

GNARC Bulletin On Line

Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

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Club Repeaters: K1OF 147.390/ + 600 (no PL) & K1UHF 448.075/ - 500 (PL-114.8)

Club Web Site: www.gnarc.org/ [Member E-Mail Directory](#)

GNARC Bulletin Breaking News & updates www.qsl.net/w1ee/breaking

Next Club Meeting will be: Wednesday January 14, 2004

Regular Club Meetings start at 8:00 pm and are held in the Community Room at the Shop Rite on Connecticut Ave. (Rte-1) in Norwalk. Talk in: 147.390 no PL.

We will be nominating a new slate of officers for the year 2004.

Candidates for 2004 office are:

Office of Secretary: John Sabini WB1GRB. Treasurer: Zig N1ICL. Vice President: John Kalotai N1OLO. President: Ned Bassick KA1CVV.

"Next ARES Net Monday January 5, 2004 at 8:00 pm NCS W1GIG on 147.390."

[Calendar](#) of meetings and local events. Add Your Own Event!

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Photos of December Holiday Party on club web site: www.gnarc.org/

Officers (For the year 2003)

President: Jay Kolinsky NE2Q (914) 764-5775 / **Vice President:** "Ned" Bassick KA1CVV

Secretary: John Sabini WB1GRB (203) 348-3983 / **Treasurer:** Bill Hart KC1TX (203) 454-2549

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GNARC Membership Dues!

Senior Membership: Individuals over 65 years of age.....\$15.00 per year

Standard Membership: Individuals under 65 years of age.....\$20.00 per year

Student Membership: Individuals under 18 years of age.....\$10.00 per year

Family Membership:.....\$25.00 per year

Send your dues to: Bill Hart, KC1TX ~ 280 Main Street ~ Westport, Ct. 06880

I need articles desperately! Remember this is your newsletter. Send your GNARC Bulletin articles to: John WB1GRB check [Member E-Mail Directory](#) GNARC Bulletin in Subject Line.

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Holiday Party Jay NE2Q

More [Photos: www.gnarc.org/](http://www.gnarc.org/)

Welcome to the 2003 Holiday Party. I'd like to recognize some special guests that have joined us for the festivities. Betsy Doane, K1EIC, ARRL Section Manager and her twin sister Barbara. Betsy always gives GNARC her support through her work with ARRL. We also have an old friend of mine who has come to this party after 11 years of me trying to get him to attend a meeting. Jake Garrecht, W1PBH. Jake and his twin brother Bill, W2YMB, have been



licensed since 1920. Jake is on 75 meters each morning operating CW with Joe Ull, W1GDZ who brought Jake tonight. Jake will soon celebrate his 95th birthday. I'm very happy Jake was able to come tonight. < (Right) Jay NE2Q.

As many of you know, January will be my last meeting as President of our Club. New Officers will be taking over. I enjoyed my 3 year tenure and hope I have done things to make us grow and become even stronger. Because of many giving individuals, my job was quite easy. This Holiday season is a good time to remember those that helped to make GNARC the strong and active club that it is. I would like to recognize those people now.



< (Jay) Please stand when I call your name and come to the front of the room so I can shake your hand and thank you.



< Ed Ashway, K3EIN (Left) for creating and maintaining the club web site. It has certainly helped us get new members and has received many compliments.
< Jay NE2Q, (Right)

Toy Alladin, KA1WYQ, did an outstanding job with the club Newsletter for 12 years. His raffles have earned much needed funds for our club. Toy also coordinates the club's public service events for many years.

Phil Berkowitz, WX1CT for coordinating with Norwalk OEM and Skywarn. And if you don't think he enjoys it, check his new call sign out. WX1CT. Weather 1 Connecticut!



< Rich Roznoy, K1OF (Left) for his tireless efforts at keeping our repeater operational and creating all of our good looking Certificates of Appreciation. I've presented these to all the GNARC speakers over the years. (Right) Toy Alladin, KA1WYQ.

