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September 1999

BOARD MEETING Sept 8

**CRA II CLUB MEETING Sept 10
7:30 P.M.**

NOTE:

**THE MEETING TIME
IS 7:30 P.M.**

CRA II HAMFEST MOVING BACK TO HUNTERDON COUNTY? STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

During the past several months, behind the scenes efforts have been underway to try and bring the Cherryville Repeater Association's annual Hamfest back to Hunterdon County. The financial results of our club efforts at the Warren County Fairgrounds the last several years have been mixed, never quite approaching the success we enjoyed holding mid-March indoor events at Hunterdon Central Regional High School (HCRHS) in Flemington prior to 1993 (a freak late-winter snow storm that year canceled the event and lead to our move to Warren County).

Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to regain use of the HCRHS facilities over the past several years, the most recent being this past July. Essentially, the HCRHS school administration does not want to make its facilities available to groups who stage our type of event.

Fortunately, just a few miles north up Route 31 in Clinton Township, we received a much warmer welcome from the officials at North Hunterdon Regional High School (NHRHS). It is their policy to make public school facilities available to community groups (under established rules and fee schedules, and subject to scheduling approvals).

The North Hunterdon RHS site has more than sufficient indoor space for our needs. There are two large inter-connected cafeterias as well as a standard sized gymnasium across the hall if needed. The kitchen is available for rent, there are classrooms near by for VE testing, and the school has adequate parking available for buyers and sellers. We envision an indoors only event, with no outdoor tailgating,

and hope to provide electricity to some or all indoor tables. We estimate just over 100 vendors/sellers can be accommodated within the two cafeterias.

Two site visits by CRA II club members have gone well (school personnel have been very helpful) and most of our questions have been answered regarding use of the facility and the costs involved. Satisfied with the responses we received, we've gone ahead and applied for use of the facility on MARCH 18, 2000. Our request for this date is currently pending approval, which we hope to receive by early September. Our second choice is March 11th.

Holding our hamfest this early in the year will give us a clear competitive advantage over other similar events and the location, on Route 31 just one mile south of I-78, will make it much more convenient to potential buyers and sellers alike. We hope to again draw a substantial gate from hams located in Monmouth, Union, Essex, Hudson, and Bergen counties, New York, as well as retain attendees who come from locations closer by, like Eastern Pennsylvania.

So keep your fingers crossed. We hope that there will be good news to announce at the September CRA II meeting.

Thanks go to N2ZVY, W2GD, N3QDC, W2CG, WB2NQV and Lisa France for their recent contributions to this effort.

LICENSE CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16

SKYLANDS TRIATHLON.

September 19th Spruce Run Reservoir

The club has a great reputation for helping with this Public Service Event. The Skylands Triathlon begins with a swim across Spruce Run, then a bike race up Jugtown Mountain and back, and ends with a 5K run. The club needs at least 15 people to do the event right. Our help is used mainly on the bike event, providing emergency communication along the route. We also keep the base station apprised of the progress of the riders. It's a fun event! Ask Barry! I will need a base station and operator this year because we will not have Command 86.

The Date Is SEPTEMBER 19th. There may be misleading information indicating that it is on the 12th. But it is on the 19th. Set up is at 7:00 AM, those working only the bike event should be there by 9:00. I plan to call around to get helpers, but please don't make me beg - its not a pretty sight! We also get T-shirts and Lunch. It's a good way to sharpen emergency communication skills too! The event is over around 12:30 PM. on Sunday. This is a fun way to help your community raise funds for scholarships and emergency equipment. September 19th at 7:00 AM. at Spruce Run. Please come out and help.

Tim McLaughlin N2UVY

CRA Sponsors Fall License Classes

The fall version of the Novice and Tech-Plus license class is scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 16. The Tuesday and Thursday evening classes will be held at the Somerset County Technical Institute in Bridgewater from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Code sessions will begin the session each evening, followed by lectures, discussions and demonstrations. Classes will conclude with VE testing, currently scheduled for Thursday, November 11. The series will concentrate on the material needed to pass the elements required for a Technician-Plus license. If there is sufficient demand, upgrade classes to General and/or Advanced could follow.

The Technical Institute is located in Bridgewater, NJ at North Bridge and Vogt Drive. North Bridge runs north of Route 22 east of the Commons Mall. Vogt Drive is the first traffic light, and the TI is the first building after the county library. A detailed map is available on the TI's website, <http://www.scti.org>.

Advanced signup is available using one of the School's ACE registration forms, or students can register the first or second evening of class. The cost is \$15.00, plus the cost of the textbook, *Now You're Talking*, which is \$19.00. Talk it up with friends, relatives and acquaintances! Ham radio is a lot of fun for the whole family.

Further information can be obtained from CRA Education Committee chair Barry Campbell, W2CGX at 908-526-8900 ext. 7229 during the day, or 908-725-0683 evenings. Leave a message on the latter number and he will get back. If you have email, you can email W2CGX at w2cgx@arrl.org.

