



THE PROPAGATOR

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NEXT MEETING MARCH 7

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, March 7** at **8:00 PM** at the MARS building in Fort Monmouth. Come early to enjoy the refreshments. We look forward to seeing YOU at the meeting!

Also, dues for 2007 are now past due and will be gratefully accepted. Check the mailing label on the back page to see if you have paid yet. If your 2007 dues not paid by mid-March, you will not receive any future copies of *The Propagator*.

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.

FREE HAM RADIO GOODIES

CUSHCRAFT BEAM A3S 10-15-20 Meters with rotor in good condition - **FREE** – but must remove from roof of my house.

HOME BREW 900 WATT LINEAR Amplifier - Pair of 813's – Runs on 117 volt line input, 50-100 Watts RF input. 75, 40, 20, 17, 15 Meters. Works well - **FREE** – But must remove from house - In 5 Foot high relay rack with large casters so can roll across floor, but heavy.

Bob McLaughlin, K2SAU
Middletown, 732-671-9128

GSARA CALENDAR

http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa/calendr.htm

REVISED BAND CHART AVAILABLE

A new ARRL band chart reflecting all recent changes to the FCC Amateur Radio Service rules as of February 23, 2007, now is available for downloading on the ARRL Web site in either black and white or color versions <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html>>. Created by ARRL Senior Technical Illustrator, Dave Pingree, N1NAS, the attractive new chart represents a major change from earlier designs. This is the same chart featured in the eight-page "Welcome" tear-out section in March QST (following page 48). The entire QST tearout also is available for downloading in PDF format <<http://www.arrl.org/HFWelcome/Welcome.pdf>>.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 08, February 23, 2007

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 Poole Avenue. Many also meet for lunch at noon on Saturdays on Highway 35 at either Wendy's (just south of Sears) or Burger King (south of King's Highway) in Middletown. Check the Middletown repeater on Saturday morning to verify which location.

GSARA HOMEPAGE

http://home.comcast.net/~gsara_w2gsa

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

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

EDITOR'S NOTES

Sadly, we set a new record this month for the most obituaries of licensed amateurs in one month. Vic Colaguori, W2VC was the brother of Tony, W2GUM and both were past members of GSARA. So also was Marv, W2PAT who recently lost his wife. Please remember these people who have contributed so much to our hobby.

The total elimination of the Morse code requirement for any class of amateur license is now effective. The ARRL seems to think that it will swell the ranks of amateurs on HF (see story on page 7). I'm not so sure. If the Techs want to operate HF SSB, their only band available is 10 meters and that is not a very good bet at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. The better bands have some CW spectrum available for Techs but I wonder how many will use it. I recently gave a talk on digital modes (primarily using a computer and sound card) and pointed out that there are CW programs available that allow a no-code Tech to operate CW without knowing the code (they'd probably learn it by osmosis after operating for a while) and there didn't seem to be much interest among the newcomers. For some reason, the League is not promoting this and I don't know why. Time will tell.

The other thing that puzzles me is why PSK31 is not allowed wherever CW is allowed. It is about the same bandwidth as CW (less than 100 Hz) so I would think that it would be compatible with that mode. Of course, some CW operators would not welcome the additional QRM although I would think that a good notch filter could take out the warble as well as it could take out an interfering CW signal. Maybe someday the band allocations will be based on bandwidth rather than mode. It would make sense to me.

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 April issue is March 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at Fort Monmouth by President Jeff Harshman, N2LXM, at 8:02 PM. After the Pledge to the Flag, all members present introduced themselves. There were 15 members present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ made a report for January. A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Margo Struening to accept the report. The report was unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Howard, W2HTS to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the February Propagator. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Silent Key

Past member Marv Bernstein, W2PAT lost his wife, Sunny on January 29. It was suggested that GSARA send a card of condolence to Marv. Secretary Bob, W2OD agreed to do that.

New Business

A group from north Jersey is planning on operating from Twin Lights but the hourly rate is quite high. GSARA was asked if we would be interested in sharing the operation with them and help with the expense. A motion was made and seconded not to incur this expense. The motion passed unanimously.

Field Day

The plan for Field Day is to have a setup similar to last year operating as 1A. We would like more operators so we could support continuous operation. Our goal this year will be to strive for more participation.

