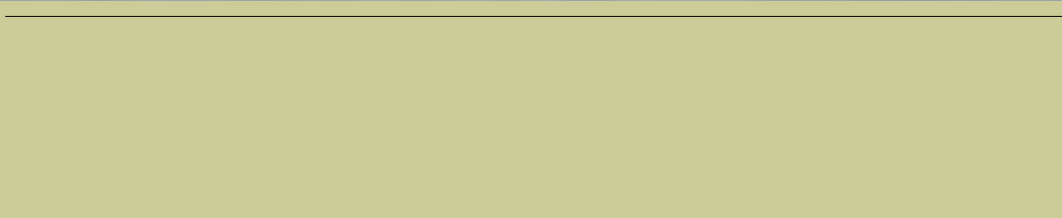


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## The Night Before Field Day

By Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC (5/17/1999)

T'was 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,  
 Steaks, lobster and lots of Coke too.  
 As we cranked up the power and turned on each rig,  
 We could see that this year again would 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 knew once again we're the big boss team.  
 So I hope that you can be there too,  
 It won't be Field Day without all of you.

Okay so it's not Clement Clarke Moore but I just couldn't resist. Its big, its fun, its June 27 and 28 at Harbor Island Park in Mamaroneck. There are lots of opportunities to participate. Rich Kautz, KC2HZW, our Activities Director and Field Day leader and his entire Field Day team have a great event planned so come out early to help with the set up, and please stay around on Sunday to help take down our stations. Most of all, enjoy our annual radio weekend. See you there. 73



## Newsletter Editors Corner

AI KD2DMV

Spring is beginning to fade and summer is now upon us. Suddenly, it is Field Day 2015. If you are a Ham the beginning of Summer is actually on the 27th-28th of June. For all the rest summer starts on the 21st. What is field day, I think this question is posed every year another Field Day occurs. It is a party, a contest, a dry run of an actual emergency operations, and a chance to go hang in a beautiful place, Harbor Island Park, with people you talk to on the radio.

But most of all like Tom WB2NHC implied in his poem, Field Day is Amateur Radio's biggest holiday, come celebrate this great hobby with all the WECA gang at beautiful Harbor Island Park

### ***AI K2DMV***

The background picture of the first page was originally a digital image processed with a filter that emulates oil paintings. The image is a south facing picture of Harbor Island Park somewhere near the middle of the field WECA uses for Field Day.



This was such a nice shot I just had to include it in this field day edition

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## How-to get to Harbor Island Park and the Pavilion

### **From the North via 684**

Take 684 South to the Hutchison River Parkway  
Take exit 23S to Mamaroneck  
Continue on Mamaroneck Ave till you reach the Post Road(US1)  
Cross the Post road straight into the park.  
Pay for parking or show your pass at the gate to enter the park  
Proceed to you first right  
Follow this down to the parking lot on the Left  
Walk across Field  
Join the fun

### **From the North via the Taconic**

Take the Taconic south  
Continue onto the Sprain Brook Parkway  
Take 287 East exit is on left  
Take 287 East to exit 9N-9S for Hutchinson Parkway  
Take exit 23S to Mamaroneck  
Continue on Mamaroneck Ave till you reach the Post Road(US1)  
Cross the Post road straight into the park.  
Pay for parking or show your pass at the gate to enter the park  
Proceed to you first right  
Follow this down to the parking lot on the Left  
Walk across Field  
Join the fun

### **From the South via I95**

Take I95 North  
Take exit 18A for Fenimore Rd  
Turn right on Fenimore Rd  
Turn Left onto Boston Post Rd  
Park will be on the right  
Pay for parking or show your pass at the gate to enter the park  
Proceed to you first right  
Follow this down to the parking lot on the Left  
Walk across Field  
Join the fun



GPS Coordinates 40.948603, -73.732998

For info and assistance on the day of Field Day call into the WB2ZII 147.060

Repeater PI 114.8

## How-to get to Harbor Island Park

I am adding a few pictures and some text to help you get here. First a map of the park.

Enter the Park, go past the gate, take the second right, and go all the way down till you reach the parking lot.





## Field Day 2015 Agenda

### Saturday the 27th

9:00 AM Setup begins

Lunch begins somewhere between 12 to 1 PM

1:59 PM Setup is done

2:00 PM Contesting begins

2:00:30 PM GOTA station off and running continues through evening

From 2:00 PM till end make lots of contacts

Dinner will be between 6 to 7 PM

8:00 PM Coffee making begins

9:30 PM 2M Net Traffic

10:00 Overnight Operations begin

### Sunday the 28th

12:00 AM Brian W2BZT's midnight madness pizza and team overnight  
Batman radio ops

7-9AM Breakfast

Lunch around Noon

2:00 PM Contesting Over

Disassemble, pack up, and depart

Hey maybe it sounds rather dry but in between Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon, comradery is developed, new friendships begin, many laughs and funny moments occur, a good time is there to be had by all.



