



Repeeper

Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club
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June 2006

President's Report

By Jim, K2JIM
President, MBARC

At this time of year a lot of things are beginning to happen for us in the Amateur Radio Community. We've had our Hamfest, engineering committee is beginning to do its thing on the mountain, Rich N2ZKX is in full swing with providing communications to different organizations around the country side and the end of the fiscal year is coming up with voting on a new slate of officers for the club. At the end of every fiscal year the board also considers who should receive our "Amateur Of the Year Award". At the next board meeting we will be discussing this and members of the board will be asked for their suggestions. I would like to add something a little different this year. I would like to get some input from you the members of the club. If you think you know of someone in our club that deserves to receive the Amateur Of the Year Award please e-mail me with your suggestion and why you think they should be nominated at k2jim@frontiernet.net. The votes will be counted, brought to the board and winner announced at the September club meeting when the winners of the elections of officers is announced.

Our most important event of the year our Hamfest for the year 2006 has come and gone and a lot of credit has to be given to the club members and yes non-members who made this event come about. Our Hamfest chairperson Janet KC2LUR and her dedicated crew did a tremendous job getting it off the ground and making it a great success. In December of last year we had no chairperson and I was getting a little worried that it may not come off but we talked about it at the board meeting and without any reservations Janet KC2LUR volunteered to do the job, and what a job she did. The only person that didn't help out was the weatherman. I don't think he could have dished out a worse day. It rained like it never rained before. It still was a great success, the club made money and I personally want to thank all that worked so hard to put this together under trying conditions and also thank all the hams that came out and supported us by attending the hamfest in spite of the rain.

I hope everyone has a great summer and hope to see you all at the next membership meeting June 11, 2006 at 1PM.

Jim K2JIM

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Next Meeting Information

The next Quarterly membership meeting will be held at the Chelsea Fire Company Firehouse in Chelsea on the Sunday 11th of June 2006 at 1:00pm.

Directions From Rte 9 at the intersection of Old Hopewell Road CR Rte 28 (near the 7-11 store) Travel West (right turn from southbound lane of rte 9) on CR 28 @ one Mile to Rte 9D (traffic Light) Take a Left onto Rte 9D (south) @ 3.45 Miles Till you reach Chelsea Road CR 92 (Traffic Light) (West of Rte 9D, it's called CR 34 East of 9D) Take a Right onto CR 92 (Chelsea Rd) for @ 1.35 miles Make a left onto Liberty Rd , the firehouse is on the Left (@500 Feet)

Directions from Rte 9D and interstate 84 Travel North on Rte 9D from Interstate 84 for @ 2.8 miles. Till you reach Chelsea Road CR 92 (Traffic Light) (West of Rte 9D, it's called CR 34 East of 9D). Take a Left onto CR 92 (Chelsea Rd) for @1.35 miles. Make a left onto Liberty Rd , the firehouse is on the Left (@ 500 Feet).

Dutchess County MS Walk 2006

By Rich, N2ZKX
Vice President, MBARC

On Sunday May 7 members of the MBARC provided communications support for the 2006 Dutchess County MS Walk. This year brought great weather and a new location for the annual fund raiser which took place at the world renowned Culinary Institute of America. New was the order of the day from the location, to several new Hams (jumping in with both feet to help out). Our club also assumed two new duties this year both putting up and taking down all the signage for the course, and providing a radio operator/ driver for the Sag Wagon. For the second year in a row we had Hams on Bikes (bicycle mobiles).

All our communications were done on 2m simplex. Here is a list of the people that participated:

Ham Radio Operators

1.	Rich	N2ZKX	Traffic Safety
2.	Janet	KC2LUR	NCS and Course Sign Posting
3.	Don	KB2ZE	Course Safety
4.	Jim	KC2KZB	Course Safety and Coffee
5.	Larry	N6BQD	SAG Driver and Sign Posting Clean up
6.	Ed	KE4ZNU	Bicycle Radio
7.	Mary	KF4NGN	Bicycle Radio
8.	Phil	KC2PNI	Course Rest Stop
9.	Frank	KA1GL	Course Safety
10.	Paul	KC2OVN	Course Safety
11.	Keith	KC2POY	Course Safety / Clean up (Signs)

Future Hams - Family support

1.	Robin	(no call yet)	Course Safety and Coffee
2.	Karen	(no call yet)	Bicycle Patrol and Sign Posting

Thanks everyone, I look forward to working with all of you on the next event.

73
Rich, N2ZKX
VP MBARC

PLEASE - LEAVE THE FIRST FIVE SPACES EMPTY
FOR THE EMERGENCY DRIVERS TO PARK IF
THERE IS A CALL DURING OUR MEETING.

TALK-IN WILL BE THE 97 REPEATER

Hope to see you all there.

Jim K2JIM

Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club Information

Club Frequencies:

ID	Input	Output	PL
K2ROB/R	52.310	53.310	114.8
N2EYH/R	146.295	146.895	100
KC2DAA/R	146.370	146.970	100
N2OXV/R	147.645	147.045	100
W2GIO/R	222.320	223.920	NONE
WA2GZW/R	444.575	449.575	100
N2HPA/R	909.200	921.200	100
WA2YSM-15	144.390 (APRS)		

On the Air Meetings:

Mondays, 8 PM Local Time
(146.970 - OFFSET, 100 HZ Tone recommended)
Every one is invited to check in or just listen
WB2UWU plans on bringing Newsline following the meeting

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Hamfest 2006, the Event in Review:

By Janet, KC2LUR
Hamfest Chairperson

Well, if Abraham Lincoln could get away with writing the Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope, I guess I can use an envelope to write this on. My computer met an untimely death and Rich "There's no excuse for a job not done" Otis, N2ZKX, will be meeting me shortly to let me type this masterpiece out on his computer. Then, it's on to Andrew, N2FTR, for publication!

But, on to the topic at hand: The Hamfest went well - even Noah showed up, although most of the animals had to stay outside in the Ark! There was the usual amount of confusion as the day began - but that's why they call it AMATEUR Radio. We were able to eventually bring all the vendors inside, attendance was fine (considering the weather), and I thought the rain outside made for a relaxed feeling inside - people took time to talk and catch up on essential news.

Kudos time: While most of the people who volunteered to help showed up and did everything they said they would (and more), special thanks are definitely due to the guys who nearly drowned in the parking lot. You know who you are, and so do the people who really could have volunteered to relieve you - again, thanks immensely! I also want to add special thanks to the Significant Others and Harmonics - we couldn't have done it without you.

The VE Session was a great success - I don't have the numbers here at the Smokehouse (yeah, Rich caught me at breakfast; incidentally, at one of our patrons), but I believe there were at least eight passes (cumulatively, for all license classes).

On to the bottom line: We collected about \$1000 less in admissions, etc. However, the net was about \$65 more than last year. What happened?! Actually, two efforts were involved. A larger effort was made to obtain donations, both of materials to run the Hamfest and of door prizes. Personally, I had no idea how significant this savings could be. Next year, with this knowledge in mind and with more experience in asking for donations, we will do even better. Secondly, all communications (to vendors, when possible, and to potential attendees, exclusively) were done by e-mail. The attendee info alone amounted to 1500 e-mails, sent two different times, for a total of 3000 e-mails. At even bulk mail prices, well, you do the math. Next year, the vendor list will be more complete, with respect to e-mail addresses, so even there we should do a little better.

Again, thanks to all who helped, who sold, who bought, our patrons, and to the Town of Union Vale.

Janet, KC2LUR

Hamfest Thank You!

The Mt. Beacon ARC would like to thank the following organizations and companies for the donations of goods they provided to our recent hamfest. The club REALLY appreciates their generosity! Copies of this REPEEPER will be sent to all of these organizations with our appreciation.

Stewarts Shop #367

54 Vassar Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Sauder Electronics

261 Mountain Drive
Fredericksburg, PA 17026

Tilcon New York Inc

Sheafe Road
New Hamburg, NY 12590

Hannaford's Supermarket

1271 Route 9
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Panera Bread

2020 South Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Hopewell Hot Bagels

Route 82
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Hopewell Oasis Beer and Soda

645 Route 82
Hopewell Jct, NY 12533

Catalano's Pasta Garden

985 Route 376
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Price Chopper, Store Number: 114

511 Schutt Road Ext.
Middletown, NY 10940

Wal-Mart Supercenter Store #1959

470 Route 211 East
Middletown, NY 10940

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Middletown, NY 10940

“Great Hamfest, but where were you?”

