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Next Meeting

The next WECA meeting will be Monday June 12th 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 main presentation will be by Tom, WB2NHC who will be doing his Field Day presentation

From The President...

Greetings WECA members,

This is an additional Presidents message with some details for June. Remember that the June meeting is the annual meeting and it is the time we elect the officers and half the board members. Your vote counts.

Since there has been a change in his personal reasons for resigning the position, Tom WB2NHC has sent me an e-mail rescinding his withdrawal as Social Director. At the May board meeting he said that everything was on schedule for the Hudson Division Convention. We are

responsible for most of the convention and costs, so lets do our part to make it a success, without destroying our finances. Tom said, Field Day is coming along on schedule.

Although the board voted not to allocate any funds for a club Picnic. Judith, K2DFJ, has volunteered to chair a club picnic in August. She will give us more details at the June meeting. Everyone who attended had a great time at last years WECA family picnic. There were a lot of WECA family members there.

The board voted to not hold a seminar during the summer. This is usually when we have a program describing various amateur modes and operating procedures.

We will try to integrate this into the monthly meeting programs next year. The September program will be a Radiological Emergency Preparedness presentation by Westchester County.

I look forward to seeing you all at the June meeting.

Stan WA2NRV

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

Upcoming events include:

6/4 (Sun.) - American Diabetes Assoc. Bike-a-thon at SUNY-Purchase, 6:30 am.

8/5 (Sat.) - NY Philharmonic at WCC, 3:00 p.m.

9/14 (Thu.) Boy Scout Jamboree, Croton Point Park, 8:30am

9/22 (Fri) Leukemia-lymphoma walk will be in White Plains, 5pm.

9/24 (Sun) American Heart Association, WCC Plaza-Kensico Dam,

If you need to laminate your licenses, autopatch cards, etc... for \$.50 each, please contact me for time and place

Previous events:

March of Dimes April 30, 2000

We had 18 Hams working very hard and having lots of fun on a great looking day in Mt.Kisco NY. Helping the March of Dimes with the communications were; n2tse, cjn, kim, wqg, twm, amp, tje, fxu, wb2iae, lnb, ka2kcr, brh, cfb, kc2clz, chx, fyz, fyy, cuo.

Many thank to you all.N2TSE.

Multiple Sclerosis Walk

The people who help out at the Multiple Sclerosis Walk are (in the rain, wind & snow) n2tse, ka2kcr, ka2brh, ab2bx, k2dcl, wd2adt, n2wqg, kc2fnu, kc2fyy, w2rwr, n2mef, n2twm, n2amp, k4zge, kb2spc, n1xxu, n2rvr, wb2nhc, wa2nrv ,kc2cuo & n2fxu. I would like to thank the Westchester County OEM. and the County fire dept for the use of the Comm. Van to help with the event.

Upcoming WECA Elections

The following are the positions and members nominated for the WECA 2000 / 2001 year.

President

Stan Rothman, WA2NRV
Joe Brown, KB2NBN

Executive Vice President

Phil Petrus, W2RWR

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Mike Arrow, K2NR

From The EDITOR...

With my last issue as editor I want to thank every one for their kind words and the recognition they have given me for the work I've done to put out the WECAGRAM. But the simple fact is I never could have done this with out the contributions by so many WECA members month after month. So I must thank them most of all.

This issue also brings the WECA Elections. The elections gives the membership the opportunity to decide how they want the club managed and in what direction they feel it should go. Please review the choices and make an informed choice.

But most of all, go to the June meeting and let your voices be heard and vote. Good luck to all the candidates.

With that its on to the news...
Will N2UXJ/ Newsletter Editor

DXCC ENTITIES LIST AVAILABLE.

By Bob Eber ,N2KIM

Dean, K7NO, created and sent me an Excel file showing all current DXCC entities (including East Timor) and which, when you enter your long/lat in the proper cell (you can get your data from QRZ.com, among other places), will provide specific heading/reciprocal and distance for each entity from your location.

Rather than bothering Dean, anyone wanting this Excel spreadsheet can send an e mail to Bob Eber (N2KIM) at: n2kim@weca.org or law@eber.com. I will then be glad to send a zipped attachment file unless otherwise specified. This file is an Excel 97 and 2000 series .xls file. It's a lot of fun to use and analyze, and can be reformatted to make it a bit easier to read before printing out a "hard copy".

