



# THE PROPAGATOR

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## **NEXT MEETING JANUARY 3**

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, January 3** at **8:00 PM** at the MARS building in Fort Monmouth. Come early to enjoy the refreshments. Also, dues for 2007 are now due and will be gratefully accepted. We look forward to seeing YOU at the meeting!

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## **FORT MONMOUTH PASSES**

Please check the expiration date on your Fort Monmouth badges. Within two or three weeks before they expire, notify Larry, KB2RIS or Frank, W2XYZ. You then must check with visitor control on Oceanport Ave. to retire your old badges and get a new placard. Your old badges **CANNOT** be renewed.

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## **FOR SALE**

**Yaesu HF FT 107 Transceiver** including a FC 107 Antenna tuner, an External VFO and Speaker SP 107. Included are all manuals.

**Radio Shack HTX- 212** 2 meter 25 Watt base station and book.

Bert, WA2ZIP  
Ocean Township  
732-493-3798

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## **MIDDLETOWN CLUB MEETING TIME**

The Middletown Amateur Radio Club has changed their meeting time and place to the second Saturday of each month at 10 AM at the Union Beach Police Department Annex (Municipal Building) on Florence Avenue. Many also meet for lunch at noon on Saturdays at the Burger King on Highway 35 just south of King's Highway. Guests are always welcome.

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## **DON, KG2NV ELECTED FIRE CHIEF**

GSARA member Don Pingitore, KG5NV has the honor of being elected 2nd Asst. Chief of the Long Branch Volunteer Fire Department. There will be a ceremony at the Long Branch Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, 3rd floor Council Chambers at 11:00 AM on Monday January 1, 2007. Following the ceremony there will be an open house at Long Branch Fire Headquarters from Noon to 5:00 PM. Fire Headquarters is located at Third & Union Avenues just several blocks from the beach in downtown Long Branch. There will be food and a live band. Everyone is invited.

Congratulations to Don for taking on this additional (and very important) responsibility!

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## **CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS**

The annual Neptune Amateur Radio Club's Christmas party (to which GSARA and QCWA members were also invited) was a great success with over 50 amateurs and their guests attending. The food was outstanding and more than ample. The music was great and the conversation even better. If you missed it, plan to attend next year.

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## **GSARA HOMEPAGE**

[http://home.comcast.net/~gsara\\_w2gsa](http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa)

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## **GSARA CALENDAR**

[http://home.comcast.net/~gsara\\_w2gsa/calendr.htm](http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa/calendr.htm)

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## **HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE**

<http://www.hudson.arrl.org>

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## PROPAGATOR AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL

Would you like to help the finances of GSARA and at the same time get your issue of *The Propagator* a few days earlier? You can get every issue e-mailed to your computer every month by simply giving your e-mail address to Bruce McLeod, K2QXW and request *The Propagator* electronically. Bruce's e-mail address is <brucekleod@comcast.net>

## BADGES AND PATCHES

All new GSARA members get a name badge. However, you may order additional ones by getting a Badge Order Form from our Secretary, **Bob Buus, W2OD**, filling it out and turning it in to Bob with your \$5.00 payment.

We also now have patches available at all meetings and they cost \$3.

## OUTGOING QSL CARDS

If any GSARA members wish to combine their QSL cards that are going through the outgoing ARRL Bureau, please bring them to the next GSARA meeting along with the label from a recent QST Magazine (you must be an ARRL member to participate in this program). We then send them as a group at no charge to GSARA members. It couldn't be much easier than that to QSL. You are registered at the W2 incoming bureau, aren't you?

## PROPAGATOR NOW ON THE WEB

The *Propagator* is available as a PDF file at:

[http://home.comcast.net/~gsara\\_w2gsa/prop.pdf](http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa/prop.pdf)

It is installed on the web about two weeks after the direct mailing to members.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Well, the big news this month is the total elimination of Morse code knowledge for obtaining ANY class of amateur license. See the article on page 4. The effective date will be one month after publication in the Federal Register (which has not yet happened but expected soon). That puts the effective date in early February. So, if you do not yet have an Extra class license, what is your excuse for not getting one and taking advantage of the expanded bands available?

