

THE Propagator

Garden State Amateur Radio Association

**W2GSA
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2020**

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GSARA seems to be hyperactive and on steroids!

The monthly meetings can barely contain all the people who are attending. There is lots of conversation and each of us is sharing our ham radio experiences and thrilling in the experiences of others. But the club is much more than meetings, as you know.

The new 10 meter net is off and running with about 10 check-ins just the other night. It is refreshing and fun to hear so many club members on the air. And the 2 meter net on Tuesdays is attracting more check-ins than ever, it seems.

And, speaking of on-the-air, many of us have been playing around with the remote station at the GSARA shack. Phil, N2EDX, has put together a truly remarkable club asset. If you have not yet given it a try, you really should, especially if you don't have an HF station at home or you want to use the antennas at the club. People have been doing SSB and FT8 at all hours of the day. It is a whole new facet of the club and is continuing to generate a lot of excitement. Don't be afraid to try it out!

Finally, even though it is just past the winter holidays, Field Day 2020 is in the air! Really! The initial planning is slated to begin in a couple of weeks and this year we hope to have a Field Day even better than last year. QRX for more follow ups. In the meantime, why are you reading this? Get on the air!





FROM THE PRESIDENT

Art Olson, N2AJ0



I hope you and your family enjoyed the holidays and took a little time to relax after the hustle and bustle of the season.

I want to personally thank all of our members for the terrific support and enthusiasm displayed this past year. Our club accomplished a lot of things including implementation of a remote access capability, terrific Field Day and Hamfest events, and continued with traditional community support activities. We have a lot to be proud of.

As we start 2020, I want to let you know what is happening as we look forward to a terrific year ahead:

- *Member of the Year Luncheon – February*
- *New Jersey Marathon Support - April*
- *W2GSA 70th Anniversary & Open House - May*
- *Field Day - June*
- *Hamfest – September*
- *Twin Light Bike Tour - September*
- *Red Bank CROP Walk – October*

- *JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes) – October*
- *Boy Scout JOTA – October*



The leadership will be presenting a 2020 budget at the January business meeting. Our Chief Engineer, Phil Festa, N2EDX has several items on his list including an antenna farm rehabilitation effort which will start in the Spring.

Lastly, I would like to hear from the membership on your thoughts and ideas. The leadership team works for you the members and together we can continue to move our hobby and our club forward.



Respectfully
Art – N2AJ0



FROM THE EDITOR

BOB BUUS, W2OD



I'd

like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year and all the best for 2020. I hope Santa left you a few nice goodies. I received no suggestions or comments regarding how to handle the frequent Code Proficiency runs that started in December so I did the same as last month and listed them individually on the Notes for the Calendar on the second to last page. If anyone has any ideas as to how to do this more succinctly, please let me know. In fact, is it even worth list-

ing these events on the calendar?

The special event stations W2T and W2P run by the Delaware Valley Amateur Radio Association late this month and early January should be fairly easy to work. The certificate for working both stations looks pretty impressive. I hope a lot of GSARA members participate.

Thanks to Ed Erickson, W2CVW for submitting the article about 11 meters and CB radio. He also provided a copy of the flyer regarding Amateur Radio Week in 1964. He reported that he won the high speed CW contest at that event. It was all five-letter code groups, not an easy thing to copy. Ed later served as ARRL Section Manager for NNJ. He's still on the air almost daily and still chases awards.

I'm looking forward to attending the GSARA Member of the Year Award Luncheon being held at Huddy's in Colts Neck. Congratulations to Ed Festa, N2EDX for earning this prestigious award. The honor is well-deserved and I'm looking forward to a good turnout.

If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2020, please do so as soon as possible. Only about two-thirds have paid so far and it would be a shame to lose that many members. If dues are not paid by March 4, 2020, you will be have to remove you from the GSARA Roster.