Public Service

Tom, N2VFK announced that the MS Bike Tour to Cape May will be on May 19-20. As last year, it will start at Monmouth University with rest stops in this area at 7 Presidents Park and Belmar Pavilion. We are looking for volunteers, especially those willing to ride in a vehicle.

The New Jersey Marathon is looking for radio operators. If interested, see Tom, N2VFK.

Announcements

The Fort Monmouth visitor center (which issues Ft. Monmouth passes) is reducing its hours and will only be open weekdays from 0700 to 1600. You are advised to get there before 1500 if renewing your pass.

Saturday, February 10 is the FISTS CW Sprint.

The FCC Report and Order that eliminates the Morse code requirement for all classes of amateur license will become effective Friday, February 23.

Lighthouse weekend in August 18-19 and OMARC is planning on operating from Sandy Hook.

Bob, K2SAU is moving soon and has a linear amplifier and tri-band beam he is willing to give away. A picture of the well-built linear was circulated at the meeting.

There are 4 students taking the amateur radio class on the Post.

OMARC is sponsoring another tailgate fest for Saturday, April 21. Then on April 28, they plan to participate in International Marconi Day. More operators are always appreciated.

The Middletown VE session in February is canceled because Rich's wife is in the hospital.

OMARC will be conducting code classes starting in March.

Monmouth County RACES has applied for the call sign K2MON.

Demonstrations

Bill Ryan, WA2DND demonstrated how to place an RJ-45 modular connector on a section of 4-pair CAT-5 cable. It is a bit tricky to get all of the conductors lined up properly before crimping on the connector.

Jeff, N2LXM demonstrated a very nice looking straight key that he built from scrap parts keeping his total cost to 99 cents.

Jeff also had some pictures of the Diana site taken many years ago when the German dish antenna was there. These were taken by Joe Miller's dad.

Closing

A drawing was held for the main door prize which was won by Tom, N2VFK.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lorraine, KC2FDR and seconded by Joe, W2KQ to close the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9:18 PM.

FCC DENIES CREDIT FOR HAM

The FCC has told a California radio amateur that it will not waive a commercial license application rule on the basis of his Amateur Radio Morse code qualifications. Last April, Robert E. Griffin, K6YR, of San Luis Obispo, applied for an FCC First Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate -- known as a T1 license -- requesting a waiver of §13.201(b)(1)(iv). That rule says T1 applicants must have a year's experience "sending and receiving public correspondence by radiotelegraph at a public coast station, a ship station, or both." Griffin, who's ARRL Santa Barbara Section Manager and transmits the West Coast Qualifying Run on approximately 3.590 MHz, argued that the FCC should waive the rule because it's nearly impossible in an era of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) to acquire the requisite experience and that the rule presented "an unreasonable hardship and a burdensome requirement." He sought credit on the basis of his military and Amateur Radio radiotelegraph experience, including participation in the Military Affiliate Radio System, in lieu of experience at a public coast station or ship station.

In a letter February 22, the FCC said Griffin failed to demonstrate that the rule in question was "inequitable or burdensome" insofar as all T1 applicants face the same requirement, and it denied Griffin's request. "A request for relief from the existing requirement of §13.201(b)(1)(iv) would better be addressed in a rule making proceeding, rather than through the waiver process," the FCC allowed.

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VICTOR J. COLAGUORI, W2VC – SK

Vic Colaguori, 87, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., formerly of Oakhurst, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 21, at his home, with his family by his side. He was born Aug. 31, 1919, in Long Branch and resided in Oakhurst before moving to the Palm Beaches. Mr. Colaguori was an electronic engineer at the U.S. Army Signal Corps Research & Development Laboratory, Fort Monmouth. He was an avid radio amateur with the call letters "W2VC." During World War II, as a civilian on special assignment, he went with the invasion forces across the English Channel setting up a radio relay system that kept General Dwight Eisenhower in direct communication with his battlefield commanders. For his achievement, Mr. Colaguori was awarded a Bronze Star.