WECA Elections FOR PRESIDENT

Statement from Stan Rothman, WA2NRV

Fellow WECA members,

I am on the ballot for re election as PRESIDENT of WECA.

I have been a licensed amateur since 1958 when I received my Novice ticket. Through the years I have grown with the hobby, to the point that I now hold an extra class license. I am a founding board member of WECA. As such, I have a warm spot in my heart for the association and the membership. At times I feel like a parent watching over a child. No matter how the club grows and improves, you always try to see that it evolves and gives the members a reason for belonging. This includes not only the services we provide to our customers, Westchester County, American Red Cross, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy, Village of Mamaroneck, etc., but also the advantages we offer our membership.

During the past year as your President, I have initiated programs that I felt were missing. Programs to give our members additional reasons to belong to WECA. These programs include our WECA "ELMER" program. Here you have the ability to work with a volunteer WECA member, Elmer, to learn about any aspect of amateur radio, with which you are unfamiliar. We have had both new and experienced hams take advantage of the program this year.

Along the same lines is our WECA Loan Closet. This includes WECA equipment allowing members to get on the air with borrowed equipment. This is especially helpful to members who have upgraded their license class and now have additional privileges. We not only loan the equipment, but help set up the station and teach you how to use it. The only requirements are that you be an active member, participating during WECA functions, and that you return the equipment in the same condition you received it.

I also initiated the WECA picnic. This is a summer family style picnic. Besides the barbecue, we have games, contests, and prizes. There is a special emphasis on the children of our members. This is part of the social aspect of our club.

These programs are run by members who volunteer their time for separate projects.

Before and during my term as president I have been active within the ARIES/ RACES program, an active VE for the WECA VE sessions, overseen the club projects, participate in the Southern District Net, conducted by WECA, been part of the Talk In - Talk Out team for our WECAFESTS, and involved during many other activities.

I am asking for your vote, as PRESIDENT, so I may continue to improve OUR club, with your support and active participation.

Thank you,
Stan WA2NRV

WECA Elections FOR PRESIDENT

Statement from Joseph Brown, KB2NBN

For those newer members who don't know me I'll give a brief introduction. I'm a General class ham. I entered amateur radio as a Novice. I've been a WECA member for nine years. I served three years as Secretary and four years as President. The Chase Manhattan Bank employs me as a Vice President in the Technology & Operations unit. I manage a team of Network Engineers with responsibility for six major servers and over 3000 desktops. I have served as President of my co-op board for nine years. I was a very active volunteer firefighter in the City of Mount Vernon and rose up the ranks to the Captain of Engine Company Three. In my fire fighting career I was awarded Honorable Mention as Westchester County Fireman of the Year as a result of a Life Saving rescue.

Under my leadership as President of WECA many positive projects were accomplished. WECA was chosen to host the ARRL Easter New York Section Convention. We were able to get the Westchester County Executive to make a proclamation declaring the week of Field Day 1995 as Amateur Radio Week in Westchester County. I represented WECA in a radio interview on radio station WVOX. The repeater systems were upgraded and additional remote receiver sites were established. The Packet system was upgraded and new technology and connections were implemented. I was able to reactivate the Grants Committee. As a result additional monetary grants and donations were received. I was able to get my company to donate 4 personal computers to be used during Field Day. A state of the art Hewlett Packard Laser Printer was also donated. The Participation Award program was expanded to provide tangible awards for those with over five straight years of participation. Under my leadership we were selected and accepted the ARRL 2000 New York State/Hudson Division Convention to be held in September 2000.

Some of the hard decisions I was forced to make were the removal of some Directors who were not performing the jobs they had volunteered for and were elected to. Working with the Executive Board I was able to get replacements for these individuals. The Membership and Executive Board meetings were streamlined to get the maximum amount of work accomplished and not get bogged down in lengthy non-productive discussions. I implemented the Assistant Director program in which Directors were able to have an assistant officially recognized to assist them. I reached out to other amateur radio clubs in the County. One of the results of this effort was the creation of a partnership with WARA and making them part of our Field Day.

