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!!! BREAKING NEWS !!!

Grand Ole Ham Amateur Of the Year Technical Achievement
Stan Rothman – WA2NRV *George Tranos – N2GA* *Frank Frisone – KA2QYE*

2011 ARRL Hudson Division Award Recipients Announced

[More 2011 Awards Luncheon Information Is On Page 2](#)

A MESSAGE FROM HUDSON DIVISION DIRECTOR JOYCE BIRMINGHAM—KA2ANF



Greetings Hudson Division!

In July Bill Hudzik, W2UDT and I attended the ARRL July 2011 Board Meeting. This was something different for me, as I was able to take part in the meeting as the Director of the Hudson Division. Sitting on the front row, there is certainly a different perspective

on things. Not only does the view improve, it's nice to be able to express my opinion and the opinions of the members in the Hudson Division. It was nice to know that Bill was behind me... and I do mean 'literally' behind me!

He was able to pass me a few questions and comments that I voiced for him. So, together as a team, we worked thru our first Board Meeting! You can read more about this in Bill's column.

Also, please read the minutes from the ARRL July Board meeting ([see the Link on Pg 2](#)) for more information on all the items discussed at the meeting. If you would like to receive a copy of the minutes via e-mail, please go to "Edit your Profile" on the ARRL website, click on "Edit Email Subscriptions" and check the box labeled "ARRL Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes."

Still having trouble negotiating the ARRL Website? Please, if you are having challenges with the ARRL Website, don't give up. Drop me an email too and let me know your thoughts!

During the meeting, The Board reviewed a plan to produce a digital version of QST. This is being viewed as a 'member benefit' with no additional cost. This would be in addition to the printed issues of QST that members receive each month.

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A MESSAGE FROM HUDSON DIVISION VICE DIRECTOR BILL HUDZIK—W2UDT



As many of you may have already read on the ARRL Web Page the Second Board of Directors meeting was held on July 15 and 16th. Even though a summary is on the web site a more detailed report can be found by accessing the Minutes

through a link in the Beacon.

This was my first Board Meeting as Vice Director and Joyce's first time sitting in the front row. Also, my objectives for this meeting were to observe the proceedings, how the Board functions and get an understanding of the various personalities. Many of the Directors arrived before the Friday start to attend other committee meetings and visit the staff at ARRL.

Due to work commitments I was not able to arrive until late Thursday night. Next time I'll make the effort to arrive earlier and take part in some of the preliminary discussions. (A large ARRL Banner, just off the main lobby, was hanging over the area setup for the Board meeting.) Having never been to a formal Board meeting this was really an eye-opening experience.

The meeting is conducted quite formally and abides by Robert's Rules of Order. A few times some procedural matters that arose had Dave Sumner, K1ZZ pouring over his copy of the Rules to ensure the proper response was enacted!

After the initial Roll Call, Joyce was asked to introduce me as the new Hudson Division Vice Director and presented me with an ARRL pin

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ARRL Breaking News

You Can Now Read All About The ARRL Board Of Directors July 2011 Meeting

[Overview of the Meeting](#)

[Official Minutes Of the July 2011 ARRL Board Of Directors Meeting](#)

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If you are an ARRL Member...you're already setup to Read And Talk!

www.arrl.org/forums



ARRL JULY 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—[FROM THE ARRL WEBSITE](#)

The ARRL Board of Directors held its Second Meeting of 2011 July 15-16 in Windsor Locks Connecticut, under the chairpersonship of President Kay Craigie, N3KN.

At the two-day meeting, the Board considered a number of reports and acted on several recommendations -- including proceeding with plans for a digital version of QST and planning for the League's Centennial Celebration in 2014 as well as several Directors' motions.

Among the many items on the Agenda at the July 2011 ARRL Board of Directors Meeting in Newington CT were: ARRL Centennial Celebration, Digital QST, Digital DXCC, Financial Matters, Changes to Articles of Association and By-Laws and many many more!

Read an overview of the Meeting and the formal Minutes of the Meeting using the Links in the Left Sidebar of this page

The Board of Directors will next meet in January of 2012 and as soon as its made available, the

Agenda for that meeting will be available both on the ARRL Hudson Division Website as well as in a future Hudson Division Beacon.