Mr. Colaguori is survived by his wife of 62 years, Virginia Colaguori; three daughters, Anne Gerde, Vickie Bender, and Nancy Colaguori; two granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; three brothers, Anthony Colaguori, Albert Colaguori, and Francis Colaguori, all of Long Branch; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A commemorative service will be held in New Jersey at a date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Colaguori may be made to Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, 1901 S. Congress Ave., Suite 420, Boynton Beach, FL 33426.

EUGENE J. CAROLA, KV2J - SK

Gene Carola, 84, of Colts Neck, died Friday, Jan. 26, at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, after a valiant fight against congestive heart failure. Gene was a talented, gentle man who thoroughly enjoyed life. He had a smile and kind words for everyone. He was a retiree from Telcordia who never had enough hours in the day to fit in all his interests-trumpet, woodworking, photography, computers, mathematics, technical reading, art, Sudoku and exercise. Gene was a charter member of the Colts Neck Community Band, a past treasurer of the Colts Neck Senior Citizens, Inc., the official photographer for the Monmouth Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America and a licensed amateur radio operator with the call KV2J.

He is survived by his wife, BJ Carola; his sister-in-law, Helena Schmitt; and his children from a previous marriage, Robert, Lynn, and Debra.

Donations in Gene's memory may be made to the Colts Neck Community Band, c/o Lyn Lewis, 10 White Oak Drive, Colts Neck, NJ 07722, or to Gallaudet University-Development Office, Class of 1971 Scholarship Fund, 800 Florida Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002. Please ask Gallaudet to send acknowledgments to BJ Carola and Helena Schmitt.

KEN HOPPER, KD7KH - SK

Mr. Hopper was born at Newark, New Jersey in 1925 and was raised in the Lower Merion Township, Pennsylvania area.

He was with the Bell Telephone System for 44 years, employed by The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, Western Electric Company, Bell Telephone Laboratories, and Bell Communications Research. He retired from the latter company in 1991. He was named a Distinguished Member of Technical Staff of Bell Labs in 1982, and held numerous United States and foreign patents. He was a specialist in radio communications technology and electronic crime countermeasures. He often testified for the US government as an expert in communications-related crimes and national defense matters.

Mr. Hopper was an active radio amateur, call letters KD7KH, formerly K2VAM and W3ZML. He was a rifle and pistol target shooter and served in the U. S. Army 2nd Infantry Division during World War II. He received the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, European Theater Ribbon with three battle stars, Presidential Unit Citation, Belgian Fourragere and other decorations.

He was a life member of the American Radio Relay League, National Rifle Association, United States Revolver Association, Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Association, Citizen's Rifle and Revolver Club (of West Windsor, NJ), American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the Telephone Pioneers of America, and was a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association and the West Valley Amateur Radio Club (of Sun City, Arizona).

Mr. Hopper has resided in New River, Arizona since 1994. Prior to that, he was a long time

resident of Holmdel, New Jersey. He was the communications officer for Holmdel Township, a Holmdel Police Special Officer and an exempt member of Holmdel Fire Company No. 1. He received the Public Safety Award given by Holmdel Police, Fire, and First Aid in 1975. He was an honorary trustee of the Bayshore Task Force (NJ) and was a Kentucky Colonel. In 1988 he received the Robert L. Cosgriff award from the IEEE International Conference on Crime Countermeasures.

He was a distinguished pistol and rifle shooter. During the 1960's – 1970's he was a Master-Class competitive pistol shooter. He was also involved in firearms training activities and was an NRA and Arizona DPS certified firearms instructor.

Mr. Hopper was both a deacon and an elder of the Dutch Reformed Church of Holmdel, NJ. Since relocating to Arizona he has been a member of the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church of Carefree, AZ.

He is survived by his loving wife Barbara (nee Owens) of New River, a son, Christopher of Pleasanton, California, a daughter, Mrs. Phyllis A. Davis of Berkeley, California, and five grandchildren.

In accordance with Mr. Hopper's wishes, interment will be performed at sea by the United States Navy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley, Phoenix, Arizona (www.hov.com) or the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church (www.deserthills.org).

