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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.

GNARC Holiday Party

Wednesday December 14th at 7 PM! Place Ischoda Yacht Club Water Street Norwalk (Next to Rex Marine) \$20.00 per person / \$35.00 per couple. Eggplant Parmesan and Chicken with salad will be served! Raffle prizes and great time of fun! There will be a cash bar as well! Contact Ned or Toy for info!

There will be a raffle consisting of a range of products from WEST MOUNTAIN RADIO. Tickets will be on sale at the door at the night of the party. Three tickets for \$5.00. Toy/KA1WYQ
Please fill out the [form](#) and mail in before due date! [Directions](#).

President: Toy Alladin, KA1WYQ / Vice President: Allan Valeo, NN1H (203) 762-9302
Secretary: John Sabini, WB1GRB (203) 348-3983 / Treasurer: Gary Schwartz, K3OS.
December 2005 GNARC on Line Bulletin: John Sabini WB1GRB. Questions (203) 353-8422.

Please we need articles desperately. Send them to John, WB1GRB.

wb1grb@hotmail.com

[CL&P Outages \(Updated Hourly\)](#) [Intellicast Loop Rader](#). [Photos](#) from Novembers meeting.

From the President's Corner:

You have to believe this. It is early morning on Thanksgiving Day as I sit here before the computer contemplating what I should write about. Everyone in the home circle here had a late night, including myself. However, this is no deterrent for the pleasant expectations that lie ahead later today on the dinner table with family and friends.

Outside the local temperature is 38 degrees and there is snow on the lawn, but not enough to have a snowy Thanksgiving. Traffic on the street is sporadic as is always on a holiday.

In retrospect, the world has had its full share of natural disasters beginning with the Tsunami in Southern Asia, the hurricanes hitting home, (Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana) and the earthquake in Pakistan. These three disasters have been responsible for widespread death and destruction around the world and one wonders, what next?

In comparison, the troublesome year that the club has experienced this year, pales before these global problems. Incidentally, MOTHER NATURE is one of the chosen participants and is under serious consideration by Time Magazine to be voted as PERSON OF THE YEAR.

As we will soon begin the countdown into 2006, we should stop and think for a moment, about what we are about. In January the club club will be voting for new officers and quite possibly the old ones to continue leadership into the New Year. Will there be a status quo? Will there be something new and exciting to look forward to? IDEAS! IDEAS! IDEAS! Someone among us can come up with something to keep us moving along and at the same time maintain the vibrancy of this august organization. Talent abounds and we have the energy and know-how to do this.

DO NOT FORGET, OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY IS ON DECEMBER 14TH AT A NEW SITE IN NORWALK. PLEASE CHECK THE CLUB'S WEB SITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Toy/KA1WYQ

Computer Corner

by ROGER GILER, W1AGU

Network printing, Windows update problem, Windows Explorer, Incomplete menu, privacy protection, weird filenames, Password, Automatic updates

There seems to be no limit to the amount of information available from the Internet. I find myself wasting more time, searching it out out of sheer nosiness.

Most everyone has heard of Google, one of the best search engines around. Its success is reflected in the ridiculously high price of its stock.

I saw a recent demonstration of the program's capability to locate information online. Obviously, its secret is in the way the information is indexed on the company's servers. There is also excellent help and advice online. You should try it rather than have me ramble on about it.

To use it, go to the site by typing www.google.com as the address in your browser. To amaze your friends, enter their telephone number including area code. The program responds with the message that nothing was found, but at the top of the screen will be their name and address, followed by links to maps.

If you select Google maps, you will see a map that you can zoom, and even have the option of planning a map route with instruction to and from that location. In the top right of the window are buttons to show a satellite view of the location, or a hybrid option that combines satellite view with the road map. I don't guarantee the accuracy of the results, but just want to point out one item of fun that you will encounter there.

Another item from Google that is most intriguing is Zeitgeist. It is a list of the sources most frequently searched during the latest week and an assortment of the top subjects now of interest. It is sorted into numerous areas like images, news, geopolitics, kids, etc. You will also find a timeline so that you can see how it compared with any week in the previous few years.

How tastes change!

For more go to, <http://www.gnarc.info/ComputerCorner.htm>



GNARC ARES NEWS

In service to Norwalk and the nearby towns of

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

Norwalk ARES nets are scheduled on the First Monday of each month at 8:00 PM. All Radio Amateurs are welcome, and encouraged to check into the net. Frequencies for the Norwalk ARES Group are 147.390R-PL 110.9 , 448.075R - PL 114.8 and 147.420 Simplex.

Next ARES Net: Monday December 5th @ 8:00 pm. Ed Ashway, K3EIN will be the net control.