I stepped down as President of WECA at the end of my term in 1999. I'm currently the President Emeritus. I've decided to run again as President because I don't think the current direction of WECA is where we should be going. I think my proven leadership abilities, the tangible results I was able to attain and four years experience as President qualifies me as the best candidate.

Joseph Brown, KB2NBN

The Night Before Field Day **By Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC**

Tíwas 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 weíre the big boss team.
So I hope that you can be there too,
It wonít be Field Day without all of you.

Okay so its not Clement Clarke Moore and I ran it last year but I couldn't resist. Its big, its fun, its June 24 and 25 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 newbeeís. 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.

This year, several jobs are still open. If you would like to be a staion captain, or do one of the many other things, please call me at 914-769-1486. If just want to get involved are not sure how, call me. See you all at the June meeting.

**Thanks For the Help
Stan!, WA2NRV**

It has been brought to my attention that except for my note in the April WECAgram, no one has thanked the members who participated in and made WECAFEST happen. Our membership is the backbone of any club and all club functions. Although it is true that the people you see overseeing the club operations and activities are important, they are totally ineffective without YOU, the membership.

The following is a list of members that I know participated in WECAFEST 2000 AS your WECA President, again, I take my hat off to you for a JOB WELL DONE.

AA2HX Dan Calabrese
AB2BX Mario Chiappetta
AC2G Robert Lisnak
AC2T Paul Maytan
AC2V Emily Maytan
K2DFJ Judith Stavans
K2NR Mike Arrow
K2ZVI Nick Gallo
K4ZGE Les Turner
KA2BRH Joe Carpentieri
KA2KCR Jose Cruz
KB2APX Marylou Levine
KB2GTD Brian Cresenzi
KB2GTE Sal Cresenzi
KB2JKC Florence Smith
KB2LLV Charles Salvilla
KB2NBN Joe Brown
KB2O Fritz Boigris
KB2UCN Michael Gloyd
KC2BXK Robert Isreal
KC2CLZ Dana Hickey
KC2COP Charles Daescher
KC2COQ Fred Stavans
KC2COR Angelina Roginski
KC2DCL John Carr
KC2ESU Joe Altamuro
KC2FNU Grant Nishanian
KC2FOR Efrem Acosta
KC2FYY William Lloyd Leslie
KC2FYZ Robert Muller
N2AMP Russ Stevenson

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N2GGY John Morgante
N2GKM Norm Krajkowski
N2IX Frank Lauri
N2IYR Steve Hunt
N2MEF Mal Ochs
N2MWE Kiernan O'Hagen
N2NQY Jeanne Raffaelli
N2NWZ Anthony Licata
N2OBY Ken Gross
N2OGK Dave Weiss
N2OLU Fran Lasorsa
N2OOO Jim Randall
N2SF Sandy Fried
N2SLA Chad Renson
N2TFC Peter Johnson
N2TJE Ron Devenuti
N2TSE Robert Kantor
N2TWN Sandro Sicillia
N2UCN Charles Curtis
N2UXJ Will Austen
N2VMN Chris Burgard
N2WQG Jim Faulkner
N2YYL Michael Di Fabio
N3EMF Russ Biltz
NJ2J Dick O'Brien
W2IRL Pat Murphy
W2MRA John Schutty
W2RJA Rich Anderson
W2RWR Phil Petrus
W2XMT Peter Marrero
W3EH George Rand
WA2ATY Paul Levine
WA2NRV Stan Rothman
WB2BTJ Frank Fabozzi
WB2NHC Tom Raffaelli
WB2QJA Rich Benda
WD2ADT Julian Heilbronner
WK6R Richard Sandell

Each and every one of you take a minute and pat yourselves on the back.

WECA upcoming events...

Sunday June 3rd, American Diabetes, Tour de Cure

Monday June 12th, Membership meeting

Monday June 26th, Board Meeting

Southern District Net

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



SDN for March. 2000

Stations checked in	416
Traffic Brought	73
Traffic Passed	66
Total Net Time in Minutes in 31 session	484

SDN for April 2000

Stations checked in	406
Traffic Brought	89
Traffic Passed	76
Total Net Time in Minutes in 30 session	521

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

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