



WECAgram

Westchester Emergency Communications Association

Field Day is Coming, June 28-29

by Rich Kautz, KC2HZW

WECA will participate in the ARRL Field Day event June 28 and 29. Once again, we will be located in Harbor Island Park in Mamaroneck. Volunteers are requested to arrive at the Field Day site at 10 AM on Saturday morning, rain or shine.

Many people see Field Day as a contest but it is so much more! The mission of Amateur Radio, emergency communications, is the idea behind Field Day. Setting up our antennas and equipment in an unimproved area provides practice should we ever be called on to provide communications in a natural or man made disaster.

This year WECA will operate 4A or four alpha. That means that we will be using a generator to provide power
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BOB WILSON, N2DVC

Harbor Island Park during the 2007 WECA Field Day event.

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The 2008 Nominating Committee Report

by Dwight Smith, N2FMC

The formation and purpose of the WECA Nominating Committee are outlined in the club's bylaws.

A. Committees, 1. Nominating Committee

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to solicit and present to the membership candidates for officers and directors for the annual election. The Nominating Committee is expected to use its discretion in selecting candidates that will best serve the interests of the membership, WECA, ham radio, Westchester County, and the public. It is strongly desired that more than one candidate be recommended for each position. The Nominating Committee consists of three members appointed by the officers and announced at the February membership meeting. The Nominating Committee is discharged after presentation of its recommended slate. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible to stand for election, and no more than one member of the Nominating Committee may be a current officer or director.

B. Regular Elections, Sub-section 1. Nomination Procedures

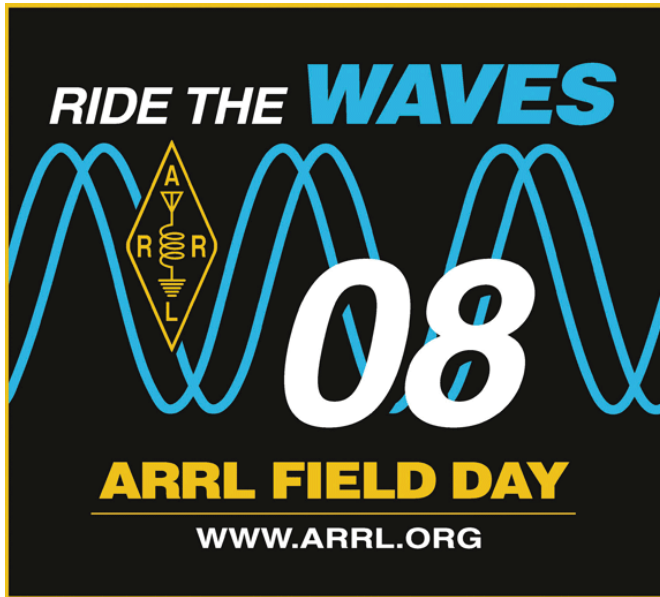
- a. The formation of the Nominating Committee shall be announced at the February meeting.

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for our radios and equipment and we will be operating four HF radios. Each station will have a laptop hooked up to our own network for logging purposes. In addition, we shall have a VHF / UHF station to cover six and two meters as well as the seventy centimeter band. Finally, a GOTA or Get On The Air station will be provided for non-ham visitors to make HF contacts during the contest. Children under 18 are especially invited to use the GOTA station.



The Field Day Committee has been working hard behind the scenes to make the event exciting and enjoyable for all. Volunteers are needed to help set up the antennas and radio equipment, to work in the kitchen and help make contacts. The kitchen staff is planning some delicious meals, lobster tails and filet minion are sure to be on the menu for dinner on Saturday evening.

During the June 9th WECA membership meeting final details for this year's field day will be discussed, please attend and see how you can help. Then join us on June 28th and 29th to enjoy the best that Amateur Radio and WECA have to offer!

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- b. The Nominating Committee shall solicit nominations immediately upon its formation.
- c. The Nominating Committee shall present its report of recommended candidates for election at the April membership meeting. At the conclusion of the April membership meeting, the Nominating Committee shall be discharged. The Nominating Committee's report shall be published in the next newsletter, or by special mailing, if necessary, before the May membership meeting.
- d. The Elections Committee shall be announced at the April meeting.

The 2008 Nominating committee consisting of members Richard Anderson, W2RJA, Charles Salvilla KB2LLV and chair Dwight Smith, N2FMC, have canvassed the membership and present the following names as nominees for year 2008 - 2009 Westchester Emergency Communications Association, Inc. Board.

Position	Name	Call
President	Russ Stevenson	N2AMP
Executive VP	Frank Fabozzi	WB2BTJ
VP & General Counsel	Michael Weitzner	N2EJI
Treasurer	Andrew Farber	N4OOX
Secretary	Milton Galmison	KC2GWK
Public Service	Robert Kantor	N2TSE
Digital Modes	Dr. Richard Benda	WB2QJA
Membership Services	Ronald Devenuti	N2TJE
Publicity	---	---
Emergency Services	Thomas Raffaelli	WB2NHC

WECA Members Help "Run" the 2007 ING NYC Marathon

from www.WECA.org

About 25 WECA members helped "run" the 2007 New York City Marathon held on Sunday, November 4, 2007 as communication volunteers.

