



# WECAgram

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A Monthly Newsletter for Members and Associates

May 2005

### We need your ideas

The fall program starts in September. What would you like to see?  
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### Do you have photos?

If you do, why not share them with your WECA fellow members. See Page 3

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Our first spring public service event was a success.  
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## By Reservation only: May WECA Meeting

WECA's May 2005 member meeting will be very special - a guided tour of the operations of the Westchester County Airport. Steve Ferguson, who many of you know as the head of operations for the airport, will be personally leading the tour.

Only 25 members will be able to attend on May 9th due to the constraints of the facility.

We sent an email to all members on Saturday night explaining the sign up process. By Monday, 25 members signed up for the tour and we have another seven on the wait list!



**WECA provided communications and video taping of last fall's airport disaster drill.**

Lyle confirmed the reservations with the twenty-five members who signed up. Many

of the WECA board members chose not to attend to give a chance for more members to see the airport.

The meeting will start at 7PM at the Westchester County Airport. Members who have confirmed reservations should park on the second level of the parking structure then proceed across the bridge into the terminal building. The meeting will start in the conference room on the second floor by airport operations.

Make sure you bring your parking ticket with you. Steve will get it validated for free parking.

Somebody better take lots of pictures so the rest of us can see it in the next WECAgram!

**Note: Meeting is for the 25 members who have confirmed reservations!  
Next Meeting is Monday, May 9th at 7PM at the Westchester County Airport**

# Notes from Around WECA



## From the March Board Meetings



The WECA board meeting was held at the Fire Training Center on April 25th.

- One thousand dollars was donated to WECA by an engineering company. The funds will be used for vehicle maintenance.
- Lyle reported that he's making good progress on the new membership system.
- Ed, our education director, announced that he will be holding an extra class license prep workshop starting in late May or June. Ed will have an update on the web site for anyone who is interested in attending.
- Robert, N2TSE, covered a number of public service events coming up this year. More details on the page 4.
- The next field day planning session will be on May 7th at the Executive Diner starting at 10AM.
- Lyle will be presenting APRS to the PEARL club on May 18th.

## Letter from the President



For those of you who came and saw my helicopter demonstration last month, thanks! Believe me, I was so glad when I landed without embarrassing myself in front of all of you!

Elections are in June. Ann and the election committee has completed the roster of candidates for next year. We're still looking for a newsletter and activities director. Let Ann or I know if you're interested.

Field day is coming on the 25th and 26th of June. For all you new hams that joined us this year - make sure you come for at least a bit. The location is beautiful, and you can get some hands on with some great equipment. And , of course, Jim has excellent food!

Regards,  
Lyle, K2LCA

## Election Status



Ann, KC2MFF, has been working hard to get nominees for next year's WECA officers and directors. So far we have the following nominees:

- President: Lyle Anderson
- Vice President: Jim Faulkner
- VP-General Counsel: Mike Weitzner
- Treasurer: Andy Farber
- Secretary: Milton Galamison
- Director at Large: Stan Rothman
- Engineering: Robert Wilson
- Repeater Operations: Dwight Smith
- Activities: Jim Faulkner
- Education: Ed. Granato
- Newsletter Editor: Lyle Anderson



# Field Day is Coming... and then, a new fall program

The last big event of the spring season is the 2005 American Radio Relay League Field Day, starting Saturday June 25th at Harbor Island Park in Marazion. Field Day is a two day event where clubs from all around North America test our their emergency preparedness and provide a venue where they can spark public interest in amateur radio and public service. Last year NewsChannel 12 did a story on us and we were visited by many state and local officials, including Suzi Oppenheimer, our New York State Senator.

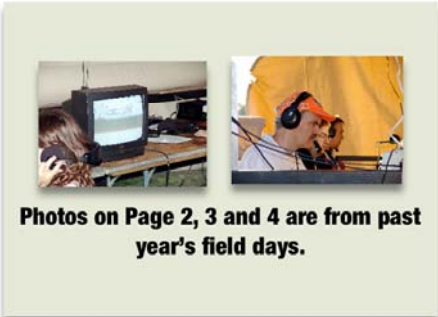
Many people think the best part of WECA's Field Day is the food - so even if you don't want to get on the radio, come to eat!

We'll have a WECA member meeting in June, then we'll be off for the summer months.

## We need your help

for next year. Which, for WECA, starts with the September member meeting and September WECAGram. Jim, N2WQG and Lyle, K2LCA are starting to work on the member program and

activities for the fall. We'd like your input on what topics you would find interesting. And, if you know someone or some organization that's willing to present let us know!



**Photos on Page 2, 3 and 4 are from past year's field days.**

## We also need some help with the WECAGram and our Web-site

to make it current and interesting for our membership. Where can you help?

- If you have any WECA or amateur radio photographs that you're willing to have published, send them to us! Many of you are taking great photos and we'd love to add them to the WECA photo gallery and publish some in the WECAGram. We'll take any digital format and will scan photos that you only have hard copy of. Let Peter, N2TFC or Lyle, K2LCA know. They'll be glad to get the photos up and online.
- Are you up for being interviewed? Or writing an article? We're always looking for new topics. Lyle will be glad to interview you and draft an article for you if you'd like. Contact Lyle at [k2lca@weca.org](mailto:k2lca@weca.org) if you're interested.

- How about teaching a course? We need instructors for the Technician's class. You can teach one session or teach the whole course. Contact Ed, WA2JXI if you're interested. We run classes during the day and evenings.

And, if you have any other ideas, please let us know. Talk to a board member or send an email to [board@weca.org](mailto:board@weca.org).



**Bob handles the burgers. Always great food at Field Day!**

# Public Service

Robert, N2TSE, thanks everyone who helped out in the March of Dimes walk last Sunday. Members who attended include: N2AMP, N2TJE, N2WQG, N2CAV, N2TSE, N2FMC, KC2NFI, KC2MPK, KC2HZW, KC2CLZ, KC2GWK, KC2ESU, KC2FNU, KC2ARX, KC2NXX (and better half) and soon to be new member KC2NXM.

The next event is the American Diabetes Association bike-a-thon on Saturday, June 4th at SUNY Purchase. In September, the American Heart Association and the Golden Apple Bike Tour are scheduled. The Leukemia/Lymphoma, Jamboree on the Air and American Diabetes events will be in October.

Why not sign up to help out on one or both of these? It's great training and you'll get a chance to help out a great charitable organization!

