

# WRC UPDATE -HOLIDAY ISSUE- DECEMBER 11, 2003

**RADIO AMATEURS SERVING THE  
WESTERN COMMUNITIES OF  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**REMEMBER TO Z-O-O-M IN  
ON THE PHOTOS... 200% RECOMMENDED**



## LATE BREAKING NEWS...

### WRC - WEC MOU!

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce a Memorandum of Understanding with the WEC, the renowned Wellington Elves Club... a Special Services Club. The Agreement calls for the WEC to fulfill the wish lists of WRC Members, their families, friends and neighbors for Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza and Diwali. Moreover, our new affiliate is obligated to ensure the good health and happiness of all in those groups.

In turn, WRC Members will continue their good deeds, public services and make available repeater and IRLP systems for WEC communications. So rest assured that when you hear squeals of joy or gleeful high pitched voices on the air, it may be WEC Members as they make their appointed holiday rounds.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

## KNOW PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HAMS? SATURDAY CLASSES BEGIN JAN 10TH

NEIGHBORS, CERT GROUPS, CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS?  
PEOPLE AT WORK OR COMMUNITY CENTERS?

INFORMATION, POSTER & REGISTRATION FORM  
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## A PHOTO SUMMARY

### LOST CHILD AND COMMUNICATIONS BOOTH...

## SAVING MS. LILY

NATIONAL  
HORSE SHOW



## WRC EXPANDS ITS SERVICES AT THE 120TH NATIONAL HORSE SHOW!!!

This community service was a bit different from those of the past three years. There was plenty of opportunity to have lost children. The Children's Fair activities were spread over a 1000 foot stretch and the Show itself had three large arenas. Yet there were none! Nonetheless, WRC volunteers were kept very busy by other satisfying activities. Ones that demonstrated public spirit and yielded a positive image!

Because of our high profile location, dozens of Horse Show attendees came to us seeking all kinds of information: *Where is the So-and-So Arena? What event is next? Where's the closest restroom?* And so on. We were super guides because of a key advantage... our communications with the show management, security and the ticket gate. We had access to all the right answers.

The next type of activity was one we've often had before, a request for first aid. Summoned by our radios, two PB Fire Rescue Medics arrived within five minutes. They treated and calmed a toddler who had fallen on the sidewalk scraping and bruising her right cheek. All pretty routine so far.

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*Left: Happy Mom and child sought and received first aid.  
Right: Equestrian brings in Ms. Lily, a labrador retriever found wandering among the crowds looking for its owner.*





## PHOTO SUMMARY - NOV. 29TH: THE CHILDREN'S FAIR AT THE NATIONAL HORSE SHOW

The one service of the day we could never have imagined was rescuing lost pets... Ms. Lily, a labrador retriever mix, was brought to us because of the Lost Children banner. At first, Lily's finder was more confident than we were that we could be of service. But interestingly enough, the very same communications techniques used with lost children helped reunite Lily with her owner.

All parties were notified by radio of Lily's whereabouts and description. Lily's collar tag had her name, *Lily Richardson*, and a telephone number in Maine. A call was made and a message left on the answering machine.

At that point our booth seemed like a

*A relieved Ms. Richardson reunited with Ms. Lily.*

**THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!**

K2MDF BRUCE

KG4KYD CLETUS

KG4JMO JOHN

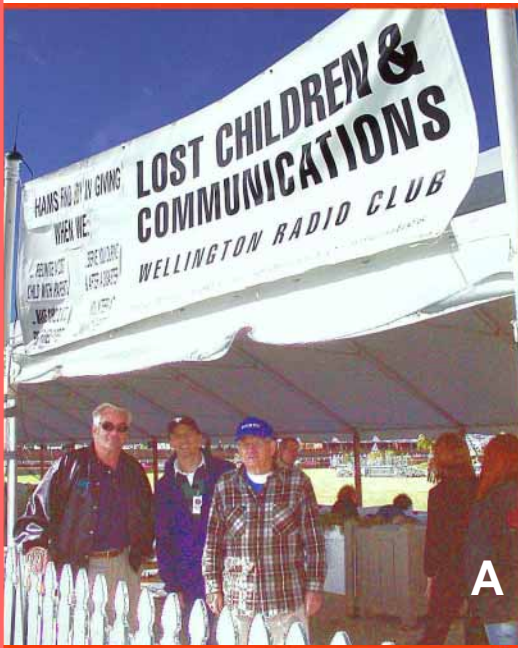
KG4QYY JUAN

KS4NB LARRY

Jerry Seinfeld sitcom.