Jack Callahan, N1RRF for his behind the scenes work with Norwalk officials regarding the new repeater site.

Del Schier, K1UHF for serving as Vice President from 2001 thru 2002 and for putting the club's 440 repeater on the air.

Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD and probably one of the most CONNECTED persons in the world. ARRL's Technology Award recipient for 2003. Thanks for his Echolink and Echostation software which we use for our repeater announcements. Also thanks for sending out over 1,200 postcard invitations to local hams inviting them to our Field Days.

Al Urkawich, KB1LI...The Golden Throat, for all his great recorded Announcements on our Repeater.

Tom Kirmeyer, KK2C for coordinating with ShopRite for our monthly meetings and for taking care of the Coffee & Cakes.

Nick Georgis, K1MAR, Thanks for all his home baked pound cake door prizes.

John Kalotai, N1OLO, for all his special events. The island adventures, the Field Days and the Fun Fly's... We need more of those fun activities John.

Bobby Sambolin, WP4YJ who served as Club Secretary and ran many of the Echo Station Announcements.



< Mark D'Andrea, KB1JGL (Left) for his wonderful cooking and serving at our 2003 Field Day. How many clubs have a gourmet Chef who graduated from the Culinary Institute? (Right) Zig Fekete, N1ICL.

Bill Hart, KC1TX who has handled the club's fund as Treasurer for so many years. And in all those years, he only financed 2 of his trips to England, 3 to the Bahamas and 1 to Switzerland.

Zig Fekete, N1ICL for organizing the Repeater Technical Committee and thanks to all that serve on that committee.

Eric Nordland, N1YCI. Our resident PHD in metals. "Dr. Steel". Thanks for all that fabrication.

Jean Richeme, KB1O for his hot Bar-B-Quad goats at Field Day.



< Alan Valeo, NN1H for his efforts at teaching ham radio courses.

Bill Schwartz, W2NUD for keeping the relay contacts clean and the heat sinks from freezing by using the repeater when nobody else is.

Curt Seaton, W1FSM for his recent successful efforts on making our repeater work better.

Roger "Frenchy" Giler for his monthly computer articles in our Newsletter.

Don Ridley, WT1I our Ocala Florida member who keeps the guys active on the HF nets...a real 'Spark-Plug'.

John Sabini, WB1GRB our Current Newsletter Editor and Official GNARC photographer.

Of course thanks to all those members that have taken part in all our public service events and our Field Days.



< And Last but not least, Ned Bassick, KA1CVV (Left) who has served as VP of GNARC for 2003 and who has organized the 2002 and this wonderful Holiday Party. (Right) Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD.

Have a very happy Holiday, Good Health to you and your family and enjoy the New Year. Peace On Earth and Good Will Toward ALL women and men.

GNARC Repeater Work Party (update) ([Photos](#))

Good morning John; There was a work party 12-26-2003 the participants were: Tim Walker W1GIG (The Foreman and Rope man) Ned Bassick KA1CVV. Alan Valeo NN1H. Toy Alladin KA1WYQ. Steve Verbil NA1SV. Curt Seaton W1FSM. Bill Hurlock WA2TQI (Not the echolink RF version) Mark D'Andrea KB1JGL. Zig Fekete N1ICL.

The goal was to lift the New 2 M and 70CM antennas to the roof of the Hospital. This was completed in the morning and right after lunch the 2 M Sinclair 4 Bay Folded Dipole was

placed on it's new perch as seen in the pictures. (Photos on GNARC Bulletin on web site.) Now the Norwalk repeater is better than ever. Full power and listening great without exceptions Here are some pictures of the project. The Norwalk 440 machine will be undergoing some changes in the next couple of months. Listen for feed line and antenna raising work parties and ultimately a wider coverage area. News from the Stamford Club..... The 146.655 Stamford machine has made a move. My sources tell me that the machine was moved 200 feet and the antenna was raised 20 feet and the coverage has improved immensely. (30 watts) Lets all make an effort to check in on the Stamford Repeater and report your findings to Fred K1FC. [Homeland security](#) has recently elevated our status. It is a comfort to know that we are ready. 73's and a Happy and Healthy and Safe New Year. Zig Fekete N1iCL.