DX NEWS ARRL DX Bulletin

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, The Daily DX and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

GUINEA, 3X. Karel, ON4QY, will be signing 3XY2A from Conakry for the next few years. He has been spotted on 21275 kHz between 1630 and 1930z. QSL to home call.

JOHNSTON ISLAND, KH3. Bill, NH6D, will be back on Johnston Island until August 27. He is hoping to be active on 160, 80, 40, 17 and 12 meters.

AFRICA TOUR. Charlie, W0YG, will be active once again from Africa, starting September 1. Look for him on CW on 12, 17 and 30 meters from South Africa, ZS; Namibia, V5; Botswana, A2; and Zimbabwe, Z2. His South African call sign is ZS6YG. All QSLs must go direct or via the WF5E QSL Service.

SVALBARD, JW. Look for Juergen, DJ3KR, to be QRV as JW/DJ3KR, from August 28 to September 1. He will be mostly on the higher bands as the radar causes heavy QRM below 14 MHz.

GREENLAND, OX. Joergen, OZ8AE, will sign OX/OZ8AE from Groennedal from September 4 to October 5. Activity will be on all bands CW. QSL to OZ8AE direct or via the bureau.

SURINAME, PZ. Bob, K3BYV, signing PZ5DX, was very active this past week. His activity was mainly on 15 and 10 meter SSB at 1430 and 1800z. QSL to home call.

MADEIRA ISLANDS, CT3. Moreira, CT1AHU, plans to be active as CT3/CT1AHU from August 26 to September 9. QSL to home call.

MOLDOVA, ER. Look for special event station ER27A to be active in celebration of the Independence of Moldova, until the end of the month. QSL via ER1DA, Valery Metaxa, PO Box 9537, Kishinev, MD-2071, MOLDOVA.

TURKEY, TA3. Ahmet, TA3/DL7JAK, has been very active on CW near the earthquake area.

IRAQ, YI. YI1AK, YI1FLY and YI1SEA have been very active on 15 meter SSB between 1000 and 1400z.

LOST HAT

At the last meeting I left my Cherryville hat on a box near the piano. Wonder if anyone picked it up and couldn't figure out who's it was. I checked with the church and they said no hat was turned in. It had a pin attached to it, I think from the equestrian event, but it could also have been my ARRL life member pin. If someone did pick it up, I would be happy to retrieve it at the September meeting.

Thanks, Barry W2CGX

World Amateur Radio Day

World Amateur Radio Day is September 18, 1999--the last time that World Amateur Radio Day will be celebrated in September. This year's theme is "Celebrating success in amateur digital communication." Starting in 2000, the day will be marked on the anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union, April 18.--IARU

12.5 kHz SPACING IN UK

UK moves to 12.5 kHz spacing on 2-meter FM: The United Kingdom will move from 25 kHz to 12.5 kHz channel spacing on 2 meters starting January 1, 2000, much in the same manner that the US went from 30-kHz to 15-kHz spacing years ago. Systems will have until mid-year to get into compliance. New technical and operational specifications for amateur repeater stations are being worked out between the RSGB Repeater Management Committee and the Radiocommunications Agency. The RSGB says the change will allow planning for new repeaters with improved coverage and eliminate some of the co-channel interference occasionally suffered in parts of the country. Eventually all 2-meter repeaters in ITU Region I will conform to the 12.5-kHz standard. The same change is under consideration for 70-cm repeaters as well.--RSGB; >Newsline

CALENDAR

HAMFEST

- Sept 18 DLARC, Fire Co. Fairgrounds, Schneksville, PA. Talk in 146.70 Info AA3IX 610-261-0403 Aa3ix@arrl.net
- Sept 19 DVRA hamfest, Tall Cedars Picnic Grove, Trenton, NJ. Talk in 146.67 Info N2JVP 609-882-2240 n2jvp@amsat.org
- Sept 25 SJRA, Mt Holly Armory, Mt Holly NJ. Talk in 145.29 Info N2XYZ 609-268-2135 n2xyz@sjra.org
- Oct 3 Packrats, Mt Airy VHF RC, Middletown Grange, Wrightstown, PA. Talk in 146.52 Info NK8Q 610-847-2285 nk8q@amsat.org

CONTEST

- Sept 11-12 ARRL VHF QSO Party
Worked All Europe (WAE) Phone
NA Sprint Phone
- Sept 25-26 CQ-RJ WW RTTY Contest
- Oct 22-24 CQWW Phone ??????????????????????

CRA II CLUB INFORMATION

The Cherryville Repeater Association II 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 7:30 PM on the first Thursday each month, all on the 147.375 repeater.

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A non-profit New Jersey Corporation dedicated to Community Service through Communication.

Members actively participate in local emergencies requiring communications from tornadoes to blizzards to floods, as well as providing health and safety communications for events such as walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, tri-athlons and parades.

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ARES-RACES net at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday each month- 147.375 repeater

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2 meters	147.375 +	147.015 + (5Z)
220	224.120 -	
440	444.850 +	446.475-
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