

WSJ ARTICLE ABOUT HAM RADIO

By Bob Buus, W2OD

One Group's Post-Pandemic Travel Plan: Get as Far Away as Possible

Die-hard ham-radio operators brave storms, sharks, brutal temperatures to set up temporary transmitting stations in the most remote spots around the world

The May 7, 2021 edition of The Wall Street Journal had a front-page article about amateur radio. Titled "One Post-Pandemic Travel Plan: Get as Far Away as Possible" was written by John McCormick and was sub-titled, "Ham-radio operators look to raise antennas in the world's remotest corners."

The article featured Dom Grzyb, a semiretired Polish businessman who is spending tens of thousands of dollars to lead a group of eight hams to Bouvet Island in the south Atlantic. The article went on to point out the remoteness and severe weather on Bouvet Island and that it was the second most wanted place to contact by hams. Mr. Grzyb spent 3 days on Bouvet in 2001 and tried again in 2019 but a storm caused them to turn back. Another team tried to get to Bouvet in 2018 but bad weather also turned them back.

The article pointed out that North Korea is the number 1 most wanted country and that Mr. Grzyb operated briefly from there in 2015.

The article also featured Tommy Horozakis from near Sydney, Australia who is planning to operate in November from the Willis Islets in the Coral Sea south of Papua New Guinea. If COVID-19 spikes, the trip will have to be cancelled but planning is underway assuming COVID-19 will be under control.

Adrian "Nobby" Styles, who lives southwest of London, was also featured in the article (including a picture). He operated from Wallis and Futuna Islands in the South Pacific in 2019 but has more modest plans this year by planning to operate from the Maldives (number 138) in late



The
Propagator

September. He has already cancelled the trip twice because of the pandemic. The article explained that these excursions are called “DX-peditions” and that most of them planned for 2020 were scuttled due to the pandemic.

Overall, I found the article interesting and accurate. I would have liked to see call signs associated with the names but I’m sure that the non-amateur readers couldn’t care less about that omission. It’s nice to see such positive publicity on the front page of The Wall Street Journal.

From the Editor

Bob Buus, W2OD



My son-in-law, who lives in Pennsylvania, reads The Wall Street Journal and he told me there was a nice article about ham radio on the front page of the May 7 edition. I asked him if he could send the paper to me and he did. The article was about upcoming DX-peditions which have been on hold during the pandemic. The article pointed out that some DX entities are rarely on the air with Bouvet Island in the south Atlantic the second rarest and North Korea the rarest of all. The article was well-written and accurate so I thought it might be appropriate to include it in this month’s Propagator.

Rather than type the long article (its 20 paragraphs poured over to the second page), I went on-line to see if I could find an electronic version of the article that I could just paste in this edition of The Propagator. The Wall Street Journal does have an on-line edition and I found the article in the May 7 issue. Unfortunately, you can only see the first three paragraphs of the article without paying for a subscription to The Wall Street Journal. They also have a strong copyright policy so I decided to simply paraphrase the article in The Propagator. This also allowed me to make the article a lot shorter. I hope that you enjoy it.

The program at the June 3 meeting will feature the members of the Field Day planning committee going over the details of all of their planning. I am impressed by the level on concern they have shown to provide a safe environment with regard to COVID-19 while still setting up and operating in the field at Palaia Park in Ocean Township. Hopefully many of the COVID restrictions will be relaxed by the end of June but those members who are still concerned about the risk still have the option to operate from their home stations (as we did last year) and contribute to the total club score. I’m looking forward to a fun event on June 26-27.

Remember that the Digital Fusion Net was moved from Thursday to Wednesday and is only once a month. The next digital net will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 16. I hope to see you there.

As always, I appreciate feedback or material for The Propagator. The deadline for the July issue is June 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

E-MAIL SPAM

By Paul Newland, AD7I

Some organizations estimate that 85% of all email transmitted is spam. That’s why most email systems have some form of artificial intelligence that tries to identify incoming spam email and shunt them into a spam folder. Unfortunately, this artificial intelligence doesn’t always work right. I know that because about 30% of the emails that I send from my ad7i@ad7i.net email address end up in the recipient’s spam folder, or in the case of Yahoo, simply vanish into the ether. I don’t know why this happens to my outgoing emails, but it has become a significant problem.