LICENSE EXAMINATIONS VE - TESTING & CLASS MAILING Email Marv: n1awj. [e-mail](#)

The next Amateur Radio License Examinations will be: Saturday, February 14 at 9:30 AM. They will be held on the 4th floor cafeteria of the Stamford Government Center on Tresser and Washington B'lvds, Stamford CT. Check in is at 9:30 AM, and the examinations are at 10 AM. No pre registration is required. The fee for the session is \$12, and we would appreciate a check made out to the ARRL/VEC (we do accept cash, but would prefer a check). Those who are upgrading, bring a photocopy of your current license and any CSCE's that you have any other supporting documents as required. All bring 2 pieces of ID, one which is a photo ID.

Directions/Map and latest up to date information on: www.qsl.net/wb1grb/VEtest.htm.

LICENSE EXAMINATION SCHEDULE For 2004

Unless otherwise notified, Amateur Radio License examinations will be held at the Stamford Government Center on Tresser and Washington B'lvds on the following dates: **Sat. February 14, 2004 / Sat. May 8, 2004 / Sat. August 14, 2004 / November 13, 2004.**

Listen to Local Emergency police/fire/ambulance radio calls

Scan.Stamford Channel 1. <http://scanstamford.com/>

CHANNEL 2. <http://scanstamford.com/> channel2

Audio Feed Channel 2 Supplied by Joe Tomaso, Covering West Haven Area.

I sometimes use my laptop computer at work to listen and hear live action.

Thanks Tom: K1TJ for this cool web site! Tom's Home Page: www.alessi.com

Left Speaker

Area Conventional Systems

- **Stamford Vol's & City FD - Alerting**
 - **Stamford Fire Ground 1**
 - **Darien FD Repeater - Alerting**
 - **Darien EMS Repeater - Alerting**
 - **Greenwich FD - Alerting Only**
- **New Canaan FD Repeater - Alerting**
- **New Canaan EMS Repeater - Alerting**
 - **Norwalk FD Repeater**
- **C-Med Ch.5 Medic/Amb Repeater**

Right Speaker

Stamford EDACS Trunking System

- **S.F.R.D. & EMS Only - - Group ID 529**
- **Stamford PD Dispatch - Group ID 273**
- **Stamford PD Tactical - - Group ID 275**
- **Stamford PD Patrol - - - Group ID 276**
- **911-HELP Emergency -- Group ID 911**

Scanner Frequency List (Channel 1.)

AN OPEN LETTER

TO: My Friends and Listeners

FROM: Tom Alessi, ScanStamford Host

RE: Plea for Assistance.

Dear friends,

This is very hard for me to do publicly, but, as many of you know I fund this web site and many others for free. Most of which belong to non-profit organizations and other causes that can not afford to have internet sites. As you may have seen I have been looking for donations and sponsors to help defray my costs. Up to this point I have received less than \$100.00 in donations.

So, I have come to a point where I feel I must plead for assistance, of any sort to help keep this and my other sites up and running.

Times are really tough. Tougher than I can explain publicly. So if you can please find a way to donate.

<http://scanstamford.com/>

Thanks, Tom K1TJ



Skywarn Spotters



With the winter season upon on us, all Skywarn spotters are encouraged to submit snowfall reports to your NWS office. Details can be found in your Skywarn packets that you received at training class or on the various NWS websites >>

BOX <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/box/>

ALY <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/aly/>

OKX <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/okx/>

Please use the following means to report snowfall amounts.