As always, I appreciate feedback or material for The Propagator. The deadline for the February issue is January 15.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

MEETING TIMES

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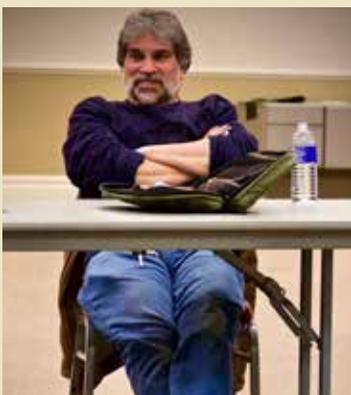
There will be NO GSARA MEETING on Wednesday, January 1 because of the New Year's Day Holiday.

The only meeting in January will be held on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross. This will be a regular business meeting. Be there! Guests are always welcome and refreshments will be served.

The GSARA monthly test session will be held at the Red Cross Regional Headquarters in Tinton Falls on Saturday, January 25 at 11 am. 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 732-567-4396 or n3rb@arrrl.net.



PHIL FESTA, N2EDX MEMBER OF THE YEAR



The 2019 GSARA Member of the Year is our Chief Engineer Phil Festa, N2EDX. Phil has worked very hard over the past year in cleaning up the stations in the radio room of the Red Cross. He also was key in implementing remote operation of the IC-7300 via the Internet using free Remote Ham software.

A luncheon honoring Phil is being arranged for Saturday, either February 1 or 8. It will be at Huddy's restaurant in Colts Neck. Huddy's is located at the intersection of Highway 34 and Route 537 and is diagonally across the intersection from the Colts Neck Inn but set further back. The cost is only \$20 per person thanks to a subsidy provided by GSARA. Congratulations to Phil for earning this honor. He has really made a difference through his hard work this past year.

ONCE UPON 11 METERS

By Edward F. Erickson, W2CVW

Those who were licensed before the late 1950's will remember that 11 meters was an amateur band, shared with ISM (Industrial, Scientific, and Medical) devices such as diathermy machines which radiate RF energy, sometimes over long distances due to skip. Because of that, the band was not considered useful for other than amateur work.

In that era, receivers and transmitters were generally separate units, and transmitters such as the Johnson Ranger and Valiant had a special notch on the band-switch for 11 meters (past 10 meters). Those who built Rangers from kits or who serviced their own gear will remember the cam and pin mechanism that actuated the band-switch inside the VFO housing for 160, 40 and 11 meter sub-harmonic coverage.

In 1957 and 1958 the proposal to establish the 27 MHz Citizens band was on the table. "Save 11 Meters" contests were sponsored by one of the ham magazines and afforded opportunities for "last chance" QSOs on 11.

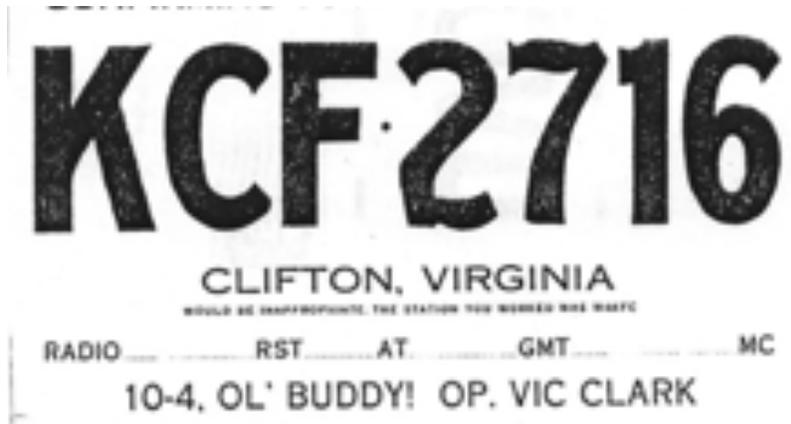


I obtained the QSL card shown below from famous amateur Vic Clark, W4KFC when I worked him on CW in the "Save Eleven" contest in 1957.

After the FCC in its infinite wisdom gave the band to CB, some hams, such as W4KFC, also obtained CB licenses. Vic had a CB QSL card printed as shown below. He obviously had a good sense of humor where the QSL card

shows the standard "Confirming CB contact with KCF2716" but then in fine print under his QTH, he added "would be inappropriate. The station you worked was W4KFC"

I wonder if these contacts would count on 12 meters? HI!