People ask me what I think about the relaxed requirements for an amateur license. I refuse to get upset about it and support any efforts to get more people into this wonderful hobby. I'm not sure that relaxing the requirements will help as much as the ARRL and the equipment manufacturers think that it will. It has been my observation that if the ticket comes too easily, the holder seems less inclined to put in the effort to acquire a rig, put up an antenna, and get on the air. I envision that in a few years we will have several hundred thousand Extra class hams who will have never made an HF contact and have no station. However, if the elimination of Morse gets even a few new hams fired up and excited about the hobby, it may well be worth it.

Thanks go to the Neptune Amateur Radio Club for again inviting us to their Christmas party on Sunday, December 10. My wife and I had a good time and I believe that all 50 or so who attended did. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

Middletown RACES is again running a one-day amateur radio class on Saturday, January 13. These have successfully produced many new amateurs in the area. If you know anyone interested, pass on the information on page 9.

Remember if you change your e-mail address, please be sure to inform Bruce McLeod, K2QXW.

As always, I appreciate feedback or material for *The Propagator*. The deadline for the February issue is January 15. I hope that you and your family have a very Happy New Year!

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at Fort Monmouth by President Jeff Harshman, N2LXM, at 8:04 PM. After the Pledge to the Flag, all members present introduced themselves. There were 17 members and one guest present. The guest was our speaker, Mark Emanuele, N2CBO from Army MARS.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ made a report for November. A motion was made by Peg Struening and seconded by Steve, N2WLH to accept the report. The report was unanimously accepted.

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Peg Struening and seconded by Larry, KB2RIS to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the December Propagator. The motion was unanimously accepted.

### Old Business

President Jeff, N2LXM thanked the members of GSARA for the outstanding results of Field Day which were published in the December QST. We were the top score for 1A in the Hudson Division with 2782 points.

### Award

On behalf of the OMARC, Jeff Harshman, N2LXM awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Pat Brannick, N2BZD.

### Public Service

Jeff, N2LXM announced that he would be unable to coordinate the American Diabetes Bike Tour next June at Brookdale College. We are looking for a new volunteer. There were no takers at the meeting.

### Announcements

The Marconi Hotel will be open every Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 PM except for the last two Sundays in December. The OMARC station at the Diana site will also be open at these times.

The Neptune Amateur Radio Club has invited GSARA members to their Christmas Party on December 10 at the Neptune American Legion.

Middletown OEM is again sponsoring a one-day amateur radio class on Saturday, January 13 which will be followed by a VE exam the same day. The class is free but the exam fee is \$14.

OMARC is commemorating the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Project Diana moonbounce at the Diana site from 9 AM to 5 PM on Sunday, January 14.

International Marconi Day is Saturday, April 28 next year. OMARC plans to participate. How about GSARA? There was no positive response.

Larry, KB2RIS announced that there is interest on the Post to run a small amateur radio class for 3 hours/week for 4 or 5 weeks. It would probably run from 5 to 8 PM and volunteers are needed. Please contact Larry if you can help.

### Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Mark Emanuele, N2CBO who is the NJ State Emergency Operations Officer for Army MARS (Military Affiliate Radio Service). He coordinates all emergency operations for Army MARS in New Jersey. After outlining many of the activities of Army MARS, Mark encouraged anyone interested in joining or learning more about it to contact him at aat2bd@usarmymars.us or 732-738-6815 (home) or 732-407-2037 (cell).

### Closing

A drawing was held for the main door prize which was won by Tony, KB2ZSI who donated it back to the club.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Peg Struening and seconded by Lorraine, KC2FDR to close the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9:30 PM.