When a spam email somehow manages to get past the spam filter, in some email programs you are offered the opportunity to mark the message as spam, so that the artificial intelligent spam filter can take that into account for future messages that you receive. But did you also know that when you review the messages in your spam folder and mark some as “not spam”, that too will help to train your spam filter to be more selective of the emails it marks as spam.

I recommend that all email users, to help to train their spam filter, once a day go through their spam folder and mark the messages that are legitimate and should not be in the spam folder. Marking those messages as “not spam” will help to train your spam filter and avoid missing messages that you probably did want to see. In my own case, first thing in the morning, after I’ve checked my inbox to review the stuff that came in overnight, I check the spam folder to see if there’s anything there that came in over the last 24 hours that shouldn’t be there, things that should be in Inbox instead. It takes me less than a minute to check the spam folder, and I now find only about 3 messages a week that should not have been marked as spam. Before I started that process I was finding two or three emails each day that should not have been shunted to the spam folder.

Checking your spam folder once a day to mark the things that should not be considered spam is a good email practice. It will not only train your spam filter to be more accurate, but it will help you avoid missing emails that you did want to see.

MIT SHACK AND RADOME SAVED

The MIT UHF Repeater Association W1XM shack and radome have been saved.

After a years-long process involving countless hours of meeting, writing, negotiating, and planning across half a dozen entities within MIT, and after an intense, large-scale fundraising campaign to save the shack and radome atop the Green Building Roof on campus, the club will get to keep and improve W1XM. A new radome will be installed around the 18-foot “big dish” on the roof. Helping in a big way to make this possible was a \$1.6 million grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), as well as private donations from alumni, members of the MIT community, and friends of amateur radio. “Together, we made this happen,” MIT UHF Repeater Association President Milo Hooper, AI1XR, said. “For this, I can only say, thank you!”

MIT has two distinct ham radio clubs -- the MIT Radio Society (W1MX) and the MIT UHF Repeater Association (W1XM). W1XM is home to a larger, general-purpose school radio club, and the station is located in the Walker Memorial Building. More information about this effort is available.

From the ARRL Letter, May 20, 2021

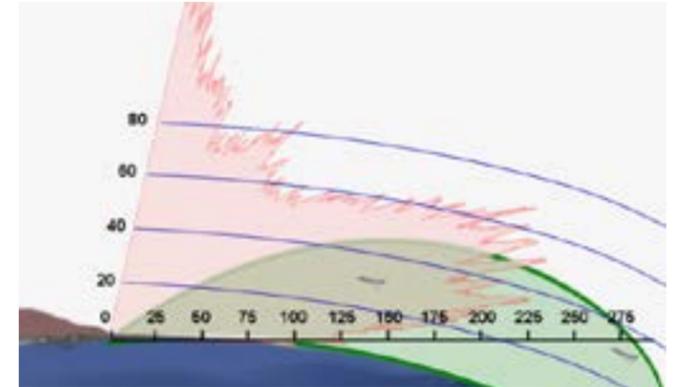


KC2YNL LOOKING FOR COINS

GSARA member Ralph Ciappa, KC2YNL is also a coin collector. If you have any coins (or access to coins), he might be interested in buying some from you. He lives in Freehold and can be reached at 732-414-1111.

HF RADARS TROUBLE REGION 1

The biggest headache for International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 Monitoring Service participants continues to be HF over-the-horizon radars (OTH-Rs). Already an interference issue for several years, OTH-R activity seems to be multiplying exponentially. Most of the stations are located in China and Russia.



“The same troublemakers every month, the OTH-Rs [are] by far the most troublesome!” said IARUMS Coordinator Peter Jost, HB9CET, in the April edition of the IARUMS Monthly Newsletter.