Director Birmingham and Vice Director Hudzik were both present for the Board Meeting giving representation for the Hudson Division. *If you have questions, comments or concerns about items at this or future ARRL Board Meetings or ARRL matters in general, their [contact info is available on Page 3 of this newsletter](#)*

FIELD DAY 2011 LOGS ARE NOW ONLINE



A record 2654 submissions have been received for the 2011 running of ARRL Field Day. According to ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, this is yet another record number of entries received for what is one of Amateur Radio's most popular on-the-air operating events. The combined list of Logs Received for Field Day has been posted online. The list includes all logs submitted via the www.b4h.net website, as well as those submitted via e-mail and US Mail.

The current list only shows general categories, and not the various sub-categories, as these are added when the data is merged into the master database. No claimed scores or bonuses are included either, as these are not publicized until the results are officially released. The results from the 2011 ARRL Field Day will be posted online on or around November 1, as well as in the December issue of QST.

[CLICK HERE for More Info & the Log File](#)

ARRL SETS-UP ONLINE FORUMS-[FROM ARRL WEBSITE](#)

To assist League members in communicating with one another and with ARRL staff on topics of common interest, the ARRL has established three forums -- Contesting, Awards and Technology -- on the ARRL website.



You can easily access all of the current and future ARRL Forums at this link: www.arrl.org/forums where you can chat with fellow hams about many different topics. Additional forums are planned once the ARRL has gained experience with the first few.

ARRL members, guest users and others can view the threads, but in order to participate in the conversations or ask questions, you must be logged in as an ARRL member. *(It's the same Username and Password you already have on the ARRL Website!)*

All users should read the forum rules before participating. The Rules for Forum are at:

www.arrl.org/forum/home/rules

HUDSON DIVISION AWARDS RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Our 2011 Award Recipients Are

Grand Ole Ham

Stan Rothman – WA2NRV

Amateur Of the Year

George Tranos – N2GA

Technical Achievement

Frank Frisone – KA2QYE

2011 Awards Luncheon Ticket and Program Ad Order Forms are included right here in the Beacon ([see Page 9-10](#)), and

the 2011 Forms are also available for downloading and completing in MS-Word and Adobe PDF formats from the Website at: (www.hudson.arrl.org)

The [2011 event will be held on Sunday, November 13 at Biagio's](#) in Paramus NJ. In addition to honoring the award recipients, the Awards event raises much needed support for the [ARRL's Spectrum Defense Fund](#).

[CLICK HERE for Pictures from the 2010 Awards Event](#)

[CLICK HERE to See the 2010 Awards Program](#)

CLICK The Links Below:
[For A 2011 Ticket Order Form](#)
[For A 2011 Ad Order Form](#)

**ARRL NEW YORK LONG ISLAND SECTION NOTES:
Section Manager: Mike Lisenco - N2YBB (N2YBB@arrl.org)**

Kings County Repeater Association - www.kc2ra.org and North East Wireless ARC www.nw2c.org will both hold special events to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept 11th attacks.

Hall of Science ARC (HOSARC) will be sponsoring a table at the Maker Faire on the grounds of the Queens Hall of Science Museum, September 17-18. More info: www.hosarc.org or <http://makerfaire.com/newyork/2011>

[LIMARC](http://www.limarc.org) will be hosting their annual end-of-summer Hamfest on September 25th at Levittown Hall 201 Levittown Parkway Hicksville, NY. I will be checking cards at the ARRL table for those applying for awards. Stop by and say hello!

The Great South Bay ARC will once again be giving amateur radio license classes for Tech, General and Extra. Info at www.gsbarc.org Remember to help support The Great

South Bay Amateur Radio club and the Town of Babylon Amateur Radio Emergency Services, on Sunday, November 13th as the annual Long Island 'Run for the Warriors' is being held. More info: www.gsbarc.org

Do you have a club event that you would like to publicize? Please be sure to email me with all the particulars: n2ybb@arrl.org

Read more NLI news at: <http://nli.arrl.org> 73 Mike, N2YBB

**ARRL EASTERN NEW YORK SECTION NOTES:
Section Manager: Pete Cecere - N2YJZ (N2YJZ@arrl.net)**

The Orange County ARC will be holding Technician License classes on Saturdays from 9am to 12 Noon during September and October of 2011. The dates of the Classes are: 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15 and 10/22. The exam will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Emergency Communications Center in Goshen, NY. For more information visit the website: www.ocarc-nj.org/hamclass_Sept2011.shtm

The East Greenbush ARC will be providing a one-weekend Technician License Course on

Saturday, October 1, 2011 and Sunday, October 2, 2011 at the East Greenbush Masonic Temple. Classes start at 8:00am. This is a full Saturday class, complete with LIVE radio demonstrations. The Sunday class will be a review, followed by the Technician Exam. For more information visit their website: www.w2egb.org & Click on the word 'classes' in the sidebar.