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## W1AW 80-METER FREQ. CHANGE

Effective December 15, in response to rule changes resulting from the "omnibus" Report & Order (R&O) in WT Docket 04-140, ARRL Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will change its 80-meter digital transmission frequency to 3597.5 kHz. The expansion of the 75-meter phone band to 3600 kHz makes the change necessary. W1AW will begin using the new frequency starting with the regularly scheduled 2300 UTC digital bulletin on Friday, December 15. A possible change in the W1AW 80-meter CW frequency is under consideration.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 47, December 1, 2006

## FCC ELIMINATES MORSE CODE

Early next year, the US will join the growing list of countries that no longer require Amateur Radio applicants to pass a Morse code test as the entry ticket to HF. Announcement of the pending historic rule change arrived with no fanfare December 15 in an FCC public notice. A full-blown Report and Order (R&O) in the proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, followed December 19. The best estimate of when the Morse code requirement will go away officially is sometime in February -- 30 days after the R&O appears in the Federal Register.

"We . . . believe that the public interest is not served by requiring facility in Morse code when the trend in amateur communications is to use voice and digital technologies for exchanging messages," the FCC said in its R&O. "Rather, we believe that because the international requirement for telegraphy proficiency has been eliminated, we should treat Morse code telegraphy no differently from other Amateur Service communications techniques."

The FCC says it deems the current regime of written examinations "sufficient to determine whether a person is qualified to be issued an Amateur Radio operator license."

The FCC cast aside arguments that Morse ability is advantageous in emergencies, concluding that most emergency communication is handled using voice, data, or video techniques. The Commission also turned away assertions that retaining a Morse requirement would help keep out the bad apples.

"The record is devoid of a demonstrated nexus between Morse code proficiency and on-the-air conduct," the FCC observed. It concurred with one commenter's observation that "maintaining the code requirement does not purge Amateur Radio of bad operators. Education and self-policing does."

The FCC also ordered that all Technician licensees present and future -- whether or not they've passed a Morse code test, will get privileges on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters identical to those of Novice licensees. "In eliminating this disparity between Technician and Technician Plus licenses, we are simplifying the Amateur Service licensing structure and promoting regulatory parity," the FCC said.

The FCC took advantage of the occasion to act on the League's Petition for Partial Reconsideration

in the "omnibus" proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, calling on the Commission to retain 3620 to 3635 kHz for automatically controlled digital stations by moving the Extra class phone band edge to 3635 kHz. The FCC decided instead to authorize 3585 to 3600 kHz for such operations, and leave the newly expanded phone band intact.

The Commission further amended Part 97 "to authorize Amateur Extra class privileges to all individuals who have been issued a CEPT radio-amateur license by their country of citizenship, and who satisfy other requirements in the Commission's rules."

Although the FCC's Morse code decision came as no surprise, it nonetheless revived debate on the issue. The FCC had proposed more than a year ago to drop the Morse code requirement for all license classes. The record in the proceeding, the FCC said, "reflects a division of views in the Amateur Radio community." After reviewing the more than 3500 comments and counter-proposals radio amateurs had filed, the Commission stuck with its initial proposal.

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, had this reaction: "While the Commission's decision to delete the Morse code requirement for an Amateur Extra Class license departs from the ARRL's recommendation, it is helpful to have the matter resolved so we can move forward."

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, expressed a similar viewpoint. "Now that the debate is over, we can focus on learning Morse code simply for its own sake," he said. Sumner pledged that the League would maintain its traditional support of Morse code as an operating mode and would continue to offer Morse training materials as well as such incentives as bonus credit for CW contacts in ARRL-sponsored operating events. ARRL's Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will keep its schedule of Morse code practice and bulletin transmissions.

Since World Radiocommunication Conference 2003, the UK, Canada, Germany and other countries have dropped their Morse requirements. Sumner said other countries have successfully made the transition to a codeless testing regime, and he doesn't anticipate problems in the US.

The pending disappearance of the Morse code requirement seems to have rejuvenated the urge to

upgrade. ARRL Sales and Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, says distribution of General Class license training materials have skyrocketed in the week after the FCC announcement.