Monitor reports from Europe and Africa showed OTH-R signals littering the 20-meter phone band, with some also showing up as high as 15 meters, as well as down on 40 meters and lower. These include the infamous “Foghorn” OTH-R -- so-called because of the sound of the approximately 10 kHz wide transmissions -- mostly in short bursts. The Russian Kontayner OTH-R has also been spotted on 20 meters and elsewhere, generating an approximately 12 kHz bandwidth signal.

A newcomer of sorts has been Super Dual Auroral Radar Network (SuperDARN) HF radar signals causing interference to radio amateurs on 14.210 MHz and possibly elsewhere. The SuperDARN system is an international scientific radar network consisting of 35 HF radars in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. These radars are primarily used to map high-latitude plasma convection in the F region of the ionosphere, but they’re also used to study a wider range of geospace phenomena, including geomagnetic storms.

“What is always surprising is how strongly intruders from the Far East can be heard [in IARU Region 1], sometimes even during the day in the 40-meter band, e.g., the 160 kHz wideband radar or also some other radars like the ‘Foghorn’ or similar,” Jost said.

SuperDARN network radars look into Earth’s upper atmosphere and operate continuously to observe the motion of charged particles (plasma) in the ionosphere and other effects that provide scientists with information on Earth’s space environment. Knowledge gained from this work provides insight into space weather hazards, including radiation exposure for high-altitude travelers and disruptions to communication networks, navigation systems (GPS), and electrical power grids.

From the ARRL Letter, May 20, 2021

ARRL LEARNING WEBINARS

Visit the ARRL Learning Network (a members-only benefit) to register, check on upcoming webinars, and to view previously recorded sessions.

These Learning Network presentations are sponsored by PreppComm.

Ask the Lab: How ARRL's Technical Information Service Can Help You -- ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI / Tuesday, June 8, at 1 PM EDT (1700 UTC)

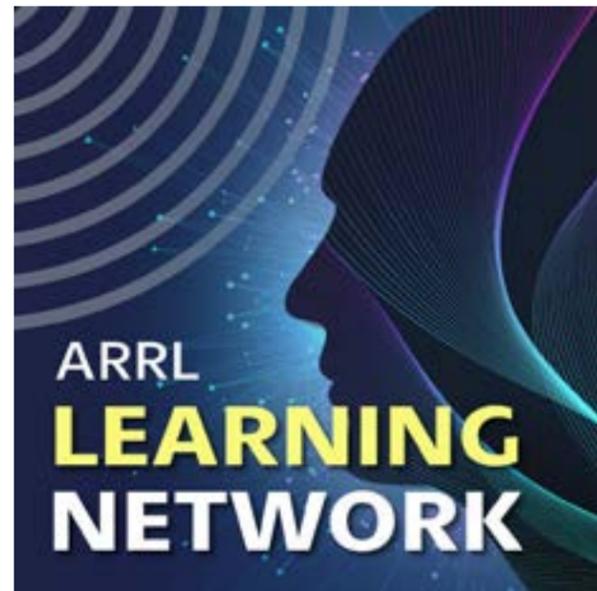
Learn about the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS) and the expert ARRL Laboratory staff who answer thousands of questions each year from members. Get tips about projects, suggestions to address various station installations, and help for some of your most pressing ham radio questions. You'll discover how to search ARRL's extensive Periodicals Archive, find helpful articles, read test reports, access technical forums, and find answers to technical questions beyond the Lab.

Improving Your Club's 2021 Field Day Score -- Paul Bourque, N1SFE, ARRL Contest Program Manager / Thursday, June 10, 8 PM EDT (0000 UTC on Friday, June 11).

Learn how your club or group can take advantage of the 2021 ARRL Field Day rules waivers while operating as Class D or E from home. We'll discuss how individuals or groups can boost their scores by earning bonus points, review how to use the Field Day web applet to submit your score, and go over how to attribute your score to your club's aggregate score. This presentation highlights all you need to know to operate as a group for ARRL Field Day 2021.

Introduction to Remote HF Operation / Davide Lanfranconi, W6DGE, and Kevin Shin-Wheeler, N7KSW, Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club / Tuesday, June 22, 1 PM EDT (1700 UTC).