73 & 10-4 ol' buddies!

Ed, W2CVW

Editor's Note: Vic Clark, W4KFC was a very active amateur in the Washington, DC area as a member of the Potomac Valley Radio Club and the Northern Virginia Chapter 91 of the QCWA. After he became a silent key, the QCWA Chapter 91 changed its name to the Vic Clark Chapter.

W2T AND W2P SPECIAL EVENTS

W2T will be on the air from Dec 26th to Dec 30th, 2019 to commemorate the Battle of Trenton.

W2P will be on the air from Dec 31st to Jan 5th, 2020 to commemorate the Battle of Princeton.

Find us on SSB near 14.225 and 7.175 but we may pop up on other modes and bands to!

Overview

To commemorate the historic Battles of Trenton and Princeton, the Delaware Valley Radio Association will operate special event stations on the days of those battles from its club station. The club station is located right along the route of the march of Washington's troops from the river crossing at McKonkey's Ferry (now Washington Crossing, PA) to the battle site in Trenton.

W2T History – The Battle of Trenton

Defeated and chased all year by the British, the American army barely reached the safety of

Pennsylvania on December 8, 1776. Although the Americans removed anything that could be used to transport British troops across the Delaware River, their eventual defeat

was almost inevitable, assuming any American troops remained after enlistments ended in January. In a move studied to this day, General George Washington decided that a bold raid could change the course of the war and preserve his army.

The morning of December 26, 1776 was one of the pivotal events of the American Revolution. After crossing the icy Delaware River in the dark, the army landed at Johnson's Ferry. At 4 am, the American troops began their five-mile march south to Trenton where they defeated the Hessian garrison in an unexpected dawn attack.

W2P History – The Battle of Princeton

On December 29, he led his army back into Trenton. On the night of January 2, 1777, Washington repulsed a British attack at the Battle of the Assunpink Creek. That night, he evacuated his position, circled around General Lord Cornwallis' army, and went to attack the British garrison at Princeton. The American victory at the Battle of Princeton (January 3, 1777) was one of the most consequential of the American Revolution. George Washington and his soldiers marched north from Trenton and attacked a British force south of the town.

QSL Cards and Certificate

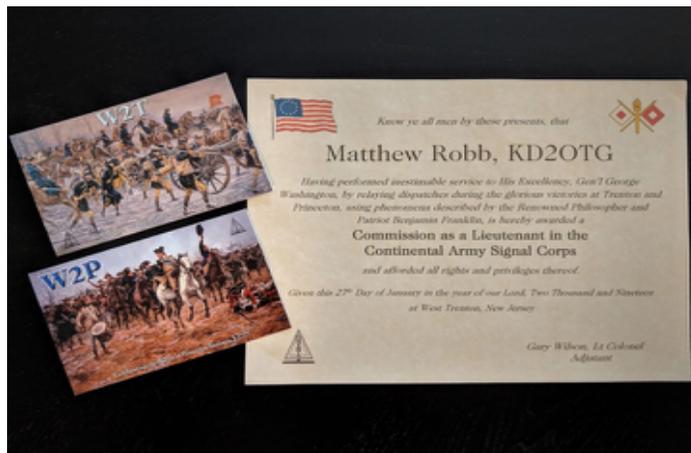
QSL Cards for both W2T & W2P events can be had by sending a SASE (to accommodate 3.5 x5.5 sized cards) to:

W2T or W2P c/o DVRA, PO Box 7024, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0024

Additionally, for contacting both stations, W2T and W2P, a Certificate conferring a

“commission” as Lieutenant in the Continental Army Signal Corps is available for a \$5 processing fee and mailing label.

QSL cards and certificate available for a \$5 processing fee



1964 AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

Thanks to Ed Erickson, W2CVW, the program for GSARA activities during Amateur Radio Week in August 1964 is reproduced on the next page below. This is the last activity before the club went inactive in late 1964. Ed recalled that the activity was not too successful.

The Scope newsletter for August 1964 reported that many of the speakers were also scheduled to speak at the ARRL 1964 National Convention the following weekend.

