

SPARX

Official publication of the Waterbury Amateur Radio Club

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dayton Hamvention is a thing of the past and Field Day is almost at our door.

What an exciting year! It seems that the more one undertakes the more exciting the days become. Dayton was a huge success this year, as it always is. The last details that I heard was that there were over 30,000 attendees. What a wonderful and exciting event. The weather was perfect, and although it seemed to me that there were a few stands empty in both the commercial exhibits as well as the flea market, I am sure that all who attended will agree that it was a great success.

Manufacturers that caught my eye were Yaesu with a number of new products. The FT920; a HF and 6 meter base with state of the art DSP and many other very interesting features. This rig looks like a winner and I suspect is destined to phase out the FT990. Also they showed some micro sized ht's. Dual band units the size of half a packet of cigarettes and not more than one inch thick.

Other manufacturers were Icom with their new IC706 mark II. This unit boasts some improvements in features, particularly in the VHF power that is now 25 watts rather than the old 10 watts.

Regretfully, I did not see anything new from Kenwood. But that might be on oversight on my part.

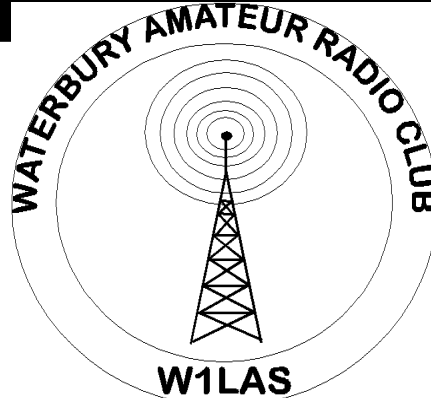
The weekend of the 6th of June I attended my first Americade Rally at Lake George. It was a wonderful experience. I was not fully equipped to be motorcycle mobile but met many hams that were; WA1AES, KB2OCW, KB2G and many others. Next year, I will get more organized and gets the rig mounted to the motorcycle.

Well, after that wonderful weekend the weather has definitely turned to summer. This coming week end, with the help of some of the members of the club, we will get my roof tower and antenna up, so hope to hear you on 2 meter SSB and HF.

I wish you all good reading and look forward to seeing you on May 19th at 7:30 p.m.

73 de Paul KF2XK

VP and Editor



WARC EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT- Steve Cahill- KD1XH

Thomaston

VICE PRESIDENT- Paul Itchenko- KF2XK

Waterbury

SECRETARY- Alan Giroux-N1XNQ

Wolcott

TREASURER - Mark Harold-N1XQH

(Waterbury)

PUBLIC RELATIONS-Sue Troupe-KA1YED

Waterbury

SAVE THE DATE

The Club meetings are held on the 2nd floor of the Founders Building of the **Naugatuck Valley Community-Technical College, (NVCTC)**, 750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Mon., June 16 - Club meeting. This is the last meeting before field day. We need all participants to be present so that we can make final details of duties and responsibilities and coordinate operators. **Your attendance is important!**

Sat.- Sun., June 28-29 - Field Day

Note regarding club meetings during the summer: There will be no official meetings held during July and August. Club meetings will resume in September 1997. However it has been suggested that a club picnic be held in July.

The executive committee has come up with the possibility of holding the club picnic on the weekend of the 19/20th of July or the following week end. A date will be decided at the meeting and confirmed at field day and again on the air during the club activity net. Looking forward to see you all with your families. All are welcome so come and enjoy a fellowship event with all and get to know the rest of the crew.

Reminder: We have a **VHF get together on Wednesday nights at 9:15 p.m. on the 146.955 repeater.** If you can, tune in and join us. We will tell you of the latest news about the club and generally talk about radio. All are welcome!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, finally some warm weather. This week sure has been a change from what we have had to deal with weather-wise. Let's just hope that we have good weather for Field Day weekend.

Field Day is often said to be on " the first full weekend of rain in June", but hopefully we'll have as good luck as last year. It seems we're pretty much good to go- by the time I deliver this to Paul, I should have approval for Nystrom's Pond for the weekend. For those who don't know, we plan to arrive on the evening of the 27th for an overnight get-together/ campout with the generators. Anyone who can come then is surely welcome to do so. The time hasn't been confirmed yet, but we will do that at the meeting. I am also considering setting up the 145.37/144.77 repeater at the site. If I don't, talk-in will be on 146.52 instead.