JOSEPH QUESTORE, WA2JDL - SK

Joseph C. Questore, WA2JDL died of cancer on Sunday, February 11 at the age of 45. Since 2006, he was a member of the Eatontown Borough Council. A certified project management professional, he was a senior manager for Cisco Systems Inc. and spent over 17 years at Telecordia Technologies/Bellcore and NYNEX. He held a Master of Science degree in management and Bachelor of Science degrees in electrical engineering/electrophysics and journalism/technical writing from Polytechnic University, Brooklyn. He also participated in executive programs at M.I.T. and George Washington University. He was a communicant of St. James Memorial Episcopal

Church, Eatontown, where he served on the vestry and was a lay Eucharist minister.

During the Gulf War, he volunteered at the Fort Monmouth MARS station to patch phone calls from soldiers in the Gulf region to their families over short-wave radio. He began his volunteer service in Brooklyn at a homeless shelter and in later years was a member of the Telephone Pioneers that delivered "mobile meals" in this area and served lunches at Lunch Break in Red Bank. His service in Eatontown included in 1999 serving as chairman of the Mayor's Y2K Risk Mitigation Committee and in 2001 serving on the Committee for the Foundation for Excellence in Education. He was chairman of cable TV franchise negotiation in 2001 and 2002. Since 2003, he was vice-chairman of the Cable TV Advisory Committee and was a member of the Eatontown Board of Education from 2004 to 2005. Besides holding amateur radio license WA2JDL, he relaxed by kayaking with his family on the Navesink and Shrewsbury rivers and enjoyed writing and theology. Mr. Questore was born in Brooklyn and raised in Howard Beach, Queens, before moving to Eatontown in 1990.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Farrington Questore; a son, Aidan F. Questore; a daughter, Olivia M. Questore, all at home. Those wishing to remember him may make contributions in lieu of flowers to a college tuition fund payable to his children, Aidan and Olivia Questore, P.O. Box 57, Eatontown, NJ 07724.

SUNNY BERNSTEIN – SK, XYL of W2PAT

Alma "Sunny" Bernstein, 88 of Tinton Falls passed away Monday, Jan. 29. Married to Marv Bernstein, W2PAT for 67 years, she retired as a waitress at the Fort Monmouth Officers Club. She was a member and former president of the Tinton Falls Senior Citizens Club and a member and former secretary of the Wayside Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, Marv, W2PAT; two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

WALT MAXWELL, W2DU WINS AWARD

The winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for January is M. Walter Maxwell, W2DU, for his article "How the FCC Helped to End World War

II." Congratulations, Walter! The winner of the QST Cover Plaque award -- given to the author or authors of the best article in each issue -- is determined by a vote of ARRL members on the QST Cover Plaque Poll Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/QSTvote.html>

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 06, February 9, 2007

FAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The non-profit Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) now is accepting applications for 56 academic year 2007-2008 scholarships to assist radio amateurs pursuing higher education. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2007.

FAR fully funds three of scholarships and administers 42 others without cost on behalf of various club and individual donors; grant income funds the remaining 11 awards. Amateur Radio licensees pursuing a full-time course of study beyond high school and accepted by or enrolled in an accredited university, college or technical school are eligible to apply.

Scholarship grants range from \$500 to \$3000, and preference in some cases goes to applicants living in particular geographical areas or pursuing certain studies. Non-US residents are eligible to apply for some of the scholarships.

Request more information and an application form via e-mail <scholarships@farweb.org> or by sending a QSL card by April 30 to FAR Scholarships, PO Box 831, Riverdale, MD 20738.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 04, January 26, 2007

OPERATIONS APPROVED FOR DXCC

The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved these operations for DXCC credit: VU7LD -- Lakshadweep Islands, operation December 1-30, 2006; VU7RG -- Lakshadweep Islands, operation January 14-26, 2007; ZL9BSJ/P -- Auckland and Campbell Island, operation of September 12, 2006; 5A7A -- Libya, operation November 15-30, 2006; YU6AO -- Montenegro, operation effective June 28, 2006. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 06, February 9, 2007

NEW AMATEUR SERVICE RULES

A new Amateur Radio Service regime now is in place. The requirement to demonstrate Morse code proficiency to gain HF privileges officially disappeared from the FCC's Part 97 rules February 23 at one minute past midnight Eastern Time. At the same time, some 200,000 Technician licensees without Morse code exam credit acquired HF privileges equivalent to those available to Novice licensees. ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, points to the still-growing number of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (ARRL VEC) test sessions now on the schedule across the US as evidence that the rule changes will provide a shot in the arm to Amateur Radio.