Lily was a magnet; good-looking women would come by to pet her and start conversations! It took just 15 minutes before a clue surfaced... one of Lily's admirers remarked that she vaguely remembered seeing Lily at a vendor's booth.

The search was on! Lily was escorted, as would a Lost Child, through the event area as part of the search. Sure enough, as luck and good procedures would have it, Lily's owner was found in short order at a vendor booth. She said she had been frantically looking for Lily. Mission accomplished in just about 45 minutes!



**A-B-C:** Bruce K2MDF, John KG4JMO & Cletus KG4KYD at the Lost Children & Communications Booth... located in the General Admission grandstand. **D:** On one side was the International Arena with its jumping events just 50 feet away. **E:** On the other side were the Children's Fair rides and entertainment... most in plain sight of the WRC banner. **F:** F/R Medic John Sweat treats scrape and bruise of toddler. **G:** Juan KG4QYY, Bruce and Larry KS4NB pose with a calm, but lost, Ms. Lily. **H:** The Village of Wellington and the Palm Beach Post shared a large tent where Village officials welcomed guests. WRC volunteers were offered a scrumptious lunch and refreshments and had the chance to chat with Mayor Wenham and Council Members. Shown are Village Manager Charley Lynn, Village Clerk Awilda Rodriguez and Council Member Laurie Cohen. **I:** Larry contacts Sheffield, UK, as a demo for a disbelieving British lady.





## WRC OFFICERS UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED FOR 2004

WRC members turned out in force for the December elections meeting. With about forty per cent of the membership in attendance, the nominations and elections process proceeded smoothly.

There were no opposing candidates nominated and the Nominations Committee slate was the proverbial shoe-in.

The WRC Officers for 2004 are:

President - Larry Lazar, KS4NB

Vice President - Juan Abellon, MD, KG4QYY

Secretary - John Moorman, KG4JMO

Treasurer - Georg Samulkewitsch, KR4WD

Program/Activities Chairperson-Bruce Fondiller K2MDF

## Hams & the Real Santa Would Know the Difference!

Just after a department store Santa received his bonus, he walked to a nearby ham radio store. The Santa tells the salesman that he would like to buy the new HF rig over in the corner. The salesman says, "**Sorry, we don't sell to bootleggers**".

Infuriated, he leaves, goes home, takes off his Santa outfit, and puts on a brown wig and sunglasses. He goes back to the same store and tells the salesman he wants to buy that new HF rig over in the corner. Sales guy says, "**Sorry, we don't sell to bootleggers**".

The old bootlegger asks, "**How do you know I'm a bootlegger?**" and the salesman replies, "**Because that's not a rig, it's a microwave oven!**"

*Adapted from the Humor page of [www.ac6v.com](http://www.ac6v.com) and  
art by Woody Epp at [www.Thecartooner.com](http://www.Thecartooner.com)*



## HELP HAM RADIO GROW!

Please printout the course announcement  
on the next page and post it at your neighborhood  
Radio Shack, Community Center, church or school;

Announce the classes on any local nets  
you may check into.

Tell your friends, relatives and neighbors.

Volunteer to be an instructor or tutor!

## WRC OFFERS SATURDAY LICENSING CLASSES THRU WELLINGTON'S PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT... NON-RESIDENTS WELCOME!

By now nearly all 14,000 or so households in Wellington have received the Village's colorfully illustrated *Recreation Magazine*. It lists the Western Communities' very first *Beginners Amateur Radio Course*!

The need for such a course was discussed as early as the October WRC Board meeting. It was noted that a great many law enforcement and fire rescue personnel live in this area and no such classes have been taught on weekends in the County in recent history.

But implementing such a course was not an easy matter. The first obstacle to be overcome was that the Village's P & R Dept. was accustomed to charging a medium to hefty course fee to cover overhead, registration, instructional and other costs. Thanks to Ken Roundtree, Director of Emergency Management, that fee was reduced to a mere \$6. for residents and \$8. for non-residents. Moreover, Ken has authorized the use of the well equipped EOC for the course location.

Thank you Emergency Management!

## WELLINGTON RADIO CLUB Nets Open to All!

MONDAY...

7:30PM - WELLINGTON EMERGENCY NET  
147.285

THURSDAY...

