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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 November 10.

Our Speaker for the November meeting will be Steve Verbil [NA1SV](#) of Fairfield. The topic will be APRS ([Automatic Position Reporting System](#)) APRS is used on 144.390 FM simplex and HF on 30 meters in which it transmits your GPS location so other may see your location on a map from either the internet (www.findu.com) or a APRS program running on your PC or Palm Pilot. The good thing about APRS that all of us can receive it now via a computer with a sound card and that no TNC is needed.

The next ARES Net will be November 1st at 8:00 pm. **K3EIN** will be the Net Control Station on the 147.390 repeater. To volunteer as a Net Control Station contact Allan Valeo, [NN1H](#).

The ARES Net will be held on 1st Monday of each month at 8.00 pm on the 147.39R.

The 2004 GNARC Annual Holiday Party

Will be held on Wednesday, December 8th, 2004 at the Sons of Italy, 162 New Canaan Ave. RTE 123, Norwalk, CT. **Please mail this [completed Form](#) to attend. [Directions & Map](#).**



[Photos of GNARC picnic. 9/26/04. Photos courtesy of Ned, K A 1 C V V.](#)



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President: "Ned" Bassick, KA1CVV / **Vice President:** Allan Valeo, NN1H (203) 762-9302
Secretary: John Sabini, WB1GRB (203) 348-3983 / **Treasurer:** "Zig" Fekete, N1ICL.
November 2004 *GNARC* on Line Bulletin: John Sabini WB1GRB. Questions (203) 353-8422.

GNARC Membership Dues.

Senior Membership: Individuals over 65 years of age.....\$15.00 per year
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Family Membership:.....\$25.00 per year

Send your dues to: "Zig" Fekete ~ 45 Stoehr Place ~ Bridgeport, CT. 06606

Newsletter [Membership List](#). Current Call, First Name, Town, State, Holiday Party Paid, Dues Paid, ARES.

Thank you GNARC members and guests. The 2005 dues invoices will be mailed to you at the beginning of December 2004. Enclosed is a general questionnaire. I would appreciate everyone updating their information for the Club's records. Also enclosed for your convenience will be a stamped envelope to return the questionnaire and your dues. Please do not send cash in the mail as there is no guarantee it will arrive at it's proper destination. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions please make a note of it on the back of the questionnaire. Remember this is your club and any feedback you have will only increase the value of our organization.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Happy Holidays, Zig Fekete, N1ICL.

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GNARC [Calendar](#) of Club Events

Minutes of the Meeting 9/8/04

Ned, KA1CVV started the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Offices present: **Secretary** and club newsletter, John, WB1GRB. **President:** "Ned" Bassick, KA1CVV / **Vice President:** Allan Valeo, NN1H. **Treasurer:** "Zig" Fekete, N1ICL.

"Ned" mentioned that we are starting to collect 2005 GNARC Membership Dues. Which are:

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"Ned" reminded every one that we now have a all electronic newsletter. To be added go to the distribution list, go to www.gnarc.org/. Please contact Ed K3EIN via E-Mail, and he will update the Membership Page on the GNARC web site. You will find Ed's e-mail address on the [Membership Distribution List](#). Ned also suggests to check the [club](#) web site periodically and club [newsletter](#) for updates.

"We need articles for our newsletter. If you have bought a new or used radio write a article. Tell us what you like or dislike about the radio." You can include articles on computers.

Send your articles to: gnarc@usa.com. Or send photos with your article: hamphotos@mail.com

Treasurers Report. "Zig" reported that we have a balance of \$3,800.67 dollars. We paid out \$227.44 for this year's club picnic. If you want a complete detailed e-mail report contact "Zig" [N1ICL](#).

"Ned" We have some items on E Bay. Go to [E-Bay](#) and **search** under **sellers**. Type "N1EV" you will see a list of items for sale. Thanks to "Zig" N1ICL and Tim, W1GIG for their efforts in helping us sell these items. All profits go to the club.

ARES Report. Allan, NN1H. We had a simulated emergency. This year the simulated emergency was a bad ice storm, heavy winds, downed power lines. This is an exercise so we know how to react in an emergency when communications are needed. We just got a preliminary report from ARES HQ. Norwalk received 160 points which is the highest in the area. We have a simulated emergency once a year. Next year I will be coming after members to volunteer as ARES net control.

Each year we need people to sign up for ARES. This must be done to keep information up to date. You only have to sign your signature once and send in the application by mail. The following year you can sign by e-mail. You will not need to sign your name a second time when you sign up on the net.

ARES application form in [Word](#) format and in Adobe [PDF](#) format. More info. contact, Allan, [NN1H](#).

Bill, KB1IFY then spoke about a meeting he attended on Sunday 19 September 2004 in Waterbury.

Bill represented both the Norwalk and Stamford clubs.

