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# WECAGram Fall 2014

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Newsletter Editor*

### The TOUGHMAN 2014 *AI KD2DMV*

On September 7th at or around the rising of the sun 20 Hams came to assist in assuring a safe event occur for the many volunteers and participants of the TOUGHMAN Triathlon. The event went very smoothly and there were only minor incidents.



## More TOUGHMAN 2014: Kathleen's *KC2VCT* Thanks to Participants

To the TOUGHVOLUNTEERS of WECA,

Thank you for taking the time to come out and support the club at the TOUGHMAN TRI on Sunday. It was great to see some of WECA's experienced Operators return to the community service arena, as well as, to see the new Operator participating!

There were a few health-related incidents that required our communications, in addition to the usual reports of missing cups and ice! Because we had a good participation rate, we were able to achieve some club goals:

Having "Floating Hams" out on the course providing support to the field operators and the Net Control

The Trail Rider reported real time results both from his vehicle and from his bike!

Evaluate complete route to develop best opportunity for radio operation in the future

I look forward to using what we learned at next year's event. If you have any photos please send them to this email address.

Thank you to who ever it is that has the connection with the weatherman. Your did an outstanding job! We had a beautiful day, not too hot, cold or wet!



Kathleen KC2VCT Public Service Director



Field Day 2014 *AI/KC2DMV*

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Field Day weekend was absolutely amazing. The weather expectantly perfect you could not ask for more. With the exception of a minor glitch with the Tower everything worked as expected.

Field Day Report 2014 *Peter N2TFC*

Datestamp: 2014-07-20 07:44:24 PDT

Call Used: N2SF GOTA Station Call: KC2ZSL ARRL/RAC Section: ENY Class: 4A

Participants: 25 Club/Group Name: Westchester Emergency Communications Assn. (WECA)

Power Source(s): Generator, Solar

Power Multiplier: 2X

Bonus Points:

100% Emergency power	400
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC	100
W1AW <b>Field Day</b> Message	100
Formal NTS messages handled - No.=11	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Site Visit by invited elected official	100
Site Visit by invited served agency official	100
Youth participation	100
Youth operators=5	
Youth participants=5	
GOTA Bonus	40
Submitted via the Web	50
Educational activity	100
Total Bonus Points	1,590

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Score Summary:

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
Total QSOs	855	0	979	
Total Points	1710	0	979	2689
Claimed Score = 5,378				

Submitted by:

Peter Johnson, N2TFC

## Miscellaneous Bits

### WECA VE Sessions

Westchester County, NY - Ham Radio License Exam Sessions

Exams are given at the Westchester County Fire Training Center, 4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY (off route 9A).

Contact: Stan Rothman (WA2NRV), 914.949.1463 or send email to wa2nrv at weca dot org. Call in 147.060 (PL 114.8)

The session test fee as of Jan 1, 2009 will be \$15.00 per test although if you pass a test you may take the next exam at no additional cost during the same test session. Two forms of ID are required with copies to send in with the paperwork.

Next Exam October 9th 2014 at 7 PM Walk-Ins Okay

### Technician License Classes

Entry Level Ham Radio License Class This Fall!

*Classes begin Tuesday evening, September 23rd*

**Have you ever thought about or considered becoming an Amateur Radio “Ham” operator? Here is a great opportunity to learn about Ham radio and to study for your license with seasoned Ham radio operators as your teachers and mentors!**

The Westchester Emergency Communications Association (WECA: [www.weca.org](http://www.weca.org)) is proud to sponsor a free Technician Class License course. Come take your first steps and join the exciting world of Amateur Radio. Enjoy talking to other Amateur Radio Operators, near and far! Want to experiment

with new technologies that utilize computers interfaced with radios? Would you like to join forces with county government and local volunteer organizations as Amateur Radio Operators for Emergency Communications assistance and Public Service events? Take your first steps by joining us for this interactive course taught by a team of knowledgeable Amateur Radio Operators with a passion for their You can get an Amateur Radio Technician license by



## Westchester Emergency Communications Association

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passing a 35-question multiple-choice examination. No Morse code test is required! The exam covers basic regulations, operating practices, and electronics theory, with a focus on VHF and UHF applications.

The required text is the "ARRL Ham Radio License Manual Revised 2nd The book includes a CD with practice tests. An accompanying text, "ARRL's Tech Q&A 5th

Order #0847, \$17.95, is also very helpful. These are available from:

ARRL, <http://www.arrl.org/licensing-education-training>, 860-594-0259

Gene, KJI Electronics, Cedar Grove, NJ <http://www.kjielelectronics.com>, 973-571-1930

Amazon, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) Be sure to order the correct editions.

Please obtain the text(s) and begin reading.

This free course will be held at the Westchester Fire Training Academy, 4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY.

Classes will start on Tuesday evening, September 23rd and run for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM. On Thursday evening of the last week, amateur radio volunteer examiners will administer the FCC test for the Technician license at the same location (there is a \$15 fee to take the test).

If you or someone you know would like to become an FCC licensed Radio Amateur, please let me know you will be attending (appreciated but not required). Licensed amateurs are also welcome.

Please contact me by email at [W2UL@WECA.org](mailto:W2UL@WECA.org) today to become a Ham Radio Operator!

All information needed to pass the test will be covered in this course.

**Larrie Sutliff W2UL WECA Education Director**

Last WECA Meeting was on Monday 09/08/14

*Our last guest speaker was Dr. Joshua Klein, Assistant Professor from the Dept. of Criminal Justice at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. Josh's talk was entitled "White Collar Crime, Politics, and Emergency Preparedness. Please check [www.weca.org](http://www.weca.org) for an outline of the talk.*

*The social half hour begins at 7 pm and the presentations begin at 7:30 pm*

Upcoming meetings:

Oct 14, 2014 (Tuesday) - KJI Electronics

Nov 10, 2014 (Monday) - TBA

*If you have an idea for a WECA Meeting or would like to make a presentation to the group, please send email to [Meetings@Weca.Org](mailto:Meetings@Weca.Org)*

*See you at our next Member Meeting on Tuesday, October 12th*