WECA members covered assignments including "The Family Reunion area", "Mile Captains", "finish line area", countless "Shadows" for the NYC Road Runners Club officials, and many other key positions as communicators. These members performed their duties using Ham Radio, net control protocol procedures, as well as "hi-tech" systems including APRS and WIFI.

Information about the 2007 NYC Marathon can be found at www.ingnycmarathon.org/results/index.php.

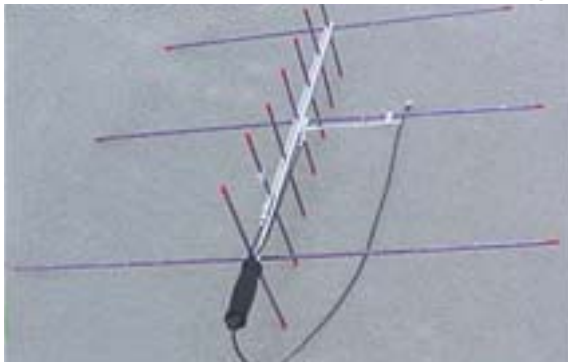
Photos from the race taken by WK6R can be viewed at www.weca.org/wk6r/

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The NYC marathon mile 23 family. Mile Captain, Stan Rothman, WA2NRV (holding sign) notes that "some of us have been together for years and others are relatively new, only about 5 years."

Club Project Needs a Coordinator



The WECA club project is a portable 3 element, 2 meter beam, perfect for Fox Hunting! All of the planning has been completed for this project; however, we need a WECA member to step in and take over the direction of this club project. The new coordinator will need to collect funds from interested members and then schedule a WECA membership meeting for the assembly of the antenna. Anyone interested in helping bring the WECA club project to fruition please contact Stan Rothman, WA2NRV, at WA2NRV@weca.org.

Please Share Members' News

Remember to send news of any WECA members' joyous or sad occasions to Stan Rothman, WA2NRV, at WA2NRV@weca.org, so that the club can send a card.

Recent Public Service Participants

March of Dimes Walk

April 27

N2AMP	KC2HZW
N2TJE	KC2PMJ
N2TFC	WB2NHC
N2CAV	WB2BTJ
N2VFU	WB2IAE
N2UXI	KB2LLV
N2TSE	WA2NRV
KC2ESU	W2RWR
KC2MPH	K2DFJ



March
of Dimes
Saving babies, together

Robert Kantor, N2TSE, would like to thank all of the WECA members who braved the weather, thanks to all who helped out.

New Members of WECA

by Ron Devenuti, N2TJE

On behalf of the WECA membership, I would like to welcome the following new club members:

STEVE	K2HQ	GOLDENS BRIDGE	ROBERT	KC2SWT	NEW ROCHELLE
MIKE	KA2FBL	YONKERS	DANNY	KC2SUT	NEW ROCHELLE
JAMES	KB1LOY	HAWTHORNE	JOE	KC2TAT	OSSINING
CARMEN	KB2PSR	SCARSDALE	GEORGE	KD2AU	SCARSDALE
JAVIER	KC2MFC	IRVINGTON	MATT	N2DFZ	IRVINGTON
DOUG	KC2MJE	BEDFORD	BILL	N2YXW	SOMERS
MAX	KC2MJV	GOLDENS BRIDGE	RIX	WA2TGF	CROSS RIVER
CINDY	KC2PTO	OSSINING			

A special "welcome back" to Bill N2YXW and Max KC2MJV who rejoined recently. Congratulations to all the new hams who recently received their licenses and to Howard and Eugene who received their vanity callsigns.

HOWARD	K2EIR	formerly	WB2PUI
EUGENE	W2HX	formerly	KC2NWX

Please keep your personal profile up-to-date especially email addresses. We have a group of invalid addresses. Data changes and renewals can be sent to me any time at membership@weca.org.

Upcoming VE Sessions

VE Sessions are held at the Fire Training Center, 4 Dana Rd. Valhalla, NY, at 7:00 PM, see www.weca.org for complete details.

Thursday, June 12
 Thursday, July 10
 Thursday, August 14

Upcoming Public Service Events

There are several upcoming public service events for fall 2008, see www.weca.org for complete details.

Sunday, Sept. 14	Golden Apple Bike Tour	Goldens Bridge, NY, @ 6:30am
Sunday, Sept. 28	The MS Tappen-Zee Bike Tour	Kraft Foods, Rt 9, Tarrytown, NY
Sunday, Oct. 12	American Diabetes Walk	White Plains, NY @ 8:30 am
Tuesday, Dec. 16	Santa Operation	Blythdale Children's Hospital, Valhalla

Upcoming WECA Meetings

Tuesday, May 13	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, June 9	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, June 23	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Sat. June 28 - Sun. June 29	ARRL Field Day, Harbor Island Park, Mamaroneck
Monday, July 28	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, August 18	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, September 8	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, September 18	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla