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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 June 8th, 2005. Regular Monthly Meeting. Field Day Planning

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Secretary: John Sabini, WB1GRB (203) 348-3983 / **Treasurer:** Gary Schwartz, K3OS.
June 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	Field Day PHOTOS from the archive.
Updates / Corrections	GNARC Repeater	Comments / Feedback ARTICLES

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Stamford, CT, San Francisco, San Jose, and San Diego, California all join New York City as the top 5 worst cities to spend your salary in the U.S. [Salary.com](#)

From the president's corner:

Some tidbits about this and that:

Many thanks to the many operators that responded to the call to do public service for the month of May. We had the March of Dimes Walkamerica on a cold and rainy Sunday at Sherwood Island in Westport. The walkers braved the yukky weather for the event and so did our operators. The day was uneventful. A simplex frequency was used for this event.

Next was the Sound cyclists' 'Bloomin Metric' bikathon which started at 7am on May 22nd. The club hosted approximately 2500 riders from the tri-state area. Rainy and cold was also the talk of the day. The staging area was at Shady beach in Norwalk, and an eventful day with a fair share of broken bikes and spills. The net was beautiful and effective. We had a busy and rewarding day. Special mention to the only gal, Betty Walker/KC1PUP who operated her mobile 'rover' around the 25-mile course. Quite noticeable was the effort to use Nextel 2 way communication and cell phones around the course by the event organizers. Not good was the end result of that. The boonies up in the Weston and Easton rural districts were their demise. Our guys, both mobile and rest stop operators were very effective all the time.

Our next public service event will be the ride for the 'Make a wish Foundation' hosted by the same Sound Cyclists club in September and then we close the year with the American diabetes 'Walkathon' in October in Fairfield.

We are all looking forward to the coming Field Day weekend on June 25th and 26th. There is eager anticipation about things to come and the talk around the club is that we are going to try to beat our old record. Of course everyone remembers that we were first in the State as a 3A station. At this time, the general idea is to have enough operators to operate continuously for 24 hours.

Not forgetting, the hurricane season is upon us and we are reminded to remain vigilant and maintain preparedness.

Many of us complain about our memory, but very few of us about our judgment.
73, KA1WYQ

Computer Corner

by **ROGER GILER, W1AGU**.Go to,

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

Microsoft has recently started to let us peek under the veil cloaking its next operating system, which is to replace Windows XP. It is codenamed "Longhorn" and is mentioned as the system for the next 10 years. Normally, there has been great secrecy anytime new software is being developed because it cannibalizes from the sales of the present systems. However, Microsoft has been on the defensive in all its areas and just had to do something to fight off the predators. From what we know, the new system will have many noble goals, the main one being better security with both incoming and outgoing firewalls. I will also sport a new user interface that should make it easier to use your computer.

Early reports said that it looks impressive with great built-in graphics and a file system akin to that which has just appeared on the Apple Macintosh OS X. If you feel like moving up to it, you may have to keep salivating till the 2006 holiday season. Because of the heavy competitive pressures, there is a good chance that the deadline will be met without quality glitches. As one Microsoftie leaked on an Internet conference, if it does not work out as planned, "heads will roll." I had heard these promises before, but to be kind to Microsoft, the required powerful hardware was not widely available when the previous systems were released.

Inverted text, spell checking e-mail, taskbar changes , Bargains, getting a desktop picture, pinging, Ghost.
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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 June 6th at 8:00 PM on 147.390R PL 110.9, NCS will be W1AGU

Monday June 13th at 8:00 PM on 147.300R, PL 100.0 Danbury ARES

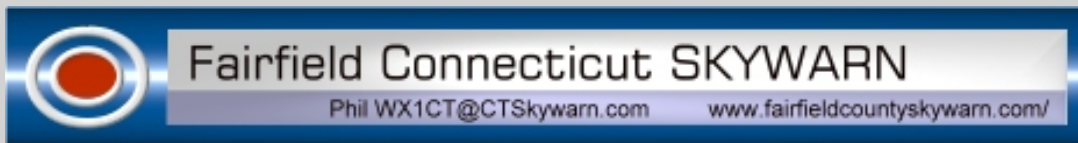
There will be no Norwalk Net for July

The Third Norwalk Amateur Radio Fox Hunt will be June 18th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am somewhere in Norwalk. Look for me on 147.420 Simplex. I'll send PL 100.0 Hz as an added marker.

