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NOVEMBER 2014

UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next GSARA meeting will be on **Wednesday**, **November 5 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. The program will feature our own John King, KA2F talking about early wireless experiments at Twin Lights before Marconi in 1899. Bring a guest and enjoy the light refreshments that will be available.

The second meeting in November will be held on **Wednesday**, **November 19 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. This will be a regular business meeting. Light refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.

GSARA NET 8:30 PM TUESDAYS

Did you know that there is a get-together of GSARA members on the Asbury Park repeater every Tuesday at 8:30 pm? In the five sessions from September 30 through October 28, we had 35 check-ins for an average of 7.0 per session. The following 14 members checked into this net at least once (number of check-ins in parenthesis):

N2HGI (5), W2OD (5), KC2YNL (5), KA2F (4), N2BMK (3), K2CYS (3), W2HTS (2), WA1PCY (2), K2EPD (1), N2JFL (1), K2QXW (1), KA2VXA (1), W2XYZ (1) and Hunter (1).

Mark you calendar so you remember to participate. The more participation, the more fun!

VE TEST SESSION NOVEMBER 22

The GSARA monthly test session will be held on Saturday, November 22 at 11 am at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. The fee is \$15 and you should bring the original and a copy of any amateur license presently held and the original and one copy of any credit (CSCE) forms that you have (copies will be sent in with your test results). Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a photo ID. For more information, contact Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or n3rb@arrl.net.

NJ QSO PARTY RESULTS

GSARA participated in the NJ QSO Party on October 4. A total of 154 QSOs were made by five GSARA operators: Len, WA1PCY (50 on 15m SSB), Ray, WA1FFI (3 on 40m SSB), Ned, KC2HCY (52 on 40m SSB); Bruce, K2QXW (8 on 40m CW); and John, KA2F (40 on 20m & 40m CW and 1 on 20m SSB).

Despite having to battle with California QSO Party operators (in CA and DXlands) this year's radio work and fun was quite a bit better than last year.

Two operators noted how the QSO PARTY was good training, fighting QRM, pulling out calling stations from the noise, getting repeats, etc. with the result of great personal satisfaction in handling Field Day-like situations. Contests are also great for emergency preparedness training. All noted how the NJ QSO PARTY was FUN.

The final score for GSARA is:

47 CW QSOs = 94 points 107 SSB QSOs = 107 points 100 BONUS points

Multipliers:

15 NJ counties contacted 24 states or provinces

4 DX stations

Total Score = 8,140

Congratulations to all club operators and thank you for participating in this club radio activity.

73, John, KA2F

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FRIDAY BLUE SWAN LUNCHEONS

A Number of local radio amateurs meet each Friday at the Blue Swan Diner on Highway 35 south in Ocean Township at noon. Anyone interested in amateur radio is welcome to join us in the sun room at the north end of the diner.

PATCHES

We have GSARA 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). Ray, WA1FFT will then send them on to ARRL 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://www.gardenstateara.org

Click on "The Propagator" and then select the month you want.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

I was pleasantly surprised and feel much honored to be named GSARA Amateur of the Year. I thank all of you for your support. What made the award especially significant was the fact that there are many members of GSARA who are as deserving if not more deserving of this award. At least a half dozen other members come immediately to mind and I hope that they receive this award in subsequent years. I've been asked why I work so for the GSARA and the answer is very simple – I really enjoy it! The secret to a happy life is to find what you enjoy doing and then do it with gusto. It works for me.

The Friday luncheons at the Blue Swan (see left paragraph) have been successful so far with 7 fascinating people showing up last Friday. This luncheon is open to anyone interested in amateur radio (not just GSARA and QCWA members). Feel free to join us any Friday that you can.

I think you'll find interesting the Public Service event in 1939 described by John, KA2F on pages 5 and 6. Two of the participants, W2HWX and W2FZY, were GSARA members in good standing in 1954 and Ed, W2FZY was GSARA President in 1951-52. Providing communications on HF CW was a far cry from our use of 2-meter FM today.