The ARRL has posted information relevant to the FCC action in WT Docket 05-235, including an FAQ, on <http://www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 50, December 22, 2006

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## ATTORNEY'S ADVICE – NO CHARGE

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice!

A corporate Attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED."

2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card Accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home Phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS # printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a Photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards. Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an Expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my

driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 800-6807289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 800-269-0271

From the Internet thanks to KC2Q

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Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:

If it moves, tax it,

If it keeps moving, regulate it.

And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

...Ronald Reagan (1986)



## CHANGES FOR CANADA'S 7.335 CHU

Changes in international frequency allocations could force Canada's CHU time-standard signal on 7.335 MHz to go off the air, change frequency or get another license by next spring. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has reallocated the 7300-7350 kHz band from "fixed service" to "broadcasting," effective April 2007. CHU now operates there as a fixed service facility. CHU's other frequencies -- 3.330 and 14.670 MHz - - are not affected. The station has been including messages in English and French in its 7.335 MHz transmissions to solicit information from CHU listeners and to help shape recommendations regarding which direction to go.

"On April 1, 2007, CHU needs to stop operating, change frequencies, or re-license. Contact [radio.chu@nrc.gc.ca](mailto:radio.chu@nrc.gc.ca) or mail CHU Canada K1A 0R6," the English version says.

The Institute for National Measurement Standards at the National Research Council of Canada operates CHU. The Institute's Raymond Pelletier explains on the INMS CHU Web page <[http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/time\\_services/shortwave\\_broadcasts\\_e.htm](http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/time_services/shortwave_broadcasts_e.htm)> that while shutting down the 7.335 MHz facility -- "the most useful of the three we use" -- is the easiest solution, that option "could create problems for some clients who are counting on this particular signal."

The other possibilities are that CHU relicense as a broadcasting facility, change frequency to a nearby fixed service channel, which would require an investment in hardware and manpower, or shut down operations completely, Pelletier says.

"To be seriously considered, any of the above alternatives will need to have a zero-based budgeting justification prepared, comparing it against the least expensive alternative of closing CHU entirely," he goes on to say. "CHU is entering a phase where major investment in new transmitters will be required if it is to be kept operating."

Pelletier says that lacking input from CHU's user community citing the importance of the service's contribution, shutting down CHU altogether "is an inescapable recommendation."

The CHU code is also used as a radio clock, which can be used as a reference clock for an NTP

time server. Software drivers have been written that can obtain the date and time from the code and that tune a digitally tuned radio to one of CHU's three frequencies to get the best signal.

"Be assured that we will try our best to maintain the CHU service as it is, keeping the three frequencies as they are," Pelletier's plea concludes.

Canadian time transmissions using the CHU call letters commenced in 1938 on the current frequency, but the service itself dates back to the early 1920s. The facility changed to cesium atomic clocks in 1967. In 1970 the responsibility of operating CHU shifted from Dominion Observatory to the National Research Council.

CHU invites reception report and will respond with a QSL card. Send reception reports to Radio Station CHU, National Research Council of Canada, 1200 Montreal Rd, Bldg M-36, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0R6 or via e-mail <[radio.chu@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:radio.chu@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 48, December 8, 2006

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## HUDSON CABINET & CLUB PRES. MTG.

**Saturday January 13th** there will be a joint ARRL Hudson Division Cabinet and Club Presidents Meeting starting at 9:30 at the *Paramus Congregational Church*. Bagels and coffee will be served at 9 AM. Assistant Directors and Club Presidents or their representatives are invited to attend. Please let Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, Hudson Division Vice Director know you are coming. Send e-mail to: [ka2anf@arrrl.org](mailto:ka2anf@arrrl.org)

Coffee and bagels will be provided and the meeting will start promptly at 9:30 and end by 2 PM. We will provide pizza for lunch.