By Jim, K2CSS

Well, as you all know, MBARC had another hamfest recently. Now, I'm sure it's possible that some people might have not heard that news, seeing as we only had it on the on air meetings every week, sent emails, had the repeater announce it every ten minutes. I'm sure there is something else we could have done to let people know about the hamfest.

So, anyway, despite the rain, or maybe because of it, I think the hamfest went really well. The parking lot, which all day was run by maybe 5 very wet people, was full. Vendors seemed pleased. The VE session looked full. The kitchen, which was run by the same people all day, was busy as ever.

I guess by now you've picked up on my point. This years hamfest, one of the two main ways this club makes money, was staffed by the fewest people I've ever seen. I'm sure that life happens, and not everyone can help at a hamfest, and that's understandable. We all have other obligations. But, why is it that for the most part, the people setting up for the hamfest Saturday are the same people that were breaking

down and sweeping up Sunday?

It was funny seeing all the left over badges that Rich made sitting on the table at the end of the day. All these people who said they would help, and either never showed up, or when they did, purposely ducked Janet so they did not have to work. I know of at least one person who did that. And, I know some people never picked up there badges, and still at least did what they said they were going to do.

If you're put off by this, then good. Maybe next year, well get more people supporting our hamfest. Maybe the same people won't have to do all the work. Or, maybe nothing will happen, and the same people will do all the work, while the other people do nothing but use the resources afforded to them by this club. If people don't step up and do SOMETHING for this club, pretty soon there will be NOTHING left.

Editor's Ramblings

By Andrew, N2FTR

You'll note a couple of "personal" articles here in the REPEEPER - one a member's (K2CSS) viewpoint of a topic of concern to him, as well as a request for a social engagement (N6BQD for an outdoor movie get-together that will have some HAM QSOs generated during the outdoor movies, I am told!). Feel free to submit these types of articles! I'd like to have the REPEEPER provide a variety of different types of features ; not just standard NEWS articles.

In that vein, I'd like to thank some other writers for articles on the Red Cross (WC2J) and Satellite Communications (WA2AQH). Ed and Gary have provided us with some interesting reading on areas of amateur radio that we typically don't have the opportunity to hear about in the local area. It is great that differing aspects of ham radio flourish here "in the valley". My philosophy as Editor for the REPEEPER, by the way, is to stress activities and news primarily about the club, along with a secondary goal of information about ham radio in the local area. I usually do NOT publish information on a regional or national level that can't be obtained elsewhere...I keep the "REPEEPER" to the point and relevant to the majority of the MBARC members.

By the way, this June 2006 issue is the 40th edition (a full 10 years!) of the REPEEPER that I've been honored to be your editor for starting in late 1988. John N2OXV has been the publisher for 20 of those issues - Paul KE2AA and Rich WC2Y preceded him in my early days. In fact, in the earliest days of 1988 (John and I "took a beak" for eight years in the mid 90s before we began again in September 2003), I had to hand carry the text of the REPEEPER on a floppy disk to Paul KE2AA's house at West Point to provide him with the text. Same with Rich WC2Y in little Switzerland in Hopewell

Junction. I transmitted to John N2OXV the articles via amateur packet radio in the mid 1990s before Internet came around - another example of how amateur radio beat commercial communication services for availability!

I am happy to report that the "Repeeper" was chosen as the ARRL Hudson Division's "Beacon" "Newsletter of the Month" in March! As I always try to do, that's a testament to the articles and information provided primarily from the writers and club members, as well as the great job our Publisher John N2OXV does in producing a fine looking hardcopy newsletter. IF you're not an ARRL member, join so that, among other benefits, you can receive the Newsletter! Once a member, access the ARRL members only web site, edit your profile to receive bulletins from the Section Manager and Director and you'll be in business! If you are already a member on the ARRL site (<http://www.arrl.org>) from the "Members Only" box click on "members data page" and then under e-mail notification options set "Division/Section notices" to YES. You will receive the next bulletin sent.

