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*"Community Service Through Communication"*



*April 2000*

**BOARD MEETING Apr 12**

**CLUB MEETING Apr 14**

### HAMFEST SUCCESS!

CRAII would like the following members for their participation in this year's hamfest:

Hamfest setup Friday night: Lisa France, N3QDC, KD2EL, N3MSK, N3ODB, WB2NQQV, KB5U, N2MQZ, KC2CMC, K2YSY, WA2RMZ, NU2W, W2CG, W2CGX, N2VEK, N2QOR, N2ZGG, KC2FRJ, N2ZVY, N2VWL, KE2HG, KB2DDM, W2RIJ, W2PSB, KA2TOV, W2GD

Hamfest Workers: Lisa France, N3QDC, KB2DDM, N2RDL, KE2HG, W2CG, W2NO, W2RIJ, W2PSB, W2LE (W2HCA), W2CGX, W2BWL, N2VWL, K2WJ, W2PKE, N2SO, WB2F, WB2NQQV, N2UYV, KB2RWY, K2YSY, K2PA, W2XT, N2WYJ, N2MQZ, WA2TWS, KC2CXH, KC2CMC, KA2TOV, KB5U, AA2MJ, N2QOR, KD2EL, N2ZVY, KA2YYB, N3ODB, N3MSK, NU2W, N2MIF, KD3KZ, AB2DW, N3QQT, WA2RMZ, KB2JVI, N2VEK, WB2LVE, KC2DWF, N2ZGG, KB2RTS, N1BIV, W1LIB, XYL de W1LIB, KC2FRJ, KC2EVJ, WA2BZF, WA2JVK, W2GD

**Thank you all!**

### PUBLIC SERVICE

March of Dimes event, 2000

When: 4-30-2000 beginning at 7:30am

Where: Spruce Run Reservoir.

Need: 10 folks with HTs.

Contact: Call Marty, W2CG @ 908-788-2644 or see him the next meeting.

### 911 TEST PASSES WITH FLYING COLORS!

All 3 aspects of the emergency system on 147.375 was tested on 3-18 and all went well. 147.015 also performs up to par with our system.

Justin, N2QOR

### SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

"Great effort by everyone made our move back to Hunterdon County a huge success."

-W2GD

"Only trouble with the HS is that we don't get all that exercise going back forth from the food hut at one end of the fairgrounds to the vendor building at the other! Great the way everything turned out, and the way the Club members work to get everything done!

- KB5U

I think this went very well. No major problems. Amazing in our first dry run in a new facility. All the vendors were very impressed with our help moving them into and out of the event, thanks to Duncan for the plywood. Good job from the chairmen on down. Way to go Cherryville

- Anonymous

"Looks like the Hamfest was a resounding success."

- KD2EL

"Really enjoyed the time with all on Friday and Sat...The kitchen crew was the best...The CRA-ham Burger was just right and most timely given all the work for the VE's... various comments from customers/friends seemed to be very positive."

- NU2W

Thanks to the many club members that made this hamfest possible. Looking very much forward to success at next years event.

- N3QDC

Pictures of Hamfest 2000 can be seen either on [www.qsl.net/W2CRA/](http://www.qsl.net/W2CRA/) or [www.qsl.net/kc2cxh/](http://www.qsl.net/kc2cxh/)

KC2CXH, Marty Focazio

# RESULTS OF HAMFEST SURVEY

W2GD polled about 35 buyers and 20 vendors (including our largest table buyers and major prize vendors). In summary, the response from everyone was overwhelmingly POSITIVE. Below are the questions/responses.

1. HOW DO YOU RATE TODAY'S HAMFEST?  
More than 90% of both buyers and sellers rated the hamfest Above Average or GREAT! About 10% of each group rated the event "average" which is still positive. ABSOLUTELY NONE of the interviewees rated the hamfest Below Average or Terrible. The results were totally positive and unprecedented for an event of this type.

2. ARE YOU LIKELY TO ATTEND AGAIN NEXT YEAR?  
100% of the Buyers and 95% of the Sellers (1 Vendor was Not Sure) interviewed indicated they planned to return to the CRA Hamfest in 2001. Again, we impressed both groups with how we staged our event, exceeding their expectations which in turn seems to have won us their loyalty in the future.

3. WHAT CHANGES WOULD IMPROVE THE HAMFEST?

In general both groups would like to see more vendors and more selling space. Some were disappointed we did not allow tailgating. From the planning stage we deliberately limited our size this year, not knowing if we could successfully overcome the change in venue and change in event date all at the same time. This was a HIGH RISK move on our part (moving the hamfest) and we weathered the changes and more than overcame these obvious obstacles in great style.

4. IF YOU HAD SOME HAMFEST FOOD TODAY, HOW DO YOU RATE THE QUALITY?

A much smaller number of interviewees indicated they bought food. There were a few complaints that the burgers were a little too well done, or not available when they went to purchase them. The need for OJ and Fruit Juices was indicated above. We still got an overall positive rating on our food, with only two respondents rating it below average and none saying it was terrible.

5. ABOUT HOW MANY MILES DID YOU TRAVEL TO GET HERE TODAY?

Based upon the sample it appears about 65% of the buyers drive 50 miles or less to attend our hamfest and 35% longer distances. Vendors tend to travel longer distances. Several vendors were from VA and one from Rochester NY.

6. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT TODAY'S HAMFEST  
The vast majority of buyers had received a hamfest flyer. The next most cited source of information was from a site on the WWW, then from QST/CQ or other magazines, several people

cited hearing about it during a repeater conversation, 2 during a local club meeting, and only one cited Newspaper publicity.

**Other verbatim comments suggested the following (in no particular order):**

-Be sure to invite a Name Badge/Hat Vendor to our event. Several buyers mentioned they were disappointed there wasn't one.

-Make the information about the hamfest more explicit and unambiguous on our Hamfest Flyer, in announcements sent to the major magazines, notices posted on websites, and especially on our own website.

-More clearly identify the location/school, and provide more explicit driving directions.

-We should ask for an email address on our ticket stubs.

-We should modify our website to allow vendors to make their table reservations on-line (take a more e-commerce approach).

-We should serve Orange Juice in the morning.

-We should also offer some fruit juices as alternatives to soda and ice tea throughout the day.

-We should put strings on vendor tickets so they can be worn and are easier to identify during the confusion of unloading.

-We need a "MAP" of the site, identifying all the important security points, where we should post a club member for security purposes at certain critical times.

-Many attendees mentioned they were glad the event was so early in the year since they were anxious to buy items for projects they would be doing in the upcoming good weather months. Overall buyers were happy to have an indoor venue.

-Several attendees complimented our use of signs on the major roads approaching the site. But we should also indicate in our Hamfest notices the exact street address of the high school (Route 31S and Regional Road).

-Our largest vendor (18 tables) indicated he did not make money, but was not surprised since he knows indoor events are not as lucrative for sellers. Outdoor events imply "bargains" and people naturally tend to spend more money at outdoor events. But he did feel we had done a good job and he would return next year. He would very much like to see a bigger selling area and more vendors. He also suggested we play up the "computer" angle of the event, get more computer equipment vendors to attend, since that will tend to draw more people from the "general public," broadening the events appeal and draw and thus permit marketing the event more effectively beyond the ham radio crowd.

-All vendors seemed pleased with the assistance we provided unloading their merchandise. As a practical matter, it turned out to be essential to keep things flowing and get everyone into their spots in the time available.

-It was suggested that CRAII should consider making our hamfest an official FRC Meeting.

-One attendee suggested we consider a 9 a.m. start time instead of 8 a.m.

-W2FNT wants us to send him flyers as early as possible. He can include the info in his "for sale list".

-One major vendor suggested we arrange having one telephone line so they can verify credit card orders. All vendors could share the line.

**Synopsis of VE session on March 18, 2000:**

Total Candidates: 43  
 Total Elements Administered: 57  
 Total Elements Passed: 43  
 New licenses earned: 9. N:0; T:4; T+:0; G:3; A:0; E:2.

Breakdown of elements administered:

	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Failed</u>
1A (5 wpm)	1	0
1B (13 wpm)	2	0
1C (20 wpm)	2	1
2 (N)	5	2
3A (T)	5	4
3B (G)	10	1
4A (A)	2	2
4B (E)	16	4

On April 15th 21 of our candidates will be eligible for an upgrade, with 14 of them qualifying for Extra class and 7 General class licenses.

