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THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE CHERRYVILLE REPEATER ASSOCIATION II, INC.

"Community Service Through Communication"



June 2000

BOARD MEETING June 7 8:00 PM

CLUB MEETING June 9 7:30 PM

FIELD DAY 2000 June 23-25

A call sign is needed for the Novice station; any Novice or Tech can authorize the use of their call for the event. Please contact Tim, N2UYV, or Rob or John.

Friday afternoon, 2:00 PM set up begins and help is needed through 6:15 PM. Barbecue at 6:15

Saturday 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM set up continues. Stop for lunch at 12 Noon.

2:00 PM On air operation begins and continues for the next 24 Hours. Dinner is ready at 5:30 PM. Operations continue through the night. Come out and try your fist and/or your phone technique.

Sunday 7:00 AM Breakfast is started. Some of the operators don't stop for any meal so we need people to see to it they get fed. NOON it's time for the famous Chili festival.

2:00 PM Operation ceases! Now comes the hard part, bodies are needed to take everything down and store it away in the club trailer for next year or any emergency that may require its use. Every one is welcome. Stop at the Information booth and sign in each day.

HELP WANTED: UPLiNK EDITOR(S)

See Rob, Marty, Keith or any Officer or Board member if you are interested.

LEBANON PARADE July 4th

RETIREMENT

Howdy y'all

It has been 10 interesting years, but the time has come for me to step down as Editor of Uplink. I started doing the Uplink with Marty W2CG in 1989, can't believe it has been that long. It has been really great working with Marty all these years. Back then, our calls were KF5FK and NS2K.

At this time, April and I have our townhouse that we are living in in Bridgewater on the market, and plan to relocate out of the area when it sells. But even if we were staying (or events cause us to change those plans), after 10 years I need a break and the Uplink needs someone with new ideas, insights and energy to take it to a new level.

Keeping up on Club happenings, attending Board meetings, and gathering info from Officers and members is what started me going to Board meetings way back then, and that led to a position on the Board: and then Treasurer, and President. It has been a fun time, and I will miss it.

I want to thank all those who have helped, especially Marty, who continues to hold the database and do the mailing, Judd, for all his wonderful articles, Roberto for the interviews, and all who have contributed articles and information over the years.

73, Keith N5RA
(formerly KB5U, KF5FK, WB9EJD, WN9EJD)

CRA PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JUNE 3 SATURDAY FIELD TRIP 10:30 AM to WWOR TV Broadcast Center, Secaucus, New Jersey.

Call Denis KA2YYB to confirm, directions at May club.

JUNE 9 "Field Day" John Crovelli W2GD, followed by "Transformers, Baluns, and Verticals" Jerry Sevick W2FMI

JULY 14 "Space Communications, OSCAR13, and EME (moon bounce)" Chris Fagas WB2VVV

AUG 11 "Transmitter Hunting" antennae construction and testing Ed N3MSK, Brian N2RDL, Denis KA2YYB

SEPT 8 To be announced
Possible OEM Program

OCT 13 "APRS, theory and practice" Ronald Hepburn N2LCZ and associate

NOV 10 "The Future of Amateur Radio" Steve Mendohlson W2MI

CORRECTION: Steve Mendolsen's call is W2ML. He was listed by his old call, WA2DHF, in last months listing.

DEC 8 CRAII Awards Banquet

HAMFEST CALENDAR

June 3	Bergen ARA	Teaneck, NJ
June 10	Colombia-Montour ARC	Bloomsburg, PA
June 17	Raritan Valley RC	Dunellen, NJ
July 2	Murgas ARC	Wilkes Barre(Dallas), PA
July 16	Sussex County ARC	Augusta, NJ
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

GRANDPA ALEX

A note from the Silver Fox, our master of the Fox Hunt and Satellites:

Sorry I have not passed this along sooner but Nancy and I have been on the run. Caroline has had her baby (Gavin William Boyce) 8Th of May after 24 hrs of labor followed by a (C) section.

Weight 7lbs 6/5 Oz.

19" long with a full crop of black hair HiHi.

Thus you can no call me Grandpa and Nan Grandma.

Alex

WRTC2000/IARU Radiosport

Every 4 years or so, the amateur radio world holds a contest championship for the elite of the contesting world. The top contesters from throughout the world are elected by their peers, and gather in a locale where they compete on so-called 'even ground.'

