



Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

Newsletter

"The Voice of GNARC"

May 2009

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG:

It is the month of May and we are gradually approaching the midway mark in the year. Seemingly so, everything appears to be moving along in a flash, and one has the tendency to ask about the quick movement of activities.

Speaking along those lines, we have two public service commitments upon us this month:

The first is the Bloomin Metric bike ride which is listed for Sunday May 17th and it is listed to start at Calf Pasture beach in Norwalk around 7 am on the day of the event. For those of us who have had the experience of assisting with this event. It is a big one, and usually covers a great distance. Riders participating are about 3000 in various stages: 25 miles, 65k, and 100k.

Our operators have performed admirably in the past, handling a variety of road emergencies. All operators who have volunteered for this event are asked to report to Calf Pasture beach between 7 and 7.30 am.

The next event is the annual MS bike ride from Sherwood Island State Park in Westport on Sunday May 31st. This event begins at 8am and volunteer operators are asked to be at the site for that appointed time. Participants are somewhat smaller in numbers but the event is as important as the other and our operators are asked to give the same service as the Bloomin Metric.

In other areas, we are working up to our major annual field day event which is listed for June 27th and 28th. Details are to be discussed at this meeting and the following one. The program for the May meeting will be on software Designed Radio (SDR). Speaking on this topic is John D'Ausilio/W1RT

See you at pizza and the meeting.

Toy/K1WYQ

This month's newsletter is bare bones and I apologize for that. With Dayton coming up I have been very busy and the newsletter took a back burner. Look for an expanded edition with a Dayton Report next month.

John N1OLO
Editor

This Months Program & Meeting

W1RT will present Software Defined Radio to the club at our next meeting. The meeting will take place on 5-13-09 at 2000 hrs in the community room at the Shoprite, Connecticut Ave., Norwalk, CT. As usual, meet for pizza and.... at John's Best on Nex Canaan Ave. beginning at 1800.

Secretary's Minutes

Minutes of the April 8, 2009 GNARC Meeting

Toy-K1WYQ opened the meeting at 8:00 PM, there were 24 members in attendance including two new members: Kathleen-KB1RJQ and Brian-AB1JU

Don-KA1TZR asked for volunteers to man a booth at the New Canaan Readiness Fair on Saturday April 25th from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Toy then turned the meeting over to Sean Lentner for his presentation. Sean heads an IT firm that provides full 24/7 HW and SW support for corporate customers. He gave a very interesting presentation on free SW packages available for home use. He passed out a list of Top Shelf Free Programs to use on our home PC's and explained their pro's and con's. Sean then answered questions from the group on HW and SW topics from his considerable experience.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Ed was not in attendance, but told Toy we are still solvent.

ARES: There were 9 check-ins for the Monday net and some members reported interference. At the Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the Southington Ham Fest, Toy and Tim-W1GIG received an award for negotiating with the city of Norwalk on behalf of the club and ARES to pay the rent for the space on the AT&T tower.

Publicity: Jay-NE2Q demonstrated a SW radio to the Norwalk Library and has permission to install a listening station there.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with the correction that the Stamford repeater is going to be moved, but not moved yet.

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New Business:

Field Day: Please use our web page to sign up for set-up and take-down times and operating segments. The purchase of an additional pop up tent for the food area was approved. This year we will concentrate on getting a good GOTA station and antenna. We will be networked and still requiring operators to BYORadio. The May meeting will have more FD related topics.

Public Service: There are two events in May and more volunteers are needed. May 17th is the Bloomin' Metric and May 31st is the MS Bike Race.

SARA: There will be a VE session in July.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM