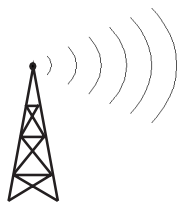


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NOVEMBER 2006

PRESIDENTS REPORT

By Jim, K2JIM

President, MBARC

Hope that antenna work is complete. The Summer weather along with daylight savings is now gone, fall is upon us and that is fading quickly into the winter season and here we sit just one week from Thanksgiving. If you finished your antenna work you should have a fine winter season sitting in front of your radio and enjoying Amateur Radio at its finest. We have a lot to give thanks for also not for just being able to enjoy our hobby but to thank all those brave men and women who are serving in our armed forces around the world keeping us free so that we are able to enjoy the hobby. Many of them including their families will not be able to enjoy Thanksgiving together like the rest of us. So when you and your families get together to partake in that Thanksgiving meal say a prayer for those families that will not be able to be together.

We as a club have a lot coming up in the new year. First of all the Mt Beacon Amateur Radio club will be holding our Holiday Party on Sunday December 10th 2006 from 1pm to 5pm at the Lagrange Fire House. We ask you to bring an unwrapped gift for a child that we will be donating to a worth while charity and a can of food that we can donate to a food pantry. The club this year has invited the QSY organization to join us. So it should be bigger and better. Hope to see you all there for all the fun.

On Tuesday January 16th 2007 at 7pm the Mount Beacon Amateur Radio club will hold the first of it's monthly meetings. Yes starting in January we will be holding our

meetings every 3rd Tuesday of every month. We will hold a short business meeting and then have some type of presentation. The first one in January will be on Homebrewing. So if you have homebrewed something or have some type of gadget you have built and may be useful to someone else bring it to the January meeting and share it with the rest of us. In order to keep this presentations going every month the club is looking for an activities chairperson to coordinate this. So if you are interested in doing this job please contact one of the club officers and let us know that you are interested in doing the job. So anyway I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see all of you at the December 10th Holiday Party.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to all.

Jim Capicotto **K2JIM**

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

By Rich, N2ZKX, Vice President

Just a few words from N2ZKX - really!

It's been a good year for MBARC; we have experienced some very positive changes while still maintaining the integrity of our club.

The Public Service activities went great this past year due to all the members & non-members that volunteered their time and equipment to get the job done. In an effort to get more involvement and share the fun I delegated the coordination duties for two events to interested members. Thanks go to Bill, KC2LIX for the fine job he did with the 2006 Weblos Eskimo Run, he did such a great job he has the job again for 2007.

Thanks also to Frank, KA1GL for the great job he did with the CROP Walk for World Hunger this past October. MBARC did one new event this year, The Dutchess County Classic Marathon.; we have been offered and will take on a much larger role in the Safety Communications in years to come.

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By Noel, KE2FI

2007 will bring two more new events the Wappingers Falls St Patrick's Day Parade, and the Orange Classic (10K) which takes place in Middletown.

The Hamfest this year was a great success (despite the rains that seemed to be of biblical proportion) thanks to all that signed up to help and then followed through. We found that many businesses are more than willing to donate both goods and services this helped keep down our expenses. Most of all thanks should go to Janet, KC2LUR for taking on the job as coordinator, she was able to streamline things and create a nice database that will be useful for many years to come.

The Board of Directors is working very well together which has made some good things happen, our club website is now up and running at a modern speed with many new features thanks to Dan, KB2HAP and the rest of his team. The BOD has made it much easier for members to renew their dues through Pay Pal and with the on-line member application the new membership process has been streamlined also. Since MBARC is a non-profit organization we are entitled to purchase computer software at greatly reduced prices through www.Techsoup.org, the first club order was placed in mid November. Some of the biggest news is the new meeting monthly schedule, I don't think anyone will disagree that some of those quarterly meetings were no fun due to the amount of business that builds up and must be handled. The new format will cut business down to five or ten minutes and allow lots of time for exciting presentations and much more fun. Having a fixed day every month coupled with the new meeting location should help increase the number of members that are able to participate, all of which make this a real winner!

We were able to continue both the MBARC picnic and the Ham of the Year Award this year, both these events were resurrected a couple of years ago and will continue however they do require member participation, so start thinking who you think should be MBARC Ham of the Year next year.

There is a whole bunch more good stuff but I'm not going to tell you about any more you'll just have to come out and see for yourself.