Thanks to a tip from Bruce, K2QXW, we have the fascinating story on page 7 featuring GSARA member Alan Sherman, W2NIR about to run his 33rd New York City Marathon. Hats off to Alan for all of his past accomplishments! I'm younger than he is but I wouldn't dream of trying to participate in such a strenuous activity even once.

It was good to see the degree of participation of GSARA members in the NJ QSO Party on October 4 (see p. 1). We did right well and I extend my thanks to those who participated.

It's also gratifying to see the support for HR-4969 in congress (see p. 8). In this area, we still need Frank Pallone's support. Is there anyone in his district that could help persuade him?

As always, I appreciate feedback or material for *The Propagator*. The deadline for the December issue is November 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1 MEETING

By Bruce McLeod, K2QXW, Treasurer

President John King, K2AF, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. There were 16 members and one guest present. The guest and featured speaker was Rich Krohn, N2SMV, Section Manager of the North New Jersey Section of the ARRL. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves and gave us an extemporaneous 30-second autobiography.

The meeting was dedicated to our speaker of the evening, but first came our raffles. The first raffle was for a G5RV antenna donated by Gene, K2KJI, and the major vendor at our September hamfest. The winner was drawn from a preloaded hat containing the names of the club members who worked the hamfest. And the winner was Bill Shockley, NJ2H. Thanks Bill, you and Carol made great pork roll and egg sandwiches at the hamfest. Gene also donated a digital multimeter and a multimeter manual. That second winner was drawn from the same hat and was won by Charlie Williams, KB2YTM. Lastly the 50/50 drawing (from a different hat of course) was won by Bruce McLeod, K2QXW.

The Program

Our good friend Rich Krohn, N2SMV, gave us a brief look at the lower branches of the ARRL family tree – namely the NNJ Section. He then moved into the communications facilities and strategies employed by ARES and RACES in Monmouth County and how they can be used with and without the presence of the internet. He described the various software packages including WinLink 2000, RMS Express, Winmor, and Telnet. There was a tremendous amount of information to absorb, and Rich directed us to either www.nnjares.org or www.arcscorps.org for more information. Rich freely gives his email address as N2SMV@arrl.net.

<u>Close</u>

The meeting was over at 8:40, but it was 9:00 when the last rag chewers decided to leave.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President John King, KA2F called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. There were

16 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Health and Welfare

Howard, W2HTS reported that Jack Connors, WA2ADQ of Shrewsbury died on October 4 at the age of 88. He was a 50 year member and exCaptain of the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad and Life Member of the Shrewsbury Fire Department. Memorial donations may be made in Jack's name to Shrewsbury First Aid Squad.

Bob, W2OD reported that the wife of Joe Bailis, K2AJG died on October 9.

Secretary's Report

Bob, W2OD read the minutes (prepared by Bruce, K2QXW) of the October 1 meeting. A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Hunter Suffill to accept the minutes as read and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bruce, K2QXW presented his report. A motion was made by Marty, N2BMK and seconded by George, K2EPD to accept the report and it passed unanimously.

Public Service

There are two Public Service events coming this weekend that need amateur communications. The Juvenile Diabetes walk in Avon on Sunday morning, October 19 seems to be covered sufficiently. The CROP walk in the afternoon of the 19th still needs a couple more operators. If you can help, contact Tom Cosgrove, N2VFK.

Old Business

The following motion was made by Marty, N2BMK and seconded by Bill, NJ2H:

- 1. That GSARA host a luncheon December 6, 2014 at 2:00 PM in Schneider's Restaurant, 801 Main St., Avon-by-the-Sea to celebrate Bob Buus, W2OD as GSARA Amateur of the Year 2014 and to gather GSARA members and family at a social setting.
- 2. The GSARA support the cost of a suitable plaque (not to exceed \$100) and luncheon costs for Bob and his wife (approx. \$50).
- 3. That GSARA cover costs of beverages and gratuities (approx. \$250).

The motion passed unanimously.

Thanks were extended to Charlie Williams, KB2YTM for checking out all of our mag mount mobile antennas and labeling each with its resonant frequency.