COVID-19 has triggered a renewed interest in remote operation. Lanfranconi and Shin-Wheeler will discuss the idea, process, and challenges encountered while getting their club's remote HF station on the air, as well as some methods and resources



available for those with a similar interest. A Q&A session and live demo are included.

ARRL members may register for upcoming presentations and view previously recorded Learning Network webinars. ARRL-affiliated radio clubs may also use the recordings as presentations for club meetings, mentoring new and current hams, and discussing amateur radio topics.

The ARRL Learning Network schedule is subject to change.



Officers

Art, N2AJ0 – President ol-son339@comcast.net

Denis, K2NPT – VP captcalyx@comcast.net

John, KA2F – Secretary ka2fwb2hdj@gmail.com

Paul, AD7I - Chief Engineer 732-309-7807

Diana Noble KD-2NAD – Treasurer diananoble@aol.com

Bob Buus W2OD - Trustee w2od@arrl.net

Marlo Montanaro, KA2IRQ 732-207-7343

Support Team

Roberto Mattos VE Coordinator rmattos@optonline.net

Propagator Editor: Bob Buus w2od@aol.com

Webmaster & Propagator & QRZ Page Designer/Publisher Cy Stanway, K2CYS 732-768-7773

k2cys@arrl.net





MEETINGS

In lieu of the current NJ proclamations with regard to the Corona Virus, the regularly scheduled meetings of the GSARA at the Red Cross have been canceled until further notice. We will conduct the June 3 program meeting live via video conferencing using the Zoom App.

Simply go to <https://zoom.us/download> and download the Zoom App. Prior to the meeting, you will get an e-mail invitation to the meeting. When you wish to join the meeting, simply double click on the location link in the e-mail and when the Launch Application shows, click on "open link" and you should be in the meeting room.

The Thursday, June 3 program meeting at 7:30 will be devoted to Field Day planning. If you plan to participate in Field Day this year either at your home station or at Palaia Park, try to attend this important meeting.

The presentation will be via Zoom. We look for a good turnout.

GSARA will also have a business meeting on the third Thursday in June, the 17th at 7:30 pm and this will also be via Zoom. Don't miss it!

MAY VE SESSION

The next VE Test Session sponsored by GSARA will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021. Applicants are asked to meet in front of the Red Cross on West Park Avenue at 10 am and will then proceed as a caravan to the Pavillion at Fireman's Park in Oakhurst (straight down W. Park Ave.).

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. Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a photo ID. A new ruling, the FCC requires all applicants to have previously obtained an FRN number from them as no applications will have Social Security numbers recorded. For more information, contact Marlo Montanaro at ka2irq@comcast.net or 732-207-7343.

Tuesday Night Net

In the four sessions in April, we had 72 check-ins for an average of 18.0 per session. The following 29 members checked into this net this period (number of check-ins in parenthesis):

N2BCS (4), N2MEP (4), K2MFS (4), W2NAZ (4), KG2NV (4), W2OD (4), N2AJO (3), N2BMK (3), NJ2GL (3), KA2IRQ (3), WA2JOE (3), KD2NAD (3), K2NPT (3), WB2RPW (3), KD2SFF (3), KC2YNL (3), KA2F (2), W2IWW (2), KD2OXR (2), K2RLF (2), KD2TOU (2), N2FSB (1), KZ2G (1), AD7I (1), AC2MB (1), W2MJP (1), W2NIR (1), W2PSK (1), and KD2VZT (1).

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



W2GSA CLUB NETS

Tuesdays at 8:00 pm: SSB on 10 meters on 28.390 Mhz

Tuesdays at 8:30 pm: Analog FM, 147.045+ PL 67

Third Wednesday at 7:00 pm: C4FM Digital Narrow (DN) 145.045+ - CHECK CLUB WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS

Sundays at 9:00 pm: 6-Meter AM phone on 50.405 MHz.

And don't forget our Remote Hams system created for you to use!

