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“Community Service Through Communication”



January 2002

BOARD MEETING January 9 8:00 PM

CLUB MEETING January 11 7:30 PM

PUBLIC SERVICE

de WB2NQV

CRA PROGRAM SCHEDULE

de Denis KA2YYB

For the latest Public Service dates log on the CRA web site
<http://www.qsl.net/w2cra>

January 11 ATV
February 8 Advanced Repeater Networks Part 2
March 8 Hamfest (3/16)

Cherryville now has a List Server

de Barry Campbell W2CGX

Cherryville now has its own email listserv account thanks to QSL.net/QTH.net. Qsl.net, you may remember, is where the Cherryville website is located, and owner Al Waller, K3TKJ set up a sister server, QTH.net for listserv's.

Any club member with an email address can subscribe to our mailing list, called W2CRA. The advantage of a mail list is that any member-subscriber can send one email to the server and the server then distributes the message to everyone who has subscribed. It provides a quick, convenient way to distribute information to all club members who are subscribed with only one message.

Several members have asked if the club newsletter could be distributed on the mail list, and, unfortunately the answer is no. The reason is that often attachments are the means of distributing viruses, and Mr. Waller has wisely opted to prohibit attachments of any kind.

If you haven't yet subscribed, it's really easy to do. First go to this web address: <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/w2cra>. Go to the section on subscribing to W2CRA, enter your email address and pick a password just for this list. Reenter the password and indicate if you want to receive each message as it is sent or if you prefer to receive list mail batched in a daily digest. At the moment there aren't very messages on the list, so most opt for the mail as it is sent.

This page also describes the process for sending a message to the list, looking through the archives for back messages and looking at the subscriber list.

If you have email, join the list and keep up with the happenings of your club!

HAMFEST CALENDAR

Dates	Event and Contact	Location
20 Jan	New York City/Long Island Section Convention Great South Bay ARC http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nli/	North Babylon, NY New York City-Long Island
24 Feb	Long Island Mobile ARC http://www.limarc.org	Hicksville, NY New York City-Long Island
2 Mar	Splitrock ARA http://www.splitrockara.org	Parsippany, NJ Northern New Jersey
3 Mar	Great South Bay & Suffolk County ARCs http://www.gsbarc.org	Lindenhurst, NY New York City-Long Island
16 Mar	CHERRYVILLE	Clinton NJ North Hunterdon High School

Finally! Upgrade classes scheduled!

de Barry W2CGX

Not only have Cherryville's license classes moved from Bridgewater to the Red Cross building in Flemington; and classes will be held in the spring this year, BUT, the spring class will be an upgrade class!

Obviously there have been a lot of changes to the education program. The upgrade classes have been requested for a while now, and they're finally coming. The new classes will concentrate first on upgrading from Technician to General, then move right into Extra class sessions near the end. Throughout the entire class, Morse code will be taught, so for those of you who need element 1, you'll be able to get it this spring.

It was found that one day a week of Morse code isn't enough to learn even the 5 wpm speed. So we're going to try something new: in addition to the code session on the Tuesday class nights, we're planning a code session on one of the repeaters in the W2CRA system on Thursday evening, probably prior to the start of the regular net. That should hopefully provide enough practice to master the code and pass the element 1.

The new sessions are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 19th, and run for eleven weeks to April 30th. The VE testing would be tentatively scheduled for May 2nd. All sessions are scheduled to be at the American Red Cross chapter building on Main Street in Flemington. Classes will begin at 6:30 and run until 9:30.

More information will be forthcoming, but if you want to help the education committee out, please drop an email to Education Chair Barry, W2CGX at barryc@cnjnet.com. Indicate what you want to upgrade from and to. You can register for the class by calling the Red Cross Chapter House at 908-782-4121.

****FOR SALE****

3 BEDROOM RANCH CLINTON / ANNANDALE

2200 square foot ranch with partially finished basement.
Three bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen with sun porch,
865 square foot three-car garage with walk-up attic storage on three-quarters of an acre with pine grove. Oil, hot water heat.
Security system. Paved drive.
One mile to commuter train, two miles to Interstate 78, three miles to NYC bus.
Asking \$224,500. When fixed up and "spiffy"
At present property needs some "fixer-upper" work. Price is negotiable.
Respond: E-mail WB2NQV@arrl.net

DELAWARE VALLEY 2 METER FM SIMPLEX CONTEST FEBRUARY 2, 2002!

Don't forget the second annual Delaware Valley 2 Meter Simplex Contest to be held February 2, 2002.

The contest is open to all radio amateurs. Stations within a 60 mile radius of Philadelphia's City Hall will exchange their zip code and contact number. Stations outside of the 60 mile radius will exchange their state and contact number.