Charlie also set up a digital station in our radio room. He recommended that we buy a SignaLink USB interface for our Yaesu FT-450D. A motion was made by George, K2EPD and seconded by Blair, KD2EPA to purchase this interface and connecting cable from Cheap Ham for \$89. The motion passed unanimously.

VE Testing

Rich, N3RB was not at the meeting but he asked Bob, W2OD to ask about having someone designated to be responsible for a duplicate set of exams and answer sheets. Members thought that this might not be allowed by the ARRL VE. John, KA2F offered to check with the ARRL about the legality and feasibility of such a scheme. Subsequent to the meeting, John, KA2F was told by the ARRL that it was OK to do. Details will be worked out later.

It was also reported that there are sufficient VE volunteers to cover the October 25 VE session.

Nominations Committee Report

The only member of the nominating committee present was Bill, NJ2H and he indicated that the committee has no report at this time. He assured all that a report would be presented at the November 5 meeting and be ready for a vote at the November 19 meeting.

New Business

John, KA2F thought that the DX Lab logging program we now use in the radio room is too complicated for the occasional operator. He recommended instead the N3FJP logging program as much more user friendly. A motion was made by Howard, W2HTS and seconded by Charlie, KB2YTM to purchase the N3FJP program for \$25. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill, NJ2H has carefully thought about ways to improve the GSARA and to that end has come up with a series of motions to be brought up in future meetings. The purpose is to encourage more activity from club members, especially the new younger members. John, KA2F is aware of these proposals and is coordinating them with various comments from the members. This he plans to share with the members at some time in the future.

Announcements

The GSARA library is growing and we need a better place for the many books. John, KA2F asked if any members might have a stand-alone bookcase that could be used for this. Howard, W2HTS thought that the Red Cross might be able to help us with this.

<u>Close</u>

The door prize of \$16.00 was won by Alan, W2NIR. There being no further business, a motion was made by John, KA2F and seconded by Blair, KD2EPA to close the meeting which was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

JACK CONNERS, WA2ADQ - SK

John J. "Jack" Connors, WA2ADQ, a 61 year Shrewsbury resident, died Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Riverview Medical Center at the age of 88. Jack was born in Spring Lake to John J. and Lillian Connors. He was a longtime communicant of St. Anthony of Padua RC Church in Red Bank. He also was a 50 year member and ex-Captain of Shrewsbury First Aid Squad and Life Member of the Shrewsbury Fire Department. employed by Fort Monmouth and retired as Quality Assurance Director after over 30 years of He then worked for 25 years at service. Monmouth Race Track. Jack honorably served our country in the US Army and Navy during WWII and is the recipient of a Purple Heart. As an EMT Instructor Jack has impacted the lives of thousands of people.

He is predeceased by his parents. Jack is survived by beloved wife of 63 years, Jenny (Figaro) Connors, his sons; John J. Connors Jr. and his wife Elizabeth of Eatontown and Mark D. Connors and his wife Deborah of Jackson, 6 grandchildren; Michael, Kelly, Christopher, Sean, Lisa and Mackenzie, 5 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Wednesday October 8th from 3-7pm at the John E. Day Funeral Home, 85 Riverside Avenue, Red Bank. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, October 9th at St. Anthony of Padua RC Church, 121 Bridge Ave., Red Bank. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Middletown.

Memorial donations may be made in Jack's name to Shrewsbury First Aid Squad.

HAM RADIO SERVICE FIT FOR A KING

By John King KA2F

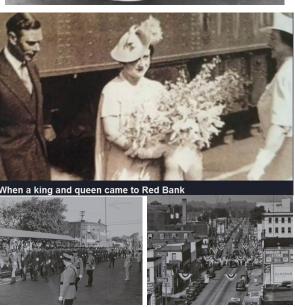
As we know, in the earliest days amateur radio operators received less than a welcoming reception from the general public and commercial and military radio concerns; we were "hams" and confined to the useless frequencies 160 meters and higher for our amateur dabbling.