MBARC Webmaster Finn WB2UWU passes along this URL: <http://www.dchieftain.com/news/59586-03-04-06.html>. In contains some interesting history about telegraphers and Western Union, whom many of you know recently announced its exit from the Telegram business.

Finally, we've been notified by Brenda N2TTO that there's a change of date for the QSY Society's 10th Anniversary Reunion HamFeast - it's now Sunday, September 17, same place - Bowdoin Park in Wappinger Falls.

Enjoy your summer!

Satellite Communication

By Gary, WA2AQH

A little over a month ago I got my first satellite contact QSL cards. I was just as excited getting these cards as I was close to forty years ago when I got my first QSL card for a CW contact. I am by no means an expert on this subject. I only recently (about three months ago) started pursuing this aspect of Ham Radio.

Let's start by talking about the BIRDS that are what the Satellites are commonly called among users. The FM Satellites are repeaters. I myself have only used this group of Satellites

so far. There are also SSB/CW Satellites that carry linear transponders that have wide bandwidths to allow many users to have simultaneous QSOs. The last group of Satellites is Digital Satellites. These come in two groups. Pac-Sat (packet satellites) and APRS Digipeaters. The Pac Sat have digital BBS systems to store and forward messages around the world. The APRS Birds forward position and status information to ground stations that transfer information to the Internet. We also have Ham Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) that has both FM voice and Digital capabilities on Two Meters and 435 MHz. The ISS is easily heard on 145.800 downlink.

Most of the time it is in Packet mode but if you're lucky you might catch the Astronauts on the air. The FM Birds I have used are 1) AO27-uplink 145.850 downlink 436.795. 2) AO51-uplink 145.920 with a 67 Hz for access. 3) SO50-uplink 145.850 with a 67 Hz tone. To activate SO50 transmit briefly a 74.4 Hz tone.

As I said earlier these FM satellites are repeaters. Generally they can be worked with a Dual Band HT and a *GOOD* antenna. I recently purchased an ARROW DUAL BAND HANDHELD YAGI. I am extremely pleased with its performance. It's called an ARROW antenna because it's made from aluminum arrow shafts. It's a popular antenna used by satellite enthusiast and was recommended to me by KB2HAP Dan. A Dual Band mobile rig with dual vfos would work well. A Base station with Eggbeaters (Omni) or Yogis with rotators. Just remember if you are going to use a HT the stock antenna don't cut it.

How do you go about finding when the Birds are making a pass? There are many places online Pass Prediction and Tracking information can be found. I use Heavens above.com. When you bring up the site log in your location

by city name. Look for (Radio Amateur Satellites-All Passes). This will give

you a 24 hour list of Satellite passes. AMSAT.ORG has a complete list of the latest information for all the Satellites. I encourage you to support AMSAT and become a member.

What's in the future? AMSAT'S latest project is called EAGLE. EAGLE will be launched later this decade into a High Earth Orbit (HEO) that will provide a Transoceanic Foot Print. It will feature Extensive Analog and Digital Mode capabilities. AMSAT depends on Amateur support for this project. KB2HAP recommended a great tracking program called Satscape. The graphics are great. Once you set up what satellites you want to watch you can see them orbiting the Earth and when they are going over your area. So Google up Satscape. I'm sure you will like it.

I won't get into the SSB/CW or the Digital Birds at this time maybe in a future article. I just want to let you know that's it not hard to work the Satellites. Most of my contacts have

been from my 50 ton Quarry Haul Truck. I have been using my THF6A TRI BAND HANDHELD with a MALDOL antenna. For transmit (uplink) I use a 2 meter mobile with a Dual Band 19 inch Mag Mount. If I can make contacts with this set up I'm sure you can come up with something that will work for you.

One more thing I've got to tell you. Today May 18, 2006 at around 10 am I made a contact with KG5FU in GUADELOUPE ISLAND French West Indies. COOL. So get out there and give it a try. It's such a thrill hearing your voice coming from space on the downlink.

I'd like to hear from others that would be interested in getting together for a Satellite Net on one of the Satellite Communication By Gary, WA2AQHMBARC repeaters, e-mail me or contact one of the MBARC officers or directors.