Allan, NN1H

Fairfield County Skywarn

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



Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting began 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.

Announcements: Allan talked about the Third Norwalk Amateur Radio Fox Hunt will be June 18th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am somewhere in Norwalk. Look for me on 147.420 Simplex. I'll send PL 100.0 Hz as an added marker.

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Toy thanked George, K1EHW for bringing to our attention about the ARRL web site so we can update the new officers. We will soon see the current officers. [Club Detail Record: Greater Norwalk ARC.](#)

Treasurer's report: Gary K3OS gave the Treasurer's report. For a complete Treasurer's Report and new Membership List contact Gary. <http://www.gnarc.info/Dues.htm>

Skywarn: Phil Berkowitz, WX1CT reported that classes went very well at the Stamford Government Center sponsored by the Stamford Amateur Radio Club. We got some very positive feedback. Photos of event. <http://www.ctsara.org/saraskywarn05.htm>

Dell, K1UHF made a report on the 440 repeater. He said that we have a 440 antenna sitting on the hospital roof and he would like to see if there is room to install the 440 repeater on the hospital roof. He needs to find out how to get on the roof. If there is no room on the hospital he would like to install the antenna on the school which is the present 440 repeater location. Toy suggested touching base with Rich, K1OF.

Jay, NE2Q then passed a sign up sheet for Field Day. Setup, take down and station operation. If you are interested or have any suggestions e mail Jay. Jay will need your call, e mail address and time period when you can operate. He said we will be operating 24 hours on CW with two stations and we will need CW operators.

Hugo, AA1XV then discussed with members what radios, antennas and accessories were available for this years Field Day June 25-26, 2005 at Veterans Park in Norwalk.

The business session ended at 8.30 pm. There was a fifteen minute break and then there was a presentation by the West Mountain Radio staff about the inception of the enterprise and all the products offered.

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What Is Ham Radio Field Day?

If you ask different hams, you would get many different answers. Some would say that it is a contest, others would say it is a emergency preparedness exercise, still others would say it is a party and yet others would say it is a public relations exercise. Who is right? They all are. The best description anyone can find is that Field Day is all of ham radio in one weekend. During Field Day, ham radio clubs, groups and individuals take to the field in simulated emergency conditions. Living in tents and running generators and batteries. They are given 24 hours to set-up as many stations as they are able. In the next 24 hours, they are to make as many contacts as they can with those stations. More than a million contacts will be made on HF and VHF, CW, SSB and digital modes in a weekend. Bonus points are awarded for making an extra effort such as making contacts via satellites or sending and receiving message traffic.

How to Contest? A contest is a great way to evaluate a station performance. It is also a great way to simulate message handing, which is a big part of any response to an emergency. So, what is a contest? A contest is to make as many contacts in as many places as possible in a prescribed amount of time. For Field Day, the objective is simply to make as many contacts as possible in the 24 hours you are allotted. To make those contacts valid, you have to exchange a certain amount of information. The exchange for Field Day class (number of transmitters) and your ARRL section.

What Can You Do At Field Day? No matter what you do whether it is operating HF or VHF operation or something more rare such as digital communications or satellite work, there is a place for you. Even if you all you what to do is pitch in and help set up the stations or just look around and watch what is happening. You will be welcome at any Field Day site.

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

[John's Best Pizza](#)

85 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. 06850.

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J/S WB1GRB Monday, May 30, 2005

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