All this changed rapidly once hams showed what great service amateur radio could provide. It was 1913 when all telephone and telegraph lines were destroyed and roads were impassable due to a slate of severe storms and flooding in Michigan and Ohio. People were isolated in their towns and cities until college students and hams began passing disaster messages to the outside world. ARRL was started the next year--the American Radio Relay League--promoting the service aspect of the amateur radio hobby. Field Day was first held in 1933 to encourage hams to test their emergency preparedness and in 1935 the ARRL Emergency Corps was begun, the forerunner of ARES, Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

Hams in the Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Association and the Monmouth County Radio Club (both clubs the forerunner of Garden State ARA) had been staging successful Field Day operations for some six years when a practical opportunity for Emergency Service presented itself in Red Bank, N.J. in June 1939.

Americans, ever fascinated by British royalty, were delighted to read of the month-long visit of the royal family to North America, first to Canada and then to the United States. Here in America King George VI and Oueen Elizabeth, the parents of the present Queen Elizabeth II, visited Washington, D.C. and then traveled by a special train to Red Bank, where they changed to automobiles for a ride to Sandy Hook; here a royal destroyer took them to New York City (for a World's Fair visit) and then to President Roosevelt's home in Hyde Park, N.Y. It is said that the U.S. phase of the visit was to introduce isolationist America to the British monarchs and to allow the President to speak privately with the British head-of-state to discuss eventual U.S. assistance once World War II broke out in Europe.





According to press reports, huge crowds, sometimes unmanageable, wanted to see the King and Queen in Washington. Red Bank and N.J. authorities realized local crowds would be just as thick so plans were set down to formally welcome the royal party at the Red Bank station and provide for the safety of them and the crowds of spectators there and on their route through town, down Rumson Road to Sea Bright and to Sandy Hook.





Now came the time for amateur radio to render its service. Five hams volunteered to handle communications: Robert Johnson Jr. W2AWL, Chester Sharp W2HWX, Richard Hammell W2FRC, Edwin Chinnock W2FZY and Bud Brager. Lacking VHF FM 2 meter radio and a repeater, it is likely they operated 40 meter CW for all were expert high speed operators.

"They worked under the supervision of Councilman Harold Allen and operated from the water works on Chestnut St. for the benefit of the fire and street departments. Their purpose was to deliver all messages and to tell of street conditions. Robert Johnson, Jr., supervised transmissions from Bradley's radio store. Other operators were Chester Sharp located at Branch Ave. and Harding Rd,; Richard Hammell located at Bradley's at the central transmitter; Edwin Chinnock located at Mount English Co. (Maple Ave. and Monmouth St.; "Bud" Brager located at the Chestnut St. plant. Their work with borough officials was greatly appreciated."

Notes

- -- A Brief History of Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Waretown Daily Times, August 27, 2014 cf. http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/2 0140827/COL21/140828967
- -- Red Bank Register, June 15, 1939

Additional comments from John, KA2F:

The Bradley's radio store referred to in the article was located on the corner of Newman Springs Rd. and Shrewsbury Ave. and in 1939 was expanded. This later became Monmouth Radio, known to all as an alternative for Atkinson and Smith's. Bradley and family lived above the shop or in its rear.

The King and Queen were polite as always and never mingled with their people. The church kids from Highlands were lined up along Ocean Ave. waving little American and Brit flags and prepared to sing to the royals. It had been rehearsed

for weeks. Unfortunately, King George VI knew nothing of it and may well have stammered "Ddddo Nnnnot Sssstop. Jjjust Kkkeep Gggoing." (Remember the film, the "King's Speech"?) The entourage blew the kids away as it sped up to the Army road at Ft. Hancock.

Ironic that it was under George III that the colonies revolted and now George VI is hailed by crowds.

The same thing took place inside Sandy Hook at the new memorial hastily erected to memorialize the 14 British seamen who died December 30-31, 1782 from exposure in a blizzard and were buried in a common grave near the memorial. Scouts and soldiers and civilians were on hand with a wreath for the King or Queen to lay at the monument where their ancestral sailors died in his majesty's service at the end of the revolution. All were disappointed. Perhaps it was lack of concern or caring; perhaps it was because the Queen could not wait to get aboard the destroyer to pee--too much tea can do that! The monument still stands.

