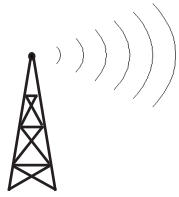


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SEPTEMBER 2007

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

By Jim, K2JIM

President, MBARC

Well here it is September and this year is really moving along. We have elections underway and we will know the results at our next meeting. Please don't forget to send your ballot back to the club. We have a great group of members running for office and I believe the club will be in good hands. As you all probably know I am not running for office again but that doesn't mean I will be fading into the woodwork (as Stu WA2BSS often says). I have volunteered to run the Hamfest for next year and hope we will have good weather again so it will be a huge success. This is my last article as President so I would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped our organization be successful in everything we do. We have and I know we will continue to have a great engineering committee under the guidance of John N2OXV. He has made many improvements to the WR2ABB Repeater System and I know he has many more improvements in the works. This year we ran the Hamfest with Co-chairmen and it worked very well. We could have had used more volunteers to help out but we managed to get by and get by we did. It happened to be one of the best we have ever had. We also continue to have our members volunteer for our

public service events. With the number of public service events we get involved in the feedback we get from the officials of these events proves that Amateur Radio is needed and is more than helpful in making these events come off safely. As I end this I want to personally thank everyone who helped make this past year a great one for our organization.

Let's not forget our club picnic coming up on Sunday September 23, 2007. It will be held in Newburgh this year at Cronomer Hill park. For those of you coming from Dutchess county take I-84 west over the Newburgh Beacon Bridge and get off at the second exit. (exit 10S) When you get off the exit and come to the traffic light make a left hand turn. (This will be RT 300) Go up RT 300 about three miles and the entrance will be on your left. You will go through three traffic lights and past the third light you will pass a pond on your left. Just past that pond look for the sign for the park. After entering the park bear to your right and follow to the top of the hill. I hope to see everyone at the picnic and thank you again for all your help.

James A. Capicotto K2JIM  
President MBARC

## FRANK STONE, KB2YUR SK

Editor's note: The "Repeeper" acknowledges with regret the recent passing of Frank, KB2YUR, as a silent key. Frank was in a leadership position in the ARRL Field Organization over the past few years in ENY as well as being active in many events in the region. We offer two articles on Frank below, and extend our condolences to his XYL Sylvia K2SLY and family.

**From Adam, KC2DAA,  
EC/RO Dutchess County, NY:**

It is with deep sadness that I announce the death of our Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Frank Stone, KB2YUR. Frank passed away in July at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Westchester County. Frank was not only a dedicated amateur radio operator but a good friend to many of us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sylvia, K2SLY and the entire Stone family.

Adam, KC2DAA

Reprinted with permission from the August 2007 edition of "Hudson Division Beacon" (<http://www.hudson.arrl.org>) - A tribute from the Hudson Division Vice Director Joyce, KC2ANF:

Frank Stone, KB2YUR - SKA 'A great Friend and superb Communicator'

I will miss his smile, his laugh and his incredible sense of humor. I'm sure many

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of you share that feeling. Frank Stone, KB2YUR was ENY - SEC, coordinator of the Empire State Games in 2005 and a good friend and mentor to everyone. He passed away on July 17, 2007 after a long battle with cancer.

I first met Frank at the Mt. Beacon Hamfest back in 2004 after I became Vice Director, so I did not have the pleasure of knowing him as long as many others had. But, in an instance, I knew he would be a great friend. Someone you always wanted to hang out with, or someone you knew would be there for you if you ever needed anything. That was Frank.

At a WECA meeting, Frank put me on the spot, as I was there that night as the Guest Speaker. Frank was there to promote the Empire State Games for New York. I guess, I hadn't really thought about doing any Public Service in NY State at that time, but there was something about the way he talked about the games, I came away with the feeling, that I wanted to be a part of those games.



**FRANK KB2YUR**

I figured, since Frank was there, it would be fun. And fun, it was! He made everything fun!

I last saw Frank and his lovely wife Sylvia, K2SLY at the ARRL Hudson Division Dinner last November. It was a surprise to see them, as I knew he was ill. I was very pleased to see them both, but had this strange feeling I was seeing him for the last time. I guess I was right.

I will miss him, and I know all too well exactly what Sylvia is feeling right now. There is nothing that anyone can say that will offer more comfort than by telling 'Frank' stories! Our memories are the greatest comfort that we will have together. I tell and hear from those who tell, 'Andy' stories often. Great people, like Frank (and Andy, and others), are never forgotten.

If you have any Frank stories, I invite you to share them with me...and in time, share them with Sylvia.