GARDEN STATE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
RADIO WEEK AUGUST 17TH THROUGH 21ST, 1964
MONMOUTH SHOPPING CENTER
LOLLIPOP THEATER ON HOLLY MALL
BETWEEN RITZ DRUGS AND BRENTANO'S

MONDAY 17 AUG.

5:30 MOVIE

6:30 TALK ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

BY JOHN BANKE, K2ZFI

7:30 INTRODUCTION TO GARDEN STATE AMATEUR RADIO

ASSOCIATION CLUB OFFICERS AND CLUB FUNCTIONS FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION OF HAM RADIO

TUESDAY 18 AUG.

5:30 MOVIE

6:30 OLD TIMERS GET TOGETHER CONDUCTED BY MERRILL BEAM, K2BX

7:30 TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING ANTENNA FORUM

"THE EVOLUTION OF BEAM-POWER ARRAYS"

BY M. D. ERCOLINO, P. E., W2BDS
MANUFACTURER OF HIGH QUALITY "TELEX" ANTENNAS

WEDNESDAY 19 AUG. 6:30

"NORTHERN NEW JERSEY AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE FUNCTIONS"
BY EDWARD F. ERICKSON, W2CVW, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY SECTION COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

7:30 AUCTION OF HAM GEAR
AUCTIONEER IRVIN GORDON, W2MPT, OF U. S. ARMY RESEARCH LABS

THURSDAY 20 AUG. 5:30 MOVIE

6:30 "VERY HIGH FREQUENCY MESSAGE HANDLING FACILITIES"

BY KARL E. JACOBI, K2VNL
PHONE ACTIVITIES MANAGER FOR NEW JERSEY SIX AND TWO METER HAM BANDS

7:30 "VERY HIGH FREQUENCY ACTIVITY"
BY WILLIAM BENDER, K2OEI, KNOWN FOR HIS WORK ON THE LATEST EXPERIMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

FRIDAY 21 AUG.

5:30 MOVIE

6:30 "HOW THE BEGINNING OPERATOR HANDLES MESSAGES"
BY ALAN J. REZZA, WA2SRK. ROUTE MANAGER FOR THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY NOVICE NETWORK

7:30 "LONG DISTANCE COMMUNICATION *** THE STORY OF DX"

BY URBANE LE JEUNE, JR., W2DEC, DX EDI-

TOR OF CQ MAGAZINE AND SECRETARY OF THE NORTH JERSEY DX ASSOCIATION. FOLLOWED BY A HIGH SPEED CODE PROFICIENCY CONTEST

SPECIAL FEATURES DAILY FROM 1 P.M. UNTIL CLOSING: TECHNICAL EXHIBITS, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, TWO WAY COMMUNICATIONS, AMATEUR RADIOGRAMS SENT, CONTESTS, PRIZES, SIGN UP SHEETS FOR CODE AND THEORY CLASSES, TELEVISION INTERFERENCE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE, HAM TELEVISION DISPLAY, SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT HAM RADIO



TUESDAY NIGHT NET

In the last two sessions in November and the first three sessions in December, we had 81 check-ins for an average of 16.2 per session. The following 28 members checked into this net (number of check-ins in parenthesis):

KZ2G (5), N2MEP (5), W2NAZ (5), K2NPT (5), W2OD (5), N2AJ0 (4), N2BCS (4), AD7I (4), KA2IRQ (4), K2MFS (4), KD2PYO (4), N2HGI (3), NA2J (3), W2MJP (3), N2BMK (2), N2DOM (2), AC2F (2), KA2F (2), N2FSB (2), KD2HIU (2), AC2MB (2), KD2OXR (2), KC2YNL (2), K2CYS (1), KD2EPA (1), KB2FSH (1), N2MN (1), and K2RLF (1).

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

Garden State Amateur Radio Association at Field Day Today and at the Beginning

John King KA2F

Bob W2OD wrote the following article for the January 2020 Propagator:

The 2019 Field Day results are in the December issue of QST... GSARA did very well and scored 4,736 points with 1,117 QSOs. We ranked 50th out of 309 entries for category 3A and were 2nd out of 4 NNJ entries in 3A.