Mike K1TWF gave us a talk that he had prepared for the 2004 Dayton Ham Law Forum entitled: *Getting it Through the Legislature*. Mike's presentation gave an excellent overview of all the work involved, and some of the pitfalls, in getting a state version of PRB-1 passed. Copies of K1TWF's slides are available; let Mike K1MK know if you'd like to have a PDF version of those slides.

Mike K1MK then described aspects of the legislative process specific to the Connecticut General Assembly and outlined the CT Section's strategy and schedule for getting an antenna bill passed in 2005. Copies of K1MK's slides are available; let Mike K1MK know if you'd like to have a PDF version of those slides.

Dale NA1L described the structure of the section of the CT General Statutes that governs zoning. Dale distributed an example of how the zoning enabling statute would appear after having been amended by the enactment of an antenna bill.

1. - Local radio clubs are asked to assist the SGL & SM in identifying hams in their area who might have some connection with a state legislator; this might be a family, business, social, *etc.* connection

2. - Local radio clubs are asked to help with the recruitment of volunteers in their area who would be willing to meet with their legislator for the purpose of discussing an antenna bill and asking for their legislator's support and co-sponsorship of that bill

3. - For the moment, the requests are only for information and for volunteers who would work in coordination with the SGL. At this time, we're asking that individual amateurs **not** take it upon themselves to contact their legislator without first consulting with a local coordinator or the SGL.

To summarize progress made since the Sept 19th meeting:

The first sponsors for our bill are now on board and very supportive of the initiative, making it virtually certain that an antenna bill will be introduced in January.

Our highest priority task continues to be promoting the idea of an antenna bill with our legislators and securing as many additional co-sponsors for the bill as possible before the legislative session convenes in January

A private e-mail group for discussion and coordination of the work towards a CT version of PRB-1 has been established. Representatives of local clubs are invited to join this mailing list. For information about the list please contact me at: k1mk AT arrl.net.

Finally, our first big push commences immediately after the November election, which is now less than a month away. We need to be actively preparing for that effort right now. This means organizing locally and coordinating those efforts with the SGL & SM.

Tnx & 73, Mike K1MK

Michael Keane K1MK
State Government Liaison, CT Section ARRL.

Public Service Toy, KA1WYQ. The American Diabetes Association Fairfield Chapter in Fairfield had a walk a thon. We had a good turn out of about 800 people in the event. We had operators on the course and a very good day. Thanks to all the operators that helped in this event. Congratulations for a job well done guys. Toy/KA1WYQ. This ends our Public Service for this year.

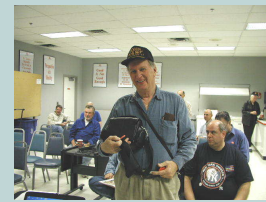
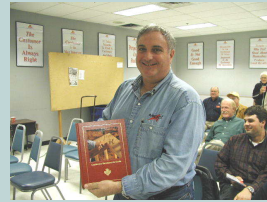
John, N1OLO. My question relates to our By-Laws. John asked what mechanism do we have for removal of a member and is there a code of conduct for members? No we do not have a code of conduct at club events or functions. Legally a club member could be barred from using the club repeaters for miss conduct. This decision would be made by the club repeater licensee. The discussion was tabled and the executive board would discuss this at the next meeting for possible By-Law revision.

The Minutes of the Meeting ended at: 8:30 pm.



"Ned" then introduced our October speaker Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD. Father of the [EchoLink®](#) System.

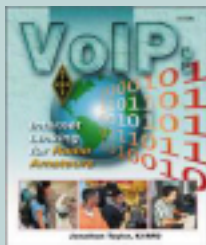
After our program, we had a coffee break.



Then Toy, KA1WYQ gave away some prizes. >

Meeting ended at approximately 9:30 pm.

(More [photos](#) of the October Meeting.)



[Order](#) VoIP Internet Linking for Radio Amateurs. -- by Jonathan Taylor, K1RFD

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Skywarn

Phil Berkowitz WX1CT. Connecticut Skywarn D.E.C



Also check the Fairfield County Skywarn web page at: www.fairfieldcountyskywarn.com/

Brent Hurlock N1RRD has been appointed as an assistant Skywarn Coordinator for Northern Fairfield County. Brent will help in maintaining active net controls for the northern part of the county.

December 4th will be the annual Skywarn Recognition Day. Most NWS offices across the country will be on the air, try and work as many as you can! If anyone is interested in operating from WX2OKX at NWS Upton, please contact me.

With the severe weather season winding down, its time to look forward to 2005. More net controls are needed. This is great training as net ops for Skywarn will carry over to any net you might run for ARES. If you'd like to help out, please contact me to discuss.