BRIGHT!!-Colored signs will be prominently displayed to help you and any visitors find Nystrom's. For those unfamiliar with it, the site is very accommodating (plenty of open space and trees), and is 990 feet above sea level. Just about everyone has offered help and participation for Field Day- it ought to be a huge success, so make sure you don't miss it. Stop by whenever you can and have fun, operate, and spend some time with your fellow hams and club members.

There's really not much to talk about but Field Day...there is a Hamfest, however on

June 21 (a Saturday!) from 8:30 till 2 at the Goshen fairgrounds. Talk-in is on the 147.285 repeater in Sharon, CT. The hamfest is sponsored by the Southern Berkshire A.R.C. If anyone wants directions, just ask me and I'll tell you. It's REALLY easy! Also there will be more licensing classes held by WARC starting in September. If you're interested or know someone who is, please ask Paul about what is available.

Don't forget to bring a little \$\$ to the meeting for Field Day food & drink supplies (and 50/50 tickets). Field Day is the 28th and 29th (come evening 27th if you can). See you at the meeting!!

73 de **Steve Cahill, KD1XH**
WARC President

P.S. I guess it's not bad for the first time, but I left a couple bugs in the crossword puzzle. There is on un-numbered word you'll end up with (no big deal), and there is no #23 down-it should be #23. Have fun- it's a tough puzzle!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report submitted.

Alan Giroux, N1XNQ

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Well, I am gearing up for the media blitz for Field Day – hope all of you can come down and spend at least a few hours with us at Nystrom's Pond, in Thomaston. Directions will be posted along the road. Talk in will be on 146.52 simplex. Final details will be make at the meeting on Monday the 16th June.

73 de **Susan Troupe-KA1YED**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Narrative Summary

Hello fellow members!

As our last meeting before summer break, we will think of ways to bring new things to our club. On field Day we will make contacts to people far away and have fun as a club doing so. But don't forget even if the club is on summer break, you can if you wish, send donations to the club. So we can start September off on a good note. As we come to the end of our season bear in mind that the club is still working for you. At our last meeting Alan Giroux N1XNQ won the 50/50 raffle. Our last meeting was a small one and we only raised \$11 in the 50/50 raffle. Here is a breakdown for May.

Balance Sheet

Beginning Balance \$420.09

Expenditures

Reimbursement for April Sparx printing and mailing (Sue-KA1YED) 33.71

Subtotal of Expenses 33.71

Income

Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle 11.00

Subtotal of Income 11.00

Ending Balance \$397.38

Net Loss 22.71

So as I said before if you want to send donations for the club over the summer, just send them to me Mark Harold N1XQH, Treasurer, 134 Bunker Hill Av. Fl 2, Waterbury, CT 06708. Please write; Attention, WARC on the envelope.

So we will see you on Field Day, and have a great summer.

73 de **Mark Harold, N1XQH** –
Treasurer

FOR SALE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sale: Trunk lip Hustler mount with standard 3/8" thread. Designed to be used with HF radiators or vhf element. Used once, does not fit on new mobile. \$20. Also deluxe trunk lip mount Diawa low profile mount, bought to fit on Cadillac trunk. Used just a few months. \$30. For details call Paul KF2XK at (203) 754-8527.