Note. I just found out AO27 is in eclipse season now and not operational. WeSatellite Communication By Gary, WA2AQH will have to be patient and wait until it's back in full sun.

The Sky Is The Limit. 73

Gary

WA2AQH@AMSAT.ORG

NORTH EAST AMATEUR RADIO has created a new e-mail reflector on Google!

By Tom, N2SQO
Co-Founder

This reflector has been created for the purpose of promoting HAM radio here in the great NorthEast. Please feel free to post your club news, hamfests and tailgates, special events and club projects. Need an ELMER? Working on a piece of equipment that's giving you a hard time? Time to upgrade your license? Need some help with software on your computer? Finally going to hang that new big dipole? Looking for a little goodie to complement your shack? XYL sez it's time to clean out the garage? You get the idea.

NEAR hopes to foster cooperation among the HAMS to address some of our regional concerns with respect to emergency communications too. To date no disaster has respected any geopolitical boundaries. It's nice to know your neighbors before you have to work with them in times of need.

These goals are by no means the only topics allowed for discussion. Anything HAM radio.

Please spread the word! The more people participate, the more you benefit.

Home Page: <http://near.150m.com>

Subscribe to reflector, follow the link:
<http://groups.google.com/group/NE-AR/about>

North East Amateur Radio (NEAR) was founded in 1995 by Tom Woznack, N2SQO and April Stack (K2ZCZ) to promote HAM radio to public safety and political officials here in Eastern New York and Western New England as a means to foster cooperation between HAMS and government employees. During the ensuing years I have found the additional need to foster cooperation among our ranks as well. It is my sincere hope by enjoying the fellowship that HAM radio offers we can all cooperate with one another for the common good and be ready to help in times of disaster.

Tom, N2SQO

American Red Cross of Dutchess County Update

By Ed, WC2J
Radio Communications
American Red Cross of Dutchess County

The American Red Cross of Dutchess County recently received a grant of \$1000 for purchase of Disaster Services amateur radio equipment. Two new radios have been purchased: an IC-2720 now permanently installed at the chapter house in Poughkeepsie; and a TM-D700A for the ERV (emergency response vehicle).

KB2ZE Don Hitt and El mer Sharp WA2YSM have installed both radios and created an APRS 24/7 Gateway at the chapter house. The new ERV radio is installed with a GPS receiver to track the ERV and report its location automatically by APRS. The radios are also used for voice communications on the 2m/70 cm ham bands. You can access the APRS information on the Internet: <http://map.findu.com/wc2j-2> It works! We were able to track Don's truck on a map as he traveled to New Paltz. When we called him on 97, he was right where APRS said he was. Check out the web site. You will see what APRS stations are active in Dutchess County or anywhere in the USA.

Ed Hahn WC2J

VE Report

By Andrew, N2FTR

MBARC sponsored two Volunteer Exam (VE) sessions over the weekend of 21-23 April this past spring. The first was at the Poughkeepsie Red Cross Chapter house on Hooker Avenue as part of the Amateur Radio Classes that were given at the Red Cross house during the late winter/early spring on Friday evening, 21 April. The second session was held in Union Vale at the recent MBARC Hamfest the following Sunday, 23 April. Yours truly coordinated the Friday night session at the Red Cross Chapter House, while Bob WA2JQK was the Sunday Hamfest VE session coordinator.

The combined results are as follows: We had a total of 27 examinees take tests over the two days, and the success rate was very good! 12 new Tech (or Tech +) passed, along with two Generals and four (!) Amateur Extras! Congratulations to all 18 those who either upgraded or received new licenses!

We'd like to thank the following VE amateurs for assisting us during the VE sessions: N2OXK George, N2BZP Bob, N2MCK Arlene, W2AWX Scott, K2CSS Jim, K2JCN Alan, AB2FF Chet, WA2P Pat, W2ROW Lou, KC2DAA Adam, WA2BSS Stu, and WC2J Ed.

If you are General or higher and you'd like to become a Volunteer Examiner, please let me know (N2FTR@arrl.net), and we'll be happy to point you to the ARRL materials you need to learn and the process to become accredited as an official VE! We always have the need for additional VEs to help the club in our exams in the Hudson Valley.

