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# THE PROPAGATOR

**SEPTEMBER 2013**

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## UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next **GSARA meeting** will be on **Wednesday, September 4** at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross on West Park Avenue in Tinton Falls. The program will feature John King, KA2F who will share information he has gleaned about Bob Morris, SK, the original holder of W2GSA. As always, light refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

The second GSARA meeting for September will be held on **Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 PM** at the Red Cross. This will be a regular business meeting. As usual, light refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.

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## 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 four sessions since July 30, we have had 16 check-ins for an average of 4 per session. The following 7 members checked into this net at least once (number of check-ins in parenthesis):

N2HGI (4), W2OD (4), WA1PCY (3), KC2HCY (2), KA2F (1), W2KQ (1) and W2NIR (1).

Mark your calendar so you remember to participate. We need more participation to make this net successful!

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## GSARA HAMFEST SEPTEMBER 21

Mark your calendars now and plan to participate in our fall Hamfest on Saturday, September 21 at our usual site at MOESC at the corner of Tornillo Way and Shafto Road. KJI Electronics will be our major commercial vendor.

There will be food and drink available and a VE test session will be held at 10 am (see below).

Admission for buyers is just \$5 per person (XYL and children under 12 free) and there is plenty of parking. Tailgate spots for sellers are \$10 each plus \$5 admission and tables can be rented for \$10 each.

Join us for our best ARRL-sanctioned Hamfest yet. Be sure to stay for our Grand Prize drawing at Noon.

A donation bucket will be available for those wishing to make a cash donation to the Kristin Graulich (daughter of K2EPD) Fund for the Desmoid Tumor Foundation. The proceeds will be added to the club's donation. Additional information can be found at:

[www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/KristinGraulich/unningforanswers](http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/KristinGraulich/unningforanswers)

For parking space and table rental reservations contact John King, KA2F via email: [ka2fwb2hdj@gmail.com](mailto:ka2fwb2hdj@gmail.com) or telephone: 732-542-1822.

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## VE TEST SESSION SEPTEMBER 21

The GSARA monthly test session will be held on Saturday, September 21 at 10 am at the GSARA Hamfest. Note that this is a week later and an hour earlier than our usual test session on the second Saturday of each month. 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@aol.com](mailto:n3rb@aol.com).

## GSARA OFFICERS

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## DX MEETINGS UP IN THE AIR

The DX meetings on the last Monday of each month have become a bit sporadic due to lack of interest. If you would like to meet, please contact Joe, W2KQ to find if the meeting will take place and whether it will be at the Red Cross or at the Blue Swan Diner. The last Monday of September is on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## PATCHES

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

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## 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?

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## 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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## GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Normally, when I put The Propagator together each month I usually have about 11 or 12 pages of material and it is relatively easy to choose the most important to be included in the 10 pages (the 10 page limit is due to the fact that 5 sheets is just under the one-ounce weight limit). This month, I started with 16 pages so the cutting was drastic and ruthless! A lot of interesting articles (in my opinion) had to be dropped. Hopefully, some of them will fit in next month's issue.

I attended the Hudson Division cabinet meeting in Morristown on August 17 run by Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB. I meant to report on it at the August 21 meeting but was unable to attend. The report will wait until the September 18 business meeting and be published in the October Propagator.

Special thanks to John King, KA2F for putting W2GSA on the map for the NJ QSO Party (see p. 6). He also included some information about county hunting and some of the past efforts of Mike, K2CTJ – Mr. GSARA. John also dug up some historical information from the Red Bank Register which is printed on page 7. I found it quite interesting.

Thanks to Bruce, K2QXW who provided the link to some history of the Tuckerton station prior and during World War One (see p. 8).

The Hudson Division awards luncheon is up in Newburgh, NY on November 2, 2013 (see page 5)

If you are interested in obtaining a [gardenstateara.org](mailto:gardenstateara.org) email address which will give you webmail and POP3/SMTP access, please send an email to Josh at [kc2tkk@gardenstateara.org](mailto:kc2tkk@gardenstateara.org) with your First Name, Last Name, and Call Sign. Your email address [call\\_sign@gardenstateara.org](mailto:call_sign@gardenstateara.org) will be created and the login information sent back to the email address your request came from.