"ARRL VEC has been extremely busy scheduling new exam sessions," Kramer said. "We normally coordinate about 5500 sessions per year, but we've already scheduled close to 5000 sessions and it's only the end of February."

ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, reports some 175 ARRL VEC test sessions are on the schedule through the February 23-25 period, "and these are just the ones that have registered with us," she added. Two dozen applicants showed up at League Headquarters, either to sit for an exam or apply for license upgrades.

"I was surprised at the number of people who wanted to take the test at 12:01 AM," Somma remarked. All but two test applicants took their exams under the new rules. "After people took their exams, some went over to W1AW to use their new privileges," she added.

Despite snowy New England weather, a few applicants traveled some distance to take their exams. "A nice young couple that drove in from Rhode Island joined ARRL while here," said ARRL Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB. "They thought this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take their upgrades here at HQ."

Breen, who upgraded to General at the February 23 exam session, has been tracking W1AW Open House events on an ARRL Web site blog <<http://www.arrl.org/blog/W1AW%20HF%20Open%20House>>. She's also posted some videos to YouTube.com.

Somma says her department now is bracing for an anticipated application avalanche as paperwork

from initial sessions shows up. She and Kramer predict test demand will surge even further in the days and weeks ahead. Not only has the number of test sessions increased dramatically, Kramer pointed out, the number of applicants at each session is up as well. To keep up with demand, ARRL VEC has hired additional help. Staffers from other HQ departments also have been lending a hand.

March QST includes an eight-page "tearout" section "Now, New Opportunities for Every Ham!" between pages 48 and 49. <<http://www.arrl.org/HFWelcome/Welcome.pdf>>. It focuses on various topics of interest to those gaining new HF privileges through upgrading or owing to the new rules as well as to veteran licensees. Among other things, it covers mentoring -- or Elmering -- newcomers, "The Top 10 Reasons to Try Morse Code," earning ham radio operating awards by using Logbook of the World (LoTW) and a "Welcome to the fascinating world of high frequency (HF) radio!" by ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ.

"The FCC's decision to eliminate the Morse code examination as a licensing requirement opens the door to HF for all amateur licensees," Sumner points out in his remarks. Sumner also addresses the topic in his "It Seems to Us" editorial in March QST (page 9).

"As these new HF operators join us on our favorite bands, we old timers need to set a good example and to be patient, welcoming and positive," he writes. "Let's all remember how little we knew when we got started, and honor those who helped us along the way by doing the same for others."

The new rules seem to be driving greater enthusiasm for ham radio in general. There's been an uptick in ARRL publication sales, particularly in licensing manuals and licensing guides, and enrollment in the online ARRL Ham Radio License Course (EC-010) <<http://www.arrl.org/cce/Tech.html>> is at an all-time high. Additionally, Kramer notes, DXCC applications are up by 350 from last year, while LoTW has exceeded 121 million QSO records.

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SPLIT ROCK HAMFEST

The North Jersey Hamfest is only a few weeks away. We have assembled a great group of exhibitors.

Saturday, March 3, Buyers 8 AM
Parsippany PAL, Parsippany, NJ

Detailed directions can be found at:
<http://www.splitrockara.org/hamfest/directions.html>

We have a handful of tables remaining. With all that's happening as the result of the elimination of code, we expect tremendous interest in HF radios and accessories.

Tables can reserved at
www.splitrockara.org/hamfest/vendor_signup.html

New this year we will have an outdoor exhibit area for RACES/OEM vehicles. Feel free to bring yours. Morris County plans to demo their new Command Vehicle.

If you are planning to attend our VE session, one of the first to be offered after the rule change, plan on arriving early because we expect a significant turnout.

For more information visit www.splitrockara.org

Marc Colton K2WEB
Hamfest Chair

Did you know that the first seaplane was built in Keyport, NJ and that the first airmail (to Chicago) was started from Keyport, NJ.

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 (April 7, 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.

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 (March 10, 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.

DUES ARE PAST DUE!