Your VE team: W2CG, W2CGX, W2NO, K2PA, WA2TWS, NU2W, W2LE, K2WJ, WB2AZE

**MESSAGE from the Program Chairman:  
 Attention All Cub Members!**

Remember to mark your calendars for the MAY 12th 2000 club meeting. We will have for all ages a very special high voltage safety presentation by Al Saharic from GPU. The lecture and demonstration are something you will remember for a long time. He did this previously for the CRA club about 9 or 10 years ago and we still talk about how much we enjoyed it. Please bring a young ham (or non-ham) with you to the meeting. We are inviting the scouts (boys and girls) to attend so be there or you will miss a real treat(!). See you there

Dennis, KA2YYB

**N1CL TO APPEAR @  
 DELAWARE  
 STATE CONVENTION**

Today I learned that Bill Moore NC1L, who manages the DXCC / VUCC awards desk at ARRL HQ, will be at the ARRL Delaware State Convention in New Castle on April 30. Bill will be at the ARRL booth and will give a forum. The convention is held in conjunction with the Penn-Del ARC's hamfest. It's a very small hamfest / convention but a pleasant one. If you have questions, comments, cards to be checked,

etc., for DXCC and/or VUCC, this will be a convenient opportunity to do it. More information about the event will be in April QST, in case you need directions, etc.

73 - Kay WT3P

**BUY, SELL, OR TRADE**

I am cleaning out the attic and have several items that are to be disposed of. Would you please let the members of your club know about these items. Thank you.

2- Antique TV sets: One is a 1950 Dumont and the other is about a 1952 RCA. The Dumont unit was repaired and worked for a short period of time while the condition of the RCA unit is unknown. I have a complete set of schematics on it along with some extra parts. They both are table model units and the cabinets are not in the best shape. Both for \$40

35- Graymark AM radio kits #145 with PC boards and boxes. I bought these in large quantity and once used them with an electronic a kit building course that was conducted with Boy/Girl Scout troops and at several senior citizen centers. The kits retail complete for \$15.85 but I am asking \$10 per unit.

Charles Burke WA2SLK 732-938-2481

**HAMFEST CALENDAR**

Here is a partial list of upcoming area hamfests to whet your appetite.

April 9	DVRA	Trenton, NJ
May 7	Warminster ARC	Wrightstown, PA
June 3	Bergen ARA	Teaneck, NJ
June 10	Colombia-Montour ARC	Bloomsburg, PA
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Raritan Valley RC</b>	<b>Dunellen, NJ</b>
July 2	Murgas ARC	Wilkes Barre(Dallas), PA
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Sussex County ARC</b>	<b>Augusta, NJ</b>
July 16	Mid Atlantic ARC	Kimberly, PA
August 13	Jersey Shores ARS	Bayville, NJ
Sept. 16	Delaware Lehigh ARC	Schnecksville, PA

Note: CRAII is not responsible for typographical errors or spousal intervention.

George, N2VWL

**LAST CALL FOR  
 POWERSURGE ORDERS!**

Final reminder to all who are interested in ordering a power line protector from ZeroSurge in Frenchtown. Our group purchase and club discount will add up to over 22%. So bring your checkbook to the APRIL 14th club meeting, last day for ordering. For details see Denis KA2YYB at the meeting.

73 de KA2YYB

## **\*\* SPECIAL NOTE \*\***

John Witt, KD2UF, reports that Sue, N2FFB suffered a stroke and is in intensive care at Somerset Medical Center.

John and Sue were very active in Cherryville for many years and Sue was the "Voice of Cherryville" on many repeater announcements. John's creative abilities are responsible for many of the club signs, banners, etc.

Their address:

John and Sue Witt  
889 Country Club Road  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Let's all wish her a speedy recovery.

-Derry, W2XT

## **SKYWARN**

Spotters Training classes:

10 April, 2000 @ 7:00 PM  
Monroe County Public Safety Center  
Snydersville, PA

22 April, 2000 @ 10:00 AM  
Lehigh Valley Red Cross Bldg.  
Allentown, PA

17 May, 2000 @ 7:30 PM  
Somerset County Fire Academy  
Somerville, NJ

25 May, 2000 @ 7:30 PM  
Vernon Municipal Bldg.  
Church St., Vernon (Sussex Cnty.) NJ

Directions to these and other sites can be found at:

<http://wx2phi.skywarn.net/skywarn~training.html>

George, N2VWL

## **ELECTIONS**

Time again for the Cherryville Officer and Board member elections. Elections are held at the April meeting, with only those members in 'good' standing with dues paid eligible to vote. Ballots are mailed out after the March meeting. All officer positions are open for election as well as 2 Member-at-Large Board positions.