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

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

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## HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

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

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 7 MEETING

By **Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at the Red Cross Building. There were 15 members and one guest present. The guest was Art Gray, AL2O from Matawan. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves. Since this was a program meeting, the Secretary's report and Treasurer's report were not entertained.

### Silent Keys

A moment of silence was observed for two silent keys. They were Harvey Jacobs, WB2FFS from Bradley Beach who died on July 23 at the age of 92 and Bob Sears, W4WZR (ex WB2WZR) formerly from Cliffwood Beach who died August 3 at the age of 72.

### Correspondence

Two QSL cards were received from Field Day contacts. These were turned over to John, KA2F, who will respond.

### VE Test Session

Frank, W2XYZ asked for volunteer to help with the August 10 VE test session. Bob, W2OD volunteered.

### Hudson Division Cabinet Meeting

Hudson Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB is holding a cabinet meeting in Morristown on Saturday, August 17. Bob, W2OD volunteered to attend and anyone wishing to ride along with him is welcome.

### Program

A movie of the HK0NA 2012 DX-pedition to Malpelo Island (off the coast of Columbia) was shown. This is a difficult island to land on but several participants managed to set up antennas, generator and tents at the rugged peak and operate from there.

### Close

The 50-50 door prize of \$15 was won by John, KA2F. An antenna book donated by Vince, KE2V was won by Jim, WA2HPD but he declined to accept it. It was then won by Bob, W2OD on a second drawing. An ARRL Handbook donated by Vince, KE2V was won by Bruce, K2QXW who

declined. A second drawing was won by Tony, KA2ZSI but he also declined. The third drawing was won by Matt, W2AOJ who accepted the book. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ned, KC2HCY and seconded by Lorraine, KC2FDR. With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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## RAY MINICHELLO, W1BC - SK

Ray Minichiello, W1BC, passed away on August 15th, 2013 at the age of 96.

Ray was an active amateur since 1933, and served as Chairman of the Marconi Foundation, USA, Inc. and the US National Marconi Museum in Bedford, NH.

Previously, from 1940 to 1970 (except for WWII active duty), Ray worked with General Electric Company retiring as Manager of Product Planning of the Communication Products Division at Lynchburg, VA. Ray joined GE at Schenectady, NY in 1940, first in the Aircraft Department and later following his WWII active duty, joined the Aviation and Ordnance Department in 1945 as Project Engineer responsible for the assembly and launching of captured German V-2 Rockets at White Sands Proving Grounds, NM. At the conclusion of the V-2 program in 1954, Ray joined the GE Communications Division as District Engineer then as New England Manager. Ray later returned to Lynchburg to assume the role of Manager, Product Planning of Two-Way Radio and Microwave communications equipment.

A few awards received by Ray include the General Electric Company "President Philip D. Reed Award", the Batcher Memorial Award from the Radio Club of America and the Marconi Gold Medal of Achievement Award from the Veterans Wireless Operators Association.

Ray is a Registered Professional Engineer, first in Massachusetts then New Hampshire in 1960 and 1961 respectively.

Ray has been a member of Marconi Chapter 138 of the QCWA for many years and served on the National QCWA Board of Directors from 2002 to 2004.

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 21 MEETING

By Bruce McLeod, K2QXW, Treasurer

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM at the Red Cross. There were 16 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made and seconded to accept the secretary's report from the last meeting as published in the September Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Bruce, K2QXW. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

### Hamfest

The GSARA Fall Hamfest will be on Saturday, September 21 at our usual site at MOESC at the corner of Tornillo Way and Shafto Road. We fully expect that KJI Electronics will be our major vendor. John King, KA2F, has once again agreed to chair the event. The September VE testing has been moved from the second Saturday to the third Saturday to coincide with the Hamfest. Frank has created a flyer and will be making it available in bulk to all of the usual places. Rem, K2REM, said he would email the flyer to his model train business mailing list. The membership authorized the amount of \$300 to be expended in support of the event.

