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Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

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Club Repeaters: K1OF 147.390/ + 600 KHz (no PL) & K1UHF 448.075/ + 5 MHz(PL-114.8) [EchoLink](#)[®]

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 Connecticut. Talk in: 147.390 repeater no PL. tone.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday September 8th.

Our speaker will be N1ZZ Dan Gravereaux Owner/Chief Engineer of West Mountain Radio of Norwalk, CT.

Dan will speak about his two trips to The Island of Curacao, Netherlands Antilles in which he operated CW from the club station under the call of PJ2T. His last trip of February 2004 was the winning ticket for them as they won the CQWW CW contest and took number 1 in the world for the most contact running Multi Operator M/2 which means Two/ Transmitter. Dan will share what it's like to operate under these speeds. PJ2T is also Number One in the World for Phone contact as well. You will view picture of the club station and hear what the Island of Curacao is like.

Family picnic will be held on Sunday September 26th place to be announced from 12PM - 5PM. This will make up for rain date which was

from August 11th Party. A 2 Meter RIG will be given away as a door prize along with many other items. Check back for location.

Sincerely, Ned Bassick, KA1CVV West Mountain Radio <http://www.westmountainradio.com>

Phone: 203- 853- 8080. Fax: 203- 299 -0232.

The next Norwalk ARES Net Schedule is September 6th at 8:00 PM on 147.390R. Net Control Station for September will be Tom, KK2C. Contact the EC, Allan Valeo, NN1H to volunteer.

The GNARCBulletin will be located each month at: www.gnarc.info/ Best viewed at 600x800.

Newsletter in PDF Format: www.gnarc.info/news.pdf. Adobe Acrobat [Reader](#).

August Newsletter. <http://www.gnarc.info/August04.htm>

President: "Ned" Bassick, KA1CVV / **Vice President:** Allan Valeo, NN1H (203) 762-9302

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September 2004 GNARCon Line Bulletin: John Sabini WB1GRB. Questions (203) 353-8422.

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: "Zig" Fekete ~ 45 Stoehr Place ~ Bridgeport, CT. 06606

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We had no meeting or Minutes of the Meeting for August.

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Skywarn

Phil Berkowitz WX1CT. Connecticut Skywarn D.E.C

Connecticut Section Skywarn Policy July 2004



Goals for the SKYWARN Amateur Radio Net:

*To provide the National Weather Service (NWS) with timely and accurate severe weather reports via Amateur Radio when the (NWS) defined criteria for severe weather are met.

*To create and maintain an organized communication network for passing reports of severe weather via Amateur radio in a timely fashion to and from the NWS. (The NWS has lost normal communications services in the past and it is likely that Skywarn Amateur Radio nets will be activated in future communications emergencies.)

*To disseminate warnings and special weather statements issued by the NWS to the Amateur Radio community. Every attempt is made to read special and severe weather statements issued by the NWS over the SKYWARN Net to keep amateurs informed of developing situations when normal communications channels fail.

Policy Statement:

The purpose of Skywarn Amateur radio Skywarn nets is to pass spotter reports that meet the severe weather criteria as outlined in the training materials. If a station has other information, please politely tell the operator to stand by until they personally make observations of conditions at their location that meet the severe weather criteria.

Skywarn nets will activate when requested by NWS or when a watch or warning is issued. This does not necessarily mean Net Control Stations (NCS) will receive a phone call from NWS to activate. If a spotter sees something meeting severe weather criteria and a net is not in progress, then normal communications using the 1-800 numbers should be used to get that information to the nearest NWS office.

It is important to our mission for all participants to understand that a Skywarn net is both a service to NWS and a convenience to the Amateur Radio community. The purpose is to get reports to the Weather Service when regular communications are down and/or the Amateur Radio station at the NWS office is staffed; but Amateur Radio is just one and not the only way Skywarn Spotters can or should communicate with NWS.

When an NWS or a regional coordinator believes it necessary for a net to be activated, then that coordinator should first contact the county coordinator of the affected area. If this is not possible, the second step is to contact one or more of the county coordinator's designated assistants to start a net and act as NCS. Current contact information and listings for these positions must be maintained with Skywarn leadership.

If a designated county level NCS determines that severe weather is approaching their area of responsibility, a net may be started on their own initiative- but there must be a valid reason for this action. We don't want to "cry wolf" for every single thunderstorm! When a county coordinator or county assistant is informed that the NWS Amateur Radio station is active and staffed; reports should be forwarded via radio to that station. In all other cases, the net control or his designee should use the regular 1-800 numbers to forward reports.

Weekly weather nets should be held, and be used for the training of additional net control stations and for teaching other operators about the proper reporting of severe weather.

