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WECAGram Winter/Spring 2015

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Spring must be on the way, how can we know that?

The March of Dimes is scheduled for April 26th and MHA On The Move Run/Walk is scheduled for May 3rd. Yes, surely Spring is on the way. I know I have antenna work to do myself base and mobile.

I am looking forward to Spring and I bet you are to

Just think after Spring comes Summer and Field Day to be held at Harbor Island Park June 27th and 28th, below is this years logo. Plenty to look forward to and get ready for



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NYC Marathon 2014

It was a brisk day, I should know I was upstate, oops well I gather it was much better down there. No, I did not attend but I got a number of reports, pictures, etc from both Stan WA2NRV and Rob N2TSE. The event is no longer sponsored by ING and TCS is the new sponsor.

Here is Stan's Mile 23 gang in their warm looking TCS coats

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Picture Courtesy of Rob Kantor N2TSE



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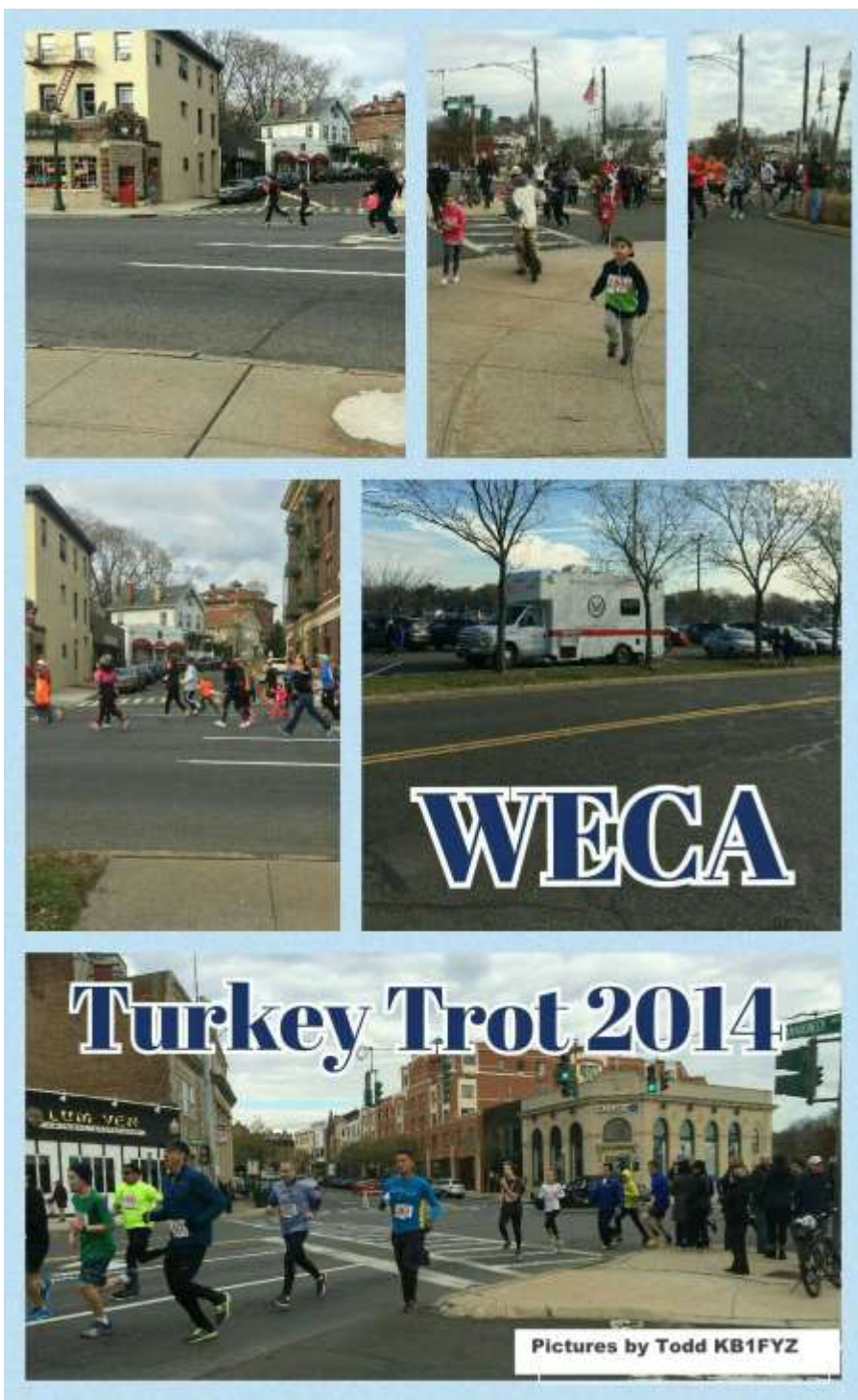


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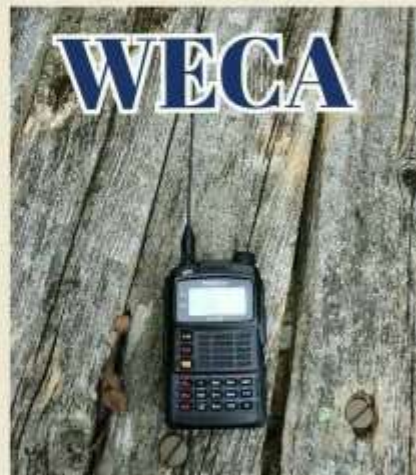
The Turkey Trot at Mamaroneck

The Turkey Trot got off this year without a hitch. I did not attend but recall the weather as being rather nice after a less promising morning start.