QSL BUREAU

If any GSARA members wish to combine their QSL cards that are

going through the outgoing ARRL Bureau, please be in touch with John, KA2F.

GSARA.CLUB/W2GSA.ORG

Have you seen the GSARA website lately at **WWW.GSARA.CLUB**? Check it out often for updates, news, announcements and general club information.



GSARA Hoodie

ARRL On The Air Podcast

On the Air podcast is a companion to the bimonthly On the Air magazine and takes a deeper dive into select features and projects. It is created especially for beginners in ham radio. Each month, host and On the Air Editorial Director Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, will offer additional resources, techniques, and hints to help you get the most from the magazine's content. You can hear it here: <http://www.arrl.org/on-the-air-podcast>



Fusion Digital Net

The next digital Fusion net is on Wednesday, May 19 at 7 pm with Cy, K2CYS serving as Net Control. Simply set your radio to the Digital Narrow (DN) mode and check in. It's fun and educational.

The GSARA Propagator is designed in InDesign CC 2020 v. 16.1

Editor: Bob Buus, W2OD
Layout & Publishing:
Cy Stanway, K2CYS
Adobe Publish/Flip
PDF Professional

You are invited to submit articles and ideas

The Propagator is the official newsletter of the Garden State Amateur Radio Association. For questions about the Propagator, please contact k2cys@arrl.net



PORT & COMPANY

Essential Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt



Nothing is better for relaxing than our 9-ounce fleece sweats at a budget-friendly price.

- 80/20 cotton/poly fleece
- All-Season for a soft, pill-resistant finish
- From pouch pockets

Due to the nature of 80/20 cotton/polyester fleece fabric, special care must be taken throughout the printing process.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Machine wash cold. Non-chlorine bleach when needed. Tumble dry medium. Do not iron decorations.

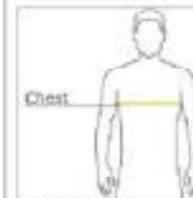


front



back

HOW TO MEASURE



CHEST WIDTH

Measure under the arms and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

SIZE CHART

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Chest	38-42	40-44	44-48	48-52	52-56	56-60	60-64

COLOR INFORMATION

White PMS 382C	Ashed Heather PMS 4405C	Charcoal PMS 649C	Dark Charcoal PMS 4105C	Dark Heather Grey PMS 333C	C+M PMS 333C	Jet Black PMS 2814C	Kelly Green PMS 340C	Maroon PMS 489C
Navy PMS 2869C	Orange PMS 1720C	Purple PMS 7672C	Red PMS 219C	Royal PMS 2833C	Safety Green PMS 3435C	Safety Orange PMS 612C	White PMS 382C	

FCC TO KEEP E-MAIL ADDRESSES PRIVATE

Starting on June 29, all applications filed with the FCC must include an email address for FCC correspondence. After receipt of the initial announcement that all future applications would require an email address, ARRL was concerned

to view, download, and print their official license grant using the ULS. When a license is first granted, each applicant will receive an email with a direct link to the license. Although the link expires in 30 days, the license itself will remain available in the ULS and may be downloaded at any time by signing into the licensee's account using their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and password.



On or after June 29, a valid email address must be provided with each application, and must be kept current by filing a modification application, as necessary. Under the amended Section 97.23, "The email address must be an address where the grantee can receive electronic

correspondence. Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address." Applicants lacking an email address should consider using the email address of a friend or family member on their FCC applications. Read an expanded version.

for the privacy of its members and requested that amateurs' email addresses not be made public. This week, the FCC agreed, stating in an email to ARRL counsel that it will continue to "mask" amateurs' email addresses from public view in the Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will use the email address supplied by amateurs to correspond with applicants, including to send a link to the official electronic copy of the license when an application is granted. The FCC is transitioning to fully electronic correspondence and no longer mails hard-copy licenses. Amateurs are able

to view, download, and print their official license grant using the ULS. When a license is first granted, each applicant will receive an email with a direct link to the license. Although the link expires in 30 days, the license itself will remain available in the ULS and may be downloaded at any time by signing into the licensee's account using their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and password.

