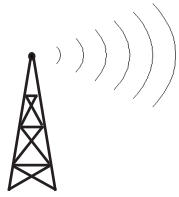


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PRESIDENTS REPORT

By Jim, K2JIM
President, MBARC

Well here we are into a new year. Hope everyone had a great holiday season and hope this new year 2007 will be a great one for you and your family. I think it is going to be a great one for our club. We just had our second monthly membership meeting of the year. The board talked about it last year and decided it would be great to have membership meetings monthly instead of on a quarterly basis. The location of the meeting is at the Fishkill Community Room, located within the Fishkill Police Department. Building. The building is on Route 52, approximately 1/2 mile from the Route 52/I-84 intersection at 807 State Route 52, Beacon, NY 12508.

This past Tuesday we had our second one. It starts with a short business part of the meeting, about one hour or less and then we have a presentation. In January the first month we had Frank W2GIO, Janet KC2LUR and Dan KB2HAP give us a talk on home brewing. At the February meeting Adam KC2DAA and Brian W2BJP gave a talk on ARES/RACES. The talk was interesting and gave us an overview about how the club will be getting back with helping Dutchess County ARES/RACES. If you are interested in volunteering or finding out what the Dutchess County ARES/RACES is all about please contact Adam KC2DAA or Brian W2PNY. If you have an interesting subject you would like to give a presentation on please let me know.

As part of the new year's activities we are also in the process of putting together our yearly hamfest. We have set the date of Sunday April 22, 2007 and the location is Tymor Park in the town of LaGrangeville in Dutchess County NY. This is a big money maker for our club and without volunteers we can't do it. So please get a hold of one the clubs board members and find out where you can help. Even if it's only for a couple of hours. You don't have to be there all day long.

Looking down the road a bit we will be looking for an election committee and also remember our picnic that has been a great success in the past. If there is anyone who would like to head either one of these committees please let me know.

Hope all of you have a great spring and hope to see everyone at the Hamfest in April.

Jim Capicotto K2JIM
President MBARC

Hamfests: What a Blast!

By Noel, KE2FI, Treasurer

As most of you know by now, The Mount Beacon Club is putting on another Hamfest this coming April 22nd. It's a Sunday and you should put it on your calendar since as always it will be a Blast!

What more could you ask for? Tons of electronic STUFF at great prices, fine cuisine, a chance to put a face to that voice you've heard so many times on the air and even a chance to upgrade or just find out more about Ham Radio. This doesn't even include the great weather (oh God PLEASE let there be great weather!) Oh and I almost forgot to mention, it's a major fund raiser for the club and helps us keep all the great equipment going and allows us to invest in new technologies.

All this fun does come at a price though. A lot of work goes into putting on a Hamfest and therefore we need volunteers. The more the merrier. While the jobs are many, they are also fun and varied so no matter what your skill level; we can find a place for you on the "Hamfest Crew." So please call myself, Tom Quackenbush or any of the other members of the MBARC board. Or email hamfest@wr2abb.org and be sure to say Hi when you attend the Hamfest on April 22nd. I'll sure be there!

73 de Noel, KE2FI

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Emergency Communications for Eastern Dutchess, Update

By Ed Rubin, N2JBA

Members of the Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club, CT ARES and Dutchess County ARES / RACES met with the Director of Emergency Medicine and Director of Information Services at Sharon Hospital on Monday, February 19, to discuss a plan whereby the various amateur radio ARES and clubs on both sides of the border would be able to support the hospital with emergency communications.

The hospital board had already approved the purchase of a dual band radio and antenna system and other items for the project. This was a very exciting meeting which came to fruition after 2 years of discussion.

The hospital staff seemed very enthused and are anxious to go ahead with the plan.

They are in the middle of a major renovation project and we all felt that this would be a good time to set it up.

Present at the meeting was:

- Dr. Eugene Chin, Director of Emergency Medicine
- Dan Rego, Director of Information Services
- Adam Nowik, KC2DAA, EC/ RO Dutchess County
- Ed Wilbur, WB1CEI, EC for Sharon
- myself

Thanks to Tim Murphy, AB2SE who played a major role in arranging the meeting. Further updates will follow as they occur.

73

Ed Rubin, N2JBA
AEC Dutchess County

QSY's News – New HomePage and Field Day 2007 Update

QSY Society has a new website at <http://qsysociety.org/>. Also, check into the QSY CW Net 3.576 most evenings at 9pm!

Field Day 2007 - June 23-24 at Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls - If you'd like to get involved, contact Brian W2BJP at w2bjp@optonline.net.

A letter to the Editor

By will W2GU

(Editor's note – The following was received for publication; letters pro or con are always welcome!)

Friday Feb. 23rd, 2007 will go down as a day of ham radio infamy. It was on this day the Morse Code requirement on all ham radio tests was dropped.

I felt on that day a moment of silence was necessary before both HVN & SD net. Hearing repeaters ID themselves in Morse codes bought tears to my eyes.

I was first licensed as a novice in April of 1968. Got my technician in 1970. Got my general in January 1973 after 4 tries, & my Extra in June 2006. In those days the code requirement for novice & techs was 5 wpm. For Generals 13 wpm. For Extras it was 20 wpm.

