



Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

Newsletter

"The Voice of GNARC"

November 2007

President's Blog

I am happy to report that despite having a busy weekend on October 13th and 14th, events ran on schedule, everyone had a good time doing what they did and all is well.

Firstly, the SET on the 13th came off with a great measure of success. Tim/W1GIG undertook the duties of net control in Norwalk while shuttling between Westport and Norwalk and reported 27 check ins while Allan/NN1H our region 1 DEC established control at headquarters in Westport and was on the scene to oversee the everything that went on.

Secondly, The club's participation in the Family Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Norwalk Community College was also a success. We had a station set up in the parking lot with help from Dan/N1ZZ, Gus/W1GUS, Tim/W1GIG and Ziggy/N1ICL.

Dan and Gus had a great time doing a live demonstration for the Boy Scouts and other interested persons doing cw and voice. They were able to make several contacts in Europe and elsewhere. Indoors we had a booth with Marty/KA1WBN and myself in attendance. Betty/KC1PUP and the dog were also on site.

Speakers at the Fair were Tom Ridge from Homeland Security, The National Director from the Red Cross and the weatherman from channel 7 news.

On Sunday 14th for the Diabetes walk in Fairfield, Allan/NN1H had the duties of net control, while the rest of us, Tim/W1GIG, Greg/KA1NGF, Bill/WG1HM and myself were in various parts of the course. No mishaps, everything went well.

We are currently looking at a few clubs to host our holiday party. As soon as we make a decision you will be informed.

FACT: THERE ARE MORE FRENCH RESTAURANTS IN NEW YORK CITY THAN IN PARIS.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 14, 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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 10TH.

The meeting started at 8pm. After the opening formalities, the meeting entered its business phase with the Treasurer's report followed by an update from the Trustee, Allan/NN1H.

Allan reported that both repeaters are working fine and the feed line for the proposed experimental 440 repeater on the tower is malfunctioning at this time and that further trouble shooting is necessary before we can consider putting the said repeater on the air. Approval was still pending from the CSMA.

Allan also reminded the members that there would be a SET (Simulated Emergency Test) on Sat Oct 13th and that we should all remember to check in to the net. Tim/W1GIG also supported Allan's statement about the SET and indicated the need for a net control operator for the SET. No one volunteered to take the assignment.

The Club was asked to distribute fliers for the upcoming Technician's training class in Stamford in November at the Family Emergency Preparedness Fair which is also taking place on the 13th at the Norwalk Community College. Nominations are now open for the election of officers for the 2008 term.

Tim/W1GIG, Dan/N1ZZ and Steve/NA1SV were asked by the President to form a nominating committee.

The President spoke about the club's participation in the Fair at the Community College. He also asked for volunteers to help with the annual Diabetes walk at Penfield Pavilion the following day, Oct 14th.

After the business segment a video on a dpxpedition to Antarctica was shown. The meeting adjourned at 9.45pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Toy Alladi/K1WYQ

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We’re Number 1!

Field Day 2007

Here are the official results N1EV scored #26 in all of category 3A but much more important, #1 in ALL categories in Connecticut.

Here are the first 25 in all categories in Connecticut

Congratulations to Hugo (#3) and Jonathan (#21) for making this list also and our neighbors W1EE (#5)

Not on this list, but honorable mention - K1UHF (#34)

#	Call	Score	Cat	QSOs	Pwr	GOTA	Sec Pt	Club
1	N1EV	6,226	3A	1,769	2	W1NLK	CT 30	Greater Norwalk ARC
2	W1QI	4,928	2A	1,448	2		CT 25	Candlewood ARA
3	AA1XV	4,530	1B	408	5		CT 1	
4	W1NRG	4,284	2F	916	2	W1XPW	CT 33	Meriden ARC
5	W1EE	4,098	3A	994	2	K1FC	CT 16	Stamford ARA
6	W1AW	3,554	4F	804	2	W1HQ	CT 30	Maxim Memorial Station at ARRL HQ
7	W1BRS	3,400	8A	760	2	KA1MM	CT 50	Bears of Manchester
8	KZ1M	2,818	3A	702	2	K1MUJ	CT 26	Eastern CT ARA
9	NA1RA	2,668	2A	601	2	WJ1D	CT 15	Northville ARA
10	W1FYM	2,600	2B	247	5		CT 2	
11	W1LAS	1,984	2F	647	2	N1BF	CT 10	Waterbry ARC
12	W1CWA	1,944	3A	494	2		CT 13	Bloomfield ARC
13	W1TJL	1,770	1B	860	2		CT 1	
14	K1DFS	1,660	4A	262	2		CT 12	Insurance City Repeater Club
15	N1NW	1,626	3A	199	2		CT 30	RASON
16	NA1RC	1,494	4A	374	2		CT 12	Natchaug ARC
17	KE1IU	1,446	2A	174	2		CT 3	
18	W1ECV	1,370	4F	460	2		CT 30	Southington ARA
19	N1EG	1,272	4F	242	2		CT 75	Coastline ARA
20	W1DHT	1,142	1A	451	2		CT 14	Bristol RC
21	K1RFD	1,020	1B	235	2		CT 1	
22	W1EDH	834	4A	233	2		CT 21	Middlesex ARS
23	WA1HRE	834	1A	312	2		CT 3	
24	K1OQ	678	1D	174	2		CT 1	Eastern Connecticut ARA
25	K3KID	470	1A	130	2		CT 6	CT ARLoF Youth

Thanks to all who participated.

