



THE WECAGRAM

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Next Meeting

The next WECA meeting will be Monday December 13th 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 was not decided at press time. Subjects of the meeting will include; Blythdale, Y2K, and this will be the last meeting of the Millennium!!

From The President...

**'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY.
HO HO HO WECA'S THE WAY TO GO.**

Now that we are coming to the holiday season, it's time to reflect on all the events we have been fortunate enough to participate with during the year. We can pat ourselves on the back for all the good WECA members have accomplished this year. The WECA turkeys have just finished

trotting in Mamaroneck. Now is the time for the WECA Elves to perform a tough job. That of handing out gifts to the children at Blythdale Hospital. Santa will be on the radio to talk to each and every child as WECA elves pass out a special gift to each one. WECA purchased gifts recommended by the hospital nurses. There is still time to volunteer. Also remember Y2K, New Year's Eve and Day, the County ODES is looking for communicators. HAPPY NEW YEAR and a healthy one to all.

Stan WA2NRV

Excellent Field Day!!!

According to the December 1999 issue of QST, WECA finished forth of 150 participants in class 4A with 3,277 contacts totaling 10,480 points!

Listen on 147.060 at 7pm Monday-Wednesday-Friday
for Amateur Radio related news and Announcements

Write for the WECAGRAM. Send your submissions to
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Submissions via E-Mail to wecagram@weca.org would greatly be appreciated. Submissions may be edited for style and space.

The DEADLINE for INCLUSION in the newsletter is the 2nd Monday of the preceding month.

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The WECAGRAM would like to exchange newsletters with other clubs. If you are interested in receiving the WECAGRAM through such an exchange, please contact the editor.

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147.060(+)-MHz	PL 2A(114.8 Hz)
224.400(-)-MHz	PL 2A(114.8 Hz)
447.475(-)-MHz	PL 2A(114.8 Hz)

WECAGRAM Online:

<http://www.weca.org/wecagram>

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

On December 15, Wednesday for dinner at 5 PM. Or 6:30 at Blythedale we will start at 7pm. With the program for the kids and hopefully be done by 9:30, if you would like to help out for this event please contact me.

Here are the WECA participants that helped with the Mamaroneck Turkey Trot held on Sunday, November 21, 1999:

N2OLU, N2TSE, N2TFC, A2WQG, N2MEF, KB2LLV, WB2NHC, K2ZVI, N2AMP, KC2FNU, KA2BRH, KA2KCR, WA2NRV, N2FMC, K2DCL, WD2ADT, KB2PMD, K4ZGE, N2NAA, KA1TKT.

Thank you all for your help this year.

Write for the WECAGRAM

Send your story by the deadline, which is on Monday, one week before the Board Meeting each month, except July and August

BY E-Mail to wecagram@weca.org

Please include your name and call sign for publication. Please put the body of your story in the E-mail to prevent cross platform, and other layout problems

HUDSON HAPPENINGS December 1999

By: Shirley Dahlgren, N2SKP

OTHER AREA MEETINGS:

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

CARA: (Candlewood ARA) Friday Dec 10, (2nd Fri), 8:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, CT (147.120+)

HVDFA: Hudson Valley Direction Finding Association No scheduled meetings, but periodic foxhunts. For info cont. John Hirth W2KI, 914 782-8143, w2ki@amsat.org or Tony Cioffi n2kie@amsat.org

QSY Society: Weds Dec 15, Holiday Party 7:30pm, Kent Fire House on Rt 301 in Carmel

WARA (Westchester Amateur Radio Association) Sun Dec 7, (usually 1st Sunday) No.Yonkers Community Church, N.Broadway/Thompkins Ave, Hastings. Info: Lou WA2UIJ 914-779-2969

YARC (Yonkers Amateur Radio Club) Sun Dec 12 (2nd Sunday), Holiday party. info: Emily AC2V 237-5589 Talkin 146.865

COMPUTER CLUBS

DACS: (Danbury Area Computer Society) Tues Dec 2 (1st Tues), Topic: John Patrick, VP of Internet Technology, IBM Corp.Danbury Hospital Auditorium, 7pm Q&A, 8pm program: Visit their Web page: www.DACS.org.

WPCUG: (Westchester PC Users Group) Thurs Dec 9, (2nd Thurs) 7:30pm at the White Plains Middle School. Visit their Web page: <http://www.wpcug.org/>

VE EXAMS

Sun 12/5, Yonkers Police Station 9am, info Dan 667-0587

Thurs 12/9 White Plains EOC 7pm, info Sandy N2SF 285-3029

Tues 12/14 Pomona 7pm, info Steve Koeper KF2JA 357-0712

Sat 12/18 Kingston 9am, info Frank Sainsbury 382-2103

CONTESTS

Dc 3-5 ARRL 160-Meter Contest

Dec 11-12 ARRL 10-Meter Contest

HAMFESTS

Sun Jan 16, Yonkers High School

COMPUTER SHOWS

Sun Dec 5 Danbury, O'Neill Center 10-4

Sat-Sun Dec 11-12 White Plains County Center 9:30-4

Sun Dec 26 Yonkers Raceway 9:30-4

Blythdale Mailing

By now you should have received the annual Santa Claus operation at Blythdale letter requesting your donation. Every year Santa Claus George Manning / K2RRR and his many elves bring a little bit of joy to the very sick children who are residents at the Blythdale Children's Hospital. This year we are trying to raise \$2,000 for walkmen, am-fm radios and the many other gifts that the children ask for.

Please send in something, for a short moment of time these very sick children can smile for a little while. For those of you who have sent in a donation, the children will thank you very much - you can see it in their faces and from their voices - come on December 15th and see what I mean. If you haven't gotten around to sending in your donation, please do it today.

Peter Johnson / N2TFC, n2tfc@weca.org

ELECTRONIC WECAGRAM

A survey was sent to WECA members this past summer asking if they would be interested in receiving THE WECAGRAM electronically. Here are the results:

Renewal letters sent to members: 240

Members who renewed: 180

Amount of members who responded: 52

Those responding with "YES": 26

Those responding with "NO": 26

What does it mean? Of the 180 who rejoined the club, only about a third of the members have email and about half of those with email would like to receive THE WECAGRAM electronically. Needless to say, WECA could save a fair amount of money on a yearly basis by not having to publish on paper. For now, those 26 members will receive the newsletter notice via email and save the expense.

Want to change your mind and receive the newsletter electronically ? Send email to Peter Johnson / N2TFC -- n2tfc@weca.org

WECA upcoming events...

Monday, December 13th, WECA Membership Meeting

Wednesday, December 15th, Blythedale 7pm start.

Monday, December 27th, WECA Board Meeting

The Westchester County ODES is looking for members for a Y2K exercise on New Year's Eve, Contact Alan N2YGK or Joe WB2VVS.

Southern District Net

Sandro Sicilia N2TWN, Net manager of the Southern District Net, reports

November. 1999

Stations checked in	345
Traffic Brought	52
Traffic Passed	51
Total Net Time in Minutes in 31 session	389



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