Applicants lacking an email address should consider using the email address of a friend or family member on their FCC applications. Read an expanded version.

From the ARRL Letter, May 20, 2021

OUTGOING DX QSL CARDS

All members of GSARA are able to send out-going DX QSL cards to ARRL free-of-charge.

Gather your cards and arrange them in numerical and alphabetical order, include QST proof of ARRL membership, and send them to John, KA2F.

LOTW is neat and fast; however, there is

nothing quite as enjoyable as holding a DX QSL card in one's hands and reading its personal comments and then showing it off to non-ham friends.

Regards. Good DX.

John, KA2F
1582 Elm St.
Brick, N.J. 08724

RARE IOTA ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

The Russian Robinson Club (RRC) has resumed its plans to activate rare Kiska Island (IOTA NA-070) and Adak Island (IOTA NA-039) in Alaska's Aleutian Islands chain in July for Islands On The Air (IOTA) enthusiasts. Plans to activate these islands in 2020 were called off because of COVID-19 concerns.

The uninhabited Kiska Island (52.06° N, 177.57° E) lies in the North Pacific's treacherous Bering Sea, which RRC calls one of the most intense patches of ocean on Earth and where strong



winds, freezing temperatures, and icy water are the norm. The island also features the prominent conical Kiska volcano. Kiska Island is a National Historic Landmark and part of the Aleutian Islands World War II National Monument and the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge (AMNWR). Permission to visit is required from both Alaska's Maritime National Wildlife Refuge and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

The KL7RRC team plans to have a minimum of two stations on the air on 40 - 6 meters, SSB, CW, and FT8. Operators will place special emphasis on the difficult trans-polar path to Europe.

The 56-foot aluminum sailing vessel Seal will make the 1,000-mile journey along the Aleutians to Kiska with a stop at Dutch Harbor to pick up Tim, NL8F, and the gear sent in advance to his location. The team will continue sailing west to Adak Island, where some team members will activate Adak Island on June 30 - July 3. The SV Seal will pick up the entire crew there, which will have flown in by July 3. Then, they hope to arrive at Kiska and be on the air as KL7RCC on July 7 - 12, before the return sail to Adak and flights home. Additional KL7RRC activity may take place from Adak July 14 - 16.

Donations are welcome. QSLs for KL7RRC (Kiska Island NA-070) and KL7RRC (Adak Island NA-039) are via N7RO. All donors will receive direct QSLs.

RED CROSS DRILL SUCCESSFUL



Together, we can save a life

The Red Cross Emergency Communications Training Group held its third nationwide drill on Saturday, May 8. The results are still being compiled and checked as this is written, but it appears that approximately 800 radio amateurs took part in sending traffic via Winlink to one of eight Red Cross Divisional Clearinghouses around the nation.

For the May 8 nationwide drill, participants were asked to send two Winlink messages - a Winlink check-in form providing GPS coordinates of the station, and a second message containing a Red Cross Shelter Requisition Form 6409. The valid GPS coordinates were mapped and displayed in real time during the drill. A challenge for the second message was that the sample Form 6409 had been filled in by hand, to provide a more realistic scenario than a neatly typed one. Operators had to transcribe/type in the requisition items.

The use of RF, rather than telnet (internet), to send Winlink messages was encouraged, and more than 80 percent of participants used their radios -- either via HF or VHF/UHF. This percentage number and message accuracy rate have continually risen during the Winlink Thursday drills.

Because the May 8 date was also World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, international hams were invited to participate, and more than 50 checked in from Central and South America, Canada, Germany, and South Africa. For more information about the Red Cross Emergency Communications Training Group, visit the group's website and sign up for its group email service to receive announcements of future activities. -- Red Cross Emergency Communications Training Group



FIVE YEARS AGO

From the June 2016 Propagator: Included among the five new members voted in to the GSARA in May were Al Schnabolk, W2OIB who rejoined having originally been a member in 1952 and Matt Capozzoli, N2UG. The spring GSARA Hamfest on Sunday, May 16 organized by Rem, K2REM was a success with a net profit of \$984.90. Joe, W2KQ is coordinating Field Day. We will run 3F at the Red

Cross with Cy, K2CYS operating from a tent.

