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Next Meeting

The next WECA meeting will be on Monday, June 14th, 1999 at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, beginning at 7:30pm with a social half hour followed by the main presentation at 8pm.

The speaker will be Tom Raffaelli; WB2NHC, who will discuss field day past and present.

The Night Before Field Day

By Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC

T'was the night before Field Day and all through the land, Hams were preparing,
it sure will be grand. Antennas are hung from the towers with care, In hopes that
DX soon would be there.

Food was prepared for the hungry crew, Hot dogs, hamburgers and lots of Coke
too. As we cranked up the power and turned on each rig,

We new that this year would again be big.

Contacts came rolling one after the other, An opening on six set us all in a
flutter. As night time fell on this joyous scene, We new once again we're the big
boss team. So I hope that you can be there too, It won't be Field Day without all
of you.

Okay so its not Clement Clarke Moore but you get the point. Its big, its fun, its
June 26 and 27 at Harbor Island Park in Mamaroneck. There are lots of
opportunities to participate. You can be a station captain, making certain that all
the equipment is there for your station. You can be a power captain, dispensing
the juice to each station. You can be a computer captain, connecting our fiber
optic network. You can host the novice station and Elmer the newbie's. You can
be the chef and the best friend of everyone there. Or you can be a part of any of
the above or just show up for a good ham time. Any way you want to participate
is just fine. If you want to contribute in some special way, give me a call or
speak up at the June meeting when we call for assignments.

From the Editor

Come out to Field Day. Help set up a HF station. Come work some DX. Come
enjoy the cook out. Bring the kids and camp out. Hope to see you all out there.

With that, its on to the news...

Your Editor, Will N2UXJ

Public Service

By Robert Kantor, N2TSE

Mark your calendar for these up-coming events. And if you want to volunteer,
you can sign up at the membership meeting or you can contact me on the radio

during SDN, or by phone at home. Or you can E-mail me!!!

E-Mail: n2tse@weca.org

Call: 914 949-4231

June 13, 1999

American Diabetes Tour de Care at SUNY Purchase. Start time will be 6-6:30am. Breakfast will be supplied.

July 24, 1999

The NY Philharmonic Concert at WCC with a 4:30-5:00 PM. start time. Also bring bug spray, flash light, and extra battery's! Something to eat and drink will be there.

PS. Free fireworks.

September 26, 1999

The American Heart Association will have a 5 mile walk starting at the County center in White Plains. Start time will be 8:30am. Call me for more info.

Please watch this space in the future for details.

April Board Meeting

By Kenneth F. Gross, N2OBY

On 4/26/99 at 8:10 p.m.the meeting was called to order by Joe Brown, KB2NBN. In Attendance was: N2OBY, KB2NBN; WB2NHC; N2TSE; N2OGK; N2TFC; WA2NRV; W2RJA; N2TJE; N2EJI; N2DHH; N2NWZ; N2FMC; N2UXJ

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee - Stan Rothman, WA2NRV, reported that the committee has had difficulty finding nominees for all of the positions up for (re)election, WA2NRV proposed a solution, endorsed by the Election Committee, whereby he would resign from the committee and as Public-Relations Director, and run for President. With Stan running for President, Shirley Dahlgren, N2SKP, will run for the office of Public-Relations Director; and Rich Andersen, W2RJA, will run for Education Director.

A motion was made to approve the preceding proposal and the motion carried unanimously. Anthony Licata, N2NWZ, volunteered to replace WA2NRV on the Election Committee until the elections are held during the May General Membership Meeting.

WECAFEST - Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC, reported that the magazine notices for Summer WECAFEST '99 need to go out. The event will be held 8/29/99 at Yonkers Raceway.

Directors Reports:

Vice-President - Dave Weiss, N2OGK: Solicited suggestions for guest speakers.

Membership - Peter Johnson, N2TFC: Reported three new members during the last month. Peter reported that the electronic version of the WECA Operations Manual is 90% complete.

Public Service - Robert Kantor, N2TSE: Discused the 4/18/99 event at Rye Playland, and also the March of Dimes event in Mt. Kisco on 4/25/99. Also discussed are the upcoming public service events. (see page 2)

Social - Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC: Field Day preparations are on-track. There will be a softball game on the field at Harbor Island on Sunday morning; a concession the Town of Mamaroneck has made to one of its organizations. Tom is still looking for Station Captains and volunteers to help with food preparation.