**IMPORTANT:** *Please bring your ideas and input.* If you have any items for the agenda please send me an e-mail at [n2ff@arrrl.org](mailto:n2ff@arrrl.org)

All Hudson Division affiliated clubs should send a representative if the president is unable to attend. Topics to be covered include Grassroots Political Action, BPL Strategy, and the Demise of CW Testing. The last hour of the meeting will be for club representatives to network and help develop strategies for issues facing local clubs.

## BERGEN CLUB AIDS SPECTRUM FUND

Representatives of the Bergen Amateur Radio Association (BARA) <<http://www.bara.org/>> in Northern New Jersey led by club president Tony Izzo, K2AMI, and a Hudson Division delegation headed by Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, traveled to ARRL Headquarters this week with a substantial ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund donation in hand. Representing BARA, Hudson Division Assistant Director Jim Joyce, K2ZO, presented a \$2500 check to ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. This marked the third year in a row the Spectrum Defense Fund has benefited from raffle and program advertising proceeds from the Hudson Division awards dinner, which BARA co-sponsored this year. Contributions are especially important this year, ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, stressed, to support the League's federal court challenge of certain FCC broadband over power line (BPL) rules. "We are making progress – good progress -- but there is always room for more," she said. Hobart expressed the hope that other clubs would follow BARA's lead and support the Spectrum Defense Fund by December 31. "Spectrum defense is a 365-day-a-year operation," she continued. "We hope you, either as an individual or as a club, can help. The ARRL has always 'had your back' -- now we need you to have our back as we meet this challenge." Members may donate via the ARRL Development Department's secure Web site <<https://www.arrl.org/forms/fdefense/2007/fall/fdefense.html>>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 49, December 15, 2006

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## AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

Amateur radio exam sessions that are given in the central New Jersey area are as follows but please contact the responsible person to be sure that the time and date are accurate.

**Wall Township**, Camp Evans Area on Marconi Road: Exams are held on the first Saturday of the even numbered months (Feb. 3, 2007) at 10 AM. The contact person is Larry Wilkins, KB2RIS at 732-922-6720 or e-mail to kb2ris@verizon.net.

**Middletown**, Croyden Hall on Leonardo Road: Exams are on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. The contact person is Mario Sellitti, N2PVP 732-787-7184 or e-mail to n2pvp@n2pvp.com.

**Toms River**, Riverview Park Recreation Building: Exams are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. The contact person is Ed Genoino, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or e-mail to [wa2nda@aol.com](mailto:wa2nda@aol.com).

**Toms River**, Holiday City South Clubhouse, Meeting Room #1, Mule Road at the corner of Santiago Drive on the second Saturday of the odd numbered months (January 13, 2007) at 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is required (no walk ins). The contact person is Bill Haldane, AC2F, 732-240-7064 or ac2f@earthlink.net.

In all cases, the fee is \$14 and you should bring the original and a copy of any amateur license presently held and original and one copy of any credit (CSCE) forms you have. Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a picture ID.

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## ARRL ANNOUNCES CLUB NEWS

A new monthly newsletter, ARRL Club News, will soon be available via e-mail at no charge to ARRL members. Designed to help invigorate Amateur Radio clubs and their activities, each issue will contain information and highlights for and about ARRL-affiliated clubs. "Although the first issues will be in text format, we expect to have the ARRL Club News available in HTML format so we can share photos and other exciting material from over 2000 ARRL-affiliated clubs," says ARRL Affiliated Club/Mentor Program Coordinator Norm Fusaro, W3IZ. The first issue of ARRL Club News will be out Wednesday, December 6. To subscribe, unsubscribe or change your address for e-mail delivery, ARRL members must register on the Members Only Web Site <<http://www.arrl.org/members/>>. During registration, members will have the opportunity to sign up for e-mail delivery of the ARRL Club News, The ARRL Letter, W1AW bulletins and other material. ARRL members already registered and logged into the Web site may subscribe to ARRL Club News by visiting the Member Data Page <<http://www.arrl.org/members/>>, scrolling down to "Which of the following would you like to receive automatically via email from ARRL?" and checking the box for ARRL Club News (monthly club news).