Rockwood Estate Equestrian Event 2014

The morning started as a bit foggy but that dissipated rather quickly and the weather was outstanding for the finish of the event. The turnout for the event was outstanding plenty of volunteers. After setting things up with the event coordinators all went well. A few adjustments in positioning were made and the event was trouble free. This is a rather nice event in a really beautiful park. Some Radio, Some horses, and lots of participants.



General License Classes

Amateur General Ham Radio Class!

WECA will be conducting its annual free preparatory class for the Amateur General FCC exam this spring. Holders of the General license are permitted many additional frequency privileges including access to all HF bands. The class will run for nine weeks starting Tuesday evening March 17th from 7-9:15 PM at the Westchester Fire Training Academy, 4 Dana Avenue in Valhalla. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings per the schedule below.

On Thursday of the 9th week, a VE test session will be conducted at this location (\$15 testing fee).

Please join us for this free interactive course taught by a team of knowledgeable Amateur Radio Operators from WECA. Instructors will be Amateur Extra and General Class license holders or others who have special knowledge of specific subject areas. The class will review the test pool questions and answers and provide explanations of the accompanying concepts.

All are welcome to attend who wish to gain additional knowledge of amateur radio even if you do not expect to take the test.

Texts:

1. The ARRL General Class License Manual 7th Edition (includes disk with practice software)
2. The ARRL General Q&A Manual 4th Edition (Includes explanations for all questions.)

Both are available from ARRL at: <http://www.arrl.org/shop/> or from

Gene W2KJI at KJI Electronics, Cedar Grove, NJ:

<http://www.kjielelectronics.com> , 973-571-1930; Gene is a reputable local

ham radio dealer, or from Amazon- Be very sure to order the correct editions.

1. Please purchase the license manual and begin reading as soon as possible.
2. The Q&A manual is also very helpful.

Syllabus & Schedule

3/17 Tuesday Ch 1&2 Welcome, Procedures and Practices

3/24 Tuesday Ch 3 Rules and Regulations

3/31 Tuesday Ch 4.1-4.4 Electrical Principles & Basic Components

4/7 Tuesday Ch 4.5-4.7 Active Components, Circuits, Test Equipment

4/14 Tuesday Ch 5 Radio Signals, Building Blocks, Digital Modes Transmitter & Receiver Structure

4/21 Tuesday Ch 1-5 Exercise: HF Station Install, Practice Net, Review

4/28 Tuesday Ch 6 Antennas and Transmission Lines

5/5 Tuesday Ch 7 Propagation

5/12 Tuesday Ch 8 Electrical and RF Safety, Review

5/14 Thursday VE Test Session

Conduct of Training: Each class will have an instructor/facilitator who

will be knowledgeable about the subject area and will involve others who can make contributions. If you would like to upgrade to Amateur General, please contact me by email at W2UL@WECA.org

WECA Club Project Sunday January 25th

Not sure who got to this party hosted by Stan WA2NRV but I can definitely see Don KD2HOI, Larrie W2UL, Ellen KC2NQL, Bruce **KC2WGX**, Victor **KC2UAP**. I am sorry I could not make it but with any luck, next time :-)





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Letter of thanks from Larrie W2UL

Chief Pitocco,

Thank you very much for supporting the WECA Amateur General FCC license preparation class at the Fire Training Center on March 17th. Your supervision of the classroom facility saved our initial class from a difficult experience since we had no other options for a place to meet. This class was particularly important since it was the first in a 9-class sequence which welcomes walk-in students and is timed to end just prior to administration of the final examination which is only available once a month.

In the future, I will take care to avoid March 17th as a scheduled class date.

Thanks again for your generous contribution of time last Tuesday.

Larrie Sutliff W2UL WECA Education Director

Due to scheduling issues at the fire training center the General Class had to be moved at the last minute on March 17th.

Miscellaneous

Next WECA Meeting will be on 04/13/15



The next WECA member meeting will be on Monday, April 13th at the Westchester County Center located at the corner of Central Avenue and Old Tarrytown Road in White Plains, NY. Our presenter will be Kevin Stewart from the Red Cross who will speak on current Disaster response issues and other related topics. The social half hour will begin at 7pm followed by Kevin's presentation at 7:30 pm.

Upcoming meetings:

May 11, 2015 (Monday) - Nominations & TBA

Jun 8, 2015 (Monday) - Elections & Field Day

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

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 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.