Most Exciting Public Service Event in the Northeast

By Rich, N2ZKX
Vice President, MBARC

On April 6, 7, and 8th the Sullivan County, NY Catskills hosted the second round of the United States Rally Championship and Ham Radio played a major role by providing Safety and Emergency Communications. Rally New York USA 2006 is a USAC (United States Auto Club) sanctioned event and is one of the few rallies in the US to be listed on the FIA (Federation Internationale De L'Automobile) calendar. Most US rallies are run on gravel, or mix of gravel and tarmac roads, one of the things that made this rally unique was that it was an all tarmac event. With competitors from twelve different countries the competition was fierce, at the rallies end two Irish teams were so close that the first place podium slot was decided by a 10 second penalty. Although the weather and the challenging mountain roads kept the speeds down several cars were "clocked" (by radar) at speeds in excess of 140 mph. When you factor all these things together it certainly made for some very exciting racing.



Park Expo in Liberty

This Rally could not take place without the help of Amateur Radio, a comprehensive radio network is critical to the safety of everyone which includes the competitors, crews, volunteers, local residents, and spectators. I'm proud to say that MBARC and Ham Radio received nothing but the highest praise from all that were involved. You may have seen a newspaper article that described a number of local residents (Town of Liberty) as being against the Rally being held on Town roads, it's true there was a small percentage of residents that opposed the Rally, however even these folks praised the

Hams that participated in the net. Sullivan County is an economically depressed area; happily reports from both government and business spokespeople are that this event was an economic boom for the area. In Liberty a group of young people that maintain a Town park as a skateboard park, raised over \$800 by selling chili at the awards ceremonies and fireworks. This is the spirit of public service.

The net ran for three days with the help of over forty volunteers from the United States and Canada, I think that makes this the first MBARC event with international participation. The net was held on the MBARC portable 2m repeater, which provided seamless coverage (most areas could be accessed with an HT). Due to the large area to be covered and the importance of reliable communications the machine



Stan WA2PUQ aka Checkered Flag & Ed

was moved several time during the course of the rally. This was accomplished easily by locating two antennas the day before. Equipment is great but it really comes down to the operators that volunteer their time and expertise to participate in these events, let's not lose sight of the fact that these are great training opportunities for all of us.

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I'd like to thank the following operators (in no particular order)

- Kevin Bednar K2KMB
- Edward (Mike) Sinclair WA4GLU
- Ed Sanders KB1MDD
- Alexandre Korovkine VA3KAO
- Ramsay Seielstad KC2GMW
- Gary DeMasi N2ZQB
- William Baker KC2LIX
- Melissa Partridge No Call
- Casey Raskob K2FIX
- James Holdsworth KC2OBK
- Roger Borlase KB1MKD
- Henry Cotterill KB2LOT
- Robert Cella AC2RC
- Edward Dziorny KC2JKR
- Walter Rabbe AA3XA
- Rich Otis N2ZKX
- Janet Duffy KC2LUR
- Jim Baker KC2KZB
- Ron Ambrosio N2SKH
- Stan Labinsky Jr. WA2PUQ
- Robin Baker Marshal
- Tom Olver W2TAO
- L. Joseph Dumas N2LJD
- Don Hitt KB2ZE
- Herb Kommritz N1KWV
- Dennis Hudson N2LBT
- David Getchell KB1JHP
- Lawrence Barnes N6BQD
- Brendan Bellamy AB2QB
- Ben Hodgkins KB1MOY
- Steven Bogart N2UZV
- Richard Griffiths VA3RGT
- Brian Peltzer KB2VWL

The best thing I have to report is that there were no injuries (a few broken cars) , but no one got hurt!

I look forward to seeing more club members at all the MBARC public service events. Please visit <http://www.N2ZKX.com> to view pictures

73
Rich N2ZKX

Harlem Valley Rail Ride 2006

By Rich, N2ZKX
Vice President, MBARC

Please mark your calendars for Sunday July 30.

This will be your next opportunity to participate in another public service event with the MBARC. Remember sign up early to be assured the job of your choice. don't forget MBARC public service events are open to everyone and volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to bring along friends and family members.