Danbury 147.300 MHz + .600 MHz PL 100 Hz

Norwalk 147.390 MHz + .600 MHz PL 110.9 Hz Primary Frequency

448.075 MHz - 5.0 MHz PL 114.8 Hz Primary Frequency

Allan Valeo, NN1H Co-EC Norwalk ARES Group

Connecticut Amateur Radio **Emergency** Service (**ARES**)

ARRL Connecticut Section (**CT**)

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Fairfield County Skywarn

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

Fairfield County Skywarn Nets will be held on an as needed basis on the following repeaters:

147.39/R for Southern Fairfield County and 147.30/R (PL 100.0) for Northern Fairfield County

Minutes of the Meeting 11/9/05

Toy Alladin, KA1WYQ started the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Officers present: President: Toy Alladin, KA1WYQ / Vice President: Allan Valeo, NN1H / Secretary: John Sabini, WB1GRB / Treasurer: Gary Schwartz, K3OS.

Guest: KB1MSF, CLIFFORD C KAECELE, WILTON CT. Class Tech.

Toy made a motion to accept last month's minutes, which are published on the GNARC on Line Newsletter. The minutes were then passed.

Gary, K3OS gave a Treasurers report. If you would like a complete Treasures Report or a copy of the latest Membership List please contact Gary. Gary also mentioned that he will be collecting the club dues for 2006.

More information: [Membership Dues](#)

Toy congratulated to all who made this years Field Day a tremendous success.

Toy talked about this years Field Day results.

The results are posted to the [ARRL Members Only Web Site](#) They will also be published in the December QST.

Our final score is 8406, which once again is 100 points less that what we submitted. I have sent an email to Dan Henderson asking how we lost this 100 points. I will announce his reply.

Here are the standings based on this 8406 score:

Out of a total of 2202 Field Day submissions (all categories) we ranked #71.

Out of 262 3A submissions, we ranked #11 nationally. We where #1 in Connecticut and #2 for New England.

Reminder that the Nomination Committee for officers has been appointed for 2006. We will be hearing from them soon. Before the January meeting. Every officer has agreed to keep their position except Treasurer.

"We will need someone for Treasurer. If you are interested contact Tom Kirmayer, KK2C. 853-1768." Tom is in charge of the Nomination Committee.

Toy talked about our **GNARC Hol day Party** on December 14th.

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Toy read a letter from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This was held on September 17.



The Make-A-Wish Foundation[®] of Connecticut recognizes

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for their generosity and support of our mission.

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Thank you for helping us share the power of a wish![®]

Tim, W1GIG mentioned that the club has four repeaters for sale. Including the software that goes with them. We are also in desperate need of a place to store club property. For more information contact Tim.

Toy talked briefly about some of the recent events concerning, 147.390 repeater coordinating with (CSMA). "The impasse with CSMA remains unchanged from our last meeting. A letter to the FCC has been sent and that is all that I have on this issue for now. In the interim we have to wait and see what develops."

Because of the on going negotiations and sensitivity of this issue please join the GNARC Mailing List. You can get the latest news and details on our repeater. To join information is on the GNARC web site and in this newsletter. If you have any questions or comments please contact one of our officers. It is also very important to attend all meetings and voice your opinion. Please do not discuss this subject over the repeater.

Tim, W1GIG had a home made forty meter transmitter late 1920's. "It was built by a friend of mine John Rolins and has been used on the air. When properly tuned it puts out a nice signal." [Photos](#)

8:35 We had a coffee break.

8:50 Meeting continued.

Allan , NN1H then gave a talk on [ARES](#) (Amateur Radio Emergency Service)

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You must renew your ARES application every year!

ARES application form in [Word](#) format and in Adobe [PDF](#) format.

Tim mentioned that you need to carry your ARES Identification Card when participating in ARES activities. If you don't have your ARES Identification Card you will not be able to participate.

Toy, KA1WYQ then conducted the club raffle and gave away some prizes.

Meeting ended at 9:45 pm.

Connecticut's New "Hands-Free" Mobile Telephone Law and the Radio Amateur

Mike Keane K1MK

ARRL Connecticut Section State Government Liaison

Introduction

It has been asked that I collect and organize some background material on Connecticut's new cell phone law that went into effect October 1, 2005 and try to outline how this law does or does not affect Amateur Radio operators.

If you were hoping to find a clear set of definitive answers here... well, those kinds of answers are a bit scarce right now. The absolutely definitive answer, if it proves to be necessary, must wait for the courts to speak on this matter. For right now, what we have is what exists: the text of the statutes, analysis, arguments and some considered opinions.

As I have written before: just stay calm. Okay, maybe I should have said: Don't Panic! In any case, this is not the end of the world. And it still does remain to be seen exactly how the statute is to be interpreted and enforced.

If you are stopped by a police officer for using amateur radio equipment please be polite, be respectful and be non-confrontational. Understand that you are highly unlikely to win a debate with a police officer on subtle, technical points of the new law while stopped on the roadside. Lastly, remember to report all the details (what, where, when, who...) of your encounter to your [Section leadership and HQ](#).

Summary

- Please take the opportunity to read the new statute's) for yourself:
- [Public Act 05-159](#) Note: Section 1 of this Act was repealed by PA 05-220.
- [Public Act 05-220](#) Note: Section 2 of this Act provides the replacement for Section 1 of PA 05-159.

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

[John's Best Pizza](#)

85 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. 06850.

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J/S WB1GRB Sunday, November 27, 2005