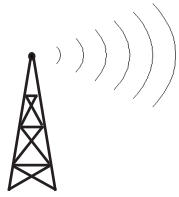


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PRESIDENTS REPORT

By Dan, KB2HAP
President, MBARC

The beautiful and seasonably warm fall is over and the cold reaches of winter have come upon us. The club had a very successful year with the hamfest going as well as it did. The many public service events were a huge success and you can't forget about the fun we all had at the picnic this year.

It was a gorgeous day at a great location, Cronomer Hill Park. We had some good cooks on the grill, and plenty of beverages. The picnic brought us a few treats, first we had a pretty decent satellite pass and we also had a multiple fox, fox hunt. The trick of the hunt was that at first no one knew there were multiple foxes. A little later on in the day Ayannah sent Frank W2GIO on a real hunt when she put one of the transmitters in her pocket and kept running around the park. Frank is sharp and realized this wasn't the typical fox, and eventually caught up with her. The event ended late afternoon. A big thanks everyone who helped out and to Larry N6BQD for organizing the event.

This year's elections brought about some change to the club. We had Dan KB2HAP run unopposed as president, Phil KC2PNI run unopposed as Vice President, Noel KE2FI run unopposed as Treasurer, a tight race between Frank KA1GL and Scott KC2NTV for Corresponding Secretary with Scott getting the upper hand, John N2OXV run unopposed as Director Of Engineering, a bunch of activity in the world of the directors with Andrew N2FTR and Gary WA2AQH overcoming their opposition, and no one running for Recording Secretary with Becky KC2MXA accepting the position.

We have a very informative meeting planned for the month of November with Adam KC2DAA giving us an ARES/RACES update and a talk about this falls past SET (Simulated Emergency Test). Immediately following Adam's presentation will be Andrew N2FTR

demonstrating traffic handling, and also to further explain how HVN (Hudson Valley Net) and the NTS (National Traffic System) work. Phil KC2PNI also has a full agenda of great events (public service) to go over with the membership.

Last year's holiday party was a huge success and this one will be no exception. The holiday party will be December 9th at 1:30pm and I'm pleased to announce with the help of Andrew N2FTR and Bob N2BZP we have acquired the use of the First Presbyterian Church. The scrumptious smorgasbord of excellent dishes will be provided. Don't forget to bring a dessert item and an unwrapped toy for our toy drive. All are welcome!

Now we'll take a look into the near future...

I'd like to start getting the membership's opinion on next year's Ham Of The Year. If you know someone who's a good person, has done something good for the club or Ham radio, should be recognized, and is a member of MBARC, send their information and a brief description of the above to "board@wr2abb.org".

We have a few items to ponder that have been brought up at past meetings. There has been some interest in have membership meetings at various locations in the MBARC area. The thought is that MBARC covers a large area and we could reach a larger part of the membership this way. Something we will be doing following the new year will be to have two day/weekend meetings in each half of

the year. This will bring together some of the membership who work the night shifts and cannot attend the regular monthly meetings.

Before you know it , it will be hamfest season again. MBARC will be hosting their annual Spring hamfest on April 13th at Tymor Park. It will be an excellent event this year with a few new surprises. Don't forget to mark that date on your calendar. The Hamfest will start an hour later than usual. This will help the volunteers and vendors out a lot. We are looking for volunteers for this event so don't be shy come give it a try.

Participation, I'd love to see more people get involved and help out at public service or club events. The more help, the easier the job. I know there's a lot of interesting people who are members of the club or possibly who know some real interesting people, please come and give a talk or a demonstration at one of our meetings or events. Help the club out, it makes it a lot easier on everyone. We have a great club but we can make it much better, with everyone's help. Everyone has busy lives but it only takes a handful of hours a year to make a difference.

Lastly, MBARC has some great open repeaters for all to use. Support the repeaters. Get on and use them. Support the club. The club is only as good as its membership. Remember there will be no December membership meeting.

Dan-KB2HAP
President MBARC

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Scott, KC2NTV, MBARC
Corresponding Secretary

Let me start off by saying thank you for electing me as your Corresponding Secretary. I will try hard to do my very best. I encourage every one to give me feedback on how to improve the club. Remember, we are only as good as the membership so your opinions are more than welcome.

It gives me great pleasure announcing that Julian Blair WA2WMJ is a new member to the MBARC. He brings a great deal to the table. In his many years as a ham, he has become knowledgeable in many fields that range from antenna designs to traffic handling just to name a few. He will be an asset to the club.

Just as a reminder, a softball game is in the works for this spring/summer. I would ask anyone that is interested please contact me ASAP. It should be very fun. (Even more fun if we whoop PEARL's rear!!) Ha-ha

Contact email kc2ntv@arrl.net

On a closing note, the winter months are quickly approaching. Snow and ice can make for a bad combination on the roads. Please drive carefully so your family and friends can help share the holidays with you.

Happy Holidays
73
Scott D
KC2NTV
Corresponding Secretary

PS
Good luck in the contest!!

HAM RADIO CALENDAR REMINDER

Our resident Newsline 'guru' operator, Finn WB2UWU, reminds us that Shirley, N2SKP, has a comprehensive list of Ham Happenings in the Mid-Hudson valley :

http://www.qsysociety.org/Happenings_1007.rtf

ASSISTANT EMERGENCY COORDINATOR (AEC) NAMED

By Adam, KC2DAA, MBARC Trustee and EC/RO Dutchess County

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of our newest AEC here in Dutchess County. Please join me in welcoming Phil, KC2PNI as our newest leadership official. Phil's primary duties will be coordination MBARC and Dutchess ARES. In his short time as a licensed ham, Phil has shown that he has the determination and drive to make him a valuable asset to our service.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Phil, KC2PNI, MBARC
Vice President

Hello all,

Happy Holidays, and welcome to a new year for the Mount Beacon public service calendar. As you know at Mount Beacon we frequently donate our time, and services to various organizations. These events provide safety, and emergency communications for these events. This benefits our club by providing positive public relations, and showing the public a taste of HAM radio. The next and probably most important affect these events provide is a low stress environment to meet new people in the HAM community, and learn new operating skills that may prove invaluable in an emergency. Please volunteer to participate in these events when ever possible. The following is a list of confirmed dates, and events. To volunteer, or ask a question please contact Phil KC2PNI at home 849-2983, cell 845-401-2424, or via email at kc2pni@optonline.net

- **Weblos Eskimo Run:**
January; 19, 2008
James Baird State Park
- **Special Olympics Polar Plunge**
March 9, 2008
Sharpe Reservation Fishkill, NY
- **Autism Walk**
April 27, 2008
Dutchess County Fairgrounds,
Rhinebeck NY
- **M.S. Walk**
May 4, 2008
Culinary Institute Of America,
Hyde Park NY

Thank you all, see you at the events!!

Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club Information

Club Frequencies:

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

Repeater Committee

N2FTR, Andrew, Editor
N2OXV, John, Publisher

Officers

President: KB2HAP, Dan
Vice President: KC2PNI, phil
Treasurer: KE2FI, Noel
Recording Secretary: KC2MXA, Rebecca
Corresponding Secretary: KC2NTV, Scott
Director Of Engineering: N2OXV, John

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N2FTR Andrew 2009
WA2AQH..... Gary 2009
W2GIO..... Frank 2008
WA2BSS Stu 2008

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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

Hudson Valley Net - (NTS Net) Daily at 7:30pm on 146.970
Satcom Net - Every other Thursday 8pm on 146.970
Sideband Net - Every Wednesday 9pm on 144.225USB

In Person Membership Meetings:
Monthly 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm
Fishkill Community Center
(located in the Fishkill Police Dept. Building)

STU'S MAILBOX

By Stu, WA2BSS,
MARC Director

First to say that I am back on Internet and my e-mail address is the same:

wa2bss@hvc.rr.com.

Some HF Nets (All frequencies in KHz):

- **Clearing House Net**
11AM; 3925 Daily
- **NY Phone Net**
1PM 3925 (Weekends)
- **AMSAT HF Net**
2PM (EST) 14282 (Sundays)
- **QCWA HF Net**
3PM (EST) 14347 (Sundays)
- **NYPON**
5PM 3925 (Daily)
- **NYSPTEN**
6PM 3925 (Daily)
- **AMSAT 2Meter Net**
8PM (on "97")
(Every other Thursday)
- **2Meter SSB Net**
9PM (144.225MHz)
(Every Wednesday)

Keep late March or Early April for the AM-SAT 1day Symposium (near BWI Airport)
More info; www.amsat.org

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

Also, in October of 2008 will be the AM-SAT Weekend long Symposium and next year's symposium will be in Atlanta, Georgia. More info later www.amsat.org,

Also, in 2009 is the 400th a Anniversary of the sailing up the Hudson River on the "Half Moon" by Henry Hudson, and there should be a Special Events Station for that time!