HAM RADIO MOON ORBITER

The Manfred Memorial Moon Mission (4M) lunar flyby experiment, which will carry an Amateur Radio payload, was scheduled to launch from China on October 23 with lunar flyby to occur, nominally, on October 28. During the lunar flyby, the spacecraft will be about nearly 248,000 miles from Earth and between 7440 and 14,480 miles from the Moon.

The ham radio payload will transmit continuously on 145.990 MHz using JT65B mode, which can be decoded using a version of the free *WJST* software that Joe Taylor, K1JT, developed especially for this mission.

The launch was set for approximately 1759 UTC on October 23, and the lunar flyby will take place at 0033 UTC on October 28. 4M is expected to begin transmitting on October 23 around 1920 UTC. Ground stations in the Southern Hemisphere are best situated to listen for the spacecraft's first signals.

The onboard transmitter will put 1.5 W into a quarter-wave monopole antenna. Read more. -- Thanks to LUXspace, AMSAT-UK, AMSAT News Service

From The ARRL Letter, October 23, 2014

RUNNER ALAN SHERMAN, W2NIR

Did you know that GSARA member Alan Sherman, W2NIR is about to participate in his 34th New York City Marathon on November 2? Alan ran his first New York Marathon in 1979 and successfully completed 32 in a row by 2012 when Sandy hit and the Marathon was canceled that year. Not to be stopped by a little thing like Hurricane Sandy, Alan simply went over to the 400-meter track at Shore Regional High School and did 26.2 laps to mimic the distance of the marathon. And he did it at his "normal" 14-minute mile racewalk pace (for the past 12 years he has been race walking rather than running the marathon).

In 2013, Alan again started the NY Marathon but had to drop out about half-way through. He is now preparing for his 33rd successful race on November 2. We wish him the best! As he prepares for this marathon, Alan said, "My only hope is that we have a good tail wind and my physical stamina holds up. It's an amazing event when you consider that the guy on my right might be from Europe and the one on my left from Asia. It's truly an international event."

The New York Road Runners club honors the Marathon's most dedicated runners in their 15+ Club which is a group of 1018 runners from 24 countries who have completed at least 15 New York City Marathons. The top runner has completed 38 finishes. Two have 36 and 9 have 35. Alan will have 33 if he completes the November 2 Marathon which will put him in this very elite top group of runners. Congratulations to Alan for this notable achievement.

Alan has also successfully run in the Jersey Shore and Boston Marathons. While in Florida, he participates in half-marathons in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale.

Oh, I forgot to mention, Alan is 78 years old. How many of us younger than Alan would even consider running a marathon? How about running 33 of them? It boggles the mind!

PUBLIC SERVICE ON OCTOBER 19

The last two Public Service events which GSARA was asked to provide communications assistance were on Sunday, October 19.

The first event took place in the morning and was the Juvenile Diabetes Walk in Avon. Tom, N2VFK was net control and he was assisted by Andy, KA2VXA; Andy's daughter, Kiva; and Syd, KG2CM. The walk was completed in the morning.

The afternoon saw the CROP walk in the Red Bank area starting at 1400 local time. Net control for this event was John, KA2F. Rest stop 1 was covered by Syd, KG2CM who participated in both events. Rest stop 2 saw Dave Mutterer, KC2H and his wife Ann, KC2ROH. Rest stop 3 had Len, WA1PCY. Rest stop 4 was Bob, W2OD and Rest stop 5 was Bruce, K2QXW. The two sag vehicles were staffed by Tom, N2VFK and Andy, KA2VXA who also participated in both events.

The weather was nice (a bit cool and breezy) and all who participated had a good time.

RCA QSO PARTY NOVEMBER 1

The Radio Club of America semi-annual QSO party is on for the first Saturday in November. Come join the fun and contact other club hams and the club's station, W2RCA. The QSO party is open to all.

