



Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

Newsletter

"The Voice of GNARC"

June 2008

President's Blog

THE PRESIDENT' BLOG:

Firstly, many thanks to the several operators who turned out to assist with the CT Special Olympics at the Trumbull High School on May 17th, and also to those of us who turned up to assist with the Bloomin Metric road race on May 18th.

Your enthusiasm and willingness to assist in the public service sector is noted, as well as your professional conduct and expertise on these occasions.

We have also agreed to assist the Multiple Sclerosis Society with their annual road race fund raiser on June 22nd. Yes! One week before Field Day.

Our' hats off 'to the operators from this club who assisted in the Stamford Hospital's road event on June 1st, this was a last minute request for assistance, and the response from the operators was good. The New Canaan repeater was in use for the event.

The plans for Field Day are moving along quite nicely. The planning committee is actively discussing the preparations for the event and it appears that we should be heading for another memorable weekend. For those of us who have lost track of the date, the event takes place on the weekend of June 28th and 29th.

Advice for those of you who have not yet signed up for operating slots, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our Field Day site has moved back to our regular spot at Veteran's Park.

Our next meeting date is June 11th, there is no program for the meeting, the entire session is dedicated to the final planning phase for Field Day.

We expect to see you there. We need your input.

Did you know: Holland is the only country with a national dog.

Next Meeting

June 11th at the usual spot, The Community Room, ShopRite, Connecticut avenue at 8pm. Pizza at Johns Best on New Canaan Avenue starting at 6pm.

Secretary's Minutes

Minutes for the May 14, 2008 GNARC Meeting

Toy, K1WYQ opened the meeting at 8:05 PM. There were 20 members in attendance. Toy turned the meeting over to Tim, W1GIG for the presentation.

Tim's presentation was on the Tower Permit Process. He covered the topic from his perspective as a registered P.E. and included Zoning Issues, Tower Construction and Strength Requirements, Tower Location, Wind Load Calculations and Other Considerations.

Business meeting:

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

Treasurers Report: No significant changes.

Repeaters: There were some slight adjustments made to the repeater frequencies to compensate for drift. Allan, NN1H also reported that he had repaired the clubs Service Monitor and we might consider having a "Check your VHF/UHF Rig Night".

ARES: There were only two check-ins this month, so please mark your calendars for 8 PM on the 1st Monday of each month.

Public Service: Toy pointed out that the events we as a club agree to support require him to plead for operators to support them and asked if we as a club wanted to continue supporting these events. Consensus was that we did, and it was agreed that we would support a new event, the MS Bike Ride on Sunday June 22. Toy solicited more support for the two upcoming events:

The CT Special Olympics at Trumbull High School on May 17 and The Bloomin' Metric Bike Race, starting from Calf Pasture

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Beach, on May 18.

Field Day: The FD Committee is looking at procuring a Helium Balloon to support an 80 Meter Inverted "V" antenna which might cost as much as \$400.00. The balloon would be of high quality and re-usable for other Field Days. After some discussion, a motion was made and passed authorizing the Field Day Committee to spend up to \$400.00 for the purchase of a balloon to be used to raise a FD antenna.

One laptop has been donated by Frenchy, W1AGU and the committee will contact Mark, N1RII who volunteered to provide others.

Most of the approvals for FD have been acquired or are in process. It was reported that Mark, KB1JGL is doing well and intends to be there as our chef.

The next meeting will be devoted to Field Day issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Francoeur-KC1FB, Secretary.

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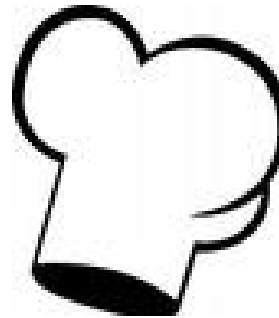
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WA7BNM Contest Calendar
November 2007

Contest Name	Time/Date/(Band)
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Jun 11
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 11
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 13
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 13
ANARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Jun 14 to 2400Z, Jun 15
Portugal Day Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Jun 14
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	1100Z-1300Z, Jun 14
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	1500Z, Jun 14 to 1500Z, Jun 15
REF DDFM 6m Contest	1600Z, Jun 14 to 1600Z, Jun 15
West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 14 to 0200Z, Jun 15
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Jun 14 to 0300Z, Jun 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Jun 16
SARL Youth for Amateur Radio	0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Jun 19
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jun 20
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 20
All Asian DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Jun 21 to 2400Z, Jun 22
SMIRK Contest	0000Z, Jun 21 to 2400Z, Jun 22
Feld Hell Sprint	1000Z-1200Z, Jun 21 and 2200Z-2400Z, Jun 21
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest	1600Z-1900Z, Jun 21 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jun 21 (432)
Kid's Day Contest	1800Z-2400Z, Jun 21
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jun 25
BCC QSO Party	1700Z-1900Z, Jun 25
Digital Pentathlon	1800Z-2200Z, Jun 27
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	1200Z, Jun 28 to 1200Z, Jun 29
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	1200Z, Jun 28 to 1200Z, Jun 29
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jun 28 to 1400Z, Jun 29
ARRL Field Day	1800Z, Jun 28 to 2100Z, Jun 29
ARCI Milliwatt Field Day	1800Z, Jun 28 to 2100Z, Jun 29