



Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

Newsletter

"The Voice of GNARC"

February 2006

President's Corner

By Toy Alladin KA1WYQ

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Hello everyone its that time again to put my thoughts together to write something that will make some kind of sense to myself and also all of you who read this column.

First, I would like to thank John Kalotai/N1OLO for putting this Newsletter together. John ,your first issue was very impressive and I hope, along with many others in the club that you will be around indefinitely for this production.

We are currently in the process of trying to get a succession of program speakers for the rest of the year and you are advised to access our web page regularly to see what we have programmed (speaker) for the monthly meeting.

We have launched a membership drive via snail mail, urging all past and present members to renew their annual membership and to look forward to an interesting year with a series of interesting program speakers and possibly club projects.

There is much to discuss under old business at our monthly meeting so please make an effort to attend to get a handle on what is going on with your club.
Your presence will make a difference, and so will your input.

I know that this has been advertised all over, but here it is again, this month's speaker will be Joel Kleinman, the managing editor of QST.
See and be there.

FACT: IN 1985 THE FASTEST BICYCLIST WAS CLOCKED AT 154 MPH.

Toy/KA1WYQ

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2006
Shoprite Community Room
Connecticut Avenue Norwalk, CT
The Speaker will be Joel Kleinman, Managing Editor of QST

Pizza at John's Best on New Canaan Ave, Norwalk from 6:00 to 7:30pm

Secretary's Minutes

GNARC Monthly Meeting, 11 Jan 2006.

Attendance: 17 members, 1 guest.

Meeting began at 8:06PM. Toy welcomed both members and guest. John Sabini (Secretary) and Gary Schwartz (Treasurer) were absent. We were advised that John had resigned from the Club and Gary was recovering from an operation. Toy made the Treasurer's Report and advised that the Club bank balance was \$5,113. Allan Valeo urged Club members to enter their ARES application forms either by mail or website. Tim Walker noted that a new calling tree for ARES activation would be advisable. It was announced that John Kalotai had volunteered to be the new GNARC Newsletter publisher, replacing John Sabini. Fred Cunningham announced that a VE session would be held the second Saturday in February. Tim Walker noted that \$2,000 had been raised for the Club through equipment sales in Rochester at the annual AWA meeting. Jay Kolinski agreed to find a program for the February meeting.

New Business: Tom Kirmayer and William Li-brandi , representing the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of nominees for office: Toy Alladin (President), Allan Valeo (Vice President), Ed Ashway (Treasurer) and Tom Kirmayer (Secretary). Tom Kirmayer preceded his

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nomination for office by resigning his position on the Nominating Committee. A vote was taken and all nominees were elected.

Old Business: Toy noted that, on January 9, 2006, he and several members of GNARC received notification that a posting on the “FCC Amateur Radio Enforcement Letters” pages of the ARRL website(http://www.arrl.org/news/enforcement_logs/2006/0103.html) contained an enforcement letter that Rich Roznoy had received on or about December 6, 2005. A discussion of this incident with the membership ensued at this meeting. As a result, the following motion was made, voted upon and unanimously approved: The GNARC 147.390 Repeater will be moved back to the Norwalk Hospital and reactivated on the old antenna on which CSMA coordination was in effect.

The meeting was closed at approximately 10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Kirmayer, Secretary.

Treasurer’s Report

January Report from the Treasurer

The transition from Gary K3OS to Ed K3EIN (aside from the obvious, OS to EIN) was completed on January 24th when Gary and I visited the bank and changed the signature and address on the GNARC Bank Account.

Additionally Gary very generously helped me prepare a mailing to every 2005 GNARC member that contained a cover letter, a 2006 Membership Application form and a preaddressed envelope to make it as easy as possible to continue membership in GNARC.

These letters went in the mail on January 31st and it is hoped that everyone will respond by February 28th. As of this writing 24 members have paid their 2006 dues and the GNARC Account stands at \$5509.80

Respectfully submitted, Ed Ashway K3EIN
GNARC Treasurer 2006

Skywarn

Skywarn Training classes are being scheduled across Connecticut by the various NWS offices. If you haven’t been trained in the last 3 years, this is your opportunity for a refresher course and to find about changes in the program. As classes are scheduled they will be posted at www.CTSkywarn.com .

Announcements will also be posted on the Fairfield County and Connecticut Skywarn mail lists.

Please contact either myself or John N1OLO if you can help out the Skywarn program by being Net Control. Spring will be here before we know it, and with that comes severe weather season!

