



WECAgram

Westchester Emergency Communications Association

Field Day is June 27th and 28th

by Rich Kautz, KC2HZW

WECA will participate in the ARRL Field Day event June 27 and 28. 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 for our radios and equipment and we will be operating four HF radios. Each station will have a laptop hooked up to



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The 2009 Nominating Committee Report

by Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC and 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.

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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 with a feast for dinner on Saturday evening. During the June 8th 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 27 and 28 to enjoy the best that Amateur Radio and WECA have to offer!

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

- a. The formation of the Nominating Committee shall be announced at the February meeting.
- 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 2009 Nominating committee presents the following nominees for 2009 - 2010 Westchester Emergency Communications Association, Inc. Board. Elections will be held at the WECA annual meeting on June 8th.

Office	Encumbent	Candidate
President	Russ Stevenson, N2AMP	Russ Stevenson N2AMP
Executive VP	Frank Fabozzi, WB2BTJ	James Cahill KB1LOY
VP/General Counsel	Michael Weitzner, N2EJI	Michael Weitzner N2EJI
Treasurer	Andrew Farber, N4OOX	Andrew Farber N4OOX
Secretary	Milton Galamison, KC2GWK	Joe Hayda KC2TAT
Director At Large	Stanley Rothman, WA2NRV	Stanley Rothman WA2NRV
Education	Ed Granato, WA2JXI	Tom Kirchoff KD2SQ
Engineering	Robert Wilson, N2DVO	Robert Wilson N2DVO
Newsletter Editor	James Lyles, AB2WS	James Lyles AB2WS
Repeater Operations	Dwight Smith, N2FMC	Dwight Smith N2FMC
Social Activities	Richard Kautz, KC2HZW	Richard Kautz KC2HZW

Upcoming WECA Meetings

Monday, June 8, 2009	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, June 22, 2009	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
June 27 and 28, 2009	ARRL Field Day, Harbor Island Park, Mamaroneck
Monday, July 27, 2009	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, August 24, 2009	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, September 14, 2009	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, September 28, 2009	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Tuesday, October 13, 2009	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, October 26, 2009	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, November 16, 2009	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, November 23, 2009	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, December 14, 2009	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, December 28, 2009	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla

Upcoming Public Service Events

Sunday, September 6, 2009	Golden Apple Bike Tour	6:30 AM Goldens Bridge, NY
Sunday, September 13, 2009	Toughman Half Triathlon	7:00 AM Croton Point Park
Saturday, September 26, 2009	PKD walk	Time TBA Bedford, NY
Friday, October 2, 2009	Leukemia-Lymphom Walk	5:00 PM Rye Playland
Sunday, October 18, 2009	MS Tappan-Zee Bike Tour	6:30 AM Tarrytown, NY
Sunday, October 25, 2009	American Diabetes Assoc. Walk	7:00 AM Whiteplains, NY
Sunday, November 22, 2009	Mamaroneck Turkey Trot	8:00/9:00 AM Harbor Island Park
Tuesday, December 15, 2009	The Santa Claus Operation	5:30 PM Blythdale Children's Hospital
April 30- May 1, 2010	Boys Scouts Camporee	Blue Mountain Peekskill, NY

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 11, 2009
 Thursday, July 9, 2009
 Thursday, August 13, 2009
 Thursday, September 10, 2009
 Thursday, October 8, 2009
 Thursday, November 12, 2009
 Thursday, December 10, 2009