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2007 (see the line above your name on the label on page 10) this is the last issue of *The Propagator* that you will receive. Please pay our treasurer **Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ**. Regular membership is \$15, family membership is \$25, students are \$7.50 and active Military personnel pay no fee (but submit form to show continued interest in belonging). If you wish to have a paper copy of *The Propagator* mailed to you, add \$5 and check this box:

NAME _____ CALL _____

wishes to continue membership in GSARA for 2007. Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Make checks payable to GSARA and mail or give to:

Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ
450-B Cheshire Ct.
Lakewood, NJ 08701

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see reverse side)

- Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., **KC2NYQ** March 21. All times in EST through March 10 and EDT after March 10.
- March 1 – **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.
- March 2 and every Friday – **Lunch at Blue Swan Diner**, Rt. 35 South, Ocean Township at noon.
- March 2-4 – **ARRL International DX Contest, SSB** from 7 PM Friday to 7 PM Sunday. See December QST, p. 99 or www.arrl.org/contests
- March 3 – **Split Rock Hamfest in Parsippany** from 8 AM. See page 8 or March QST, p. 88 for details.
- March 4 – **Bergen ARA Auction** in Washington Township from 1 PM. Admission FREE. See March QST, p. 88 or www.bara.org
- March 4 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 4 PM on Marconi Road in Wall. Exhibits by QCWA, OMARC, Antique Radio, Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, etc. \$5 donation requested.
- March 5 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.
- March 6 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon in back room to left. All are invited.
- March 6 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 PM at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>
- March 6 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 PM.
- March 7 – **GSARA Monthly Meeting** at the MARS Building at Fort Monmouth at 8:00 PM.
- March 8 – **Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS)** meeting in Riverview Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 PM.
- March 9 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 10 PM (10-35 WPM). See March QST, pp. 86 and 90.
- March 10 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ.
- March 10 – **Middletown Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 10 AM in Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue.
- March 10 – **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. No walk-ins.
- March 10 – **North American RTTY Sprint** from 7 to 11 PM EST. See March QST, p. 90 or www.ncjweb.com
- March 12 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.
- March 13 – **Amateur Radio Luncheon** at Perkins in Colts Neck Inn at noon. All amateurs invited.
- March 13 – **VE Test Session** at Croyden Hall, Leonardo section of Middletown at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP at 732-787-7184 or n2pvp@n2pvp.com
- March 15 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:30 PM Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoio, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or wa2nda@comcast.net.
- March 16 – **10-10 Mobile Sprint**, 10 meters all modes from 8 PM to 11:59 PM. See March QST, p. 91 or www.ten-ten.org
- March 19 – **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.
- March 20 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 7 PM (10-40 WPM). See March QST, pp. 86 and 90.
- March 23-25 – **CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB** from 8 PM Friday to 8 PM Sunday. See March QST, p. 91 or www.cqwpvx.com
- March 24 – **Cherryville Hamfest in Clinton** at North Hunterdon Regional High School from 8 AM to 2 PM. See March QST, p. 88 or www.qsl.net/w2cra
- March 24 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at American Legion Post #346, 31 Gully Road, Neptune at 9 AM.
- March 26 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.
- Mar. 31-Apr. 1 – **Timonium Hamfest (MD)** from 6 AM to 5 PM Saturday and 6 AM to 3 PM Sunday. See March QST, p. 88 or www.gbhc.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Hol. City Mtg.	2 Blue Swan SSB DX	3 Parsipy Hmfst OMARC VE SSB DX
4 Bergen Auction InfoAge SSB DX	5 ARES/RACES 7:30	6 Pancake House Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	7 GSARA Mtg.	8 JSARS Mtg.	9 Blue Swan CW Qual. Run	10 OMARC Mtg. Hol. City Mtg. MARC Mtg RTTY Sprint
11 InfoAge	12 RACES Net 7:30	13 Perkins Lunch Croyden VE 7 PM QCWA News 9 PM	14	15 JSARS VE	16 Blue Swan 10-10 Sprint	17
18 InfoAge	19 ARES/RACES 7:30	20 CW Qual. Run QCWA News 9 PM	21 KC2NYQ	22	23 Blue Swan CQ WW WPX	24 Neptune Mtg Cherryville Fst CQ WW WPX
25 InfoAge CQ WW WPX	26 WN2DX RACES Net 7:30	27 QCWA News 9 PM	28	29	30 Blue Swan	31 Timonium Hmfst



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