



# Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

## Newsletter

### *“The Voice of GNARC”*

#### June 2007

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## President's Blog

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Reporting on our public service events:

May 19th: Southwestern CT. Special Olympics was scaled down to an indoor event because of inclement weather and we were not needed for the event. The organizers sent their apologies. May 20th: Sound Cyclists Bloomin Metric bikathon was on schedule and we were there. Including myself, we had eleven operators divided between net control, rest stops and doing sag wagon duties.

An eventful day with the usual amount of broken bikes, riders too tired to go the distance and one major spill that required 911 emergency. Not forgetting our jammer who bothered us for the better part of 30 minutes. At the end of the day's event, it was a job well done by all. Riders that took part numbered just above 2600.

I have since submitted a critique to the Sound Cyclists organizers with suggestions for an even better all round performance next year, and with hopes that they will follow through with at least some of the recommendations.

Now, it is on to Field Day preparations. Ziggy/N1ICL has agreed to be part of the F/D organizing committee and he needs help from at least one other person to assist in streamlining the responsibilities for the event. Operators etc. A great deal of us will be doing the grunt work, which is understood, but Ziggy does need help in that area. I do hope that we can get one of you to help him.

As you know, we are going to be operating from Shady Beach this year. So far, we already have the required permit and will be using the Decon. trailer again this year. More details at our forth coming meeting.

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***FYI: CHEWING GUM WAS INVENTED IN NY CITY IN 1870 BY THOMAS ADAMS.  
Toy/K1WYQ***

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## Next Meeting

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The next meeting will be on June 13, 2007 at the Shop Rite on Connecticut Avenue. Beginning at 8:00 pm.

Join us for pizza at John's Best on New Canaan Avenue at 6:00 pm.

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## Secretary's Minutes

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### **GNARC Monthly Meeting May 9th, 2007.**

Attendance: 17 members.

8:00 Toy kicked off the meeting and introduced our speaker for the evening, Joel Hallas, W1ZR.

Joel gave a very interesting presentation on current production HF transceivers. He covered the complete spectrum from least expensive to most expensive covering the meaningful specifications of many.

9:00 Break

9:10 Meeting resumed:

Announcements:

Stamford held a VE Session on Sat May 12<sup>th</sup> and all VEs were invited to participate. An invitation was also extended to those that may be interested in becoming a VE.

Minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved.

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Tim/W1GIG urged members to sign up for ARES on the web, and to take the two courses offered by FEMA (IS 100 and 700). He also mentioned that Skywarn was activated for the April NorEaster of April 15/16 but that activity was minimal.

Tim also announced that GNARC was given two 100 watt MSR 2000 Repeaters by a “major corporation.”

Toy announced that he attended the CTARES Meeting as well as Allan/NN1H. Allan gave a brief review of that meeting stating that Betsey’s (K1EIC) main thrust for ARES for 2007 is “Digital.”

Toy announced that Field Day this year will be held at Shady Beach park in Norwalk and that the permit has been secured. Toy also mentioned there is a possibility that last year’s FD Coordinator, Hugo AA1XV, may not be participating in FD this year and thus we will be looking for a new coordinator.

Toy then covered Public Service Events in May:

- 1) May 19 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Special Olympics need about 2 or 3 more operators.
- 2) May 20 7:00 am to 2:00 pm Blooming Metric Bike (3000 riders) need many operators & higher power rigs to cover the vast geography of this event.

The August Picnic & Tailgate will once again be held at the QTH of Dan N1ZZ.

After a brief discussion about Field Day, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ed Ashway K3EIN, Treasurer**

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## **Field Day**

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***\*Field Day 2007 is here!\****

***\*The number is 10,000 +\****

Who wants to operate Field Day and when can you operate? We need CW operators and like every year we are looking to keep the seats and clouds warm the entire contest.

There is a new site and the opportunity to set a new record to be broken by future Field Day crews. We are without several spokes in the cog (is this the correct term Fred?) {should be “wheel. Ed.} this year and we need to back fill and cross train the membership for future expeditions.

So who's in? We are looking for new blood as well as the past participants. Do you know a CW or Telephony operator whom you would like to invite? Here's your chance to brag about the guest you brought who racked up the QSO's. If this were a Help Wanted ad it would read like this:

### ***WANTED***

*Operators for 24 Hour shift plus set up and tear down. Must have a clean license. Bring your own Rig if you wish. No license no problem we will train. Travel the world from a fold up chair.*

*Skipping OK, we will train on our computer system, Points for contacts. Breakfast Lunch and Dinner will be served. For more information visit us at our new location Shady Beach in Norwalk over-looking Long Island Sound June 23&24 2007 starting 9AM ending 2 PM the following day. Call us on 146.775 PL 100Hz.*

*Come to Pizza at John's Best New Canaan Avenue in Norwalk around 6 PM June 13th for an interview.*

A sign up sheet will be available during the next club meeting Wednesday June 13th 2007 at the Shop Rite on Connecticut Avenue in Norwalk.

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**For Sale**

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**Member Special for June**

31' Fiberglass Mast, Black Reg. \$54.95  
Now only \$50 until Field Day!

From John N1OLO john@hamsource.com

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**Connecticut Hilltop QTH for sale**

I'm posting this with mixed emotions. The xyl and I have decided that in retirement, we would like to live in a warmer year-round climate. While giving up this hilltop QTH will be difficult, I wanted to see if another ham would be interested in purchasing the property before we open it up to the real estate agents. It would come with the two 70ft crank-up towers. If you want to check out the topo situation, here are the coordinates from Google Earth:

Bethany, CT 06524  
41 23 34.00 N 72 59 56.00 W

It has been a great location for dxing and contesting as the terrain slopes away in all directions.

Here is some basic house info for the xyl. It is a four bedroom center hall colonial, 2300+ sq ft on 1.5+ acres on dead end cul de sac at the top of the hill. Bethany was recently chosen best small town in CT. The school system is excellent, and the location is convenient to Yale (15 min), Metro North (10 min) and major highways (5 min to jnc of Wilbur Cross and Merritt Parkways, 5 min to Route 8).

If anyone is interested, pse email me for more info, pictures and/or terrain plots. And, even if you're not interested, I would very much appreciate any suggestions on how to reach a wider local ham audience for this.

Thanks so much,  
Lou K1YR  
k1yr@arrl.net

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**Fujitsu C-500 Tablet Computer**

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WA7BNM Contest Calendar  
June 2007

<b>Contest Name</b>	<b>Time/Date/(Band)</b>
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 13
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 13
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Jun 13
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 15
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 15
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17
SMIRK Contest	0000Z, Jun 16 to 2400Z, Jun 17
SARL Youth for Amateur Radio	0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 16 to 0200Z, Jun 17
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1600Z-1900Z, Jun 16 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jun 16 (432)
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2400Z, Jun 16
DIE Contest	0600Z-1200Z, Jun 17
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 18
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Jun 21
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 22
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 22
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 23 to 1200Z, Jun 24
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 23 to 1200Z, Jun 24
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 23 to 1400Z, Jun 24
Quebec QSO Party	1700Z, Jun 23 to 0300Z, Jun 24
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24
ARCI Milliwatt Field Day	1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 29
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 29
WLOTA Contest	0600Z, Jun 30 to 1200Z, Jul 1

### **July 2007**

RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
Six Club Contest	0000Z, Jul 1 to 2400Z, Jul 31
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Jul 1
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Jul 2
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 3
MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint	2300Z, Jul 4 to 0300Z, Jul 5
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest	0000Z, Jul 7 to 2359Z, Jul 8
VK/Trans-Tasman 160m Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jul 7
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 7 to 1059Z, Jul 8
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 7 to 1500Z, Jul 8
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Jul 8
ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Jul 8
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 11
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Jul 11