The contest gives individuals as well as clubs to participate in the event. Bonus points are being allowed for contacting club stations/callsigns. Clubs wishing to enter a club callsign as a bonus point contact station in the event are asked to send a note to WM3PEN@HARCNET.ORG by January 12, 2002. A complete list of all bonus stations will be published by January 19, 2002.

Contacts can be made on any 2 meter FM voice frequency provided there is no interference to repeater, digital, satellite, or other activities taking place in the two meter band. Contacts on 146.52 will not be permitted.

Awards will be issued to individual top scores in a high and low power category. Club station awards will also be issued in the high and low power category. There is also an opportunity for Clubs to sponsor awards for their members in a high and low power categories. An award will also be issued for the highest mobile score.

For further information contact WM3PEN@harcnet.org or WA3PZO@harcnet.org.

SAMPLE CONTACT EXCHANGE

1. If you live in the 60 mile radius of William Penn (Philadelphia City Hall)
KB3AKK de WA3PZO Pse copy Nr.1 zip 19136
2. If you live outside of the 60 mile radius
WA3PZO de N3EFN Pse copy Nr. 1 PA.
3. If you work HARC's club call WM3PEN exchange your information and make a note that it is the sponsoring club call and worth 3 points. Other club calls will be worth 2 points. All other contacts count as 1 point. Final score will be the number of contact points X the number of zip codes/states in high (10W or more) and low power (less than 10W) categories. Individual, club station, and mobile awards will be issued. Clubs can issue their own membership awards.

A list of zip codes up to 60 miles from Philadelphia's City Hall is available.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All logs, either paper or electronic should be received by February 28, 2002. Logs may be sent to the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 6253, Philadelphia, PA 19136 or emailed to WM3PEN@harcnet.org.

AMSAT-NA announces Elmer Award

AMSAT-NA Awards Manager Bruce Paige, KK5DO, has announced a new Elmer Award to recognize those who encourage and assist satellite newcomers. The award offers three levels--beginner, intermediate and expert. For example, Paige said, to

qualify for the beginning level, a satellite operator would need to work: one school club station; four female (YL) operators; four operators age 16 or younger; and 10 operators who have been licensed for less than two years at the time of contact. Paige said qualifications for the intermediate and expert levels build on the beginner level. Any Amateur Radio satellite may be used for contacts, but contacts should be voice or CW only, and QSOs with the ISS, shuttle or any other manned spacecraft are not eligible for this award. Contacts must be made on or after November 1, 2001. For more information, contact Bruce Paige, KK5DO, kk5do@amsat.org.

ANTENNA MODELING IS NEXT ARRL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OFFERING

Building upon the success of its emergency communication courses, the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (C-CE) Program will offer an on-line course in computerized antenna modeling. Program Coordinator Dan Miller, K3UFG, said the new course will open for registration soon.

At least initially, the antenna modeling course will be offered once per month for up to 50 registrants. The course is scheduled to take 12 weeks to complete. The fee will be \$80 for ARRL members and \$120 for nonmembers.

While Miller doesn't expect demand for the antenna modeling course to come anywhere near that for the emergency communications series, he's hoping it will be popular enough to eventually spin off a "live" classroom course.

Since the introductory Level I emergency communication course was offered for the first time one year ago this month, the popular series has expanded to three levels, with the addition of the intermediate and advanced courses. Miller reports that more than 1600 students have signed up for seats in one or more of the series, and registrations for both on-line and live classes spiked in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

"It exceeded my expectations of one year ago," Miller said. He said he also was pleased to be able to offer the Level II and Level III classes this year.

Next on tap for the ARRL C-CE Program is a course on HF digital communications, which will become available early next year. The Certification and Continuing Education Program is seeking HF digital mode aficionados to beta test the course and to serve as mentors to students taking the initial classes.

To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page <http://www.arrl.org/cce> and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact C-CE Coordinator Dan Miller, K3UFG, cce@arrl.org.

Editor's Note

The January edition of the Uplink was delayed due to an operating system upgrade on my computer that went terribly wrong. As I write this, I am crossing all my appendages hoping against hope that I finally have this mess straightened out. My apologies for the delay. WA2EPY

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

-Theodore Roosevelt

CRA II CLUB INFORMATION

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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Articles and information are always welcome, and may sometimes be edited for content, punctuation, grammar, and newsletter space.

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

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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
Swap Net	Thursday, 9:30 PM	147.375
Complex Repeater Net	Sunday, 7:30 PM	147.015

MAJOR EVENTS:

W2CRA Hamfest	March 16, 2002	Talk-in 147.375
W2CRA Field Day	June 23, 2001	147.375

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