73 AI K2DMV

# Public Service Events

## March Of Dimes

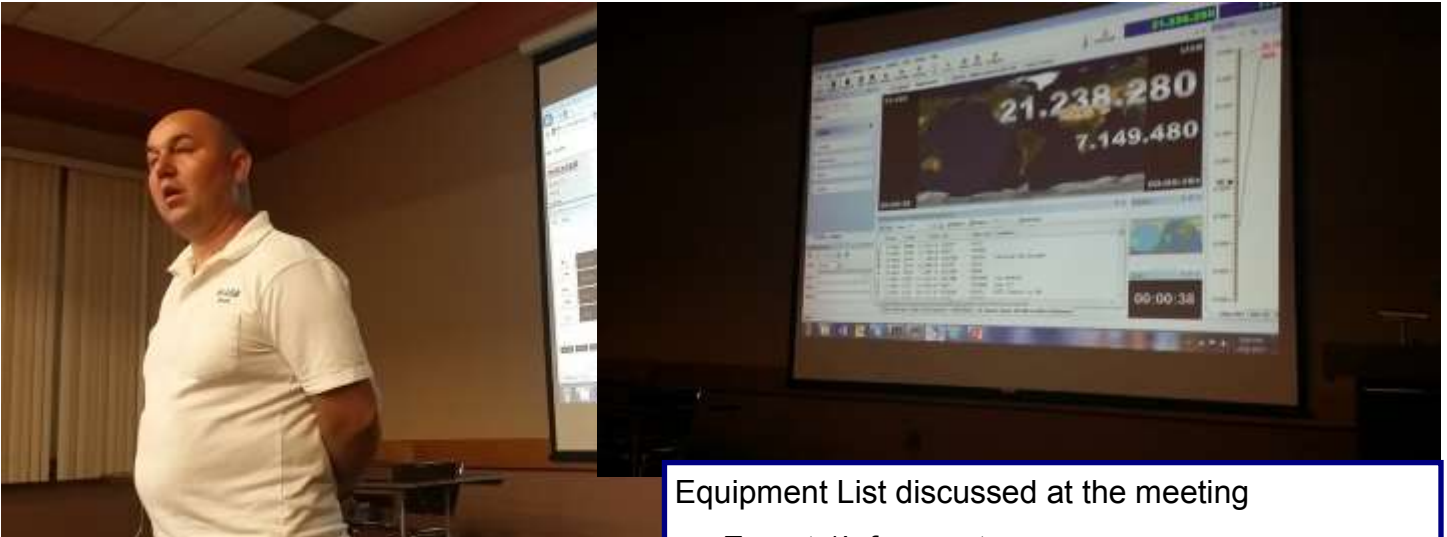
The March of Dimes walk went off without a hitch. We had many volunteers and were able to engage in training. Simon KD2DOE got to operate as Net Control for the first time at this event and did a bang up job.

It is definitely better with more people and more fun too.

If you think you might want to come join the fun then, Please do contact our Public Service Director Kathleen KC2VCT@yahoo.com to find out about future Public Service Events.



## Member Meeting on 5/11/15: Remote Rig



### Equipment List discussed at the meeting

- Expert 1k-fa remote amp
- SteppIR Yagi remotely controlled
- RemoteRig hardware
- remote rotator control
- Ham Radio Deluxe for pc control

You can find out more about [www.RemoteRig.com](http://www.RemoteRig.com)

The ARRL publishes a book on the topic

<http://www.arrl.org/shop/Remote-Operating-for-Amateur-Radio>

Adam W1ASB came and did a presentation and demonstration of his RemoteRig installation. It was quite amazing to see the level of control available for his setup.

