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Board Meeting September 11, 2002

Membership Meeting September 13, 2002

## Technician Class To Begin

It's that time of year again! A new Technician Class (with Morse code) course is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 17 at the American Red Cross building, 52 E. Main Street in Flemington.

The first class will be on that Tuesday, but all the rest of the classes will be held on Thursday evening, beginning September 26. VE testing will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2002.

Lou, KB2VCI, Education Committee chair, sent all former instructors a copy of the course outline asking for instructor volunteers to pick the section of the course they wish to teach. Instructors are encouraged to pick their section soon and email Lou with the choice(s).

If you know anyone who might be interested in taking the class to become a licensed operator, they can call the Red Cross chapter at (908) 782-4121 to register. Advanced registration is requested, in case enrollment exceeds the chapter facilities and we move the class to a different location.

The course is free, the cost of the Now You're Talking book is \$19 and will be available at the first class. The only other cost will be the VE testing fee, which is \$10, payable the night of testing.

Wouldn't that make a nice Holiday present to get that new Technician plus?

### Meeting Topic

The September 13th meeting program will feature Tom Kachnowski, AB2FG. His topic is titled, "Sand into Gold."

## Emergency Service Drills on Tap

As we prepare to observe the first anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, two separate emergency management drills have been announced.

The first will occur on September 19, a Thursday evening, after being rescheduled from September 9. It has been organized by the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management, and all RACES members are asked to participate.

RACES chair Mike Varas, KC2CMC says we will be asked to have stations at Amwell Township, Lambertville, Stockton, Delaware Township and Amwell Valley. "I'm hoping to post people who are geographically close to these locations," Varas said. He indicated that people at these posts would be close by in case of a real emergency, and can get to know the people normally stationed there.

Some of the township EOCs have new locations, and Varas said he would provide the necessary information for teams reporting to them to find.

Members are urged to have their "grab and go kits" including one or more HT radios ready. HTs should also be capable of operation on the County-furnished 147.015 repeater. That would require CTCSS tone to access, so members should have pre-programmed the hand-holds for access to .015. Trying to program a radio on route or at the scene is not a good idea.

The event is scheduled to begin at 1900 hours, and end at about 2100. The situation will be a simulated explosion at the Texas Eastern plant, and the job

of the RACES operators will be to pass messages and information between the municipal coordinators and the county coordinator.

### Warren County Drill

Our RACES brethren in Warren County have asked our participation in their County-wide exercise to be held on Saturday, September 21. They need from 6 to 10 Hunterdon operators to participate with them in the drill. It will last most of the morning, and lunch will be provided afterward.

Marty Grozinski sent a message via the W2CRA list serve asking for volunteers. Those interested in participating can contact John, K2WJ by email at k2wj@arrl.net.

An early response is requested so the event coordinators can adequately plan team locations and staffing. More information will be forthcoming at the September general meeting for both events. Both of these exercises provide excellent training for operators when the real need arises.

Remember to keep your emergency kits ready to go with charged batteries, HT frequencies installed before you go, and pencil and paper should be included.

If you still haven't joined RACES and/or ARES you still can. Contact Mike, KC2CMC for RACES or Dave, WB2AZE for ARES.

## Upcoming Public Service Events

September 15, 2002– Skylands Triathlon at Spruce Run, 10 to 15 ops needed. Meet at 8:00 a.m. W2CGX  
October 13, 2002— Bucks County Horse Park, PA. 14 Ops needed, contact N2VWL

## Special event station K4P to mark first anniversary of Pentagon attack

Deanna Lutz, K7DID, reports that special event station K4P will operate from the Pentagon starting 0400 UTC Wednesday, September 11 through 0400 UTC Thursday, September 12, to mark the first anniversary of the terrorist attack. "Given the added security restrictions on that day, only a handful of us will be active there, however," Lutz said. K4P will operate from the Pentagon and from other sites in the Washington, DC, area. Activity will be on 80 through 10 meters, SSB and CW. QSL with an SASE to K7DID, PO Box 70071, Washington, DC 20024.

## ARRL Announces New Gear For ARES Volunteers

*From the ARRL Letter*

ARRL has announced that new gear for Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers is now available. The initiative to offer stylized ARES gear to volunteers arose during the ARRL Board of Directors' meeting last January--in the wake of Amateur Radio's deep involvement in responding to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The Board asked ARRL staff to look into the possibility of developing distinctive garments for use by ARES team members that would be similar to jackets and vests worn by other public service volunteers.

A questionnaire circulated among ARRL field volunteers indicated overwhelming interest in the idea. Results of the survey plus additional feedback from ARES volunteers led to arrangements to make available ARES vests, windbreakers and equipment bags.

The ARES vest is a reflective-style garment similar to those worn by law enforcement officers or joggers. This orange "bib" can be worn over a shirt or jacket. Constructed of neon mesh with large front and back reflector panels, the vest is imprinted with the words "AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS" on one side.

The vest is lightweight and easily folded and stored in your immediate-response kit. It features adjustable side straps, and one size fits most. The ARES vest retails for \$9.95 plus shipping and handling.

The brightly colored, royal blue windbreaker jacket features an embroidered ARES logo on the front and the words "AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS" in white lettering on the back. The jacket is 100% Nylon and has a snap front and a polyester lining. There's a bottom drawstring to keep out drafts, plus side slash pockets and elasticized cuffs.