73 Phil WX1CT CT Skywarn D.E.C.

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](#). [Intellicast Loop Radar](#)

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ARES NEWS



Many thanks and very large congratulations to all of our ARES regulars and to all of the people who joined the NET for October's Simulated Emergency Test. We put in a stellar showing and everyone who participated should be proud. Watch this news note and watch QST next year to see the results of the test.

I'd also like to thank all of you who participated in the regular ARES Net last month. It was an excellent turnout. Keep up the great work.

This is the time of year that the ARES leadership team starts to preach about registering, re-registering and training. Of the thirty plus people who participate in the Norwalk ARES Group monthly Nets, only nine people have registered and given us their personal information. The more people that register the more weight we will carry with the FCC and the Legislators that control our avocation and the greater our presence in the community. These are positive reasons for signing up. The truth is that ARES registrations are the greatest in areas where emergencies are more common than they are here. I'm lobbying to kick it up a notch around Norwalk.

Now, I have to confess that I was very skeptical about getting involved in the beginning. I had a real concern and I had a question that had to be answered before I could see ARES as something I could support. Part of my pitch this year is to turn my question around and try to get all of you to consider your answers to the following. What's the very first thing that you must do if there is a real emergency? I think that people will be more apt to commit something to ARES when they have the right answer to this question. Please think about it and be ready to be challenged by the answer. I'll have more to say about this at the next club meeting.

Meantime, keep on shinning. The Norwalk ARES group and all that support us have plenty to be proud of.

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Allan Valeo, NN1H, CO-EC Norwalk ARES Group

Check the [Norwalk ARES web site](#) for latest updates and bulletins on ARES activities for the area.

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Windows Registry

Windows Tips, Tricks and Shortcuts / Windows Survival Tips

By, John Sabini, WB1GRB

The Windows Registry is a heart and soul of the Windows operating system. It contains information that controls how your Windows appears and how it behaves. Most applications today use this registry to store the configuration and other important data. When you install an application, a new registry will be created. When you uninstall an application these registry entries are suppose to be automatically deleted. Unfortunately, this is usually not the case and these entries will not be completely deleted. You will find that some applications fail to remove their own registry entries. These entries will then become obsolete and will be left behind.

After a long period, after installing and uninstalling a lot of applications, your Windows registry will contain a large number of obsolete entries. This will significantly increase the registry size and thus will slowdown your computer, because Windows will need more time to load, search, and read data from the registry.

To keep your computer in top performance, it is recommended to periodically clean your Windows registry. The best program that I have found is called [TweakNow RegCleaner](#), v 1.3.3. This program is free for non commercial use. Minimum Requirement: Microsoft Windows 98, Me, 2000 & XP.

The problem that I had was simply my hard drive was so full I thought I needed to install a new hard drive. I installed TweakNow RegCleaner and was completely surprised I had increased the capacity of my hard drive by 29%. To get a accurate picture of your hard drive you must first clean windows of unnecessary files. I will go into more detail on this subject next month.

I would highly recommend using this program. You should use this program on a regular schedule. Windows needs different maintenance procedures on a routine schedule to run reliably with fewer problems.

Tired of Windows crashing? Sick of having software lock up on you or taking forever to load? Next month I will write about other ways to make Windows run faster with fewer problems and be more reliable.

----- Check out Roger Giler's, [Computer Corner](#). -----

Public Service Announcements

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

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7 Nov 2004. FARA Flea Market, Framingham ARA. <http://fara.org/fleamarket>. Contact: Beverly Lees, N1LOO. PO Box 3005, Framingham, MA 01705. Phone: 508-626-2012.

13 Nov 2004. Falmouth ARA. <http://www.falara.org>. Contact: Ralph Swenson, N1YHS. 99 Fox Run Lane, East Falmouth, MA 02536. Phone: 508-548-6405.

28 Nov 2004. JSARS Tailgate Hamfest. Jersey Shore ARS. <http://www.jsars.org>. Contact: Ed Genoino, WA2NDA. 1429 Island View Drive. Forked River, NJ 08731. Phone: 609-971-2792.

[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 Newline" with the latest happenings in amateur radio. Make yourself heard, join the net. Repeater: 146.655. PL-100 Hz.

LICENSE EXAMINATION November 13, 2004. Saturday at: 10:00am.

Location: Stamford Government Center 888 Tresser Boulevard. [Directions](#) [Map](#)

Check-in at 9:30 AM and the exam will start at 10 AM. Pre-registration is NOT required. Walk-ins are encouraged. The fee for the test session is \$12.00.

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Squelch not working great for AGW packet or APRS! \$30.

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-735 HF 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

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

Icom 706mkII G, 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.

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Contact me for corrections or updates. John WB1GRB.

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I will add more photos in next months *GNARC* Bulletin.

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J/S WB1GRB Updated on Sunday, October 31, 2004

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