Date: Saturday, November 1, 2014 Time: 12:00 EDST - 24:00 EDST)

Suggested times and frequencies (+/- QRM):

EDST	Band (m)	Freq (kHz)
12:00 - 18:00	10 15 20	28357 21307 14267
18:00 - 21:00	40	7207
21:00 - 24:00	75	3867

RADIO ROOM OPEN SATURDAYS

The GSARA radio room in the back of the Red Cross is open most Saturday afternoons. Simply drive all the way around to the back, where the antennas are located, to the RED DOOR. Your have a choice of ways to gain entry (in order of preference):

- 1. Call W2GSA on the repeater 147.045
- 2. Call the telephone 732-493-9100 ext. 1252

- 3. Ring the doorbell (CW preferred)
- 4. Bang on the door until someone opens.

Have patience. Do not get discouraged and leave. It sometimes gets pretty busy and noisy in the radio room so keep trying.

HUDSON DIV. LUNCHEON NOV. 8

The ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon, will be held on November 8, 2014 from 12 noon to 4:00 pm at:

Towers on the Green 272-48 Grand Central Pkwy Floral Park, N.Y. 11005 (718) 279-1472 http://www.towersonthegreen.com/

Cost: \$50.00 per person

There will be many door prizes, and we will be auctioning off donations made courtesy of KJI Electronics, W2IHY, as well as others.

For more information and ticket order forms, go to the Hudson Division website at: http://hudson.arrl.org

Don't miss out on this wonderful event.

HR-4969 PARITY ACT UPDATE

This bill would ease antenna restrictions under restrictive covenants (CC&Rs). We have 47 cosponsors officially listed on the bill with commitments from additional Representatives who joined on after the Congress went into recess to put us at the 60 mark!

It is not too late to get involved. If your Congressional representative has endorsed the bill by joining as a co-sponsor, please email them a thank you for your support note. The cosponsors from NNJ are:

Chris Smith (NJ-4) Leonard Lance (NJ-7) Donald Payne (NJ-10) Rodney Frelinghuysen (NJ-11)

If your representative is not listed above, please send them an email asking them to cosponsor HR-4969. Use the format that can be found on the Hudson Division website.

TEN YEARS AGO

From the November 2004 Propagator: Jeff, N2LXM and Marty, WN2DX organized special event station K2USA at Ft. Monmouth on October 9 with about 12 GSARA participants. The included new Roster shows 68 members.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the November 1999 Propagator: Special event stations to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Marconi's successful operation from Twin Lights were on the air for most of October. OMARC operated N2MO with 819 contacts, GSARA operated W2GSA for over 530 contacts, GSARA also operated from Al Emer's (N2YAC-SK) sailboat in NY harbor as W2OD for 131 contacts. Finally, QCWA operated WA2GM for about 552 contacts. Thus, a total of over 2000 contacts were made by the various stations. Jean Shepherd, K2ORS became a silent key.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the November, 1994 Propagator: This double issue Propagator had 16 pages of news and information plus a 4-page roster showing 132 members. The Shore Area Hamfest at Brookdale College was very successful and profitable. We sold 72 indoor tables and 160 tailgate spaces. The 50-50 netted \$480 and 43 people were processed in the VE test session. The nominating committee could find no one willing to run for President or Treasurer. President Bob, W2OD offered to again run for President but someone else would have to take over the Propagator. At the October 19 meeting, Rich DiFiore, KB2NXA (SK) was nominated to run for President and Dave Worrell, N2IRO was nominated to run for Treasurer. Both accepted the nomination. Brad Dargue, KT2U (SK) and Bob Buus, W2OD set up W2GSA as a portable station at Quail Hill Scout Camp for JOTA. Many scouts got on 20 meters as well as 2 meters and talked to other scouts. written by Weblos Pack 155 was published on page 6. The FCC is considering vanity call signs and has proposed a \$70 fee for 10 years. The ARRL proposed a one-time fee of \$150 instead.

TWENTY-FIVE & THIRTY YEARS AGO

There was no Propagator for Nov. 1984 or 1989.

