



Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club

Newsletter

"The Voice of GNARC"

July 2010

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Fellow Club Members:

I would like to say a few words about the Field Day that just passed. I do so not to upstage our Field Day Chairman, Ziggy or as any type of official communication on behalf of the Club. These are my own words as a participant and observer. At no time in the yearly cycle of our events is there more fun, camaraderie, friendly competition and a greater spirit of cooperation among our membership than I have witnessed this past weekend. For this event to fully come together it takes a good deal of planning, technical execution, operational dexterity, stamina and a goodly amount of food and drink. More than that, it takes a bunch of dedicated hams that understand the fun and insanity of the event and just wouldn't miss it for the world!! Having said all that, a few observations on our cast of characters:

Ziggy: A quintessential Field Day Chairman, he made sure everybody was fed, watered and happy (or maybe just scared to death to get on his bad side).

Ed: Anyone seeking to squeeze the last proverbial drop out of the Field Day rules would have seen Ed in the last few remaining minutes of Field day, sitting quietly alone rummaging over a folder containing "THE RULES." Rest assured all you doubtful ones we will get every point!!!

Dan: Here is the great octopus of the event. I personally witnessed Dan, having a conversation, eating a burger and making several CW contacts all at the same time. That's not very surprising. What is surprising is that just a few hours before he sat down at the radio for the first time and thought long and hard about how to turn it on and what to do next if you don't believe me ask Hugh.

Hugo: There is an unsubstantiated rumor that Hugo made several hundred CW contacts on 40 meters. Please make sure you ask him why they didn't get into the log!!

Gus: He got the balloon flying and it worked like a charm!!! We did wonder why the tank was empty and he spoke in a very high voice throughout the event?

Tim (aka MR TOWER): The tower went up and came down without a hitch (no pun intended)!!! Boy was Tim surprised!!!

Jim: When you GOTA have it Jim was there!!!

Hugh: The only man that doesn't have to leave home to come to Field Day he brings it with him air condition too. Thank you for letting us into your home!!!

Toy: He always leaves so much of himself to this event, even a piece of his car!!

Allan: He helps put it all together and take it all apart and put it back together and take it all apart .and he fixed the repeater at the same time!!!

Curt: He came all the way back from his kin-folks in Tennessee just to be at Field Day. Now there's spirit for you!! (Or was it the bock party?)

Paul: We saw a lot of CW contacts for you in the log. How did you slip in and out so quietly?

Pierre: While the rest of us were trying to contact living breathing humans Pierre was busy contacting satellites!!! He led us to believe that two of them talked back to him!!!

Ned: Thank you for lending us your kitchen.

There are a few I didn't mention not because I didn't want to but I'm simply getting old and weak of memory forgive me!!

If you weren't there you missed a great Field Day!! Thanks everyone for all the fun!!!

Vlad, W1ZP

Next Meeting

We will meet for pizza at Cosms Pizza, 147 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk at the usual time, 6PM on ur meeting night, July 14th. The meeting starts in the community room of the Shoprite Supermarket on Connecticut Avnue in Norwalk at 8PM.

The presenter for the evening will be Dr. Wayne Gronlund, N1CLV, the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Section Emergency Coordinator for the State. COORDINATOR (SEC) FOR THE STATE

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Secretary’s Minutes

Minutes of the June 9, 2010 GNARC Meeting

Vlad-W1ZP opened the meeting at 8:05 PM in place of Toy-K1WYQ who was unavailable, there were 15 members in attendance. The meetings topic was Field Day planning and began with Ed-K3EIN demonstrating the N3FJP Field Day Logging Program that we use for our networked operation. He showed how to log, some of the shortcuts that were available, and how the F keys were set up for CW and Phone.

Then Ziggy-N1ICL, Field Day Chairman, went over each of the primary logistical aspects for the 24 hour event that starts for us Saturday June 26th at 9:00 AM for setup.

We will spring for good food.

We will operate 3A again and each station will be set up much as last year. It was suggested that we buy a 500 HZ CW filter for either the TS-430 or FT-890 club rigs and a motion to do so if it could be done for \$85.00 or a max of \$100.00 was made and passed.

The balloon antenna was discussed at length and it was decided that if the weather was good it would be launched with a half wave, end fed vertical to eliminate the wire twisting.

The GOTA station antennas and operating bands were discussed and 40 meter and perhaps 15 and 10 meter phone operation might be possible with minimum interference, so they will be tried with vertically polarized antennas.

Business Meeting:

Historical Committee: The clubs historical material has been turned over to Don-KA1TZR, Paul-N1II and Rich-K1CYW to organize it.

Technical Committee: There was a general meeting of the Committee and it was determined that Steve-NA1SV would take over for Allan-NN1H as a trustee when he relinquishes it.

Minutes: Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Francoeur-KC1FB, Secretary.