The top NNJ entry in 3A was the Sussex County Amateur Radio Club with more than twice as many contacts with half as many people. Obviously, we could have done better with more operating and less socializing but our emphasis was on participation so we had a big turnout and everyone had a good time. That's more important than a big score. Pat yourselves on the back. We did right well and had a lot of fun doing it!

This got me to wondering what Field Day was like back some 70 years ago when our club was just getting on the air. Garden State Amateur Radio Association was founded May 10, 1950 and, as you may know, was the resolution of a radio rivalry, especially at Field Day, between Jersey Shore ARA (founded 1932) and Monmouth County ARC (founded 1945). Jersey Shore and Monmouth County joined forces to sponsor the first Hudson Division Convention in 1947 held at Asbury Park, N.J. This cooperation, however, did not diminish the radio clubs' enthusiastic rivalry at Field Day each year.



For Field Day 1946, the first one after the long ham radio silence due to the Second World War, was the 10th ARRL Field Day event, taking place in mid-June and with results not available until February the following year, due likely to manual processing of logs. Jersey Shore ARA under call sign W2FC had 27 operators using 8 transmitters

making 809 contacts and scoring 9621 points, while operating on Crawford Hill in Holmdel (380 feet above sea level), ranking top scorer in the U.S.A. Monmouth County ARC under call

sign W3AC/2 made 467 contacts and scored 6237 points. By the way, Crawford Hill is where the Horn Antenna of Big Bang fame is located.

For Field Day 1947 the call sign W2GSA was used on the air for the first time since Bob Morris's last QSO and death in the war. His Jersey Shore ARA, of which he had been an active member, got permission from the FCC to use his call sign. Again, this club scored number one over all clubs, again operating from Crawford Hill, the highest point in Monmouth County, N.J. They made 1707 contacts and scored 15,804 points. They had 30 operators running 10 transmitters of about 30 watts each, fed by two 5kw gas generators. Monmouth County ARC using call sign W2WK operated 10 transmitters, making 748 contacts and scoring 10,422 points.

For Field Day 1948 there was a lull in activity, for some reason. Jersey Shore ARA with call sign W2GSA made 787 contacts using 7 transmitters, while Monmouth County ARC with call sign W2AF made 888 contacts using 6 transmitters.

For Field Day 1949 ARRL did not report full Field Day results, for some reason and only published "Claimed Scores." Accordingly, Jersey Shore ARA under W2GSA had a score of 9414 operating 6 transmitters. Monmouth County ARC under W2AF had a score of 9720 operating 8 transmitters. Numbers of contacts were not included in the reports.

For Field Day 1950 Garden State Amateur Radio Association, now a new club made up of

operators from both Jersey Shore and Monmouth County, worked under call sign W2GSA used 8 transmitters, made 1386 contacts and was #1 in the 2nd call area. It was an outstanding radio accomplishment and justification for the combining of the old Jersey Shore and Monmouth County clubs.

By the way, for Field Day 1951 Garden State ARA got even better using 8 transmitters to make 1593 contacts.

Leading the entire field was the Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Association operating W2FC/2 on Crawford's Hill, believed to be the highest point in Monmouth County, N. J. Twenty-seven operators, manning eight simultaneously-operated rigs, made 809 contacts, 234 with FD stations, 575 with fixed stations. Final score was 9621. Power was obtained from two 5-kw. gas-driven generators. All available frequency bands were used from 3.5 through 144 Mc., 'phone and c.w. A 420-Mc. rig was also on hand. Antennas ranged from doublets on 3.5 Mc. to an 8-element rotary beam on 144 Mc. Incidentally, the J.S.A.R.A. crew placed second in the last three prewar FDs, and have set the postwar pace with a vengeance. The laurels are yours, Jersey Shore!!
Second-high was the Frankford Radio Club,

From Field Day, 1946

WELCOME TO GSARA!