In those days a general had to wait two years before going for the Advanced & Extra license. We had to go down to Wash-

ington St. in Greenwich Village, NYC. Now we have VE's of which I am one & no code test requirement. What's next? Get your license from a vending machine?

Although I do hope the dropping of code requirement on all tests will bring more new hams into the hobby. I do not want it to see it become an extension of CB radio either. I do hope it will bring a good crop of new hams into our beloved hobby & not underachieving punks or crazy folks.

Yes I AM deeply concerned but remain very hopeful. We all had to take a code test. Now we no longer have to. Still we MUST encourage future hams to learn the code. When conditions stink as they have been recently Morse code goes further and a better chance of getting thru than voice including SSB.

In as much as today I have frequent problems in using CW & that CW stands more for continuous work than the real meaning of continuous wave I still very much encourage we keep this mode of transmitting alive. We MUST encourage future hams to learn the code as well. I'm afraid it will become a dying art and we need to keep it alive.

Keep listening to W1AW code practice broadcasts and encourage others to do so as well. Especially future hams. You'll be very glad you did.

73's & 76's,

Will Wiehe (pronounced WEE-HEE)
W2GU
Tarrytown, N.Y.

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
N2OXX/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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Public Service Dates 2007

By Rich, N2ZKX
Vice President

2007 MBARC Public Service Events Dates

- Webelos Eskimo Run - Saturday January 20 - 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
- Wappingers Falls St Patrick's Day Parade - Saturday, March 3
- Rally New York USA - Friday & Saturday, March 30-31
- MS Walk - Sunday, May 6
- Orange County Classic (10k) Sunday, June 10
- Harlem Valley Rail Ride Sunday, July 29
- International Rally New York - Friday & Saturday -September 7-8
- Dutchess Classic Marathon Sunday September 16
- CROP Walk for World Hunger Sunday - October 7
- Pumpkin Patrol Tuesday & Wednesday, October 30-31 (contact Andrew, N2FTR email n2ftr@arrl.net)

To Volunteer or for more Information Contact Rich, N2ZKX, Vice President Mt Beacon Amateur Radio Club at 845-344-2720 or on the cell at 845-649-8112, or via email at n2zkx@arrl.net.

All are Welcome & Please Remember MBARC Public Service Events are for the Whole Family!

"Bring them along to share in the fun of Amateur Radio"

Stu's News!

By Stu, WA2BSS
Director at Large

I would like to congratulate the following for passing their upgrade "no-code" exam on February 23, Scott (KC2NTV), Tom (KC2DTQ) & Dave (W2DAV) on the same day as the 5 WPM exam was dropped.

Some HF nets and the main NYS Freq. is 3.925 khz and the following nets and times:

WEBELOS ESKIMO RUN

By Bill, KC2LIX

The Mount Beacon ARC kicked off the new year with its first public service event. The Webelos Eskimo Run at James Baird State Park was a great training success. Fourteen (14) radio operators came out on a chilly Saturday morning to practice passing traffic in the form of sled scores. This was an excellent training event for several new ham radio operators. It was also a good brush up for seasoned hams too.

We used a relaxed Tactical Net format with net control receiving sled scores from the field. Emphasis was given on using prowords and numbers, waiting for net control to acknowledge, speaking clearly, and not rushing the message. We needed to pass one emergency message and the ops performed perfectly.

Many thanks to new hams:

- Dave KC2QFS
- Mike KC2BNX
- Keith KC2POY

Thank you's also go to:

- Tim AA2MK
- Carl KC2MFP
- Paul KC2OVN

- NY Phone, 1 PM
- NY Public Operations Net 5PM
- NYSPTEN 6PM

On 2 Meters (146.970) is the SatCom net 8 PM (Every other Thursday)

Also, I would like to start a 2 Meter SSB net (probably on Wednesday about 9 PM.

Don't forget the Orange Co. ARC Hamfest Date: Apr. 28 (Sat.) a little after ours.



- Janet KC2LUR
- Joe N2LJD & Family
- Mark WM2C
- Dave KC2AFK
- Frank KA1GL
- Rich N2ZKX
- Gary (SATMAN) WA2AQH
- BillKC2LIX

who all participated to assist the Dutchess District of the Hudson Valley Council of BSA.

A very special THANK YOU goes to AMEDEO'S in the Freedom Business Center on Route 55 for providing our pizza lunch at a much reduced rate. Our lunch arrived hot and the food was superb.

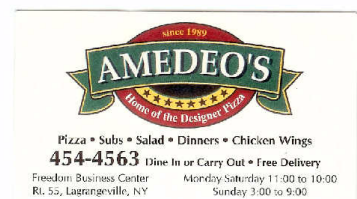
Thank you Pat for helping our public service event.

Lessons learned: It was great to see new hams come out and assist. Everyone did a great job. A few people quickly realized that the weather can play havoc on equipment and the self very quickly. There were contingencies in place just in case it was needed. Everyone (to coin a movie phrase) improvised, adapted, and overcame their situation.

It was a job well done by all.

Thank you for your support and a job well done.

Bill
KC2LIX



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Now Monthly 3rd Tuesdays
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Next meeting March 20th
(located in the Fishkill Police Dept. Building)