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 47, December 1, 2006

## HUDSON DIVISION AWARDS DINNER

The November 11th Hudson Division Awards Dinner held at the Holiday Inn in Saddle Brook, New Jersey was a very big success socially and financially. Five award recipients, including one who could not be present last year, were on hand to be honored by the more than 120 present and to give a short talk about their career in Amateur Radio. They all gave informative, interesting and frequently humorous speeches. All reports indicate that food was good too. \$2,177.280 was raised for the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund through Award's Journal Ads and the raffle of two donated HT's that evening. BARA generously rounded off that to \$2,500 with some of its own money. Again a BIG thanks to BARA and its officers for their support of things ARRL!

Mary Hobart, K1MMH, ARRL's Chief Development Officer was on hand to speak about the ARRL Foundation and the need for raising funds for spectrum defense. Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, presented Mary with a check from members of the East Coast DX Association.

This year's awardees were:

Amateur of the Year - Barry Cohen, K2JV (from NNJ) nominated by K2AL, WW2OLF, KC2KMK, N2VI, W2FMI and KC2ONP (New Providence ARC/Salt Brook School ARC)

Grand Ole Ham - Bob Raffaele, W2XM (from ENY) nominated by K2XA Saul Abrams

Technical Achievement: Elmer Sharp, WA2YSM (from ENY) nominated by: KB2ZE - Donald Hitt

Special Recognition for Public Service Excellence: Jeff Schneller, N2HPO (NLI) nominated by Mike Lisenco, N2YBB and Charles Gallo, KG2V

Also present and speaking were former Hudson Division Director Richard Sandell, WK6R, who introduced the 2005 "Amateur of the Year" Tom Raffaelli, WB2NHC, who was unable to be present last year due to a death in his family. Both gave great short speeches. Former ARRL First VP and Hudson Division Director, Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, was also in attendance.

It was a fun evening and some thirty five people went home with door prizes. Many of those honored have been sending e-mails to friends

thanking them for the honor and promising to be back next year to see others honored.

From *The Hudson Division Beacon*, December, 2006

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## KID'S DAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

The next chance to provide youngsters with a fun, hands-on radio experience is Sunday, January 7, when the first ARRL Kids Day of the new year takes place <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html>>. ARRL Education and Technology Program Coordinator Mark Spencer, WA8SME, offers some Kids Day 2007 thoughts and suggestions on p 45 of December QST. Kids Day begins at 1 PM and continues until 7 PM. There's no limit on operating time. Suggested exchanges are first name, age, location and favorite color. Suggested frequencies are 14.270 to 14.300 MHz, 21.380 to 21.400 MHz and 28.350 to 28.400 MHz, plus local VHF repeaters with the sponsor's permission. Licensees should observe third-party traffic restrictions when making DX contacts <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/3rdparty.html>>. These apply when unlicensed individuals communicate via ham radio.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 50, December 22, 2006

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## KELLOGG'S & FCC SIGN PACT

Washington D.C.

It was announced today that Kellogg's and the Federal Communications Commission have signed a pact to issue Amateur Radio Licenses on specially marked boxes of Corn Flakes. In this unprecedented move the FCC believes this will not hurt amateur radio but allow all individuals to receive an amateur radio license without having to demonstrate any skills with the exception of being able to use a pair of scissors to cut out their operating permit from the breakfast cereal box.

Kellogg's spokesperson commented that they were proud to have been selected by the government to be the issuer of licenses for amateur radio in the US and hope to soon make an agreement with other cereal loving countries. They also expect that will be issuing certificates of achievement for DXCF for confirmed contacts with 100 corn flakers.

From The Internet thanks to KC2Q



## NOTES ON CALENDAR (see reverse side)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., **KC2HAW** January 6. All times in EST.

Dec. 31-Jan. 1 – **ARRL Straight Key Night** from 7 PM Sunday to 6:59 PM New Year's Day 2007. See Dec. QST, p. 98 or [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)

January 1 – No **Monmouth County ARES Net** due to the New Year Holiday.