### Desmoid Tumor Charity

Jessica, the 22-year old daughter of one of our members George Graulich, K2EDP, has been fighting a rare condition known as a Desmoid Tumor. On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a fund raising event in Philadelphia called, "Running For Answers." George and his daughter will be participating in this 5k run in an effort to raise money for the Desmoid Tumor Research Foundation. We as a club agreed whole heartedly (unanimously) to support George thru this fund raising effort. It was moved and carried to donate \$500 to the cause, and to make the contribution as part of the proceeds of the coming hamfest. Additional information about the run can be found on <http://www.runningforanswers.com/>. That

website also carries links to the Foundation as well as links describing the malady. At our hamfest we will also have a donation facility available for our fellow amateurs. Ray Irwin, WA1FFT, will arrange for a large poster board for this activity.

### VE Testing

On August 17<sup>th</sup> our VE testing accommodated five applicants all of whom past their tests and advanced appropriately. Rich Bilon, N3RB, has volunteered to be the new VE testing coordinator for GSARA.

### Announcements

Since the club's repeater has been sickly of late, Frank and Howard did some troubleshooting at the site recently and determined what had to be replaced in order to bring the repeater up to full capacity. Steps will be taken soon to get things operating smoothly again.

Frank has been negotiating with the Red Cross getting permission for us to install some motion sensitive lighting in the area between the shack and the building rear entrance. That project is currently a go. As for the back door itself, we have been advised by the Red Cross to cease propping the door open for the convenience of our members. We now must call, ring, holler, etc. in order to gain entrance.

The Twin Lights Bike Tour needs about five more radio volunteers to help out on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Tom Cosgrove, N2VFK,

The nominating committee has been created – Joe Dreifuss, W2KQ, chairman, along with Marty Torbert, N2BMK, and John King, KA2F.

John King, KA2F, spent hours in the shack for the August 17<sup>th</sup> QSO Party. John says that everyone in attendance had a really good time, but that he would like to have seen more of our members participating.

John has been researching the person of Lt. Robert Morris, the now deceased, former owner of our call letters, W2GSA. He hopes to give us a presentation at our first meeting in September.

### Close

The door prize of \$15 was won by Laura Clanton, N2HGI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

## **MIKE RUGGIERO, W2NVR - SK**

Dr. Michael Bartholomew Ruggiero, W2NVR of the Homestead section of Columbus, NJ for the past 12 years, passed away at the age of 93 on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013 at home. Born and raised in Newark, NJ, he previously lived in Long Branch. Mike was predeceased by his parents, Peter and Florence Ruggiero; his first wife, Rose (Russo) Ruggiero; a brother, Raymond Ruggiero and a sister, Barbara Langella. He is survived by his wife, Ann (Miller) Ruggiero; two sons, Peter Ruggiero and wife Cindy of Long Valley, NJ and Michael Ruggiero and wife Myriam of Eatontown, NJ; a stepson, Scott Cammerano and wife Suzanne of New Egypt, NJ; a stepdaughter, Suzanne Cammerano of Lambertville, NJ; two sisters, Teddi Freda of Westfield, NJ and Dolores Terhune of Las Vegas, NV; ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mike obtained his amateur radio license in 1941. Immediately subsequent to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he joined the Army and served as a Lieutenant in a Tank Battalion in active combat in the North African and Italian Campaigns. At war's end, he was employed by American Airlines for five years installing and flight testing state of the art air guidance and communications systems. In 1950, he was recalled into active military service during the Korean War as a Signal Officer with the 24th Infantry Division. During that war, he was decorated with a Bronze Star for valor, courage under fire and exceptional leadership. Remaining in service he had a number of world-wide prestigious tours of duty with the Army, at sea with the Navy, NATO in Italy, NORAD during the Cuban crisis and as Signal Officer on the Allied Staff in Berlin, Germany. He was also selected by the Department of the Army to attend the prestigious Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His last military assignment prior to retirement from the Army was as Commander of Signal Group Mediterranean consisting of a thousand men, scattered in sub-commands in Italy, Ethiopia, Turkey and Iran.

