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A Monthly Newsletter for Members and Associates

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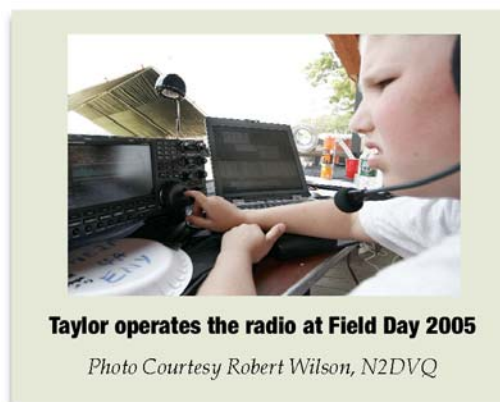
Exciting November Meeting Planned

Our own Andy Farber, N4OOX, will be speaking at the November WECA meeting at the County Center. Andy was down in Mississippi after Katrina devastated the area. He has an interesting slide show and presentation of

his experiences there. If you want to get a "real" view of what is happening there, not just what the national news media is covering, come see Andy's presentation.

Gene, from KJI Electronics, will be our featured speaker for December. He will cover new products from our favorite vendors and have a wide variety of items for sale. The holidays are right around the corner, so this

will be the perfect time to shop for your favorite ham!



Taylor operates the radio at Field Day 2005

Photo Courtesy Robert Wilson, N2DVQ

Jim, N2WQG, is working on the Spring speakers program. Jim is looking for your ideas on speakers you would like to see and hear from. Let Jim know at n2wqg@weca.org if you have any suggestions.

The November meeting will begin at 7PM on Monday November 14th with our social half hour. The meeting program begins at 7:30PM

with a brief business meeting followed by Andy's presentation.

**Next Meeting is Monday
November 14th at 7PM at the County Center**



Notes from Around WECA

From the October Board Meeting



Some updates for the August and September Board meetings:

- It's budget time again! We reviewed a first cut of the budget and plan to present it to the membership for approval at the December member meeting.
- Stan, WA2NRV, has been busy as our Health and Welfare Director. He has sent out a number of cards (including one to my wife, which she loved! - ed.) and been in contact with a number of members.
- The Red Cross has asked us to plan a Technician's Training Course for them starting some time in late January.
- The board voted unanimously to sponsor Rich Kautz, KC2HZW as an ARRL Card Checker for this area. Once Rich is certified, he will be able to verify your QSO cards for ARRL awards. Many thanks to Rich to volunteering for this!

Letter from the President



Another Marathon is over. Unfortunately, I missed this one because of a family emergency, but I hear WECA performed brilliantly as always! Family Reunion sounded like quite a challenge this year. The Road Runners wanted everyone tracked as they entered and left the medical tents - multiplying the traffic by 6 fold! Even with a new wireless network to the stages, we could barely keep up. Hopefully Peter or Tom can tell us more about this in a future WECAgram.

This coming Saturday is a very special night for WECA and Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC. Tom has been selected by the ARRL Hudson Division as HAM OF THE YEAR! Tom will be honored at the Hudson Division awards dinner this coming Saturday. I hope you all join me in congratulating Tom on this honor - he deserves it!

Next Monday's meeting will be special with Andy talking about his own experience with Katrina. I hope to see you all there.

*Regards,
Lyle, K2LCA*

Quick Notes



WECA came in 8th out of a field of 127 4A stations at this year's ARRL Field Day. We completed 2,686 QSOs and reached a score of 8,304 points. News Channel 12 also covered us at the event. Check out www.weca.org for more information.

And speaking of the web site, Peter has added a ton of new material in the past few months. One interesting article is on Dipoles by Ed Granato, WA2JXI. If you haven't visited the web site in a while, stop by!

Alan Crosswell, N2YGK, has a number of RACES drills planned with the county. Contact Alan at kc2ygk@weca.org for more information. And if you're not a RACES member, contact Alan to find out about joining.

Photos from Field Day 2005

Bob Wilson, N2DVQ took some spectacular photos from Field Day this year. Here are some of them. As you can tell, we had fun while racking up a great score! Many thanks for Bob for the outstanding photography.



Don't make this your last WECAGram..



Photo Courtesy Robert Wilson, N2DVQ

If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2005-2006 membership year, please do it now! Your membership dues support a number of WECA activities including maintenance of the repeater network, public service events and publishing this newsletter. We run a very tight budget and every dollar counts!

This will be your last WECAGram if you have not renewed your membership. So why not help out WECA's emergency communications mission in Westchester? Send your renewal check today to:

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