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see next page)

- Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. **W2UTR** on November 3. All times except November 1 are EST. Contests are listed in the November QST, p. 86.
- Oct. 28-November 4 W1AW/7 (Wyoming), W1AW/1 (Mass.) and W1AW/KP2 (Virgin Islands) from 8 pm Tuesday to 7 pm Tuesday.
- November 1 **Radio Club of America QSO Party,** SSB from noon to midnight. See p. 7 & http://www.radioclubofamerica.org
- Nov. 1-2 **ARRL Sweepstakes**, CW from 5 pm Sat. to 10 pm Sunday. See http://www.arrl.org/contests
- November 2 and every Sunday **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 5 pm on Marconi Road in Wall.
- November 3 Monmouth County ARES Net meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm
- November 4 **Old Barney VE Session** at 6:30 pm in Manahawkin. Contact Urb Le Jeune, W1UL at 609-296-5856 or urb@w2dec.com
- November 4 Old Barney ARC Meeting at 7:30 pm in Manahawkin, NJ. See http://www.obarc.org
- November 4 and every following Tuesday **GSARA Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 8:30 pm.
- November 4 and every following Tuesday **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 pm.
- November 4-November 11 **W1AW/7 (Washington), W1AW/0 (Kansas) and W1AW/KH8 (Samoa)** from 7 pm Tuesday to 7 pm Tuesday.
- November 5 W1AW Qualifying Run at 9 am (10-40 wpm). See www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule
- November 5 **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm. Program features KA2F about early wireless at Twin Lights.
- November 6 HCARC meeting at 7 pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.
- November 8 **OMARC Meeting** at 9:00 am at the Diana Site on Marconi Road in Wall. Guests welcome.
- November 8 **Hudson Division Luncheon** from noon to 4 pm. See p. 8 or http://hudson.arrl.org
- Nov. 8-10 CQ WE Contest, all modes from 2 pm Sat. to 1 am Mon. See http://www.cqwe.cboh.org
- November 10 -. Monmouth County RACES Net meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.
- Nov. 11-Nov. 18 **W1AW/1 (Rhode Island), W1AW/4 (Miss.) and W1AW/KH8 (Samoa)** from 7 pm Tuesday to 7 pm Tuesday.
- November 12 **Holiday City VE Session** at 7 pm in Toms River. Contact is Larry Puccio, K2QDY at 732-349-2950 or e-mail at lpuccio1@comcast.net
- Nov. 13 **JSARS meeting** in Riverwood Park Rec. Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive at 7:30 pm.
- Nov. 15-16 ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB from 4 pm Sat. to 10 pm Sunday. See http://www.arrl.org/contests
- November 17 Monmouth County ARES Net meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm
- Nov. 18-Nov. 25 W1AW/4 (Florida) and W1AW/5 (Arkansas) from 7 pm Tuesday to 7 pm Tuesday.
- November 19 **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Regular business meeting.
- Nov. 20 **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:00 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.
- November 22 **VE Test Session** at 11 am at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Contact Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or e-mail at n3rb@arrl.net
- November 24 -. Monmouth County RACES Net meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.
- Nov. 25-Dec. 2 W1AW/3 (Delaware), W1AW/5 (Louisiana) and W1AW/KP4 (Puerto Rico) from 7 pm Tues. to 7 pm Tues.
- November 26 **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 7 pm (10-40 wpm). See http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule
- November 27 Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Nov. 29-30 CQ WW CW Contest from 7 pm Friday to 6:59 pm Sunday. See http://www.cqww.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 RCA SSB QSO CW SS
CW SS InfoAge	3 W2UTR ARES/RACES 7:30	4 OBARC GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	5 GSARA Mtg.	6 Hol. City Mtg.	7 W2OKM	OMARC Mtg 8 KG2NV CQ WE Hudson Lunch
Q WE InfoAge	10 RACES Net 7:30 CW Qual. Run	11 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	12 Hol. City VE	JSARS Mtg.	14	SSB SS
16 KB2USF SSB SS InfoAge	17 ARES/RACES 7:30	18 K2EPD GSARA Net 8:30 OCWA News 9 PM	19 GSARA Mtg.	20 JSARS VE	21	22 GSARA VE 11am
23 InfoAge	24 RACES Net 7:30	25 KD2FOI KC2VIN GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	26 W2KQ CW Qual. Run	27 Thanksgiving	28	29 CQ WW CW
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