Skywarn nets are for the reporting of severe weather, not a weather discussion net. Our purpose is to provide a direct communication path to the NWS from the Amateur Radio Skywarn spotter community to pass weather information that meets the NWS defined severe weather criteria. If a net is not active in your area, please make use of the 1-800 numbers.

Amateur Radio's participation in the Skywarn Program is formally acknowledged and encouraged in a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the NWS. This agreement indicates that the ARRL will encourage its local volunteer groups operating as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) to provide the NWS with spotters and communicators as requested by the NWS during times of severe weather.

Skywarn net control is a critical role in any Skywarn activation. It is a role that may challenge all of an Amateur Radio operator's communications and technical skills. It is also an extremely responsible position in that the safety of lives and property may rest on the operator's skills. Although the job of NCS is challenging, with proper training, it can be a very rewarding experience!

While consistency of procedures from net to net is important, no two SKYWARN activations will be exactly the same. Therefore, the net control operator has the authority and responsibility to do everything necessary, within FCC rules, to ensure that the SKYWARN mission is performed to the best of his or her ability.

Skywarn is a volunteer-based public service whose membership is open to those who wish to participate. Those wishing to participate in Skywarn need to take at least the basic Skywarn spotter training from National Weather Service and continue to take refresher courses in a timely manner. Skywarn is not a club; all leadership appointments are formally made. All reports of severe weather, meeting criteria, through the SKYWARN system are appreciated. Net participants are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the excellent, interesting and free training provided by the NWS covering subject matter from basic SKYWARN training through specialized courses in winter storms and hurricanes.

This policy was written by DEC Phil WX1CT with the assistance of the following CT Skywarn Coordinators and NCS Stations:

Roger K1PAI, Dixie KD1UK, Jim KD1LD, Glenn N1HAW, Mike N1QNQ, Harvey K1PZS, Steve KB1IUZ, Jim N1GPB, John N1OLO, and Bernie KB1DGY. SM Betsey Doane K1EIC, SEC Chuck Rexroad AB1CR and ASEC Allen Pitts W1AGP enthusiastically endorse the thoughts expressed and thank all the contributors.

Check this newsletter for any [Updates](#). Also check the Fairfield County Skywarn web page at:

www.fairfieldcountyskywarn.com/

This [interactive map](#) will automatically plot the location of **active** storms. This page uses Macromedia's Shockwave plug-in. If you don't have it, you can get it free [here](#).

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ARES NEWS

By Allan Valeo, NN1H, EC Norwalk ARES Group.



The Fox is at it again.

The plan is to have the next Fox Hunt on Saturday, August 28 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The Fox's lair will not be a site well known to GNARC and we do hope to have another prize up to generate some extra interest. The same rules will apply and the format will be the same except that the Fox's power level will be more realistic. Keep watching the GNARC web site for [updates](#).

Thanks this month go to Zig, N1ICL for running August's ARES Net. Summer doldrums continue to take a toll on the Net and the next Net falls on Labor Day. We'll all need to be retrained in October.

Update

Results of September Fox Hunt

The Second Norwalk Fox Hunt

By Allan Valeo, NN1H

The Second Fox Hunt is over and the results are in. Rich, K1OF and Cindy N1EKD again found the Fox first (43 minutes) followed a little later by Zig, N1ICL and Mark, KB1JGL (1 hour and 20 minutes). The hiding place was subtle this time. The Fox was amongst the chickens at Stew Leonard's Little Farm. In fact he thought that a very insistent crowing rooster was going to give him away. Who says Ham Radio operators have no sense of humor.

The Fox is thinking that he may try another hunt in late October. We'll see if the interest level warrants it. Next month's ARES news will contain a few tips on finding a fox.

Our next ARES net will be Monday, September 6th at 8:00 pm and Tom, KK2C will be the NCS. Thank you all, again. Stay safe during this unsettled summer season.

Allan, NN1H, EC Norwalk Ares Group.

Check this newsletter for updates on ARES news. Also check the [Norwalk ARESweb site](#) for updates and bulletins on ARES activities for the area.

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Public Service Announcements

If you have any Public Service Announcements please contact me at: (203) 353-8422.

Updates can be made anytime.

Toy K1YQ has a upcoming public service event for September 17, 2004. "We will need 12 to 15 volunteers." Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club's [Annual Harvest Rides](#) bicycle tour. Check future newsletters for updates. To volunteer contact Toy: [KA1WYQ](#)

Fred K1FC reported at the SARA meeting that we need volunteers for the Stamford Denmark Friendship Race. Date, Sunday September 12, 2004. Location will be at the Stamford Yacht Club. **SARA needs volunteers!** Contact Jeanine [KY1Q](#).