Jim Keil, K2SOG from Aberdeen, NJ was licensed in 2000, and holds a General class license. He was a GSARA member in 2016 and 2017 and we welcome him back. He is a retired State Corrections Major. Jim operates on 10 meters, 2 meters and 70 cm with an Alinco DX-SR9 and a Yaesu FTM-100. His other interests include motorcycle riding.

Please add to your Roster:

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Both members are on the latest Roster posted on the GSARA web site. Welcome to GSARA!

Please welcome our newest members to GSARA.

Ryu Izawa, KD2HIU from Ocean, NJ was licensed in 2014, He is a Data Analyst who holds a Technician license and operates his IC-2300H on two meters. His other interests include sailing and flying.

Please add to your Roster:

Ryu Izawa, KD2HIU
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GARY, WB2RPW IN SWEEPSTAKES

Our own Gary Metzger, WB2RPW participated in the CW Sweepstakes this fall and came in 17th in the nation. His score was around 817,000 points – quite impressive. His secret for success? He spent most of the contest time operating and took just a few hours off to catch a little sleep. He's also getting more proficient at logging on his computer and finding it faster than using paper logs as he was previously doing. Congratulations to Gary for his impressive accomplishment!

SILENT KEY

FRANK SEGALLA, W2FFH - SK



Frank Angelo Segalla, W2FFH was born, 1/18/1930, and raised in Jersey City. Frank was a 1948 graduate of Synder High School. In 1949, he married the absolute love of his life, Josephine D'Alessandro also of Jersey City. In 1950, he en-

rolled in the United States Air Force as a radio operator in the Korean War. He was stationed in Guam and South Korea and proudly served his beloved country until 1952 flying 48 missions in B-29 airplanes throughout the South Pacific and transatlantic.

Upon his return from the service, he worked in and managed his parents' diner, the US 1 Diner, on Route 1 in Linden. During the same time, he joined the Boilermakers Union, Local #28. His tenure as a Union welder and Boilermaker lasted over 40 years.

Frank and Josephine had two sons, Frank J. Segalla and Thomas J. Segalla whom they raised in Scotch Plains, NJ. In 1970, he built his second home in Seaside Park where he lived until he passed. Frank doted on Josephine and gave her anything and everything she could dream of including, in 1970, building her a beach house thereby giving her the gift of peace known only by those who live by the shore. The bleach blonde bouffant, heel-clad, frosted-lip stick wearing Josephine was a spit-fire and sarcastic "piece of work" who made life fun and never dull for the

even and stable Frank. Together they watched the most spectacular sunsets from their bay view porch. They shared a passionate and fun-filled marriage until her untimely passing at the young age of 55 in 1985.

Frank enjoyed boating and crabbing in the Barnegat Bay. He was a tinkerer extraordinaire and toiled in his garage while a sweet smelling cherry pipe hung from his lip as he listened to big band, swing, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennet. Frank was an avid NY Giants fan and screamed at the television in excitement and disgust over games when he wasn't sitting in section 319 at Giants Stadium eating way too many peanuts and far too many hot dogs. He was also a ham radio operator with the call W2FFH. He was an active member of the QCWA.

He was the rock of his family and friends and he encouraged and loved us all immensely calling us to check in routinely so he could offer himself to anyone who might need anything at all.

Later in life, Frank married Shirley Fitzgerald in 2003 and remained married to her until her passing in 2014.

On 12/13/19 Frank passed away at Brick Hospital just 35 days short of his 90th birthday. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Frank is survived by his two sons, Frank J. Segalla and Thomas J. Segalla as well as his daughter-in-law, Joanne Segalla in addition to 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ryanfuneralhome.com

LOOKING BACK



FIVE YEARS AGO

From the January 2015 Propagator: Roberto Mattos, AC2PD and John Chunga, KC2YWL (SK) joined GSARA. The book "The Opus of Amateur Radio Knowledge and Lore" by Eric P. Nichols, KL7AJ was reviewed by Bob, W2OD and is in the club library. The centennial of QST will be celebrated during 2015. GSARA officers for 2015 were President Howard Sufill, W2HTS; Vice President Bill Shockley, NJ2H; Secretary Bob Buus, W2OD; Treasurer John King, KA2F; and Chief Engineer George Graulich, K2EPD.



TEN YEARS AGO

From the January 2010 Propagator: GSARA will be operating special event station K2USA from Fort Monmouth. This is the last operation of K2USA from the Fort. The packet station on the UPS tower was installed and includes a packet BBS as well as a digipeater. Jerry Sevvick, W2FMI of balun fame became a silent key. GSARA officers for 2010 were President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ; Vice President Howard Sufill, W2HTS; Secretary Bob Buus, W2OD; Treasurer Joe Dreifuss, W2KQ; and Chief Engineer Jeff Harshman, N2LXM.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From the January 2005 Propagator: The Holiday party was held at the MARS station at Ft. Monmouth with about 20 attendees. The organizers were Peggy and Rich Struening, KB2USF. Steve

Sinkez, W2DOR from Manchester became a silent key on December 28, 2004. The QCWA net was on the W2NJR liked system on Sundays at 8:30 pm as well on the Asbury repeater on Tuesdays at 9:00 pm. CQ magazine celebrated its 60th birthday.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the January 2000 Propagator: The FCC announced a massive restructuring of the amateur radio service with only three classes of license (Tech, General and Extra) and a single 5 wpm code test. New GSARA Officers for 2000 were Don Pingitore, KG2NV, President; Mike DePersio, KC2Q, VP; Geoff Bullock, KC2AMA, Secretary; Bonnie Palamara, KB2ZRM, Treasurer; and Bob Gurci, N2XR, Engineer. The January 1, 2000 Roster listed 137 members of GSARA.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From the January, 1995 Propagator: There was a nasty letter by Frank Effenberger in the Asbury Park Press on December 10 critical of amateur radio. GSARA member Al Allen, K2LG wrote a very good response which was published in the December 23 Asbury Park Press and also in the Propagator. New officers for 1995 were Rich DiFiore, KB2NXA (now SK), President; Joe Dreifuss, W2KQ, VP; Dave Worrall, N2IRO (now WD2DW), Treasurer; and Bruce McLeod, K2QXW (now SK), Secretary.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the January 1990 Propagator: The Christ-

mas Party held on December 20 at Bicentennial Hall had 52 in attendance. NNJ SM Rich Mose-son, NW2L announced a Helpful Amateur Mentor

(HAM) program and the GSARA contact is John King, KA2F. Al Allen, K2LG (SK) had an extensive article about feed lines.

TRUSTEES SWEARING-IN



Congratulations to our recently sworn-in GSARA Trustees:

Art, N2AJO – President,

Denis, K2NPT – Vice President, John, KA2F – Secretary,

Art, W2NAZ - Treasurer

Phil, N2EDX – Chief Engineer



IF YOU ARE LATE FOR THE MEETINGS

The Red Cross has increased the security for the building so the front door is always locked on meeting nights. Someone is posted at the door prior to the start of our meeting to let in attendees. However, the door-watcher attends the meeting when it starts at 7:30 so no one is at the door after that. If you come in late for the meeting, there is a door bell button on the handle of the door which, when pushed, rings a bell inside the building. Hopefully, someone at the meeting will hear it and come let you in. If no one comes in a short time, ring the bell again and again until someone comes. Thank you.

BULLETIN BOARD

Tuesday Net - Everyone Welcome

GSARA NET 8:30 PM TUESDAYS

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

GSARA Swag

GSARA Patches

We have GSARA patches available at all meetings and they are \$3. Show your GSARA pride!

GSARA Hats and Shirts

Cost is \$21 for Hats and \$25 for Shirts, in your choice of Blue or Stone color.

To place your order, send Art artgold@verizon.net an email with your name, call sign, size (for shirts) and color. Payment will be due when hats and shirts are delivered.



Blue Swan Lunches

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 back left corner of the diner.

ARES/RACES Net

Did you know that there is an ARES/RACES net on the W2GSA repeater on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 PM local time? All are welcome. Check it out!

If anyone is looking for help with getting operational with digital modes (FT-8, PSK-31, Olivia, RTTY, etc.) please feel free to call on Paul, AD7I, if you would like some assistance. The best way to reach Paul is via email, ad7i@ad7i.net

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You are invited to submit articles and ideas

Club Perks



W2GSA CLUB NET

The GSARA weekly net meets each Tuesday evening at 8:30 on the GSARA repeater. Everyone is welcome to hear news of upcoming club events and activities, reports of the latest club news and everyone can share what they have been up to. Please join us. The more participation, the more fun!

QSL BUREAU

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). Either John, KA2F or Len, WA1PCY 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?

GSARA.CLUB/W2GSA.ORG



Have you seen the GSARA website lately at <https://www.gsara.club>? Check it out often for updates, news, announcements and general club information. If you have not yet done so, send us a picture of

your shack and a selfie for the Members; Shacks and Our Members page. There is a Members Only Page which will contain important links viewable by GSARA members only including the most current roster and the previous month's minutes from the meeting. Send your selfies to Cy, K2CYS at k2cys@arrl.org. Do you have any other great ideas for the site? Let Cy know.

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NOTES ON CALENDAR (see next page)

Large Call letters denote birthdays e.g. WA2PCY on January 6. All times are in EST. Contests are listed in the January QST, p. 81. For all of the W1AW CW Qualifying runs, see January 2020 QST page 90 and www.arrl.org/qualifying-run-schedule

January 1 – **New Year's Day Holiday – NO GSARA Meeting.**

January 2 – **Holiday City ARC Meeting** at 7 pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

January 3 and every Friday – **Lunch at the Blue Swan Diner** in Ocean at noon. Table at back left.

January 4 – **ARRL Kids Day**, Phone on HF and 2-meter repeaters from 1 pm to 6:59 pm. See <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

Jan. 4-5 – **ARRL RTTY Roundup** from 1 pm Saturday to 6:59 pm Sunday. See <http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup>

January 6 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 4 pm (10-35 wpm).

January 6 - **Monmouth County ARES/RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 8:00 pm

January 7 – **Old Barney VE Test Session** at 6:30 pm in Manahawkin. Contact Urb Le Jeune, WIUL at 609-296-5856 or urb@w2dec.com

January 7 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 7 pm (35-10 wpm).

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

January 7 and every following Tuesday – **GSARA Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 8:30 pm.

January 7 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 pm.

January 8 – **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

January 9 – **JSARS meeting** in Riverwood Park Rec. Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive at 7:30 pm.

January 9 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-40 wpm).

January 10 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 9 am (10-35 wpm).

January 11 – **OMARC Meeting** at 9:00 am at the Firehouse on 600 Sixth Ave. in Spring Lake Heights. Guests are always welcome.

Jan. 11-12 – **North American QSO Party, CW** from 1 pm Sat. to 00:59 am Sun. See <http://www.ncjweb.com>

January 14 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 4 pm (10-35 wpm).

January 15 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 7 pm (10-40 wpm).

January 15 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross in Tinton Falls. This will be a regular business meeting. Don't miss it. Refreshments will be served.

January 16 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 9 am (35-10 wpm).

January 16 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:00 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.

January 17 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-35 wpm).

Jan. 18-19 – **North American QSO Party, SSB** from 1 pm Sat. to 00:59 am Sun. See <http://www.ncjweb.com>

Jan. 18-19 – **ARRL Jan. VHF Contest**, all modes from 1 pm Sat. to 10:59 Sun. See <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>

January 20 - **Monmouth County ARES/RACES Net** meets on 147.045 +600, PL=67.0 at 8:00 pm

January 21 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 9 am (103355-10 wpm).

January 22 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (35-10 wpm).

January 23 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 7 pm (10-35 wpm).

January 24 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 4 pm (10-40 wpm).

Jan. 24-26 – **CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW** from 5 pm Friday to 5 pm Sun. See <http://www.cq160.com>

January 25– **GSARA VE Test Session** at 11 am at the Red Cross Regional Headquarters in Tinton Falls.

January 27 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 10 pm (10-40 wpm).

January 29 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 9 am (35-10 wpm).

January 30 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 4 pm (35-10 wpm).

January 31 - **W1AW CW Qualifying Run** at 7 pm (10-35 wpm).