ARES members may personalize their windbreakers with FIRST NAME and CALL SIGN (optional) for an additional \$4. Sizes are medium (M), large (L) and extra-large (XL). The windbreaker retails for \$30.95 (sizes 2X are \$34.95 and 3X are \$38.95), plus shipping

## FROM THE PREZ...

Barry Campbell, W2CGX

Well as we jump into the beginning of a new school year, we also begin a new Technician Class for new operators. This looks to be a banner year for the Flemington area students, as there are, at this writing, at least 18 signed up. I encourage all former and those who haven't tried it yet, to take on at least one session and teach others about ham radio. The information is all provided for you, it's really a lot of fun and the satisfaction can't be beat. Lou is doing a great job getting this class off the ground, and of course our stalwart code instructors, George W2RIJ and Roberto, K2PA encourage all the students to not stop at the Technician only license, but to get on the air on HF with a Tech plus code license.

Getting over the hurdle of learning and passing the Morse code test is probably the biggest incentive to continuing to upgrade. We're all looking forward to a great "semester."

What also comes to mind as we swing into the fall, is that the Holiday Awards dinner is not too far away. Charlie, WB2NQV and Roberto have put together a bang-up location for the event, Sky Manor Airport Restaurant, and you just can't beat the price. I encourage you to sign up early. Tickets are only \$16 per person but seating is somewhat limited. That's why you are encouraged to sign up early.

There are also lots of Public Service events coming this fall, beginning with the Skylands Triathlon on September 15 at Spruce Run. This is a great event to watch and work. It includes swimming, bike racing over the hills of Hunterdon County, and a foot race to the finish. If you haven't worked it before try it, you'll love it!

A number of equestrian events are also scheduled, so check the calendar and sign up.

Remember also the RACES exercises mentioned on Page 1 and please help out with them both. It helps you be a better operator, and sure helps the EOC. They depend on us heavily, we can't let them down.

We're a busy group, but we do accomplish a lot in serving our motto, Public Service Through Communication.

## This and That...

- Patrick Mauro now has a new call to go along with his recently acquired extra. He has changed from N2ZVY to N2VF.
- Charlie Seymour, KC2ISW just passed his General exam and is no longer HF-challenged! Congratulations, Charlie.
- Denis Albisser was KA2YYB, but now he's AB2PD.
- If you're a member of the W2CRA list server, and you change your email address, don't forget to register the new address and delete the old one.

and handling.

All orders must be placed through ARRL's authorized agent--Barker Specialty Company <<http://www.barkerspecialty.com/arrl>>. ARRL Headquarters cannot handle orders. ARES stickers, decals, patches and other public service supply items are available directly from ARRL's online store <<http://www.arrl.org/shop>>.

## Another Prospective Cherryville Member...

Jeff (N2IRN) and Michelle Scotti are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Nathan Scotti was born on Thursday, September 5, 2002 at 1613 hours. He weighed in at 9 pounds, 11 ounces (getting pretty close to 10 pounds!), and as Jeff put it, "He looks like this:"



Congratulations, Jeff and Michelle from all of us in CRA!

Jeff certainly had that one timed right, in his job his Monday is usually Thursday, so he had his days off then got a couple more when the baby was born. Speculation abounds now as to how old Nathan will be when proud dad starts training him to get his Technician license.

The next class starts next week, Jeff. Or is it just a bit early?

## Emergency Wireless Network For D.C. Area

By George V. Hulme, InformationWeek  
Aug 22, 2002 (12:00 AM)  
URL: <http://www.informationweek.com/story/IWK20020822S0002>

A \$20 million network, known as CapWin, will integrate communications and databases across 40 D.C., Maryland, and Virginia agencies.

When the Pentagon was attacked, first responders were profoundly in the dark. "There were difficulties knowing where the nearest phones and trucks were located, how many EMS [personnel] were available. No one had one place to go and get this information," says Fred Davis, deputy program director of the Capital Integrated Wireless Network, a new effort to create communication links in the Washington, D.C., area.

The \$20 million network, known as CapWin and to be built largely by IBM, will integrate communications and databases across 40 D.C., Maryland, and Virginia agencies. Everything from PCs to PDAs will be part of the network. CapWin even calls for restricted-access chat rooms that response teams create on the scene to share information.

IDC analyst Jocelyn Young says she believes the network is a first. It'll be able to handle 10,000 people making 7,500 transactions a minute. Kent Blossom, IBM's director of safety and security services, says requests to develop CapWin came about two years ago.

Davis says CapWin will help in situations other than catastrophe, such as when a D.C. cop wants data on a driver from Maryland. Davis says much of the project will be completed within the first year.

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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

#### MAJOR EVENTS:

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

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### Public Service Dates Ahead...

Here is the public service schedule for the rest of this year:

- September 15-Skylands Triathlon, Spruce Run, W2CGX coord.
  - October 13-Bucks County Horse Park, N2VWL coord.
  - Oct. 13 (tent.) Battle of the Bands, AA2MJ coord.
  - Oct. 19 & 20-Jamboree on the Air, Ops needed both days N2NV coord.
  - Nov. 3-Blackwells Mills horse event, 7 ops needed
  - Nov. 9-Bucks County Horse Park, 14 ops needed N2VWL coord.
- Come on out for as many as you can!

**Swap 'n Shop**

Wanted: Antenna Tuner

Want to part with: WinRadio 1500 Receiver (goes in a PC slot). Contact Jim Hanley, KC2HDM.

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