Agenda Items:

Stan Rothman, WA2NRV: Proposed holding another "RDF Hunt." It could possibly be held in conjunction with the club picnic to be held this summer (Two possible locations are Crawford Park in Rye Brook and Kingsland Point Park in Tarrytown). The matter will be discussed further pending additional interest.

Stan's suggestion of constructing a current meter for a club project led to a discussion regarding other potential subjects; including the possibility of a multi-project session, where participants could pick one from a selection.

WECAGRAM Editor Will Austen, N2UXJ, will publish a questionnaire regarding Club Projects in a future issue of the publication.

9:54 p.m. - Motion to adjourn by Ron, N2TJE. 2nd by Dave, N2OGK.

May Member Meeting

By Kenneth F. Gross, N2OBY

On 5/10/99 at 8:11 p.m.the meeting was called to order by Joe Brown, KB2NBN

Elections: KB2NBN reminded the membership that the nominating period for the upcoming election will end at the close of the night's meeting. At this point, the report indicating those nominations received prior to the meeting was submitted to KB2NBN by the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mal Ochs, N2MEF. All of the offices currently have candidates running unopposed. The current nominees are:

President - Stan Rothman, WA2NRV
Executive Vice-President - David Weiss, N2OGK (Incumbent)
Secretary - Ken Gross, N2OBY (Incumbent)
Treasurer - Andy Farber, N4OOX (Incumbent)
Repeater Operations Director - Dwight Smith, N2FMc (Incumbent)
Engineering Director - Bob Wilson, N2DVQ (Incumbent)
Education Director - Rich Anderson, W2RJA
Social Director - Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC (Incumbent)
Publicity Director - Shirley Dahlgren, N2SKP
Director-at-Large - Fran Lasorsa, N2OLU

The Election Committee, composed of Sandy Fried, N2SF; Peter Johnson, N2TFC and Nick Gallo, K2ZVI; will tally the returns at the June Membership Meeting.

Participation Awards were presented by Joe Brown, KB2NBN & Charlie Salvilla, KB2LLV

1st Year: KC2COP, KC2COQ, K2DFJ, KC2EES, KC2ESU, KB2GTD, N2KIM, KD2OG, KB2UAF, N2UNZ, and N2YHK
2nd Year: KC2BXX, W3EH, DL9GAV/W2, W2IRL, KD2IX, N2KBC, N2SBN, and KB2UCN
3rd Year: WB2IAE, N2IYR, N2VQP, and N2ZRC
5th Year: AC2T, AC2V

Guest Speaker - Stan Rothman, WA2NRV: Stan gave a lecture describing Search and Rescue procedures employed by the Civil Air Patrol, and how they relate to Amateur Radio.

Director's Reports -

Participation Awards Committee, Robert reported that the retro awarding of

participation awards will take place at the June Membership Meeting.

Other Business -

Club Picnic: Stan, WA2NRV, reported that Kingsland Point Park in Tarrytown is currently the area being investigated for the picnic to be held on a Sunday (yet to be determined) in July or August.

Shirley, N2SKP, announced that she had brought copies of the "Hudson Loop" electronic newsletter.

Door Prizes - Winners: N2OBY, N2TJE, KC2ESU, W2RWR, WA2NRV, and AB2FM

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Hudson Happenings

By Shirley Dahlgren, N2SKP

OTHER AREA MEETINGS:

CARA: (Candlewood ARA) Fri June 11, (2nd Fri), 8:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, CT (147.120+)

CARC: (Croton ARC) Thurs June 17, (3rd Thurs), 7pm at Croton Library. Info: 271-0059

MBARC: (Mt. Beacon ARC) on the air meetings - 8pm Monday evenings, 146.97 (PL 100)

QSY Society: Wednesday June 9, (2nd Weds) 7:30pm, Kent Fire House on Rt 301 in Carmel

WARA (Westchester Amateur Radio Association) (note change) Sun June 6, (usually 1st Sunday) 1:30pm, No. Yonkers Community Church,

N. Broadway/Thompkins Ave, Hastings. Call Lou WA2UIJ 779-2969 for info

YARC (Yonkers Amateur Radio Club) Sun June 13 (2nd Sunday), 10:30 am at the 1st Police Precinct, E

Grassy Sprain Rd. between Jackson Ave and Tuckahoe RD. Yonkers. Talkin 146.865

DACS: (Danbury Area Computer Society) Tues, June 1 (1st Tues), Topic: Topic: Be, Inc. BeOS; Danbury Hospital Auditorium, 7pm Q&A, 8pm program:

Visit their Web page: DACS.org.