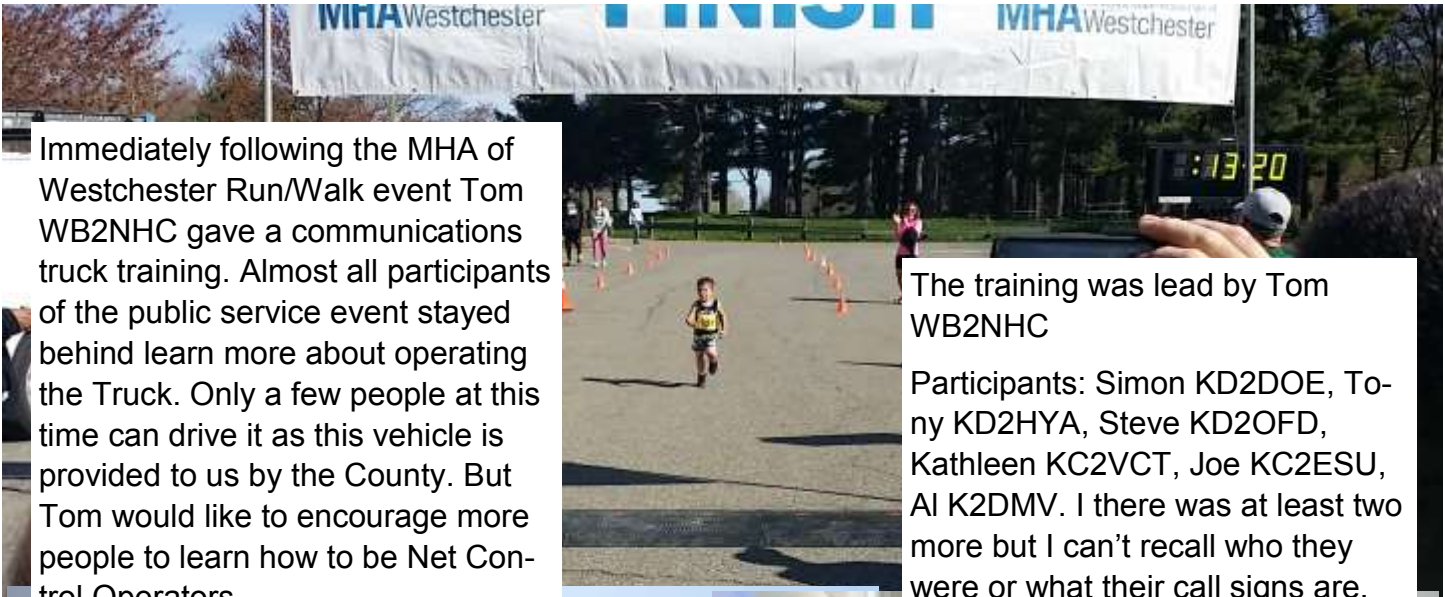
W1ASB is able to control his rotor, tune his SteppIR Yagi, control his amplifier, and other aspects of his ham radio station from any distance.

He does this as he lives in an antenna unfriendly environment but has access to a distant property where he can install a larger more functional antenna.





# MHA RUN/Walk event and Communications truck training



Immediately following the MHA of Westchester Run/Walk event Tom WB2NHC gave a communications truck training. Almost all participants of the public service event stayed behind learn more about operating the Truck. Only a few people at this time can drive it as this vehicle is provided to us by the County. But Tom would like to encourage more people to learn how to be Net Control Operators

The training was lead by Tom WB2NHC  
 Participants: Simon KD2DOE, Tony KD2HYA, Steve KD2OFD, Kathleen KC2VCT, Joe KC2ESU, Al K2DMV. I there was at least two more but I can't recall who they were or what their call signs are, sorry about that.





## Some thoughts from the Director At Large Stan WA2NRV

We have been having great WECA VE sessions and our VE team members do a lot to make the test takers comfortable before and during the test sessions. This shows based on the fact that most of the candidates pass the exam they come to take and some even go further. YES, they know the subject matter but they do not have as much stress making it easier for them. We have also given tests to some who have special needs. I appreciate our team members taking the time to do these unusual individualized exams to fit the requirements of the special need test takers. That is part of what makes WECA the fantastic club it is.

We have received notes of appreciation from some of our members or their family members for the fact that we send cards and / or call them when they are having problems. Including hospital visits at times. Also from those with happy occasions. We do not usually announce these events good or bad without permission since some prefer privacy during these times.

Some of our members have taken advantage of the WECA Elmer program. That is where members with special skills, knowledge, or interest in any area of amateur radio help others who want to learn more on a one on one basis. All you have to do is ask at a meeting or contact a board member or Stan WA2NRV.

Thanks,  
Stan WA2NRV

I believe that we have some great members, we have a great VE team, and our training team and the Director of Education Larrie W2UL. These are the ingredients keep people interested, keep the club growing, these things and the idea that we really care about our members is what makes WECA special. Come join us by becoming member and even if not a member come visit us at Harbor Island Park for Field Day 2015

AI K2DMV





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Www.weca.org or www.weca.club

## **Field Day Locations: Other than Harbor Island**

W1EE Stamford Amateur Radio Association Stamford Observatory, 150 Scofieldtown Rd Stamford, CT

W2NYW Peekskill/Cortlandt Amateur Radio Assc Walter Panas High School 300 Croton Ave Cortlandt Manor NY

W2HO Orange Co Amateur Club Cromnomer Hill at the Look out Tower off Rt 32N Newburgh, NY

K2QS QSY Society Bowdoin Park 85 Sheafe Road Wappingers Falls, NY

W2YRC Yonkers Amateur Radio Club Redmond Park Yonkers, NY

## Miscellaneous

### Upcoming Meetings:

No meetings until September

If you have an idea for a WECA Meeting or would like to make a presentation to the group, please contact Brian / W2BZT or send email to [Meetings@Weca.Org](mailto:Meetings@Weca.Org)

### Upcoming Public Service Events:

7/19/15, Jewish Family and Community Services Bike Ride, Hawthorne NY

9/13/15, Toughman Half, Croton Point Park, Croton NY

Please contact Kathleen [PublicService@weca.org](mailto:PublicService@weca.org)

### Upcoming VE 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@weca.org](mailto:wa2nrv@weca.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.