TEN YEARS AGO

From the June 2011 Propagator: GSARA Field Day will be at the Red Cross for the first time this year. Bob, W2OD tried to give a talk about fox hunting at the May 18 meeting but heavy rain spoiled a planned outside demonstration. DXer Ben Stevenson, W2BXA became a silent key at age 97.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the June 2006 Propagator: Marty, WN2DX reported that Field Day will be at the Ft. Monmouth baseball field with one high power station feeding a 1000 foot loop supported by the light towers. Vice President Sterling Rodgers, N2GT resigned his position (he had a hip replacement).

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the June 2001 Propagator: The Battleship New Jersey in Camden was on the air as NJ2BB for the first time on May 26. A new 6-meter repeater N2CKH/R at 53.43/52.43 (PL 131.8) is on the air from Lakewood. Bill Hudzik, W2UDT becomes the NNJ Section Manager on July 1.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From the June, 1996 Propagator: The Veteran Wireless Operators Association awarded our own Walter Prang, W2HOZ (later KZ5WP) (SK) the prestigious Marconi Gold Metal. Field Day at Tatum Park is being coordinated by Rich Rohloff, KG2CN. Marv Bernstein, W2PAT (SK) put on a program about a Digital Signal Processor and showed how it can pick a signal out of the noise. A 4-page Roster was included which showed 137 members.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the June-July 1991 Propagator: Al Allen, K2LG (SK) took over as Editor and plans to have an issue every two months. Hams must vacate 220-222 MHz by August 27 to make room for commercial users. Jim Pope, WB2QMP started a DX column called "The DX Smoke Room". Past President Bill Saker, KG2U died of a heart attack on June 2.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From the June 1986 Propagator: Clarence, KA2OZA (SK); Gus, WA2PAC (SK); Bud, K2B-JA and John, KA2F spent three days watching the lady golfers during the May 16-18 LPGA Tourney in Chatham. John, KA2F handles outgoing DX QSL cards for GSARA. Planning for the Asbury Park 10K run in August took 6 pages and was coordinated by John, KA2F.

ARRL, RED CROSS RENEW MOU

ARRL and the American Red Cross (ARC) have renewed their long-standing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for another 5 years. The MOU spells out how ARRL and the American Red Cross will work cooperatively during a disaster response.

“We are pleased to extend our partnership with the American Red Cross,” ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, said. “This agreement details how ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) volunteers will interface with Red Cross personnel within the scope of their respective roles and duties whenever the Red Cross asks ARES volunteers to assist in a disaster or emergency response.”

The MOU calls on both parties to maintain open lines of communication and to share information, situation, and operation reports, as allowed to maintain confidentiality. They also will share “changes in policy or personnel relating to this MOU and any additional information pertinent to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.” ARRL and the American Red Cross also will encourage their respective units to discuss local disaster response and relief plans. They may further cooperate in joint training exercises and instruction. The Red Cross will encourage regions or chapters to participate in ARRL Field Day, the Simulated Emergency Test (SET), and other emergency exercises.

“This agreement keeps in place the strong and mutually beneficial bond between ARRL and the ARC,” said ARRL Director of Emergency Management Paul Gilbert, KE5ZW. “The Red Cross is a primary served agency for ARES teams, and it’s important that we be able to work together toward common goals when responding to an emergency.”

The agreement points out that any ARRL volunteers who are interested in also becoming Red Cross volunteers should understand that a background check is a requirement. Although ARES has no background check requirement, radio amateurs who register as Red Cross volunteers must abide by the Red Cross’s background check requirement. ARRL and the Red Cross also may cooperate in the sharing of equipment. A Statement of Cooperation between the two organizations at the local level may be developed separately from the MOU to spell out the role of each in providing services to communities during or after a disaster event.

