



GNARC on Line Bulletin

Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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Club Repeaters: K1OF 147.390/ + 600 KHz PL of 110.9 Hz. & 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. The 147.390 repeater is now using a PL of 110.9 Hz.

Next Meeting Wednesday May 11th, 2005. Program to be announced.

President: Toy Alladin, KA1WYQ / **Vice President:** Allan Valeo, NN1H (203) 762-9302

Secretary: John Sabini, WB1GRB (203) 348-3983 / **Treasurer:** Gary Schwartz, K3OS.

May 2005 GNARC on Line Bulletin: John Sabini WB1GRB. Questions (203) 353-8422.

If you have any articles send them to John, WB1GRB. Subject: Newsletter.



Club Calendar of Events	Classified Ads	Hamfest / Announcements
Membership / Dues	N1ZZ's Contest Lookout	BIOGRAPHY OF A HAM RADIO OPERATOR By Diran Varzhabedian, AB1K
Updates / Corrections	GNARC Repeater	Comments / Feedback ARTICLES

Feedline Analysis Program, [SWR PLOT](#) Check the [SWR PLOT](#) web site for Latest update.

I will add more photos in next months GNARC Bulletin. This months [PHOTOS](#).

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

We have now entered the season for the annual fund raising drives by the various organizations that we help with communications and this is a reminder to all that we are a PUBLIC SERVICE ORIENTED ORGANIZATION and very much committed to assist when and where we are needed.

We need operators to come out and volunteer some time for these events.

The first event for the year is the March of Dimes 'Walkamerica' held at Sherwood Island State Park in Westport on Sunday May first. This is their annual nationwide fundraiser in their continuing fight against birth defects. Volunteers will be needed from 7am, and the walk ends before 12 noon. We are going to use a Simplex frequency.

Our second event is the Bloomin Metric annual bikeride on May 22nd which is from Calf Pasture beach in Norwalk and is an all day affair. At least 12 volunteers are needed for this event to work in two shifts. Operators are needed from 7am and this ride goes as far as Lake Candlewood in Danbury and back. We are covering the rest stops, and the route. This organization raises funds to assist other humanitarian agencies. The repeater is going to be used for this event.

The American Diabetes Association, Fairfield chapter is holding their annual walk this year on October 16th In Fairfield. Details for this walk will be announced in due time.

Toy/KA1WYQ.

This is an excerpt from an article written by John Albert WA9FVP

The PL tone in an Icom 706 MkII G is generated by the CPU. An internal D to A generates a stair step function creating a low frequency sine wave. The PL tone is coupled to the transmit audio circuits through a low pass filter. It has been observed that the step function also generates high frequency components that pass through the low pass filter and modulates the FM in the in the audio range. The frequency components are present when the PL is turned on and can be heard using another VHF receiver. Using an oscilloscope one could see the stair step transitions in the demodulated audio.

When asked if there's a fix, this is what was replied:

The deviation adjustment should be set so that the PL tone is 800 Hz deviation. There's no separate adjustment for the PL. It's only controlled by the deviation adjustment. You will probably have to readjust your mic level to compensate for the low audio.

Article submitted by: George, K1EHW.

Computer Corner

by ROGER GILER, W1AGU.

Spyware blocker

I have found an anti-spyware program on the official Microsoft site. Some of my associates seem to think it works well and that I should use it instead of separate software. Do you use it or do you prefer other software? Thanks for any comments. *Ed B.* Answer go to > <http://www.gnarc.info/ComputerCorner.htm>

With the ability to scan your RAM, registry, hard drives, and external storage devices for known data-mining, advertising, and tracking components, Ad-aware SE easily can clean your system, allowing you to maintain a higher degree of privacy while you surf the Web.

Ad-aware SE Personal Edition boasts a number of improvements. Extended memory scanning now scans all modules loaded by a process. Scanning uses the all- new CSI (Code Sequence Identification) technology to identify new and unknown variants of known targets. Extended registry scanning now scans registry branches of multiple-user accounts and performs additional smart checks to detect dynamically created references. Scanning speed is noticeably faster, and this version offers an Extended Scanning mode for known and unknown/possible browser hijackers. **Ad-Aware Personal edition** is free for non-commercial use.

GEEK 'N' ZEKE

“HOW DO I PRINT MY SCREEN?”

Zeke: Hey Geek, in the good old' DOS days, I used to tap my Print Screen key and I could get a printout of what was on my screen. Not so with Windows. What' gives, huh? My brand new Windows XP isn't working!

Geek: Zeke, what isn't working is your head! Follow me and learn something new, OK? Just concentrate and learn something!

Zeke: OK Geek, I'm all ears.

Geek: First of all, Zeke, when you see what you want to print out, just push the Print Screen button, and, lo and behold, the computer has captured the screen. Now, you want to see it and print it, no? Bring up WORD like you always do, then hit Ctrl + V, and presto, there it is! Now, you can print it, email it, or do anything you want to do. Neat eh?

Now, let me get back to something really important, like working DX on 20 meters!

Zeke: (Grumble).