7:30PM - MEMORY LANE NET  
147.285

SATURDAY...

7:00PM - IRLP SKYWARN NET  
442.050/103.5

SUNDAY...

7:30PM - SLOW SCAN TV NET  
147.285

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THE WELLINGTON RADIO CLUB PRESENTS:

***A Beginner's...***

# **AMATEUR RADIO COURSE**



- ***Communicate all over the world***
- ***Develop basic skills to setup your own radio station and***
- ***Prepare to help your community in times of disaster.***

**BECOME AN FCC LICENSED RADIO AMATEUR!**

**Saturdays from 1pm-4pm  
January 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb 7**

**This course helps to prepare you for the entry-level  
Technician Class license exam.**

**It's is for people with NO technical background  
as well as those that are technically inclined.**

**Experienced members of the Wellington Radio Club  
will introduce you to traditional and new computer based  
communication modes that place the world at your fingertips.**

**Classes will be held at Wellington's well equipped  
Emergency Operations Center.**

## **COSTS:**

**\$20. Study guide      \$12. FCC examination**

**\$ 6. Course Fee - Wellington Resident**

**\$ 8. Course Fee - Non Resident**

**Age: 16+      Minimum class size: 6      Maximum: 20**

**Last date includes review and FCC exam.**

***INQUIRE ABOUT YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS: 385-2986***

**For a faxable Registration form, call 753-2484 ext 0**



**COMPLETE & FAX TO: (561) 791-4009**

## Wellington Parks & Recreation Department

Program Registration Form – Phone (561)-791-4005 Fax (561)791-4009

**WEATHER UPDATE NUMBER: 791-4005, PRESS 7**

Program	Program Code #	Start Date	Time	Cost
<b>BEGINNERS AMATEUR RADIO</b>	<b>214136A1</b>	<b>JAN 10</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	

**REFUND POLICY: A \$10 PER PARTICIPANT/ACTIVITY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE IS CHARGED FOR REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS. NO REFUNDS ARE ISSUED AFTER THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS.**

**INSURANCE OPTION (This box must be completed in order for us to process your registration):**

Wellington Parks & Recreation does not carry medical or accident insurance for program participants. A supplemental accident insurance policy is available for an additional fee. Check "yes" to have Wellington Parks & Recreation secure the policy for you. See the registrar for a description of benefits.

☐ Yes, please enroll me in the insurance plan. ☐ No, I do not wish to participate. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

**Children \$7.50 Code # 510219A1 Adult \$15.00 Code # 510220A1**

(Please Print)

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Has this child played this sport before? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Has this child played on a travel team before: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Medical Conditions Coaches Should Be Aware Of \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Work Number \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Work Number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Number: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted if you'd like to be: \_\_\_\_ Head Coach \_\_\_\_ Assistant Coach \_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_ Volunteer

How did you hear about us?: **WELLINGTON RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER OR ON-THE-AIR HAM RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted by \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Resident Fee \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL PAID \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT DUE \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR FAX REGISTRATION** Visa/MasterCard No. \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: IF YOUR CHILD HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THE COACH/INSTRUCTOR.**

I/We understand that a true copy of the registrant's birth certificate shall become the property of Wellington Parks & Recreation at the time of registration. I/We, as parents or guardians, agree to return all equipment issued or pay for the replacement thereof. I/We release from responsibility any person transporting the registrant to or from activities. I/We understand that participation in a contact sport may result in injury. I/We understand that I/we are responsible for any medical bills resulting from participation in Wellington Parks & Recreation programs. I/We give consent for medical treatment at the nearest hospital, doctor or medical facility. I/We understand that insurance is the patient/guardian's responsibility. In consideration of the permission granted by the Village of Wellington Parks & Recreation to participate in these activities, I/we hereby release Wellington Parks & Recreation, its agents and employees, from all actions, causes of action, damages, claims or demands which I, my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have against Wellington Parks & Recreation and other above-described parties for all personal injuries known or unknown which I have incurred or may incur by participating in the program above. I/We give permission for Wellington Parks & Recreation to use the participant and photograph for publicity purposes. I/We the undersigned, have read this release and understand all its terms. I/We execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

**X**

Printed name and Signature of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)

Date

**PLEASE SIGN ABOVE**

**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION, 11700 PIERSON RD., WELLINGTON, FL 33414**

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