



# Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

## Newsletter

### *"The Voice of GNARC"*

### September 2009

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

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Toy's submission was not available at the time of publication. When available it will be posted to the GNARC email list.

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#### Next Meeting

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The next meeting of GNARC will be held at the Westport Fire Department at 515 Post Road East, Westport, CT. The meeting will start at 8pm. Program for this meeting is: Repeaters and how they evolved presented by Curt Seaton/W1FSM.

Pizza is at the usual spot, John's Best Pizza, New Canaan Ave. in Norwalk beginning at 6pm

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#### Secretary's Minutes

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Minutes of the July 8, 2009 GNARC Meeting

Toy-K1WYQ opened the meeting at 8:07 PM, there were 19 members in attendance including a new member, Andy-N2CN.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: All solvent

ARES: No net was held this month. Allan-NN1H put out his wish list for the SET for this year.

Repeaters: All OK. Kurt-W1FSM indicated that the coordination is completed on the D-Star gateway and it is in test mode. It is on 431.600 +5 and will be moving to the hospital site this month.

SARA: VE session this month and a training class on September 17th.

Special Events: There is a Connecticut Challenge Bike Ride on July 25th that will last from early morning until after

7 PM. Due to the length and scope of the event we will not be able to support it.

Minutes: Accepted as published.

New Business:

Next month is the Annual Picnic and Tail Gate Party from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at Dan-N1ZZ's home at 9 Morehouse Lane, Norwalk. Please bring picnic fare to share and something to trade or sell.

The September meeting will be at the Community Center in the Norwalk Police Department Headquarters if it can be arranged.

Toy then turned the meeting over to Ziggy-N1ICL for a recap of this years very successful Field Day effort. He gave a statistical breakdown of our scoring and graphs of contact rates by band and station and operator. Preliminary results indicate that we out performed last years effort but they could not be published since our score had not been submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Francoeur-KC1FB, Secretary.

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#### Hamfests

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Sept 12, 2009  
Pocono Area Hamfest  
Eastern Pennsylvania ARA & Pocono ARK

Stroudsburg, PA  
Stroudsburg Junior High School  
1198 Chipperfield Drive

<http://www.qsl.net/n3is/hamfest/index.html>  
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Sept 13, 2009  
Western CT Hamfest  
Candlewood Amateur Radio Association

Newtown, CT  
Edmond Town Hall  
45 Main Street

<http://www.danbury.org/cara/Hamfest.html>  
Talk-In: 147.300 (PL -100)  
Contact: Joe de Groot, AB1DO  
30 Sunnyview Drive  
Redding, CT 06896  
Phone: 203-938-4880  
Fax: 203-938-4886  
Email: [ab1do@arrl.net](mailto:ab1do@arrl.net)

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October 11, 2009  
Connecticut State Convention  
Nutmeg Hamfest Alliance  
Wallingford, CT  
MountainRidge Resort  
350A High Hill Road

<http://www.nutmeghamfest.com>  
Talk-In: 147.36/.96 (no PL)  
Contact: John Bee, N1GNV  
30 Tremont Street  
Meriden, CT 06450  
Phone: 203-440-4468  
Email: [info@nutmeghamfest.com](mailto:info@nutmeghamfest.com)

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October 16 & 17

The New England Amateur Radio Festival - NEAR-Fest

This is a truly New England happening continuing a 30+ year tradition. The 2 day event is located at the fairgrounds in South Deerfield, NH 30 minutes northeast of Manchester, NH.

For full details visit the website:  
<http://www.near-fest.com/>

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