



Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

Newsletter

"The Voice of GNARC"

July 2007

President's Blog

THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG:

To the Parks and Recreation Department: Many thanks for allowing us to use an alternative site, namely Shady Beach for our annual Field Day operations this year. Our usual Field Day site was used by the Norwalk Jazz festival.

To the Norwalk Fire Department: Many thanks for allowing us the use of the Decontamination Trailer again this year, specifically for the use of emergency power and the tower on top of the trailer.

Special thanks to Zig/N1ICL for taking on the role of coordinator for this year's event and doing a splendid job.

To Chef Mark/KB1JGL and the 'CW CAFE'. You kept us well fed for the duration of the event and one could not have asked for better service than what you gave. Many thanks for your mouth watering cuisine.

Ed Ashway/K3EIN who successfully and flawlessly networked the logging computers, remained overnight, and operated. Well done OM.

To the CW stalwart, Dan/N1ZZ who operated overnight and the club member who tallied the highest score

Not forgetting Ed, (forgot his call sign) our guest from Eastern Pennsylvania who operated for most of the night and tallied the highest individual score on CW and Phone before he left us in the wee hours of the morning half frozen.

To the rest of you who were there for most or part of the event, thanks for your presence there. We appreciate the effort.

Some observations:

- The new site on the beach was pleasant, the weather was pleasant, despite falling temperatures during the night.
- The propagation on the first day was not too good. Our points this year was not that high. The 2m a 6m stations were not successful as there were no openings.
- We had problems with the antenna on the GOTA station.
- Members participation was down.

But, this was a national emergency preparedness drill and we were able to set up our equipment, get on the air and transmit.

To those of you whose names I did not mention, many thanks for your participation and being there.
Toy/K1WYQ

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on July 11, 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.

Secretary's Minutes

GNARC Monthly Meeting, 13 June '07

Attendance: 20 members, 2 guests.

Business:

- 1) A request was made for Extra Amateurs to volunteer as VE's to cover testing programs.
- 2) The Club is considering participation in an Emergency Preparedness drill to be held at Norwalk Community College on 30 October this year. Volunteers to design a presentation on Ham Radio's role in this type of communications will be needed.

Field Day Preparation:

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to preparations for Field Day to be held June 23 and 24.

- 1) Ed/K3EIN reviewed changes in rules for the group.
- 2) It was agreed to purchase three 75' lengths of LMR 400 with PL 259's attached for use on Field Day.
- 3) We will attempt to place a PS announcement of Field Day on the repeater.
- 4) Allan/NN1H made a request for cooperative, community spirit (as opposed to a competitive one) during the Field Day event.
- 5) Ed/K3EIN requested that each Ham log on with name and call on Field Day.
- 6) Set up operations will begin at Volk Firehouse on Rte 1 in Norwalk at 8:30 AM on Saturday 23.
- 7) The Field Day event will take place at Shady Beach in Norwalk. Entrance to the beach is by windshield sticker (for Norwalk residents) or Ham callsign (bring pocket license).

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM. Respectfully submitted by Tom/KK2C.

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Sheffield island DXpedition

John N1OLO
August 18-19 2007

Many members have asked me, “When are we doing another Sheffield Island outing?” Nows the time. August 18 & 19 are the dates for International Lighthouse Weekend (ILW). ILW is not a contest. It’s a chance for wallpaper collectors to get QSL cards toward award certificates.

In addition to the lighthouse award programs Sheffield Island qualifies for the following programs

- US Islands - CT-008s
- Islands on the Air (IOTA) - NA-136
- Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society - USA-753



We have activated Sheffield several times in the past few years and have always found ourselves at the busy end of a pile up.

The plan is to operate the full 24 hours of the event and we will be camping out on the Island.

In addition to CW and phone operators we need the cooperation and assistance of boat owners! We will need transportation out to and back room the island.

I will not be at the meeting this month but I will schedule a planning meeting. We need to plan the logistics of this trip as we will not be able to send anyone to Radio Shack if we forget something.

In addition to operators and captains I need the commitment of 1 or 2 members to be QSL managers for this DXpedition. On our last trip I processed over 500 QSL cards.

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WA7BNM Contest Calendar
July 2007

Contest Name	Time/Date/(Band)
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jul 11
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Jul 11
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 13
FISTS Summer Sprint	0000Z-0400Z, Jul 14
IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 14 to 1200Z, Jul 15
Colorado QSO Party	1200Z, Jul 15 to 0400Z, Jul 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jul 16
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jul 19
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	2000Z-2130Z, Jul 19
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 20
VK/Trans-Tasman 160m Contest, CW	0800Z-1300Z, Jul 21
DMC RTTY Contest	1200Z, Jul 21 to 1200Z, Jul 22
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 21 to 0600Z, Jul 22
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 21 to 2100Z, Jul 22
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Jul 22
RSGB Low Power Field Day	0900Z-1600Z, Jul 22
CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush	2000Z-2200Z, Jul 22
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jul 27
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 28 to 1200Z, Jul 29
ARS Flight of the Bumblebees	1700Z-2100Z, Jul 28

August, 2007

TARA Grid Dip Shindig	0000Z-2400Z, Aug 4
10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB	0001Z, Aug 4 to 2359Z, Aug 5
National Lighthouse Weekend QSO Contest	0001Z, Aug 4 to 2359Z, Aug 5
European HF Championship	1200Z-2359Z, Aug 4
ARRL UHF Contest	1800Z, Aug 4 to 1800Z, Aug 5
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Aug 4 to 0600Z, Aug 5
RSGB RoPoCo 2	0700Z-0900Z, Aug 5
SARL HF Phone Contest	1300Z-1630Z, Aug 5
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Aug 7