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Ed K3EIN

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Riley Hollingsworth to Retire
(OK, maybe not)

From the ARRL Letter

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel in the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, announced his retirement this week, effective Thursday, January 3, 2008.

While his successor has not been named, Hollingsworth was quick to point out that the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue.

Hollingsworth told the ARRL: "After about a year of thinking about the 'if not now, when?' question, I decided to retire January 3. I love working for the FCC and I've always had great jobs, but this one involving the Amateur Radio Service has been the most fun and I have enjoyed every day of it."

He continues, "For nine years I've worked with the best group of licensees on earth, enjoyed your support and tremendous FCC support and looked forward every day to coming to work. The Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue without missing a beat, and after retirement I look forward to being involved with Amateur Radio every way I can. I thank all of you for being so dedicated and conscientious, and for the encouragement you give us every day."

Later that week

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel for the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, has decided not to retire. He had announced last week that he would leave the FCC in January 2008.

Riley states, "After spending the entire weekend thinking about the decision [to retire], it became more and more clear to me that it just isn't the right decision for me right now. There are several issues on the table that I want to continue to work through with the amateur community."

The Enforcement Bureau is the primary organizational unit within the Federal Communications Commission that is responsible for enforcement of provisions of the Communications Act, the Commission's rules, Commission orders and terms and conditions of station authorizations, as well as enforcement of Amateur Radio rules (Part 97).

I guess this means we have time to buff up our resumes.

Motorola Makes a Bid for Yaesu

From the ARRL Letter

Motorola USA has announced its intention to launch a tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard Co, Ltd. Vertex Standard is the parent company of Yaesu. Motorola will own 80 percent of Vertex Standard; Tokogiken, a privately held Japanese company, controlled by current president and CEO of Vertex Standard Jun Hasegawa, will retain 20 percent, forming a joint venture. The total purchase price for 80 percent of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis will be approximately US \$108 million.

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N1ZZ Makes DXCC on Top Band

Dan Gravereaux, N1ZZ, owner of West Mountain Radio and long time GNARC member recently received his 100th QSL card for contacts on the 160m band. It took 3 years for Dan to complete his contacts. With this latest accomplishment Dan is now qualified to receive a 6 band DXCC award from the ARRL. The last card he received was from RW2FWA in Kaliningrad.

The more notable contacts Dan has made include VK6HD in Perth, Australia, JH0BBE in Koide, Japan, and N8S, Swain Island Dxpedition. The mode breakdown was CW 75% and SSB 25% with an average power of 300 watts.

Dan attributes his success to his antenna system which includes a 1/4 wave 160m vertical with multiple radials and a Beverage receiving antenna. In fact, he took time from installing a longer Beverage in preparation for the upcoming 160m contest to give this interview.

For Sale

Ned KA1CVV Yaesu VX-2R Dual Band HT w/Box & Manual \$100. Contact Ned at ka1cvv@westmountainradio.com 853-8080

Stu N1FTT has a Dell Laptop P3 with Windows XP Pro and two docking Station. Please call 203-767-6255 or e-mail at danceswithtrout@optonline.net \$220 or BO

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Hamfests

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Ok, its not a hamfest. There is, however, a great deal of good information for free. There are seminars and demonstrations throughout the day. For a schedule of forums go to:

<http://www.hamradiouniversity.org/HRU2008.ForumSched.htm>

The keynote address, “***Spreading Ham Radio Knowledge and Know How***”, will be presented by Gordon West, WB6NOA. Gordon is a noted author of amateur radio study guides and frequent contributor to CQ magazine.

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WA7BNM Contest Calendar
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Contest Name	Time/Date/(Band)
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 6
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 10 to 2359Z, Nov 11
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 10 to 1300Z, Nov 11
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 10 to 1200Z, Nov 11
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 10 to 0600Z, Nov 11
CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 10 to 0500Z, Nov 12
SKCC Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Nov 14
YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 16
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 17 to 1000Z, Nov 18
LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 17 to 1200Z, Nov 18
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z-1700Z, Nov 17
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 17 to 0700Z, Nov 18
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0100Z, Nov 18
NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
EU PSK63 QSO Party	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 19
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Nov 22
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2359Z, Nov 25
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2400Z, Nov 25
ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0600Z, Nov 29
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2