Retiring in 1967 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he resumed his academic studies and acquired his Master's Degree from Pepperdine University in California and his Doctorate at

Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Associated as a senior level manager with the Department of the Army for fifteen years, Dr. Ruggiero was Project Manager for the installation of American military command and control and communications installations throughout the world. Retiring a second time, he served as a Professor at Monmouth University instructing advanced degree students modern project management techniques. Concurrently, he established and served as President of MBR Associates, a consulting organization dealing primarily with large industrial firms in the USA. Dr. Ruggiero was a FFA licensed Commercial Pilot and Flight Instructor, giving flying lessons for twenty plus years, to male and female students, a number of them who became National and International Airline pilots.

Mike was also deeply involved in Amateur Radio activities since 1941, speaking to other "hams" throughout the world. He was a former member of GSARA, a Charter member of QCWA Marconi Chapter 138 and served as President of Chapter 138 in 1991 and 1992. After he moved to Columbus, NJ, he became active with the Delaware Valley QCWA Chapter 5 and served as President of that Chapter for several years. His life was interesting, indeed!

Funeral services for Dr. Ruggiero were held on August 19 with burial with military honors to follow at the BGWCD Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown. Due to cemetery restrictions, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dr. Ruggiero's memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)) or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)).

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### **HUDSON DIVISION 2013 LUNCHEON**

The Hudson Division Awards Luncheon will be held in Newburgh, NY of Saturday, November 2, 2013 from noon to 4 PM. The forms for ticket and ad sales are now available on the Division website (<http://www.hudson.arrl.org>). Tickets are \$35 per person.

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Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

## NJ QSO PARTY & MR. GSARA

By John King, KA2F

The recent NJ QSO party, the weekend of July 27-28, 2013, was an opportunity for hams worldwide to work operators in one or more of New Jersey's counties. Garden State ARA called "CQ NJ QP de W2GSA" on phone and cw logging 84 contacts on 20 and 40 meters, 5 NJ counties, 32 states and 6 DX countries, in 7 hours of operation. A score of 3,344 was submitted to the hosting club in Burlington county.

Many of the NJ and out-of-state hams were operating mobile, most were county hunters themselves, and a handful were casual operators just wanting to help out W2GSA. Unfortunately, not a single GSARA member was logged.

County Hunting--contacting (and QSLing) as many United States counties as possible--is one of the many varied activities hams can pursue on the HF bands, using CW, SSB, and Digital modes. Check out [www.countyhunter.com](http://www.countyhunter.com) for lots of information on county hunter nets, operating frequencies, and awards. Try listening on 14.056.5 CW or 14.336 SSB just about any time day or night to get a feel for the challenging possibilities of County Hunting (CH on cw).

Garden State ARA had a member who was one of the most persistent, energetic and successful county hunters in all the U.S. This was K2CTJ Mike Begala, now SK. It took Mike more than 30 years, but finally December 12, 1988 he received CQ Magazine's Worked All Counties award #597, having worked and QSLed all 3,077 United States counties. This is equivalent to ARRL's DX Honor Roll for having worked all 340 DX "entities." New Jersey has 21 counties; Rhode Island and Delaware have the fewest with 3; Texas has the largest number with 254. Louisiana has no counties but instead has equivalents in 64 "parishes."

Mike Begala only operated phone, both FM and SSB, and liked to use "California Tomato Juice" after "Kilo Two" on the air with his Heathkit station, SB-101 and SB-220 into a backyard 50 foot tower and a Mosley tri-bander. Mike came to Ft. Monmouth, living in Fair Haven, in 1951 and retired 28 years later, having worked as an engineering-aide in radio and electronics. He helped found GSARA twice: first in 1950 at the

beginning and later, after the club was inactive for some half dozen years in the later 1960s, when in 1970 he helped as secretary for the re-organization group. (cf. *Red Bank Register* June 15, 1970). Begala worked tirelessly to keep Garden State from ever going inactive again. He served as President in 1989, V-P, Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Engineer, and Trustee, having volunteered to serve in any position, on any committee, on any radio activity, in any office whenever there was a problem getting any member to serve. When the club was homeless, he used his influence in Fair Haven to secure Bicentennial Hall as a twice monthly meeting place for many years. He made the best coffee for every meeting.