January 2 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon in back room to left. All are invited.

January 2 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 PM at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

January 2 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 PM.

January 3 – **GSARA Monthly Meeting** at the MARS Building at Fort Monmouth at 8:00 PM.

January 4 – **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

January 5 and every Friday – **Lunch at Blue Swan Diner**, Rt. 35 South, Ocean Township at noon.

January 5 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (10-35 WPM). See January QST, pp. 93 and 97.

January 7 – **Kid's Day** from 1 to 7 PM. See December QST, p. 99 or [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)

January 8 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.

January 9 – **Amateur Radio Luncheon** at Perkins in Colts Neck Inn at noon. All amateurs invited.

January 11 – **Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS)** meeting in Riverview Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 PM.

January 13 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ. Note the change in meeting place.

January 13 – **Holiday City VE Test Session** at 10 AM in Toms River. Pre-register with Bill Haldane, AC2F at 732-240-7064 or [ac2f@earthlink.net](mailto:ac2f@earthlink.net). No walk-ins.

January 13 – **One Day Amateur Radio Class** (and VE session) sponsored by Middletown RACES. Call OEM at 732-615-2129 (9:30 to 1:30 weekdays) to register or for more information.

January 13 – **Middletown Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 10 AM in Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Florence Avenue.

Jan. 13-14 – **North American CW QSO Party** from 1 PM Saturday to 1 AM Sunday. See January QST, p. 97.

January 14 – **Project Diana Special Event** by OMARC from 9 AM to 5 PM. See January QST, P. 96 or [www.omarc.com](http://www.omarc.com)

January 15 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

January 16 – **VE Test Session** at Croydon Hall, Leonardo section of Middletown at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP at 732-787-7184 or [n2pvp@n2pvp.com](mailto:n2pvp@n2pvp.com)

January 18 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 9 AM (35-10 WPM). See January QST, pp. 93 and 97.

January 18 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:30 PM Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoino, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or [wa2nda@comcast.net](mailto:wa2nda@comcast.net).

Jan. 20-21 – ARRL VHF Sweepstakes from 2 PM Saturday to 11 PM Sunday. See December QST, p. 98 or [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)

Jan. 20-21 – **North American SSB QSO Party** from 1 PM Saturday to 1 AM Sunday. See January QST, p. 97.

January 22 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

January 27 – Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Jan. 26-29 – **CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest** from 7 PM Friday to 6:59 PM Sunday. See January QST, p. 98 or [www.cq-amateur-radio.com/index.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/index.html)

January 29 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> New Years Day SKN	<b>2</b> Pancake House Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	<b>3</b> GSARA Mtg.	<b>4</b> Hol. City Mtg.	<b>5</b> Blue Swan CW Qual. Run	<b>6</b> KC2HAW
<b>7</b> Kid's Day	<b>8</b> RACES Net 7:30	<b>9</b> Perkins Lunch QCWA News 9 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> KE2DT W2XYZ JSARS Mtg.	<b>12</b> Blue Swan	<b>13</b> OMARC Mtg. W2QFQ Hol. City VE Ham Class MARC Mtg CW QSO Pty.
<b>14</b> CW QSO Pty. Project Diana	<b>15</b> ARES/RACES 7:30	<b>16</b> KB2RIS Croyden VE 7 PM QCWA News 9 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> CW Qual. Run JSARS VE	<b>19</b> Blue Swan	<b>20</b> VHF Sweepstks. SSB QSO Pty.
<b>21</b> SSB QSO Pty. VHF Sweepstks.	<b>22</b> ARES/RACES 7:30	<b>23</b> QCWA News 9 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Blue Swan CQ WW 160 CW	<b>27</b> Neptune Mtg CQ WW 160 CW
<b>28</b> CQ WW 160 CW	<b>29</b> KC2FRN RACES Net 7:30	<b>30</b> QCWA News 9 PM	<b>31</b>			



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