[SARA SUNDAY NIGHT NET](#) We encourage people to check into the SARA net. This is a informal net on the Stamford Repeater every Sunday night at 8 PM. After about a half hour of friendly discussion, we play the "Amateur Radio Newslines" with the latest happenings in amateur radio. Make yourself heard, join the net. Repeater: 146.655. PL-100 Hz.

Western Connecticut Hamfest Sponsored by the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association. Sunday, September 12, 2004. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Edmond Town Hall, Route 6, Newtown, CT

[Long Island Hamfair & Electronics Show](#). NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ANY OUTDOOR HAMFEST! Sunday, September 12, 2004 at Briarcliffe College. 1055 Stewart Avenue. Bethpage, NY 11714. Huge Outdoor Location! Over 600 tailgate spaces available! Gates open 9:00 AM for buyers.



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Contact Ned de KA1CVV. Days at 203-853-8080. Sincerely, 73 Ned Bassick, KA1CVV. West Mountain Radio <http://www.westmountainradio.com> fax: 203 - 299 - 0232.

Icom IC-735HF 10 thru 160 meters. Great starter radio. \$200.00. Chris N1YNO. 203-359-0570.

Texas Weather Instruments 1-wire Weather Station. Comes complete with Wind Vane, Anemometer, Temperature/Humidity sensor, Radiation Shield and Rain Gauge. Weather View 32 Software included. Note: This station does not use a console, all data is displayed on a computer monitor. \$250.00. Cushcraft 11 element 2 meter beam \$20 Contact Phil (203) 847- 0965.

[30 ft. Antenna tower](#) looking to donate to amateur radio club. just come get it! Posted. April 23, 2004

Wanted tri-band beam antenna. 10m 15m 20m a 14ft boom would be great. 73's Louis. n1nq.

n1nq@yahoo.com

One IBM Think pad 560X WIN98SE P233 96megs, 4 Gig HD very light weight 4pds with all manuals, Restore CD's and license. \$200 call days 299-0233 ask for Ned. o 1615 30 MHz Freq Ctr., \$25; AEA PK-88 Packet TNC, \$35 Call Marv, [N1AWJ](#), (203) 438-7889.

Mobile w/o Microphone, \$25; HP5301 10 MHz Freq Ctr. \$25; Eduardo 1615 30 MHz Freq Ctr., \$25; AEA PK-88 Packet TNC, \$35; Leader LAC 897 2M Trans match, \$20. Call Marv, [N1AWJ](#), Posted by: WB1GRB

SB 102, POWER SUPPLY/ SPEAKER, AND HAND MIKE IN VERY CLEAN CONDITION. 80-10M. \$150. (203) 531-9493. Andy [KA1SLG](#).

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

ICOM T8A HT w/slow charger & 2 extra Batteries, \$119; Radio Shack HTX 242 2m 10/45W Mobile w/o mounting bkt., \$60 Call Chris, N1YNO at (203) 359-0570 evenings.

FT-8100B 2M/70cm Transceiver with factory CTCSS encode/decode, separation kit, and includes all schematics and manual. Recent o/haul at Yaesu - Installed new style transmitter board and complete alignment. Works and looks as new. \$200.00 plus shipping - 203-975-8014 eves.

Quad, rooftop tower, and ham desk for sale. Lighting Bolt 5 band, 2 element Quad \$40. Create 10' rooftop tower with thrust bearing and rotor plate. Make me an offer. Unique ham desk originally used in Heathkit store: Slight "U" shape. Desk is 25" deep x 7 feet (at widest part) , two adjustable 12" deep full length shelves, tan Formica, extremely sturdy and handsome!. It disassembles for moving. \$350. Gary K3OS 203-762-8972 evenings.

HD-73 ROTOR w/CONTROL & CABLE, \$50; Cushcraft 10-40M Vertical. 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.

I have a HTX-202 with a cracked Case. I do not care if the radio works. I need the Plastic case. Jerry W1FHM, (203) 853-3969. Posted By John WB1GRB.

To add or remove your Classified Ads you can go to the [Message Board](#).

I will have a copy of this list at the next meeting to cross off sold items or add new listings.

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Remember this is your newsletter. I need articles desperately!

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Join us before the meeting at John's Best Pizza on New Canaan Ave. at 6 pm.

[John's Best Pizza](#)

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Contact me for corrections or updates. John WB1GRB.

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Field Day 2004. I will add more photos in next months *GNARCBulletin*.

Send your photos to:











J/S WB1GRB Sunday, August 29, 2004