73 Phil
WX1CT
Fairfield County Skywarn Coordinator

ARES News

Reminder to all ARES members, YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP AGAIN EACH YEAR. Long term members can call Allan or myself and we will renew you in the database. Those interested in joining (first time or lapsed members) need to fill out a paper form (see the CTARES website for downloading) and turn it in at a club meeting.

Tim, W1GIG

Co-Chair

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Classified Ads

For Sale

ICOM 2720 Dual Band 2M 70CM 2 years old asking \$275.00

ICOM 718 HF I'm the second owner asking \$390.00 with power cord and Microphone (Stock)

ICOM 706 Mark II G with modification for 60 Meters asking \$625.00 with power cord and Microphone (Stock) looks a 7 out of 10 condition.

High Sierra Sidekick screwdriver HF-50 Mhz antenna \$250.00 in good condition

Contact Zig N1ICL Voipman1117@gmail.com

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For Sale

9 AMP 12 Volt Switching Power Supplies. Brand New with Molex to PowerPole adapter and power cord included. \$35.00

7 Ahr Gel Cells Brand New \$15.00

31 Foot Telescoping Portable Mast \$50.00

1000 ma Gel Cell Chargers \$18.00

Contact John N1OLO n1olo@yahoo.com

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Hamfests and Events

February 26, 2006

LIMARC INDOOR HAMFEST

Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.limarc.org>

Talk-In: 146.85 (PL 136.5)

Contact: Rick Bressler, K2RB, 50 Lindbergh Street, Locust Valley, NY 11560
Phone: 516-526-6975
Fax: 516-756-2921
Email: kc2tt@aol.com

Location: Levittown Hall, 201 Levittown Parkway, Hicksville, NY

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Norwalk ARES Net Control Stations for 2006

Date	Call Sign	Name
February 6 th	K3OS	Gary
March 6 th	N1II	Paul
April 3 rd	ND1L	Jess
May 1 st	K1FC	Fred
June 5 th	_____	_____
July 3 rd	_____	_____
August 7 th	KC1FB	Jim
September 4 th	No Net	Labor Day
October 2 nd	KA1CVV	Ned
November 6 th	K3EIN	Ed
December 4 th	NN1H	Allan

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March 4, 2006

North Jersey Hamfest, Splitrock ARA

<http://www.splitrockara.org>

Talk-In: 146.985 - (PL 131.8)

Contact: Mike Greenfeld, K8BQ, PO Box 610

Rockaway, NJ 07866

Phone: 866-457-6687

Fax: 866-457-6687

Email: hamfest@splitrockara.org

Location: Parsippany PAL Building

33 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ

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March 18, 2006

Eastern Connecticut ARA

<http://www.qsl.net/k1muj/>

Talk-In: 147.225 + (PL 156.7)

Contact: Paul Rollinson, KE1LI, 182 Wrights

Crossing Road, Pomfret Center, CT 06259

Phone: 860-928-2456

Fax: 860-928-3844

Email: ke1li@arrl.net

Location: Pomfret Community School, 20 Pomfret

Street, Pomfret Center, CT

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Please send announcements to n1olo@yahoo.com before the last day of the month for the next month's newsletter. Ads will run for 2 months.

TALL ORDERS: Using Collapsible Fiberglass Masts. By James Varner, AE6N

(with permission from the ARS Sojourner)

When operating portable in the Southwest sometimes it is difficult to find a convenient tree to suspend your antenna. (Note: Also, true here in CT on the beaches or on the local islands: Editor.) Using a collapsible pole has come to my rescue on several occasions. Using these poles can be awkward to erect, guy, and connect an antenna. Here are some things that can be done to remove the awkward-

ness of erecting a fiberglass pole.

First, the masts needs to be secured at the base. This can be done by driving a screwdriver or similar object into the ground. Next unscrew the bot-



tom cap off the mast and slide it over the screwdriver. This will keep the base from slipping around and may even hold the mast in a vertical position until guyed.

To guy the mast, take a PVC T (3/4 inch for a 20 ft mast) and cut the top half . Drill a hole in each end to secure the guy lines and slip the PVC over the mast as shown in the photo.



The next step is securing the antenna to the mast. Take a small section of PVC tubing and drill holes in the middle and at the ends. The hole in the center will be fairly small. Secure your antenna to the PVC by inserting the mast in the center hole. This will work for a variety of antennas.



The antenna shown in the photo is a dipole fed with a half-wave, 300 ohm line which does not need a tuner.



Coming Next Month

K1PGA—Review of the Yaesu F-897
N1ICL—How I got started.