi Road in Wall. Exhibits by QCWA, OMARC, Antique Radio, Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, etc. \$5 donation requested.

September 4 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon in back room to left. All are invited.

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

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

September 5 – **GSARA Monthly Meeting** at Ft. Monmouth MARS station at 8 PM.

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

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

September 7 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (10-40 wpm). See September QST, pp. 87 and 90.

September 8 – **Pocono Area Hamfest** in Stroudsburg, PA. See p. 1 or <http://www.poconohamfestplus.com>.

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

September 8 – **One-day Amateur Class** by Middletown RACES at 9 AM. See p. 1.

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

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

September 8-9 – **ARRL VHF QSO Party** from 2 PM Saturday to 11 PM Sunday. See Aug. QST, p. 103 or www.arrl.org/contests.

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

September 10 – **VE Test Session** at Croyden Hall, Leonardo section of Middletown at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP at 732-787-7184 or n2pvp@n2pvp.com

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

September 15-16 – **QCWA QSO Party** from 2 PM Saturday to 2 PM Sunday. See September QST, p. 91 or www.qcwa.org/2007-qso-party-rules.htm.

September 16 – **Mullica Hill, NJ Hamfest** in Gloucester County from 8 AM to 2 PM. See September QST, p. 94 or www.users.tellurian.com/Freddie/w2mmd/.

September 17 – **144 MHz Sprint**, all modes from 7 to 11 PM. See September QST, p. 90 or www.svhfs.org.

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

September 19 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 7 PM (10-35 wpm). See September QST, pp. 87 and 90.

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

September 22 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at 9 AM at the Bedrock Café, Avon.

September 24 – **North American DX Association Meeting** at Cobblestone Diner at 7:30 PM (6 PM to eat).

September 24 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.

September 25 – **222 MHz Sprint**, all modes from 7 to 11 PM. See September QST, p. 90 or www.svhfs.org.

September 28-30 – **CQ Worldwide RTTY DX Contest** from 8 PM Friday to 8 PM Sunday. See September QST, p. 91 or www.cq-amateur-radio.com.

September 29-30 – **FISTS Coast to Coast Contest**, CW from 1 PM Saturday to 1 PM Sunday. See September QST, p. 91 or www.tomochka.com/k7fff.

September 30-October 1 – **Classic Exchange, AM/SSB** from 9 AM Sunday to 3 AM Monday. See September QST, p. 91 or www.qsl.asti.com/CX.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 InfoAge	3 Labor Day	4 Pancake House Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	5 GSARA Mtg	6 Hol. City Mtg.	7 N2WLH Blue Swan CW Qual. Run	8 OMARC Mtg. Tech Class Pocono Hmfst. Hol. City VE MARC Mtg VHF QSO
9 VHF QSO InfoAge	10 WB2CJE RACES Net 7:30	11 Croyden VE 7 PM QCWA News 9 PM	12	13 JSARS Mtg.	14 Blue Swan	15 QCWA QSO
16 Mullica Hill Fest QCWA QSO InfoAge	17 144 MHz Sprint ARES/RACES 7:30	18 KD2EV QCWA News 9 PM	19 CW Qual. Run	20 JSARS VE	21 WB2SZB Blue Swan	22 Neptune Mtg W2HH
23 InfoAge	24 NADXA Mtg. RACES Net 7:30	25 222 MHz Sprint QCWA News 9 PM	26	27 KC2Q	28 KC2FDR Blue Swan CQWW RTTY	29 CQWW RTTY FISTS
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