From the ARES Letter, May 19, 2021

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see next page)

Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. **K2ARV** on June 1. All times are EDST. Contests are listed in the June QST, p. 72. The W1AW CW Qualifying runs are shown each day as “CW” followed by the time and followed by either “35” for 10-35 WPM or “40” for 10-40 WPM and the optional letter “R” at the end denoting that the speed decreases rather than increases. For complete Qualifying Run information, see June 2021 QST page 79 and www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule

June 1 – **W1AW CW Qualifying Run (CW 4 pm 35)** at 4 pm (10-35 wpm).

June 1 and every following Tuesday – **GSARA 10 Meter Net** on 28.390 at 8 pm, SSB

June 1 and every following Tuesday – **GSARA Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 8:30 pm.

June 2 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run (CW 7 pm 35R)** at 7 pm (35-10 wpm).

June 2 - **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.

June 3 – **Holiday City ARC Meeting** at 7 pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River on Zoom.

June 3 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm via Zoom teleconferencing. This will be a program meeting to discuss the details of Field Day. Don’t miss it!

June 3 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run (CW 10 pm 40)** at 10 pm (10-40 wpm).

June 4 – **W1AW CW Qualifying Run (CW 9 am 35)** at 9 am (10-35 wpm).

June 5-6 – **Digifest**, 80 through 10 meters digital modes from midnight Friday night to 4 pm Sunday. See <http://www.rigexpert.com/digifest>

June 9 – **Holiday City VE Session** at 7 pm in Toms River. Contact Larry Puccio, K2QDY at 732-349-2950 or e-mail to lpuccio#comcast.net

June 12 – **OMARC Meeting** at 9:00 am at the Firehouse on 600 Sixth Ave. in Spring Lake Heights. This meeting may be on Zoom.

June 12 – **Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB** on 20 and 15 meters from 7 am to 9 am. For more information, see <http://www.jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt>

June 12-13 – **ARRL June VHF Contest**, all modes 50 MHz and up from 2 pm Saturday to 10:59 pm Sunday. See <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

June 16 – **GSARA Digital Fusion Net** on 147.045 DN at 7:00 pm. Note that time has been moved from 8 pm to 7 pm. Also, this net is now only once per month instead of weekly.

June 17 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm via Zoom teleconferencing. This will be a business meeting.

June 18-20 – **All Asian DX Contest, CW** on 160 through 10 meters from 8 pm Friday to 7:59 pm Sunday. See <http://www.jarl.org/english>

June 19 – **ARRL Kids Day** on 3.5-14; 18, 21, 24, 28 and 144 repeaters from 2 pm to 7:59 pm. Exchange name, age, QTH and favorite color. See <http://arrl.org/kids-day>

June 26-27 – **ARRL Field Day**, all modes, from 2 pm Saturday to 2 pm Sunday. See <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		K2ARV 1 KC2RRP CW 4 pm 35 GSARA 10 Mtr GSARA Net 8:30	2 CW 7 pm 35R	3 HCARC Mtg GSARA Mtg CW 10 pm 40	4 CW 9 am 35	5 Digifest
6 Digifest	7	8 CW 4 pm 35 GSARA 10 Mtr GSARA Net 8:30	9 CW 7 pm 40 Hol. City VE	10 CW 9 am 35R	11 CW 10 pm 35	OMARC Mtg 12 KY2S Asia-Pac. Sprint ARRL VHF
13 ARRL VHF	14	W2HAM 15 W2IY KA2QEP CW 9 am 35 GSARA 10 Mtr GSARA Net 8:30	16 CW 10 pm 35R GSARA Dig. Net	17 CW 7 PM 35 GSARA Mtg	18 KA2F CW 4 pm 40 Aisian DX	19 KU0MAN Aisian DX ARRL Kids Day
20 N2MN Asian DX	21 WB2KCV CW 10 pm 40	22 GSARA 10 Mtr GSARA Net 8:30	23 CW 9 am 35R	24 CW 4 PM 35R	25 CW 7 pm 35	26 Field Day
27 W2HTS Field Day.	28	29	30 W2XT			



8 DONNER STREET
HOLMDEL, NJ 07733

First Class