Finally if you have any question, comments, or concerns about the club or early History e-mail: wa2bss@hvc.rr.com Hope everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving, etc!

73, de WA2BSS

HAMFEST 2008

By Jim, K2JIM, MBARC
Hamfest Chairman

Hi everyone,

The date has been set along with the location. Our Hamfest date for 2008 will be Sunday April 13, 2008. The location is the same as last few years. Tymor Park - La-Grangeville, New York Dutchess County. This upcoming Hamfest will be the biggest and best we have had so far. In order to do this we will have to get YOU to volunteer to help out. We will need members to help in the following areas:

- Parking and getting entrance fees
- Setting up the day before the fest
- Food booth
- VE session
- Club table
- Talk-in
- Cleanup the day of the fest.

Please volunteer and help make this hamfest the best yet. Don't leave all the work for this very important fund raiser to the same few people that do it every year. Let's make this a fund project for everyone and volunteer. You can contact anyone of our officers or directors to volunteer or contact me at k2jim@frontiernet.net.

Thank you for your support and hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving day and hope you all have a great holiday season.



THE CROP WALK AND PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS UPDATE

By Phil, KC2PNI, MBARC
Vice President

On Sunday 10/14/07, Mt. Beacon participated in the CROP Walk for world hunger. This event is hosted by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. The CROP Walk is designed to raise money to help feed starving people all over the world. Mt. Beacon again provided safety, and emergency communications for the event which was held in the City of Poughkeepsie. The event began, and ended at the Jewish Community Center on South Grand Ave.

A total of seven (not counting myself) volunteers came out to support this event, and I would like to give special recognition to these operators. They are Pete N2YJZ, Finn WB2UWU, Frank KA1GL, Tom KF2KC, Ed KE4ZNU, Steve N2UZV, and Dan KB2HAP. Without the efforts of such great people these events would be a disaster. I am pleased to report that the event ran smoothly, and no emergencies occurred. A great time was had by all, and I hope to see you all at the holiday party!!

Public Service events will be changing a little in the future. I am in the process of creating an Introduction to HAM radio table at our events. This will allow people to see who we are, what we are doing, and how they can get involved. Future events will be for 501c3 non profit organizations, and look for new alliances with big charitable organizations.

These include the Special Olympics, and The United Way of Dutchess County. Already we have a new event with the Special Olympics called The Polar Plunge. This will be in March of 08'. If you have any questions comments, concerns, or recommendations for public service events please email me at kc2pni@optonline.net or call my cell at 845-401-

2424. Don't forget the Boy Scouts Eskimo Run is in January!! I will be needing volunteers!!

Thank You.

SET EXERCISE WRAPUP

By Andrew, N2FTR,
MBCARC Director

On Saturday, 20 October, MBCARC members and equipment participated in the annual SET (Simulated Emergency Test) exercise. 97 Trustee Adam KC2DAA coordinated the event not just for Dutchess County, but also with Ulster and Columbia counties participating as well. On the SET team's behalf, Repeeper Editor Andrew N2FTR sent a letter to our Dutchess County Executive William Steinhaus to inform him of the exercise with the details. Below is both the original note, as well as a very nice reply we received as well.

21 October 2007

Mr. William R. Steinhaus, County Executive
22 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Mr. Steinhaus,

On behalf of the Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club and the Dutchess County ARES/RACES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service / Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service), I would like to inform you briefly about a emergency preparedness drill we participated in Saturday, 20 October 2007.

The national Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is sponsored by a number of organizations and serves to find out the strengths and weaknesses of these groups (such as ARES, RACES, and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Services divisions) in providing emergency communications if we should need it. Additionally, it provides a public demonstration for the served agencies such as the American Red Cross, the emergency management agency and through the news media--of the value to the public that Amateur Radio provides, particularly in time of need. Finally, it helps radio amateurs gain experience in communications using standard procedures and a variety of modes under simulated-emergency conditions.

The Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio club, Dutchess County ARES/RACES, Columbia and Ulster County ARES and the Southern Berkshire Radio Club participated in the drill yesterday. Approximately 22 amateur radio operators ("hams") participated. We all operated equipment under simulated emergency conditions from diverse, yet coordinated, locations such as:

- Castle Point VA Center
- Columbia County Emergency Operating Center
- Columbia Green Memorial Hospital
- Dutchess American Red Cross facility
- Northern Dutchess Hospital
- Sharon Connecticut Hospital
- St Francis Hospital
- Ulster County American Red Cross facility
- Ulster County Emergency Operating Center
- Vassar Brothers Hospital Medical Center
- two mock shelters in Beacon and Nootemeing Scout Camp

and of course our Dutchess Emergency Operating Center on Creek Road in Poughkeepsie. The Center also provided the overall coordination of the drill. Your Dutchess County Radio Officer Adam Nowik Jr. (a Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff) coordinated the drill across the multiple counties and locations listed.

And as mentioned, part of the drill was to send and receive messages under simulated emergency conditions. Most of the stations and locations operated without access to commercial power in this drill. Two such test messages generated to you were received at my station and are enclosed in this envelope.

Our larger purpose is to continue serve the nation at large with emergency and public service communications as part of the Amateur Radio service in as many different ways as needed.

Sincerely,

Andrew D. Schmidt
Director, Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club
Assistant Section Manager, Eastern NY Section, Hudson Division, ARRL

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- and the reply -

30 October 2007

Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club
c/o Andrew D. Schmidt, N2FTR

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you very much for your informative letter concerning the activities of the Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club and the DC ARES/RACES on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Emergency preparedness has always been a critical component of my administration and I appreciate the training and experience your drill has provided.

County government has taken many steps to improve our readiness including training, the 911 master plan and most recently to the initiation of the Simulcast Radio Dispatch System. However, group activities such as yours and the efforts of the volunteers and amateur radio operators provide a valuable complement to our efforts. In a real emergency we will need a collaborative effort from many agencies and these types of exercises certainly help to prepare us.

Personally, and on behalf of all Dutchess County residents, I thank you for your dedicated service and commitment to public safety.

Sincerely,
/s/ WILLIAM R. STEINHAUS
County Executive

PUMPKIN PATROL 2007

By Andrew, N2FTR,
MBARC Director and
Pumpkin Patrol Coordinator

Over the two nights of the recent Halloween Eve and Halloween night, the Mt. Beacon Amateur Radio Club (MBARC) participated in "Pumpkin Patrol 2007". Pumpkin Patrol is a state-wide program of the New York State Thruway and the New York State Police. It began in 1976 and is meant to prevent dangerous pranks and protect travelers along the 641-mile Thruway. Assisting the NYS Police 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 33 amateur radio operators ('hams') and friends of MBARC. The hams were linked to NYS Thruway Headquarters through 146.97 and other "terrestrial" radio equipment (cell phones!).

This was the 16th year that MBARC 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 Trooper Brian Kieckhafer of the NY State Police's Troop "T".

The participating hams are: K2CSS, K2JKL, K2ROB, KA1GL, KB2HAP, KC2AFK, KC2FEL, KC2LOR, KC2LUR, KC2PNI, KC2POW, KC2PRZ, KE2FI, KL7JCQ, N2CSS, N2DXL, N2FTR, N2IMU, N2LLS, N2SGT, N2SPF, N2TTO, W2GIO, W2JVP, W2LW, WA2IID, WB2UWU, and WN2Y.

The non-hams also assisted: Ayannah Brown (daughter of KC2MXA), Bert Duffy (Mother of KC2LUR), Lilli Poulsen (x-YL of WB2UWU), and Rigel and Robert Hargrave (sons of KC2FEL).

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. In 2007, sixteen county-wide organizations statewide participated in this year's effort. They were:

- Orange County
- Putnam County
- Dutchess County
- Ulster County
- Greene County
- Albany/Rensselaer/Columbia County
- Montgomery County
- Herkimer County
- Madison/Oneida County
- Onondaga County
- Cayuga/Seneca County
- Ontario County
- Genesee County
- Monroe County
- Erie County
- Chautauqua County

Read the NY State Thruway press release at:

<http://www.nysthruway.gov/news/press-rel/2007/10/2007-10-29-pumpkin-patrol.html> . Thanks to all!

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DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

*THE CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE IN LIEU OF THE
DECEMBER MEETING
ON DECEMBER 9, 2007
SEE THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR DETAILS
www.wr2abb.org*

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