Mike Begala was known by great numbers of his friends as "Mr. GSARA." K2CTJ's key went silent at home May 27, 1995. RIP

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## VANITY FEE GOES UP AUGUST 23

The new FCC regulatory fee of \$16.10 to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will go into effect Friday, August 23, when the new regulatory fee schedule will appear in the *Federal Register*. Earlier this year the FCC had proposed upping the vanity call sign fee from its current \$15 to \$15.20, but in the *Report and Order* in MD Docket 13-140, released August 12, the Commission offered no explanation for the higher fee.

In another change, starting in FY 2014, the FCC will require that all regulatory fee payments be made electronically.

The *R&O* ordered a broad schedule of new fees and waived the usual 30-day waiting period following *Federal Register* publication, because it feared there would not be time for FY 2013 fees to become effective before the start of the new federal fiscal year on October 1.

The FCC says it expects \$230,230 in revenue to cover the costs of administering the vanity call sign program. It anticipates 14,300 vanity call sign applications.

From *The ARRL Letter*, August 22, 2013

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A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

## EARLY GSARA HISTORY

By John King, KA2F

Searching the Red Bank Register I found info regarding GSARA history which may prove useful in filling in the years when the web page lists no Presidents, 1962-1969, and 1972.

### March 7, 1960:

Thirty-four persons enrolled in radio theory, practice, and Morse code classes.

The newsletter was called "The Scope" and was edited by Mike Begala and Joe Eschelbach. A club dinner was set for March 25 in the Little Silver Fire House.

### June 8, 1965:

David Nolan a Red Bank Catholic HS senior was Secretary of GSARA and was going to Marquette U in the fall.

### September 24, 1964:

GSARA member Lou Aikins, W2VJH is featured in a brief article relating to Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA.

### August 22, 1963:

Hartwell K. Webber, WB2BSC is noted as GSARA President in an article about GSARA's radio week at the Lollipop Theatre in the Monmouth Shopping Center.

This year GSARA hosted the annual NJ QSO Party.

Members mentioned:

Joe Eschelbach, WA2GQZ  
Bob Brandt, W2CQB  
Bill Legg, W2IPJ  
Tony Colaguori, W2GUM (300 DX contacts QSLed)  
Ed Chinnock, W2FZY (300 DX contacts QSLed)  
Joe Clark, WA2RIB  
Don Patterson, WB2FBC  
Jack Swanson, WA2VMN  
Tom Nebue, WA2MNU  
Art Eschelbach, WA2GQI

### December 10, 1963:

Hartwell Webber, President is. from Shrewsbury

Irvin Gordon, W2MPT is Chief Engineer from New Shrewsbury

Headquarters was in the Red Cross.

A club project was noted of building a 144, 220, and 432 radio on one chassis.

### August 18, 1964:

GSARA held its annual Amateur Radio Week event in the Monmouth Shopping Center theatre from 7:30 to 11 PM with exhibits, message handling, and ham gear auction. Q/A was invited from the public.

### July 9, 1962:

Code and theory classes start at the Red Cross on July 17. Art Eschelbach and Thomas Nebue are in charge. Hours are 8-9 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### June 15, 1970:

Ham Radio unit is going to reorganize. GSARA was established after WW II was disbanded a few years ago. Now it is being reorganized in a meeting June 16, 1970 at the Red Cross on Rte 35 with Mike Begala, K2CTJ as secretary of the planning group.

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### TOM CHRISTIAN, VP6TC/VR6TC - SK

Tom Christian, VP6RC/VR6TC, a long-time radio amateur who became known as "the Voice of Pitcairn," died July 7 on the tiny South Pacific Island that was his lifelong home. He was 78 and a descendent of Fletcher Christian of "Mutiny on the *Bounty*" fame.