Frank, we miss you, my friend. Rest peacefully - de KA2ANF

### DUES REMINDER

By Andrew, N2FTR (Editor)

Yes, it might be too late to vote if you aren't a member (but then again, maybe not! Check with Tom N2FZC if you aren't a member and can read this in early September!) But anyway, one can still support the club by sending their dues to our Treasurer even in September! Yes, I know and understand that there are many ways to support the club other than shelling out the cash - many of us volunteer on committees, board service, site prep, and the like. BUT - the fact remains that the equipment, power, expenses, etc. do NOT *magically* take care of themselves and the club continues to need your financial support.

Please renew today if you haven't already done so. Go to <http://www.wr2abb.org/> and click on membership. Fill out the form and submit a check or pay via pay pal. It's that easy!

**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	NON
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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### SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING QTH CHANGE!

Our next Monthly Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7 pm. Because the town of Fishkill needs the community room for another purpose we will be having our monthly membership meeting at the Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall Community Room and "NOT" at the Fishkill Police Dept community room. This is a one time deal and in October we will be going back to the Fishkill Police Dept community room.

During this meeting we will be announcing the winners of the election.

## MBARC MEMBERS TO MEMBERS!

A rerun from last issue in June that's still valid! Larry, N6BQD offers us the "Secret Covered Bridges of Sullivan County Tour" including Breakfast and Lunch which is on Sunday September 30. Start meeting at 9 am and leave by 10 am. Bring your 2 meter radio and some good jokes to share. It's a tour organized by Larry (N6BQD) and Sherman (W2FLA), and sponsorship pending by the "Catskill Mountain Club". Contact Larry for the "Secret" details at (845) 888-4414 or E-M [larryb153@webtv.net](mailto:larryb153@webtv.net). You can see photos from last year at: <http://community.webshots.com/slideshow?ID=553764718&key=enBtya>

### Stu, WA2BSS (Director, MBARC), reports the following:

- Checkout NY Phone 1 pm (Weekends Only) 3925 mhz.
- NYPON 5 pm; (everyday); same frequency.
- NYSPTEN; 6 pm (everyday) same frequency .
- Some Hamfests:
- Saturday, 8 September. Ballston Spa, NY <http://www.wa2mmx.net>
- September 16 Candlewood ARA Hamfest; Newtown, Ct. <http://www.danbury.org/CARA>
- September 28 to September 30; ARRL TAPR Digital Conference Hartford, CT. <http://www.tapr.org/dcc>
- October 7; Connecticut Division Convention; Wallingford, CT. <http://www.nutmeghamfest.com>

For those new and old time hams - you have a free home page space at <http://www.qrz.com> where I have updated my E-Mail and Biography!

Check into the 2 Meter SSB net every Wednesday at 9 pm Freq. 144.225 mhz. Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the club or early History, E-Mail: [wa2bss@hvc.rr.com](mailto:wa2bss@hvc.rr.com). Hope everyone has a wonderful Fall, Thanksgiving, or Christmas, Hanukkah!

## HUDSON VALLEY NET NEWS

By Ed, N2JBA  
Net Manager

Dateline: Amenia, NY, August 31, 2007

It is almost September and we are still in the midst of hurricane season, although there haven't been that many so far.. With the advent of Spring the VHF / UHF bands will perk up and the propagation for HF side will definitely improve.

The attendance on the nightly HV Net is ever increasing and there seems to be a great deal of interest in traffic handling. I would, however, like to see more traffic generated.

To this end, I plan to start traffic handling training sessions, utilizing all the NC stations and other traffic handlers. Many of the new participants like to check in, but are not familiar with the procedures. Hopefully this will begin in the Fall and continue as a on-going feature of the net.

Thanks to all for your continued support!

I would like to welcome the following stations who are first-time check-ins:

- KC2QYR Michael NYC
- W2MW Kurt Montrose
- KB2RMY Stephan Fayetteville
- Richard Montgomery
- KC2HUU Warren Cornwall

That's a wrap until next month.

Ed N2JBA

## MT BEACON PICNIC - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Reminder that the Mt Beacon Amateur Radio Club will be holding it's picnic at the Cronomer Hill park in the Town of Newburgh. Larry, N6BQD could use some more help in putting this together so please give him a call and ask him what you could volunteer for. This location is on top of a high hill over looking the Hudson Valley so if interested someone could bring a QRP rig with antenna and work some stations from there. We will also have a hidden transmitter hunt like we did last year so bring your HT and a portable Yagi antenna and have some fun looking for the hidden transmitter.

For those of you that win the election we will be having a board meeting at the Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall Community Room on Tuesday 25 September at 7PM. During this meeting we will be handing over to the New Board Members the reins of the club.

Jim Capicotto K2JIM  
President MBARC

# SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

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**POUGHKEEPSIE GALLERIA**

**Mount Beacon Amateur Radio Club  
Annual Picnic**

Club Picnic Sunday September 23, 2007!  
See details inside!