Watch for updated information on the MBARC website! If you need more info contact Rich N2ZKX Phone: 845-344-2720, cell: 845-649-8112, e-mail: n2zkx@arrl.net, website: <http://www.N2ZKX.com>

73
Rich

How long has it been since you have been to the drive-in?

By Larry, N6BQD

MBARC member Larry (N6BQD) invites any fellow member to join him at the "Fair Oaks Drive-in Theatre" on Saturday Night July 8th for a theatre party/double feature. The expected movie schedule will be "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" at 8:30 and "Click" thereafter.

Bring a lounge chair and come early for some good chatting and chewing. He will be front and center of the 120 foot screen before 7:00pm. Cost is \$7 at the gate. Kids and pets OK.

Rain date Sunday 7/9. Info larryb153@webtv.net.

Theatre is located just off exit #118 of State Route 17 about 20 minutes west of the "Newburgh-Beacon Bridge"

Stu's Ramblings

By Stu, WA2BSS

It is nice to hear some new calls on the repeater ("97"), and I congratulate those people who passed their Tech exam, and hope they will upgrade in the future, and some of the new calls are: KC2PNI, KC2POY, KC2POZ, KC2PPI, and KC2PPY!

I hope those who went to Dayton had a good time, and come back with some wonderful stories (as this is being written!)

Other info:

August 25 to August 27 for the Bi-annual Boxboro, Massachusetts. (New England Division Convention - (<http://www.boxboro.org>))

September 17 is the next QCWA Hudson Valley Chapter Meeting at Jackson and Wheeler Restaurant in Pleasantville, NY (Next to Metro North Railroad Station.) More information: scyuter@computer.net (Name is Sy)

Also, want to congratulate Janet Duffy (KC2LUR) on the Hamfest in April, even though the weather was bad, it was wonderfully attended, and this writer had a wonderful time with promoting QCWA, and some of my other interests!

73,de Stu (WA2BSS)

2006 Hudson Division Awards Dinner From the Hudson Division "Beacon"

Frank, N2FF
ARRL Hudson Division

The Bergen Amateur Radio Association will host the 2006 Hudson Division Awards Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Saddle Brook, New Jersey on November 11th, a Saturday night. We will have a very good view from the 12 floor. Some attendees may want to work a little HT DX. The location is at the junction of Route 80 and the Garden State Parkway.

Ticket price will be the same as last year, \$48 per person. Please join us to honor all those receiving a division award. Ticket and ad applications will soon be available on the division web site. BARA President Tony Izzo, K2AMI promises that tickets will be sold at the BARA Hamfest. No tickets will be sold the night of the event. Ticket sales will close October 27th. Please don't leave it to the last minute!

You can see the Holiday Inn from route 80. It's the round building on the south side of the road. It will be pretty hard to get lost this year.

Thanks to the BARA board for taking on the host job in 2006 and a special thanks to President, Tony Izzo, K2AMI and Jim Joyce, K2ZO for doing the leg work.

Frank, N2FF

Director of Engineering Report

By John, N2OXV
Director of Engineering, MBARC

During the last three months, the Engineering committee has been busy. Rich, N2EYH, acquired a link transceiver for 146.970 and is now the 118.8 Beacon Transceiver. The Illinois / Millbrook link was removed to facilitate this link receiver. As you might already know, the 123.0 and 118.8 receivers have been switched. This is necessary to facilitate future improvements.

During my trip to Dayton I found several notch filters that can be tuned to notch out the HDTV transmitter located on our tower on Mt. Beacon. These new filters have allowed me to replace the 75 ohm TV notch filter that was being used on the nine-seven receiver. I am evaluating this replacement and hope to be able to re-install a pre amplifier again.

All of the two meter repeaters have been reprogrammed with the same personality. If anyone would like to see any changes or have any suggestions, please contact myself or Rich Bodin, N2EYH. The nine-seven repeater was the toughest to reprogram. Rich N2EYH spent about 14 hours on Mt. Beacon debugging the controller after he reprogrammed it. This was the only way this could be done due to the lack of documentation.

That's about it for now, and I'll be asking for help when the need arises.

John

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Quarterly Membership Meeting

At the
Chelsea Fire Company
Firehouse in Chelsea
Sunday June 11 2006 at 1:00pm

(Directions contained inside!)