In 2009 he was diagnosed with possible Alzheimer's disease. According to his wife Betty, VP6YL/VR6YL, his health "deteriorated all too quickly," and the last few months were, in her words, "cruel ones to watch such a strong, vibrant man reduced to where he was not really aware of his surroundings."

Tom was first licensed in 1957. Over the years, he and Betty kept in routine radio contact with their ham radio friends overseas as well as with two of their daughters who are hams. He was buried July 8 in the cemetery on Pitcairn. Read [more](#). -- Thanks to [The Daily DX](#), [NNIN](#), [KI5DR](#) and [OH2BR](#)

From *The ARRL Letter*, August 1, 2013

## OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC

The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved these operations for DXCC credit:

4S7NZG -- Sri Lanka (renewal), 2013 operation  
XW4XR -- Laos, current operation  
Z8ØID -- South Sudan, special July 9, 2013, operation for Independence Day celebration  
9M4SLL -- Spratly Islands, 2012-2013 operations  
9Q6CC -- Democratic People's Republic of the Congo, 2010-2011 operation  
XWØYJY -- Laos, 2013 operation  
9XØEME -- Rwanda, 2013 operation  
6OØLA -- Somalia, 2013 operation  
T6JM -- Afghanistan, 2012 operation  
XW2CW -- Laos, 2012 operation  
T5TC -- Somalia, 2013 operation.

If a request for DXCC credit for any of these operations has been rejected in a prior application, contact ARRL Awards Branch Manager [Bill Moore](#), NC1L, to be placed on the list for an update to your record. Please note the submission date and/or reference number of your application in order to expedite the search for any rejected contacts. -- *ARRL Awards Branch Manager Bill Moore, NC1L*

From *The ARRL Letter*, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8, 2013

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## HISTORY OF TUCKERTON STATION

Bruce, K2QXW found the following link giving some interesting history of the Tuckerton Station in Little Egg Harbor:

<http://thesandpaper.villagesoup.com/p/what-on-earth-is-that-huge-block/1040007>

After you've read about this huge tower in the August 8 article, click on the August 15 article listed on the right to read about the messages received from Germany and, after that article, there is an August 22 article about how the Tuckerton station was a pawn during the early years of WW I. Interesting reading!

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## TEN YEARS AGO

From the September 2003 Propagator: GSARA was preparing to move our monthly meeting place from Bicentennial Hall to the MARS station at Ft. Monmouth. The September meeting will be the last one at Bicentennial Hall in Fair Haven. Broadband over Power Line (BPL)

was a big issue and the ARRL filed reply comments to the FCC's Notice of Inquiry. ARES responded well to the August 14 blackout that affected several eastern states.

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## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the September 1998 Propagator: GSARA ran a Lighthouse Special Event station at Twin Lights on August 22 and 23. We made 692 contacts. The event included a barbeque picnic prepared by Nena, N2WAY-SK. The GSARA Hamfest is coming up on September 20 at Veteran's Park in Hazlet. Gary Palamara, KB2YTN -SK had an interesting 1 ½-page article about license restructuring and about the role the late Barry Goldwater, K7UGA-SK played regarding amateur radio.

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## TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the September 1993 Propagator: New member Steve Hajducek, N2CKH reported that the ATV repeater at Brookdale College should be on the air soon. Roy Edwards, KB2LUO played a tape called "The Last Voice from Kuwait" at the July 7 meeting. Andrea Copp, N2LAL was in the hospital for kidney stones but is now home and recovering. An ARES honor roll was published listing (among others) Roy, KB2LUO; Don, KB2CMF; Kevin, KB2OXR; Bob, W2OD; Bruce, K2QXW; John, K2EOB; Joe, WA2GSY; Richard, N2SMV; Robert, WB2KNS; Jeff, N2LXM; and Frank, KA2DRV. Legislation was passed that authorizes the FCC to issue vanity call signs at a cost of \$7 per year. It will probably take a year or more before it can be implemented.

