

WECAgram

Westchester Emergency Communications Association

WECA places 15th in 2009 ARRL Field Day

by Peter Johnson, N2TFC

The results are in from the ARRL's December 2009 "QST Magazine" edition. WECA scored 7,686 points which put us in 15th place out of 111 clubs that competed in the 4A transmitter category, non-commercial power. Congratulations to all who were involved in this world wide contest!

The WECA 2009 Field Day event was held at the Mamaroneck Harbor Island Park it began at 10am on Saturday, June 27th and finished at 2pm on Sunday, June 28th.

Once again the many operators at WECA created a great score and had fun at the event! Complete scores can be found at www.arrl.org/members-only/contests/scores.html?con_id=176.



CAROL RAPP, K3CWR & MIKE RAPP, KA2FBL



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Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK, SK

by *The Journal News* and Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC

Paul S. Vydareny, 65, life-long resident of Tarrytown, passed away on October 23, 2009. Paul was born in Tarrytown on June 1, 1944 to Paul and Julia Vydareny (nee Vavra). He was a graduate of Sleepy Hollow High School Class of 1962 and The Stevens Institute of Technology. His hobby was a Ham Radio operator, he was a long time member of the American Radio Relay League and WECA. Paul served as WECA President for many years and was trustee for the WECA repeaters for at least 30 years. Through his good work and constant efforts he held an esteemed position in the ARRL.

Paul worked for ABC in New York City as an electrical and cable technician. He was predeceased by his parents and is survived by his brother John David Vydareny. A Memorial Service was held October 31st at The Old Dutch Church Sleepy Hollow. Donations may be sent in Paul's name to The American Heart Association, Heart Gifts Processing Center, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, N.Y. 13220-3049. DWYER & VANDERBILT 90 North Broadway Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591, 914-631-0621.

Recent Public Service Participants

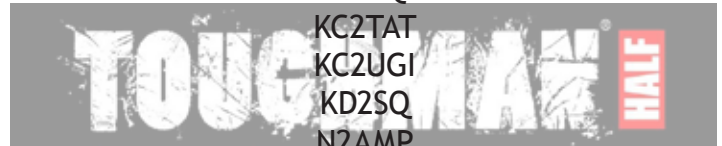
Golden Apple Bike Tour

Westchester Half Toughman

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N2TJE
N2TSE
N2UXJ
W1YJ
WA2WOJ
WB2NHC



2009 WECA Volenteer Examiners

by Stan Rothman, WA2NRV

WECA would like to thank the following VEs for their service to the club, many an old and new ham has their ticket because of your efforts.

K2NR, Mike Arrow
K3CWR, Carol Rapp
KA2FBL, Mike Rapp
KC2GNL, Bill Wyman
KD2SQ, Tom Kirchoff
KF2C, Carlos De La Cruz
N2AMP, Russ Stevenson

N2CJN, Brent Hailpern
N2GDY, Robert Casino
W2HX, Eugene Hertz
WA2NRV, Stanley Rothman
WA2TGF, Rix Seacord
WB2NHC, Tom Rafaelli

General Class License Preperation Course

Do you have a Technician or Technician Plus class license, would you like to upgrade and receive all of the rights and benefits of a General Class license holder? General class license holders may operate on all HF bands from 160 to 10 meters along with all VHF and UHF bands. WECA's Education Director, Tom, KD2SQ, Kirchoff would like to know if hams, family, or friends would be interested in attending an upgrade course in preparation for the general class amateur license exam.

This course will meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 PM during March and April 2010. The course will run for 8 weeks: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, with the exam on April 27. As with previous WECA licensing courses each student will need to obtain a copy of the ARRL General Class study guide (www.arrl.org/catalog/lm/). The text will be augmented with presentations from well-seasoned WECA instructors teaching each class!

Classes will be held at the American Red Cross, located at 106 North Broadway(Route 22), White Plains, NY 10603.

If you are interested in the course or would like to attend please e-mail Tom at KD2SQ@WECA.org.

Upcoming WECA Meetings

Monday, Jan. 11, 2010	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, Jan 25, 2010	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, Feb. 8, 2010	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, Feb. 22, 2010	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, March 8, 2010	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, March 22, 2010	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, April 12, 2010	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, April 26, 2010	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, May 10, 2010	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, May 24, 2010	7:30 PM Board meeting, Fire Training Center, Valhalla
Monday, June 14, 2010	7:00 PM Member Meeting, Westchester County Center, White Plains
Monday, June 26 to 27, 2010	ARRL Field Day, Harbor Island Park, Mamaroneck

Upcoming Public Service Events

Sunday, April 25, 2010	March of Dimes	7:30 AM White Plains, NY
Saturday, May 1, 2010	BSA Centennial	Blue Mountain Reservation Peekskill, NY
Sunday, May 23, 2010	Salute to Israel Day Parade	Manhattan, NY
Wednesday July 21-25, 2010	Empire State Games	Buffalo, NY

Details on upcoming WECA public service events will be announced as they become available, check www.WECA.org for the latest information.

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, January 14, 2010
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