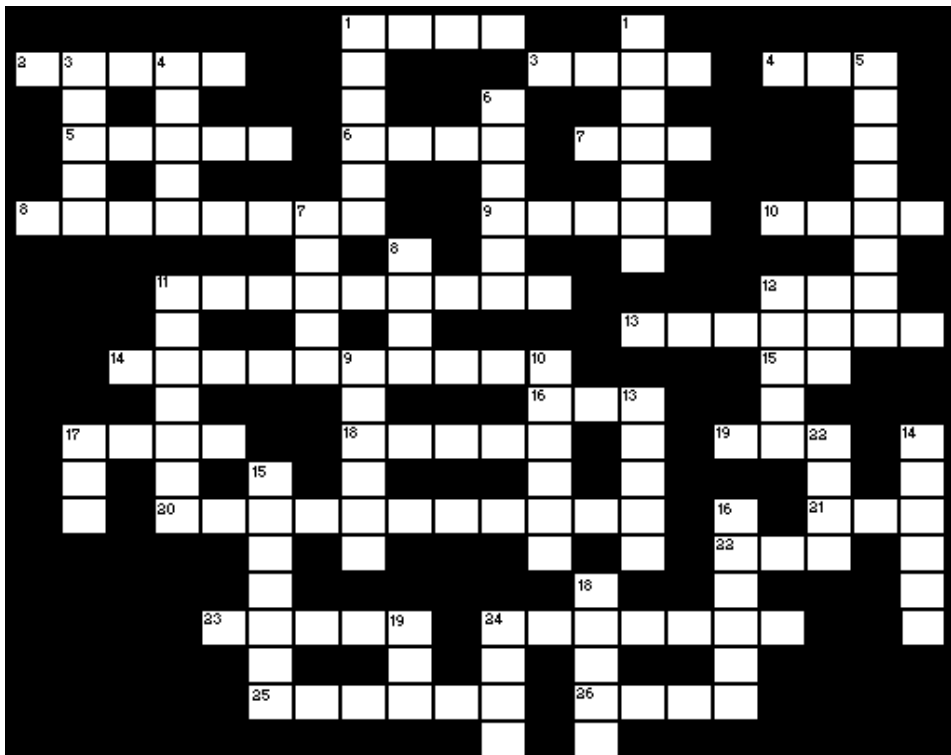
For Sale: Yaesu FT DX-400 HF rig. Best offer. Needs work. and an MFJ 300W dry Dummy Load \$50. Call Alan W1XNQ (203) 879-3620.

FREE for the price of removal! 80 foot tower. Contact: Joyce Bakalar, Fairlawn Apts., Mayberry Circle, Waterbury. (203) 754-7683.

QSL cards. WARC will be printing cards soon. If you need cards possibly we can batch and get better prices. Speak to any of the executive members with your requirements. We will research the best prices and get back to you.

Would you like your advertisement appear in these pages? Call Paul KF2XK or Susan KA1YED (203) 754-8527 to have your ad appear in the next issue of Sparx, it's FREE for all members!!!

Cross Word Puzzle: Kindly composed and proposed by KD1XH Steve.



ACROSS

1. Most popular person at Field Day
2. Quantity of these=quality of radio
3. Most used antenna cable
4. "Calling all radio amateurs"
5. Mode used to send pictures
6. ". . . ." (CW)
7. Fast scan TV, abr.
8. Wire from antenna to radio
9. Measuring indicator
10. Home station
11. Antenna's peak performance range
12. Never really happens, but neighbors complain anyway
13. What we all go to Field Day to do
14. Your rig's amplifying component
15. Your radio won't work if it's not..
16. Popular nationwide ham radio dealer
17. Often happens, but never stops Field day
18. Good copy
19. What you hate to go back to after a great Field Day
20. Simple 1/4 wave antenna
21. Abbreviation for antenna
22. Short, more familiar name for our hobby
23. One of many electronic parts
24. Packet DX _____
25. Common directional dipole configuration
26. FN31 is our _____ square

DOWN

1. Field Day operator fuel
2. One type of oscillator
3. Sometimes this is all you hear
4. Outer conductor of coaxial cable
5. What hams live to do
6. Wear this when helping with tower work
7. Packet stations you connect to
8. _____ and dahs
9. What non-hams sometimes think we are, especially during contests
10. Name for non-vertical wire of ground plane antenna
11. If you transmit with no antenna, you may smell something...
12. VHF band-opening phenomena- _____ ducting
13. Not allowed on Field Day
14. Where we are in the sun spot cycle
15. Brand of vintage radio gear
16. Function of outer coax conductor
17. Other name for your radio
18. One type of high gain directional antenna
19. Your wattage times antenna gain factor equals this (abbreviation)
20. Mark, N1XQH's new toy
22. Most common directional antenna used
24. Gets power to the radio



Waterbury Amateur Radio Club Visit to WATR 1320 (Taken by KA1YED)



WATR 1320 "Oldies" Showcase (Photo by KA1YED)

Inside the "WWYZ" 92.5 Country Music studio. (Photo by KA1YED)



Just one view of the antenna farm on Meriden Mountain! (Photo by KA1YED)