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## TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From the September 1988 Propagator: The final total Field Day score was 2130. We made 207 CW contacts and 251 on phone. The FCC took final action on the 216-225 MHz band granting maritime mobile to 216-220 MHz, land mobile to 220-222 MHz and exclusive amateur service from 222-225 MHz (amateurs previously had 220-225). John King, KA2F offered his VIC-20 computer and VIC 1525 Printer for sale. Vince, KE2V was coordinating GSARA volunteers to provide communications for the Sandy Hook Sport Triathlon in September.

## NOTES ON CALENDAR (see next page)

Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. **N2WLH** on September 7. All times are EDST. Contests are listed in the September QST, p. 73.

September 1 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 5 pm on Marconi Road in Wall.

September 2 – **Labor Day Holiday** – No ARES Net.

September 3 – **Old Barney VE Session** at 6:30 pm in Manahawkin. Contact Urb Le Jeune, W2DEC at 609-296-5856 or [urb@w2dec.com](mailto:urb@w2dec.com)

September 3 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting** at 7:30 pm in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

September 3 and every following Tuesday – **GSARA Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 8:30 pm.

September 3 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 pm.

September 4 – **GSARA Meeting** AT 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. Program features John, KA2F talking about Bob Morris, the original holder of W2GSA.

September 5 - **HCARC meeting** at 7 pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

September 6 - **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-35 wpm). See [www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule](http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule)

Sept. 7-8 – **QCWA QSO Party** all modes from 2 pm Sat. to 2 pm Sunday. See <http://www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm>

September 7 – **North American Sprint**, CW from 8 pm to midnight. See <http://www.ncjweb.com>

September 9 -. **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

September 11 – **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](mailto:lpuccio1@comcast.net)

September 12 – **JSARS meeting** in Riverwood Park Rec. Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive at 7:30 pm.

September 14 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 am at the Diana Site on Marconi Road in Wall. Guests are welcome.

Sept. 14-15 – **ARRL VHF Contest**, all modes from 2 pm Sat. to 10:59 pm Sun. See <http://www.arrl.org/contests>

September 14 – **North American Sprint**, SSB from 8 pm to midnight. See <http://www.ncjweb.com>

September 16 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

September 18 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. Regular business meeting.

September 18 – **WIAW Qualifying Run** at 7 pm (10-35 wpm). See <http://www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule>

September 19 – **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](mailto:wa2nda@comcast.net).

September 21 – **GSARA Hamfest**, Sellers 7 am, buyers 8 am. See <http://www.gardenstateara.org>

September 21 – **VE Test Session** at 10 am at the Hamfest in Tinton Falls. Contact Rich Bilon, N3RB at 732-972-1397 or e-mail at [n3rb@aol.com](mailto:n3rb@aol.com)

September 23 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm

Sept. 27-29 – **CQ WW RTTY Contest** from 8 pm Fri. to 7:59 pm Sunday. See <http://www.cqwwrtty.com>

September 30 -. **Monmouth County RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 7:30 pm.

September 30 – **DX Interest Group**, Check with Joe, W2KQ as to time and place. See page 2.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>Labor Day</b>	3 OBARC GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	4 GSARA Mtg.	5 Hol. City Mtg.	6 CW Qual. Run	7 N2WLH QCWA QSO N.A. Sprint CW
8 QCWA QSO InfoAge	9 RACES Net 7:30	10 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	11 Hol. City VE	12 JSARS Mtg.	13 KD2CQT	14 OMARC Mtg VHF Contest N.A. Sprint SSB
15 VHF Contest InfoAge	16 ARES/RACES 7:30	17 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	18 CW Qual. Run GSARA Mtg.	19 N2UUS JSARS VE	20	21 GSARA Hamfest GSARA VE 10am
22 InfoAge	23 ARES/RACES 7:30	24 GSARA Net 8:30 QCWA News 9 PM	25	26	27 KC2Q CW WW RTTY	28 KC2FDR CW WW RTTY
29 CW WW RTTY InfoAge	30 N2VFK RACES Net 7:30					



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