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Board Meeting October 9, 2002

Membership Meeting October 11, 2002

### "Tuesday Night Net" gaining in popularity

It's becoming known as the "Tuesday night net," and it's an opportunity for club members to participate in HF communications. The group meets first on the main repeater, .375 at about 8:15 pm each Tuesday. From there they decide where to go to meet on HF. Usually it starts on 40 meters after one of the group finds a reasonably quiet frequency, but often moves all over the Amateur spectrum.

And the contacts are not just SSB either. We've done AM too on both 75 and down. We've worked on 75, 40, 20, 17 and 10 to experiment with propagation. Forty always seems to be the best band, as long as the international AM broadcast stations don't interfere. As winter approaches, the propagation on 40 gets even better.

Stations participating live and operate from PA (Easton and near Philly), central, northern and southern NJ, and we've even hooked up with "drop ins" from states in the south and west.

It's a lot of fun and in the process we're learning more about HF propagation. If you have HF gear and the time on Tuesdays, join in! Just meet on the 147.375 repeater at about 8:15 and go from there.

While on vacation on Cape Cod, W2CGX and KB2YJX will try to see if evening hookups might be possible on 40 meters. Look for us between 7.335 and 7.245 evenings about 8:00 or 8:15 p.m. We'll try to be there as many of them as possible except for Tuesday when we're attending the Pilgrim Radio Club meeting!.

### 45th Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) Oct. 19 & 20

By Nick Vitovitch N2NV

JOTA is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur (ham) Radio. The JOTA event this year will be bigger than ever for the Scouts in the Hunterdon Arrowhead District. The Scouts are holding their fall camp out on the same weekend as JOTA at a wonderful location nearby. Over 600 Scouts attended the camp out last year at this same location and this year's turn out is looking just as good if not better.

The location of this camp out is at the Round Valley Youth Center located off of Route 629 (this is the access road to Round Valley) about 1-2 miles past the entrance to Round Valley State Park on your left. The Scouts will campout from 5PM Friday, October 18th to about 9AM Sunday, October 20th. Our JOTA activities will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday and end in the early evening depending on the traffic we have. I will also be running a Radio Merit Badge session concurrent with the JOTA activities. One of the requirements of the Radio Merit Badge is that the boys must have a 10 minute QSO (normally voice) to earn their Merit Badge. I'm expecting about 40 boys to attend the Merit Badge sessions, translating to 400 minutes of QSO time not including any of the Scouts that just would like to participate in JOTA. Clearly for this to be a successful event I will need your help.

If you can operate during the event (any license class), even if it's only for

an hour please contact Nick Vitovitch N2NV (908-730-8211 or email to vitovitch@earthlink.net) to make sure I know you are coming and can schedule you for operating time. If you have equipment we can use, again please contact me before Thursday, October 17th so that I know what stations we can set up for the boys to use and so that we can make arrangements to get the equipment setup. Setup can start as early as noon on Friday the 18th. Maps and additional operating information will be provided at the club meeting on October 11th.

If you can not make the event please get on the air and talk to the Scouts. The following frequencies are the World Scouting frequencies and will be the calling frequencies for much of the JOTA event. In addition, we may use the repeater from time to time as well so if you hear us calling please respond.

Band	SSB (phone)	CW (Morse code)
80 m.	3.740/3.940 MHz	3.590 MHz
40 m.	7.270 MHz	7.030 MHz
20 m.	14.290 MHz	14.070 MHz
17 m.	18.140 MHz	18.080 MHz
15 m.	21.360 MHz	21.140 MHz
12 m.	24.960 MHz	24.910 MHz
10 m.	28.390 MHz	28.190 MHz

JOTA allows the boys to exchange Scouting experiences and ideas are shared via radio waves. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was

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### Upcoming Public Service Events

October 13, 2002- Bucks County Horse Park. Lots of operators still needed, Jim Hetrick KS4YG will be coordinating in the absence of N2VWL. Also November 9, 14 Operators needed!

October 19 & 20, 2002-JOTA On The Air. See stories in the newsletter!

November 3, 2002-Blackwells Mills horse event, 7 ops needed!

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held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event. Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years. JOTA is also a great opportunity to introduce the Scouts to our hobby and show them how it can be a useful Scouting tool. Since last year, we have 3 Scouts that I know of that have earned their licenses. Please help us make this event successful and hopefully get a few more Scouts involved in our hobby.

## ARRL requesting JOTA activity registration

(From ARRL Letter)

Scouting's annual Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) takes place Saturday October 19 through Sunday October 20 (local time and always the third weekend of October). For the first time, ARRL is requesting that any club or individual planning to be active during the 2002 JOTA activity register on the "Youth Skeds" page on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/youthskeds/>>. (Set the expiration for the day after JOTA, October 21.)

The idea is to provide a database of scheduled JOTA activity in advance of the event to help more scouting groups to participate in JOTA 2002. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Venture Scouts soon will take to the airwaves in an effort to communicate with each other via Amateur Radio. As many as 400,000 Scouts, scouters and other youth have participated in JOTA in the past, and it's become the world's largest scouting event! JOTA provides another way to expose youth to Amateur Radio by showing them a great time as well as helping them to meet new friends, share stories of past scout experiences, and, ultimately, to light the spark that inspires them to pursue their own Amateur Radio licenses.

For more information, visit the JOTA page on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html>>.

## Argentina to get 136-kHz band

Report from ARRL Letter

Radio Club Argentino <<http://www.lu4aa.org>> President Roberto Beviglia, LU4BR, reports that Argentinian amateurs will be the next to gain access to the 136-kHz LF band. As a result of a rule proposal the club made to federal officials, he reports, a portion of the 136-kHz band has been allocated to the Amateur Service on a secondary basis in Argentina. The segment 135.7 to 137.8 kHz will be coordinated by the Radio Club Argentino until it is finally assigned on a primary basis within a year.

With more and more countries gaining access to the LF band, it will be interesting to see what kind of contacts will be made with the propagation. Any of our members starting to look at building/assembling equipment for the VF band yet? Yet another untapped area.

## FROM THE PREZ...

Barry Campbell, W2CGX

Well another month has come and gone before we knew it.

The new license class is off and running, Lou, KB2VCI has it cranked up and operational, with Roberto, K2PA pounding the brass for the group. It's a sizeable group, in fact over 20 at last count. Most of the volunteer teachers have signed up for specific classes, and if you're one of them please don't forget to be there the night you're scheduled to teach. Hopefully we'll see a large group of new hams in our midst come Christmas.

The Skylands event went well inspite of being short an operator or two and the rain, at least, held off until the end of the event. Thanks to all who participated. We've been invited to the planning table next year, so hopefully we'll have aprs fully operational at next year's event.

A reminder that the club Awards Dinner is coming up faster than you may think. Several people have signed up, but not everyone who signed up has paid up yet. You can send your check for the \$16 per person to the club PO box, or send directly to treasurer Bill, W2NCN's house. He'll pass along the reservation to Roberto K2PA and Charlie WB2NQV.

Speaking of Charlie, several have asked how he's doing. He's been undergoing Chemo treatments down at his Texas home, and though the day of and day after each treatment are pretty rough on him, he gets better until the next one. He says he's looking forward to coming up for the dinner. We sure wish him a speedy recovery!

I wasn't able to participate, but did get a chance to listen to the RACES drill a week ago. I have to compliment Mike and Roberto for a great job under trying circumstances. Roberto became essentially the 911 operator for the event, the assumption was that all communications was out! Great recovery, guys, and to Tom, AB2DW, who found himself in the hot seat (literally if you consider what the scenario was) at the site of the "disaster." Congratulations all around, and Mike says he sure wished more had turned out.

Hopefully there will be a tower growing in my back yard soon, I finally have the hole dug, and now just have to get the rest of the preparations done and get it inspected before pouring concrete. I can't wait!

That's about it for this month, 73, W2CGX

## International DX Contest Results

The results from both the phone and CW ARRL International DX Contests are now available on the ARRL website at: <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/contests/results/2002/DX-Phone/>, though the actual results are available to members only at this time.

A quick scan of the results came up with some familiar calls in the Phone section of the contest, including W2CG, W2GD, and K2YSY.

The results from the CW contest were also scanned for Hudson Division entries, but no familiar calls popped up. If you see any that were missed, let us know.

Now we're waiting for the results of Field Day to show up on the site. It used to be that you could see the results in the October issue of QST, but apparently with so many entries now, it's well into November before the results become available.

Ain't computers great?

# 2002 Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, December 14, 2002

**\*\*Reserve Early\*\***

The cost is only \$16 per person, BYOB

Where is it? At the Sky Manor Airport Restaurant

Airport Road just off 513 in Pittstown.

Starts at 7:30 pm, contact K2PA or WB2NQV for info

Send your check to: Banquet, P.O. Box 308, Quakertown NJ 08868

See you there!

## THE CHERRYVILLE REPEATER ASSOCIATION II CLUB INFO:

Club Info Line (908) 788-4080	Website www.qsl.net/w2cra	Packet W2CRA 145.51
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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
HF Net	Tuesday 8:15 Meet first on:	147.375 Then to HF

### MAJOR EVENTS:

W2CRA Hamfest	March 15, 2003	Talk-in 147.375
W2CRA Field Day	June 28/29, 2003	147.375

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CRA 911 System  
WB2NQV Repeater

### Dial: To Contact:

**9-1-1** Hunterdon Co. Communications. All emergencies.

**9-1-0** Hunterdon Co. Communications if 911 not working.

**9-1-2** Somerset Co. Communications.

9-1-3 Middlesex County Communications.

**9-1-4** New Jersey State Police, Parkway and Turnpike.

Use it, but don't abuse it!  
Once connected, state that you are amateur station \_\_\_\_, and report the emergency. If you know there are or are not injuries, state so. Give exact location. Wait for the dispatcher to clear you before you hang up.

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