Local VHF/UHF net if active

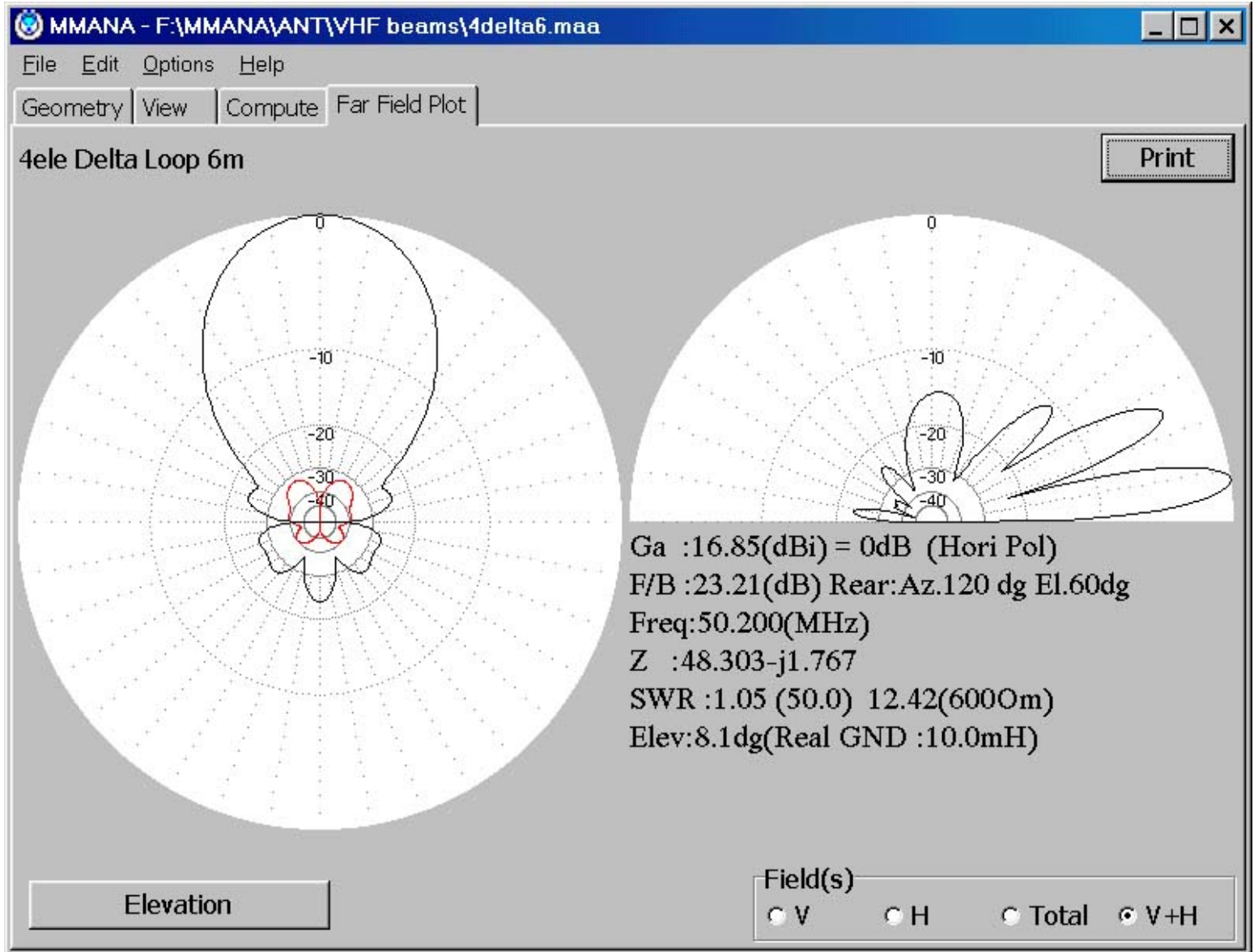
Storm Report email (if available with your respective office)