73 de Geek Submitted by Diran Varzhabedian, AB1K



Connecticut Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

ARRL Connecticut Section (CT)

GNARC ARES NEWS

In service to Norwalk and the nearby towns of

Darien, Easton, Fairfield, New Canaan, Weston, Westport and Wilton

Next ARES Nets are:

Monday May 2nd at 8:00 PM ON 147.390R, PL 110.9, NCS will be WB1GRB

Monday May 9th at 8:00 PM on 147.300R, PL 100.0 Danbury ARES

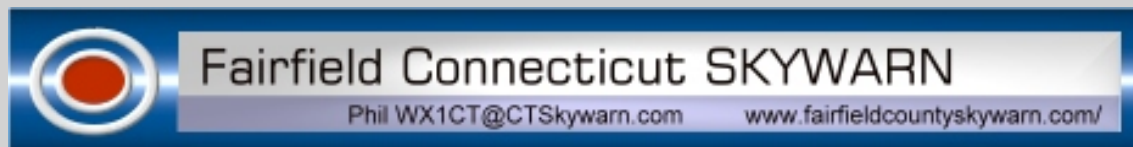
Monday June 6th at 8:00 PM on 147.390R PL 110.9, NCS will be W1AGU

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

Fairfield County Skywarn

Phil Berkowitz WX1CT. *Connecticut Skywarn* D.E.C. Check the Fairfield County Skywarn [web page](#).

Skywarn Training Schedule [Current Area Skywarn Training Classes](#)



Minutes of the Meeting 4/13/05

The meeting at 8:05 pm. Club officers introduced themselves. **President:** Toy Alladin, KA1WYQ. **Secretary:** John Sabini, WB1GRB. **Vice President:** Allan Valeo, NN1H. **Treasurer:** Gary Schwartz,

K3OS.

The minutes of the previous month's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Gary K3OS gave the Treasurer's report. He made a new membership list and asked every one to check the list and make any corrections or updates and let him know. He will make an updated list in the future. Gary reminded members to keep this list to themselves and not to give this list to non members. For a complete Treasurer's Report and Membership List contact Gary.

<http://www.gnarc.info/Dues.htm>

Tim, W1GIG gave a report on "Top Off", and the role that Amateur Radio had in the Largest ever Mass Casualty Exercise (Mar 21, 2005) -- Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members in Connecticut, New Jersey and several other states in the Northeastern US . "I went to the New London area on a Wednesday checking in and signing in. They ran a very good operation and were very well organized." Tim brought back color maps and handouts on this operation including a list of repeater links in Connecticut. Once you get to the New Heaven area the whole state is linked together through these linked repeaters. He showed a sign up sheet that you had to fill out. This was actually an ARES sign up sheet. You would then get your assignment. Tim's assignment was as a reserve operator. He learned a lot and gained much experience in this exercise.

Announcements Rich, K1OF mentioned that the 147.390 repeater will be switching to a PL- tone of 100 Hz. We have the crystals and there will be an announcement before the change. We are now using a PL of 110.9 Hz.

Skywarn Phil Berkowitz, WX1CT. "We now have Skywarn classes all over the state for the next few weeks".

Current schedule for Skywarn training classes for Connecticut.

Thursday May 5, 2005. SARA monthly meeting & Basic Skywarn Training and refresher class. Time 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

The National Weather Service in cooperation with the Stamford Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring this class on Thursday May 5th 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Stamford Government Center, Tresser Blvd Stamford. The class is free and open to the public. Pre-Registration is requested so enough handouts are available and you don't have to share. You can register via email basic@ctskywarn.com or by phone (631) 924-0517 x412

For Directions: <http://www.ctsara.org/govdir.htm>

Amateur Radio Talk-In: W1EE Repeater (SARA) 146.655 MHz, - 600 kHz offset, 100.0 Hz.

Gary K3OS mentioned that the Coast Guard is looking for Ham Radio Operators.

<http://www.auxguidanceskills.info/press/helpwanted/helpwanted-ham.html>

Public Service Toy, KA1WYQ. The March of Dimes Walk a thon which is held at Sherwood Inland. Sunday May 1st. We need operators!

Sunday May 22. The Bloomin Metric Bikeathon which is an all day affair. Begins at 7:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. There are three segments between Norwalk and Lake Candlewood. At least 12 operators are needed for the day to work in two shifts. Contact Toy/KA1WYQ

Announcements on the 2m repeater is about to be reactivated. Thanks to Al Urkawich (formerly KB1LI) voice and the guys at West Mountain Radio.

To help raise money for the club we will be ordering some sweatshirts and t-shirts. We will be working on the design with the club logo on the front and "radio communications" on the back.

Jay, NE2Q. Jay had an idea for Field Day to assign a captain for each band or for each tent and to have a competition to see who scores the most points.

8:50 we then took a coffee break.

9:10 Ed, K3EIN then gave a presentation for the evening, he showed a video of our SAREX contact with the Space Shuttle Atlantis, STS 74, in 1995. [Photos](#).

Meeting ended at 9:45.

Edited by Toy, KA1WYQ

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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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J/S WB1GRB Saturday, April 30, 2005

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