MHCUG: (Mid Hudson Computer Users Group) Thurs June 10, (2nd Thurs) 7pm at the Best Western, Rt 9, Poughkeepsie. Visit their Web page:

<http://www.idsi.net/mhcug/>

WPCUG: (Westchester PC Users Group) Thurs June 3, (1st Thurs), 7:30, White Plains Middle School. Info: (914) 962-8022

VE EXAMS

Sun 6/6 Yonkers (YARC) 9am, 1st Precinct, Yonkers Police Station, info AC2V 237-5589

Thurs 6/10 White Plains, Westchester County EOC, 7pm, info Sandy N2SF

Sun 6/13 LIMARC hamfest, Bethpage LI, NY

Sun 6/13, Mott Haven, Bronx NY, info Ruben Ayala (718) 993-4755

Sat 6/19 Kingston, Central Hudson Bldg, 9am, info Frank N2FS 382-2103

Sat-Sun 6/26-27, Yonkers (YARC), 9am Sat ñ 1pm Sun, Field Day Site, contact AC2V 237-5589

CONTESTS

June 12-14 ARRL June VHF QSO Party

June 26-27: Field Day! (WECA is operating again from Harbor Island Park in Mamaroneck ñ be there!!)

HAMFESTS

May 29 VERNON CT

Sat Jun 5 TEANECK NJ, BARA

Sun Jun 6 NEWINGTON CT

Sun Jun 6 QUEENS, Hall of Science ARA

COMPUTER SHOWS

Sat June 5, Poughkeepsie, Casperkill Country Club 10-3:30

Sat-Sun June 5-6, White Plains, Westchester County Center 9:30-4

Sun June 20, Poughkeepsie, Mid-Hudson Civic Center 9:30-4

Sun June 20, Middletown, Orange County Fairgrounds 9:30-3:30

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<http://www.hudson-loop.org>

DAYTON Hamvention 1999 Trivia:

How many flea market spaces were there?

2500 plus 136 in the tent area.

How many inside spaces were there?

600.

How long did it take to drive there?

(includes 1.25 hrs for lunch; WAT*)

13.5 hrs from Mahopac

(*Worked All Toilets)

Club Project

By: Stan Rothman; WB2NRV

The following are proposed projects for our next club project day.

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RF field strength meter

Portable J - pole antenna

Small power supply using a wall cube module

Receive only pre-amp

It has been suggested that we do more than one project at a time so everyone can participate. We can try doing two projects this time if the membership would like to try it that way. Members should advise WA2NRV with their choice of project. We are also looking for someone to oversee future club projects.

Contact WECA at the weca hotline or E-mail WA2NRV@WECA.ORG

SWAP & SHOP

rfConcepts. Duel band brick Pre Amp
143-149..5in....30 out
430-440..5 in....20 out,,Mint with hook ups....\$90.00

Super star pre am for 10 meters
25 in.....250 out mint....50.00

Pyramid Gold power supply
10 amps..mint.....\$40.00

Kantronics Packet Comm.3...\$20.00 Mint

Call Dick N2VVJ @914-739-4232

June is Amateur Radio Month in New York State

Read the proclamation
on line at;
www.rpi.edu/~brandp/sara/.

Southern District Net

Sandro Sicilia N2TWN, Net manager of the Southern District Net, reports April 1999 SDN stats as follows:

Check-Ins 322
Traffic 69
Passed 60
Time 397
Sessions 30

WECA upcoming events...

Sunday, June 13, American Diabetes Bike Tour

Monday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. Membership meeting.

Sat/Sun, June 26-27 Field Day.

Monday, June 28, 8:00 p.m. Board meeting.

Monday, July 12, 7:30 p.m. Membership meeting.

Saturday, July 24, The NY Philharmonic

Monday, July 26, 8:00 p.m. Board meeting.

Membership

By Peter Johnson; N2TFC

Please welcome our newest member:

AA2BQ Frank Riedl Mt. Vernon

Write for the WECAGRAM

Send your story
by the Third Monday
of the month.

BY E-Mail to
wecagram@weca.org