



Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

Newsletter

"The Voice of GNARC"

October 2006

President's Corner

By Toy Alladin K1WYQ

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

I guess I have earned bragging rights for being the first Ham Radio Operator in the nation that was fortunate to be included in the first ever Communication Leader's (COML) course sponsored by the Dept of Homeland Security at the Fairfield Fire Training School from September 25th – 29th. This course is to be modified and subsequently taught throughout the country. The course was dynamic and loaded with good stuff that was drawn from the National Wildfire Program that was adapted for Homeland Security.

We even had the venerable Tim Walker/W1GIG who gave an excellent talk on radio spectrum and included a video from the ARRL that was narrated by Walter Cronkite.

The attendees for this course were mostly law enforcement and fire officers along with dispatch personnel. The course highlighted past problems with interagency communication and what is presently being done to overcome this problem.

Some expensive communication equipment was effectively demonstrated by the military and a neighboring law enforcement agency. The emphasis was on interoperability. All along the program the course instructors mentioned the existence of ham operators and how we can be useful communications personnel.

Of interest to us at this time is that a new bill on EMCOMM was introduced in Congress and passed 414-2 and it includes a role for hams in an overall effort to provide interoperability among responders for emergency communications following acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other emergencies.

WE NEED OPERATORS FOR THE AMERICAM DIABETES WALK IN FAIRFIELD ON OCT 15TH

FYI: THE FIRST VCR WAS MADE IN 1956 AND WAS THE SIZE OF A PIANO.

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Toy/K1WYQ

Next Meeting

Wednesday Oct. 11th, 2006 2000 hrs at the Community Room, Shop-Rite, Norwalk, CT

As always, pizza at John's Best, New Canaan Ave, Norwalk, CT at 1800 hrs.

Secretary's Minutes

GNARC Meeting 13 Sept '06

Attendance: 16 members, 1 guest.

Program: Oscar Fuller/KB1LQV made a presentation covering his volunteer work during the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. Oscar was one of six Amateur operators from Connecticut who drove to the disaster area and operated radio nets, providing the only communications available to assist survivors and responders. Oscar urged more hams to prepare themselves for possible duty in future crises by taking levels 1 and 2 of the AREC program.

Announcements/New Business:

- 1) The ARRL SET is scheduled for OCT 28 beginning at 8 AM. There will also be a CT state emergency exercise on that date running simultaneously with the SET. Ham operators will not be required to participate in the state drill unless requested.

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- 2) A nominating committee for the upcoming GNARC elections was established as Tim/W1GIG, Marty/KA1WBN and Steve/NA1SV.
- 3) Volunteers are needed for the following events: Harvest Ride/Sept 24; Diabetes Foundation/Oct 15 and SET/Oct 28. Please contact Toy Alladin if you can participate.
The meeting adjourned at 10PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Kirmayer/
KK2C, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Report As of october, 2006 - The Bank
Balance - \$5,111.88

Ed K3EIN Treasurer

ARES News

10/28 CT SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST--
Important! Contact your DEC for details or SEC
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WA7BNM Contest Calendar
October 2006

Contest Name	Time/Date/(Band)
YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB	1400Z, Oct 10 to 0200Z, Oct 12
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 11
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Oct 14 and 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 14 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 15
ARRL EME Contest 50-1296 MHz - Part 2	0000Z, Oct 14 to 2359Z, Oct 15
Microwave Fall Sprint	0600 local - 1300 local, Oct 14
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 14 to 0800Z, Oct 15
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 14
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 14 to 0500Z, Oct 15 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 15
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 14
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 15
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 15
UBA ON Contest, 2m	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 15
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 16
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 21 to 2400Z, Oct 22
ARCI Fall QSO Party	1200Z, Oct 21 to 2400Z, Oct 22
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 21 to 1459Z, Oct 22
W/VE Islands QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 22
50 MHz Fall Sprint	2300Z, Oct 21 to 0300Z, Oct 22
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 22 to 0100Z, Oct 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 28 to 2400Z, Oct 29
eXtreme CW World-Wide Challenge	0000Z, Oct 28 to 2359Z, Oct 29
10-10 Int. Fall Contest	0001Z, Oct 28 to 2359Z, Oct 29