C) 1-800 number or fax. Anything else that could effect life or property should be immediately relayed to your NWS Office. Any questions, please ask! 73 Phil CT Skywarn Web Page: <http://www.airfieldCountySkywarn.com> &

<http://www.ctweather.com> . Email: Phil check: [Member E-Mail Directory](#)

Free Antenna Modeling Program

You can download **mmana072e.exe**, which is an antenna modeling program, free to amateurs. Don't know how it compares to EZNEC or any of the other well-known packages, but the price is right! 73.....Bill, KC1TX. Web Site: <http://www.gsl.net/mmhamsoft/mmmana>



Message Board

HD-73 ROTOR w/CONTROL & CABLE, \$50; Cushcraft 10-40M Vert. Ant., \$15; Heathkit Station Monitor Mod. 614, \$50. 2 South Bend 7.5 HP Go-Cart Engines. Call for Info. Call Irv, N1ATS, 348-3425. Posted by: WB1GRB

ESTATE SALE (N1CML) Yaesu FT-980 HF Xcvr, \$475; Yaesu FT 726R 2M all mode Xcvr \$325; Yaesu YS-60 SWR-Pwr Mtr, \$50; MFJ Versatuner II (300W), \$100; Tram Reflectometer, \$15; Azden PCS3000 2M Mobile w/o Mic, \$25; HP5301 10 MHz Freq Ctr. \$25; Eldorado 1615 30 MHz Freq Ctr., \$25; AEA PK-88 Packet TNC, \$35; Leader LAC 897

2M Transmatch, \$20. Call Marv, N1AWJ, [e-mail](#) Posted by: WB1GRB

For Sale digi traveler personal navigation system. For laptop includes delorme street atlas use 2003 software will work with tiny trac 3 \$55.00. Call Bill kb1ify. @ 203-353-8131 after 5pm.

55 Ft. Heavy Duty Crank Up Tower with tilt over base in very good cond. About 10 years old. \$700.00. Phone, 203-353-8422. Leave message. Pictures: www.qsl.net/w1ee/tower

Icom 706mkII G, no box, in excellent condition, have all the small connectors it came with, asking 650\$ or Best offer. 203 748 7143.

MFJ ANTENNA TUNER A-1 Cond. \$100; New, \$25; ¼ ? Mag. Mt. Ant., \$12; ? ? Mag. Mt. Ant, \$15, ? ? Trunk Mt. Ant., \$10; Measurements Grid Dip Meter, \$25; HP Signal Gen.; \$15; Code Pract. Mach., \$15. K1DLT (203) 324-2723.

SB-102, POWER SUPPLY/ SPEAKER, & HAND MIKE IN VERY CLEAN COND. 80-10M. \$150 KA1SLG 531-9493

More Items Listed On The Message Board Located At: www.gnarc.org/ & www.qsl.net/w1ee/ If above items are sold contact me for questions. John WB1GRB (203)-353-8422 or [gnarc@usa.com/](mailto:gnarc@usa.com)



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When you make a mistake, don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power. Hugh White (1773 - 1840)

Articles must be in by the 20th of the month to be published in this newsletter & web site. Updates & Breaking News can be made anytime and will be published at: www.qsl.net/w1ee/breaking
Please I desperately need articles from our GNARC club members!

SARA Repeater Update. 146.655 PL-100Hz. 12/27/03

Hi John,
Basically we moved the 2M repeater and the antenna 250 feet to the East and elevated the antenna about an additional 20 feet. The antenna is out of the near field of the interfering transmitters at the hospital. Our next step is to set up the 2M power amplifier. Once the 2M

repeater is fully configured, we will start to move the 70cm repeater. The support mast for the 70cm repeater is in place, waiting for the antenna to be mounted on it. This is still in the planning stages. We may have a newer and physically smaller 70cm repeater being donated to us.

73, Marv



12/28/2003