The upcoming WRTC2000 will be an event unlike any other in contesting history. Over 400 contesters and other interested hams from nearly 50 countries are expected to descend upon Slovenia this July to see who will be win what is sure to be one of the closest competitions of all time. It's not only a great contest, but also a remarkable example of international good will.

They all use nearly identical equipment and antennas, and are closely watched by judges to ensure adherence to the contest rules and radio law. The last event was held in 1996 in California; this year it will be in Slovenia. The contest is run concurrently with the IARU DX Contest on the weekend of July 8th and 9th, operating both CW and SSB.

Once again, our own W2GD is recognized for his contesting skill by being included in this elite event! Way to go John! John will be teamed with Ron Harps, K8NZ representing the Northern Coast Contesters Club (PA). Callsigns for the contestants are announced at the last minute, and it is kept secret who is operating under which callsign to minimize any advantage from say, a group of friends only working one of the stations. (Callsigns will be like: S577A)

John and Elaine, KB2ERI, are scheduled to be in Europe July 4-19, in Slovenia July 5-11 for the WRTC2000. After the event, they will do some touring in Italy, Austria, Germany, and possibly Hungary or Poland before returning.

It's the Dits... Vanity Dits, that is

Where as, too many Dits run together
And a B is only one Dit from a 6
Or an H only one Dit from a 5
Also a U is only one Dit from a V

Therefor, KB5U can easily become KB5V K6HU etc.
And no matter how many times you correct them, No matter how much slower you send it, They still don't get it right. Especially the B-6 5-H problem, Like how many times have you seen 6V6U called out as BV6V on packet in a contest. So the search was on, forget the initials (KB). Need a call with distinct differences from letters and numbers:

Therefor KB5U now equals N5RA

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PUBLIC SERVICE

HORSE TRIALS HELD MAY 13TH

The Buck's County Horse Trials were held on Saturday May 13. We had a good turnout and great weather, and the event went off without a hitch. Those of us on the hill needed to use a little sunscreen; those in the woods needed some OFF. Stationed in sight of each jump the horse and rider had to take, we were there for safety reasons and also reported in progress of the riders. And Duncan looked great riding buy on his horse!

Ten (10) members worked the event. We covered four (4) events. Additional information; Our own Duncan MacRae placed fifth in the training class, which was the highest class of the day.

Members attending: KC2CMC Michael Varas, KA2YYB Denis Albisser, WB2F Bob Cherry, KA2TOV Mike Grohol, KB5U Keith Burt, KS4YG Jim Hetrick KA2YXY Ruth Fanjoy, W2NCN Bill Greenhalgh, KC2EBL Eleanor Miller and N2VWL George Morgan.

4th of JULY PARADE

Mark your calendars for the Lebanon Parade. July 4th. Plan to be in town and parked by 8:00 AM, this year. Once again CRA will help to organize and line up the floats and antique cars. We are there to provide emergency communications. The event gives us a chance to practice our skills in emergency communications, and at the same time have a lot of fun. If you have not worked this event before, you really owe it to yourself to come out and participate. The Parade is one of the biggest in Central New Jersey. After the parade is over, we all get together for a root beer and a hot dog or two.

The event is July 4th in Lebanon, New Jersey. Plan to be there at 8:00 A.M. and plan to stay until about 1:00 P.M. It might be a good idea to bring a hat to keep the sun off your head, and a bottle of water. CRA members will be assigned a division of the parade to help line up and report status on who is ready and who is missing. We also keep an eye out safety issues, and report on them as well. I hope to see you there!

Tim McLaughlin N2UVY

See you all at Field Day 2000!

SOLAR MAX

As we near the peak of the current sunspot cycle, solar flux has been hitting numbers as high as 252 in the last few weeks. The Aurora Borealis / northern lights have been seen as far south as Oklahoma! DX conditions are great, although geomagnetic storms have raised the K index often into the teens and as high as the 70s recently. So, propagation can vary greatly every few days. Tune up and listen often!

On that note, hopefully many of you have worked the most recent Dxpedition to Bhutan, A5. Check for your call in their log at <http://www.qsl.net/bhutan2000>

Good luck in the pileups

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
Swapnet	Thursday, 9:30 PM	147.375
Complex repeater net	Sunday, 7:30 PM	147.015
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