Here is the current slate of candidates for the upcoming election:

President: N3QDC  
Vice President: KB2DDM  
Secretary: N2ZXF, K2YSY  
Treasurer: W2NCN  
Member at Large: KD2EL, KA2YYB

The Election Committee consists of those Board members not up for re-election (Board seats are two-year terms, alternating 2 or 3 open each election.) The Election Committee for this year consists of:

Ed Kita, N3MSK  
John Crovelli, W2GD  
Roberto Matos, K2PA.

Contact any of the above or a Club Officer if you are interested in running for a position or nominating someone.

## **SPECIAL SERVICE CLUBS**

ARRL says "thank you" to exemplary Special Service clubs: Every two weeks, a Special Service Club will be featured in the ARRL Special Service Club Spotlight at <http://www.arrl.org/field/club/sscspot/>. The first ARRL Special Service Club Spotlight features Carl Hayden Community High School Amateur Radio Club of Phoenix, Arizona. This page is open for all to see and enjoy. If you'd like to suggest your SSC for the ARRL Special Service Club Spotlight, send your information, including email and Web site addresses, to Dan Miller, K3UFG, at [dmiller@arrl.org](mailto:dmiller@arrl.org). Photographs, particularly those that highlight club activities, are especially welcome.

Dan Miller, K3UFG/Field & Educational Services

NOTE: CHERRYVILLE IS A SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB. WE SHOULD HAVE SOMEONE SUGGEST CRA FOR THE SPOTLIGHT.

# CRA II CLUB INFORMATION

## UPLINK

First of all, some of you may have noticed that you did not receive an Uplink in the 'snail' mail lately. To conserve on postage costs, all members with e-mail now receive the Uplink electronically. If you would prefer to receive the paper version by mail, let Keith or Marty know. If you have e-mail and are not receiving it electronically yet, please send us a note with your e-mail.

### HELP WANTED: Uplink Reporter

In order to get more Club info into the newsletter on a timely basis, your help is needed. This would include info from the Board and / or Club meetings, as well as info on happenings during the month preceding the meetings. With the Uplink going out just before the meetings, some announcements made at the meetings are 'old news' or obsolete by the time the next Uplink comes around.

Especially, information on Club happenings, Public service events, repeater activities/repairs, member info and updates. If you would like to be the Uplink 'Club Reporter', contact Keith or Rob. And also, anyone can forward this type of info anytime!

Thanks, Keith

## ENHANCED DXCC

The ARRL DXCC Desk says that effective April 1, 2000, DXCC members may have their cards checked by local card checkers without having to mail cards to ARRL Headquarters. Under the new program, DXCC card checkers will be able to check all awards except 160 meter DXCC, as well as all QSLs from any current DXCC entity. This will apply to both new awards and endorsements. QSOs made up to 10 years prior to the current year will be eligible for field checking, while older cards and those from deleted entities still may be sent to ARRL HQ. The current DXCC Field Checking program ends March 31, 2000. Reappointment of DXCC Card Checkers under new criteria will be necessary. For more information, contact

Bill Moore, NC1L, [dxcc@arrl.org](mailto:dxcc@arrl.org); 860-594-0234. —DXCC

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*There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."*

The Cherryville Repeater Association II, Inc. is a non-profit New Jersey Corporation dedicated to Community Service Through Communication. **Meetings** are held on the second Friday of each month at **7:30 PM** at the **Flemington Baptist Church** unless otherwise announced. Visitors are always welcome! Also, everyone is welcome on the Thursday Night Traffic Net, at 8 PM every Thursday, followed at 9:30 by the Swap-Net, and the ARES-RACES net at 8:30 PM on the first Thursday each month (immediately following the traffic net), all on the 147.375 repeater.

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**Deadline for submission for all issues is two weeks prior to the Board meetings.**

## DUES STRUCTURE TIME TO RENEW

REGULAR	\$30.00
FAMILY	\$45.00
SENIOR	\$20.00

**PLEASE SEE THE TREASURER OR MAIL TO THE CLUB: PO BOX 308, QUAKERTOWN, NJ 08868**

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**NET SCHEDULE:**

Hunterdon County Traffic and Emergency net	Thursday, 8:00 PM	147.375
Races net	1st Thursday, 8:30 PM	147.375
SkyWarn net	Thursday 9:00 PM	147.015
Swapnet	Thursday, 9:30 PM	147.375
Complex repeater net	Sunday, 7:30 PM	147.015
CLUB INFO LINE (908) 788-4080	WEBSITE <a href="http://www.qsl.net/w2cra">www.qsl.net/w2cra</a>	PACKET W2CRA 145.51

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