In closing I would like to say I hope everyone can come out to the 2006 MBARC Holiday Party there was a little confusion for a while about the name and who was invited (thankfully that has all been resolved) as in the past everyone is invited to the Holiday Party, this year we will play host to some 'special guests' The QSY Society. Please don't forget to bring a new unwrapped toy of a non-violent nature, and as always we will also collect food for the local food pantry. Happy Holidays, Peace on Earth & On the Air.

Rich N2ZKX

Vice President Mt Beacon Amateur Radio Club

The first Techsoup software order was placed on November 16th and should arrive soon. We had 5 members including myself take advantage of the low cost software available through this opportunity. We may place another order in 2007 however since the rules with Microsoft titles is one order every 12 months and most of the requests are for Microsoft titles it may not be until November. If anyone wants to know what is available, check out <http://www.techsoup.org/index.cfm>

73, Noel KE2FI

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 except on holidays,
 (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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 N2FTR, Andrew, Editor
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PUMPKIN PATROL 2006

By Andrew, N2FTR

This is the somewhat modified article that I submitted to the Poughkeepsie Journal and the Southern Dutchess News as part of our Pumpkin Patrol 2006:

Over the two nights of the recent Halloween Eve and Halloween night, the Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club (MBC) participated in "Pumpkin Patrol 2006". Pumpkin Patrol is a state-wide program of the New York State Thruway and the New York State Police begun in 1976 as an important element of the State Police crime prevention effort. Assisting the NYSP Troop "T" (Thruway) in staffing bridges over I-84 in Dutchess County to help ensure that no person throws debris over onto the highway were the 36 amateur radio operators ('hams') and friends of MBC. The hams were linked to NYS Thruway Headquarters through 146.97 and other "terrestrial" radio equipment (cellphones!).

This was the 15th year that MBC members participated in the program, led by N2FTR Andrew and N2TTO Brenda, both of Poughkeepsie. Local liaison between the NY State Police and the amateur radio operators was provided by State Trooper Brian Kieckhafer of the NY State Police's Troop "T".

The participating hams are: K2CSS, Jim; K2ROB, Rob; KA1GL, Frank; KB2SSP, Willie; KB2TJJ, Frank; KB2ZE, Don; KC2AFK, Dave; KC2HUT, Colleen; KC2LIX, Bill; KC2LOR, Hal; KC2OAR, Caitlin; KC2PNI, Phil; KC2POW, Tom; KC2QFS, Dave; KE2DX, Don; KE2FI, Noel; KL7JCQ, Ken; N2CSS, Tara; N2DXL, Paul; N2EYH, Rich; N2FTR, Andrew; N2LLS, Stu; N2MCJ, Roberta; N2SGT, Parth; N2SPF, Ray; N2TTO, Brenda; N2ZKX, Rich; NC2F, Dennis; W2JVP, Frank; W2LW, Scott; WA2IID, Jack; WB2UWU, Finn; and WN2Y, Frank,

The non-hams also assisted: Jonathan (harmonic of K2ROB), Lilli (XYL of WB2UWU), and Steven (harmonic of K2CSS and N2CSS).

While Mt. Beacon was the only Dutchess County organization participating, other local radio clubs and emergency preparedness groups assisted the State Police in other counties across the state as well. Sixteen other county-wide organizations statewide participated in this year's effort. In the local area, Orange County, Putnam County, and Ulster County amateur radio clubs also participated during the operation.

One final great story about Pumpkin Patrol this year: Orestes and Monica (KC2CPO and KC2HEE) were not able to help for the first time is about eight years. Their excuse? On their usual night (Halloween Eve, the 30th) at 9:28 pm, one new ham-to-be "Orestes Joseph Mihaly III" was born!! Congratulations to both of the new parents! Hope to see you next year, and have the kid start learning the code!!

Thanks to all!

ELECTION RESULTS 2006

By Tom, N2FZC

Recent election results for MBC are below - Congratulations to all the inners!

K2JIM Jim
President

N2ZKX Rich
Vice President

KE2FI Noel
Treasurer

KC2LUR Janet
Corresponding Secretary

KC2MXA Rebecca
Recording Secretary

N2OXV John
Director of Engineering

Two (of the four) new Directors:

W2GIO Frank
Director at Large

WA2BSS Stu
Director at Large

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Starting Tuesday January 16th 2007

7:00 pm

Fishkill Community Center

(located in the Fishkill Police Dept. Building)

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