On Tuesday, August 30, 2011, a few of the ENY Section folks are going to pay a visit to W1AW and ARRL Headquarters. If anyone is interested in

attending, contact Scott, K2CK@arrl.net here's a link to a video from their last W1AW and ARRL HQ trip: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvo2haamuKg

August 6th, was the SMARA Annual Picnic in Colonie, NY hosted by the Schenectady Museum Amateur Radio Association. (pictured below)



**ARRL NORTHERN NEW JERSEY SECTION NOTES:
Section Manager: Richard Krohn - N2SMV (N2SMV@arrl.org)**

On Saturday, August 13 Boy Scout Troop 139/Venturing Crew 7373 had their Hamfest and Pancake Breakfast, at St. Johns Church in Conlon Hall, Bergenfield, NJ. What a wonderful place for a Hamfest! While this is a pretty new venue, it has the room to be a much bigger event. If you haven't attended this before, please take the opportunity to visit the next one on December 10th. Where else can you get a pancake breakfast for the \$5.00 entry price to a Hamfest?

[Ramapo ARC](http://www.ramapoarc.org) was back with a Hamfest this year now relo-



cated Camp Veritans, 225 Pompton Road, Haledon, NJ. This is a larger facility than what they had when they were in Oakland, NJ with the tailgaters spaced along shady roads through the camp. There was also a large indoor and popular food stand (see picture above) with both breakfast & lunch (KB2VVO's homemade Chili !!!)

Cherryville Repeater Association - W2CRA will have upcoming Amateur Radio classes in September 2011 as 2 Weekend sessions. The first session is Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18 2pm-4pm. The second session is Saturday and Sunday September 24-25 2pm-4pm. Open testing will be held on Sunday September 25 from 4 to 6pm. Location is the Hunterdon County Communications Center. More information on material, registration and directions can be found at: www.gsl.net/w2cra



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DXCC NEWS

Email Address Changes For DXCC Questions

From Bill Moore, NC1L
ARRL Awards
Branch Manager

Changes have been made to the DXCC E-mail contact system. Please check your address book and make note that

**dxcc@arrl.org
is no longer in use.**

In an effort to better serve our clients, we have created a number of new E-mail addresses that will be delivered to the most appropriate person depending upon the subject.

**Please visit
www.arrl.org/awards-branch-contacts
for a listing of the new e-mail addresses and the general topics that they cover.**

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit

STØR – South Sudan

This is a current operation



THOUGHTS ABOUT ON-AIR ETIQUETTE AND SPEAKING WITH COURTESY—DIRECTOR JOYCE BIRMINGHAM—KA2ANF

Remember that the old adage, if you don't have something nice to say, don't say it? Do you think that be a good idea for all of our over the air conversations and personas I wonder?

If we all thought this way and did this simple thing I know it would help to convey a more respectful and positive image of amateur radio and ourselves personally to any one listening!

It seems that over the last few years, speech in general has become more 'open' and not necessarily in a good way. Our choices of words convey to others, visual images of ourselves, our jobs, our acquaintances, and in many cases vocal communications have indeed taken a turn downward.

We're all probably guilty of this at times, be it due to frustration or just plain lack of good judgment. Letting our mouths speak without thinking first about how we are going to sound as it were.

When we speak with a close friend or work associate, in private, the words are only traveling a short distance, and since we know that other person well, they probably (hopefully) will grasp the real intent of the message. When we speak on the radio though, we have no such closeness to filter the message. The radio waves could carry near or far, to many people, to many countries even.

Different people and different cultures have differ-

ent understandings and yes, misunderstandings of words. Speaking to someone across the desk or table from you, you also see each others facial expressions, you hear each others intonations clearly, you are communicating not just by speech alone when both of you are right there, together. When we have a conversation of just spoken words over the radio, perhaps one with some digital signal processing as well, we stand a good chance of not conveying exactly what it was we were trying to say, and it might even be hurtful to someone listening.

So, let's all try this, whenever we speak on the air, let's only put forth our best manners; giving nothing less than our best impressions of ourselves, the way we want ourselves to be heard and understood. Let's keep all of our on-air (and off air too) conversations positive in nature and let them be shining examples of the radio hobby we all love to take part in. To paraphrase something Riley Hollingsworth said a few years back, *'You should talk on the radio as if the whole world is able to hear you, because, they just might be able to!'*

Its not just on HF that we need to consider how far our words can travel, repeaters are now linked worldwide too...so the 'whole world is listening' applies there too...please join me in making our communications the best they can be...not just technically, but also in content and intent!

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signifying Board membership. (Prior to the meeting Joyce introduced me to the most important person there, Lisa Kustosik, Dave Sumner's secretary. Lisa was the event coordinator!)

But back to the meeting itself; the Board's physical distribution is also quite formal with the President and the two Vice Presidents up front with various ARRL department officers on either side.

The Directors are arranged in alphabetical order with the Vice Directors sitting immediately to their rear. Everyone had a prepared binder with the agenda and various reports which would change through the course of the meeting. This necessitated the Vice Directors to check the mail slots periodically for updates. Fortunately, I was right by the main door so getting out was not an issue!

As the various reports were presented it became quite evident how involved the Directors are in setting policy, questioning what's in place and inquiring what changes, if any, can be made. Nothing, it seems is taken for granted. It was fascinating, as well, to observe how many participated or just left questions up to others who, apparently, were more knowledgeable in the various fields being discussed.

As a Vice Director I was able to pass messages to Joyce over questions I had and when her op-

portunity came up she voiced my concerns along with hers. To me, it's unfortunate that Vice Directors don't have much say in the actual meeting as, it's evident to me, a lot of potential exists and is only waiting to be called upon. But, I guess, that's protocol.

One other observation I made was how many attending had laptops that made use of the wireless connection for the meeting while others relied on just manual note-taking.

Also, another aspect of the Board meeting was the opportunity to talk with the various attendees, many of whom I've met in other venues, as well as several Vice Directors who came up through the SM ranks just as I did.

Since being appointed as Vice Director I've been serving on a Field Operations subcommittee with other Vice Directors who have similar SM backgrounds. It was an opportunity to finally put a face with the voice and also get to meet N3LLR and K5MC the Committee Chairs.

All in all, the meeting gave me the occasion to observe how the Board functions on a policy making level and how its members are concerned for the financial well-being as well as the health and future of Amateur Radio.

73 Bill—W2UDT

AMATEUR RADIO - RAIN OR SHINE - IS THERE TO SUPPORT LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS



NNJ Amateur Radio Operators Shine During The Rain Soaked Ramapo Rally Bike Tour!

Sunday, August 14 2011, NWS offices in both NY and NJ have issued Flood Warnings for parts of NNJ, including the counties of Bergen, Passaic and Morris. The annual [Ramapo Rally Bike Tour](#) is going to go on, rain or shine, and its various routes take it through 3 counties.

Six Rest Stops, SAG vehicles, the Start/Finish line and several portable (HT) operators are all slated to support this event as they have for many years. Over 1000 riders have pre-booked to take part, and at 7AM, the first arriving radio operators, see a full parking lot with bikes being taken off roof carriers and riders preparing to ride in one of several offered routes, from 12 to 125 miles—yes, its raining now, and over 2 inches of rain has fallen on parts of the course already!

Net Control is co-located with ride officials at the Start/Finish line in the Campgaw Mountain Ski Lodge, Mahwah NJ. Net Control duties will be handled by Jim Jackson—NS2K (pictured on left), & Gordon Beattie—W2TTT (Gordon's HF/VHF/UHF capable



Go-Kit was used as the 2nd NCS operations position and is pictured on the right). Gordon was the amateur radio coordinator for this event as he has been for the last few years)



NCS had not only 2 primary amateur radio repeaters—(W2PQG Primary North and WS2Q Primary South), they also had use of 2 alternates standing by if needed (WA2SNA and the 2nd WS2Q) They also have several cellular phones on which to take direct calls from riders for assistance as well

as wireless internet connectivity (see more later about how this wasn't always working to the best at the site!). The wireless, internet connected LAN gave them access to monitoring digital text and graphic information



(such as customized, live Doppler Radar images (pictured on left) showing the event outline, and even hourly updates both voiced on the repeaters and also sent via a Twitter Feed (@WX2BC) by the event's amateur radio based weather support team from [BergenSkywarn](#).

Local internet connectivity was intermittent at times into the 3G Hotspot setup at Net Control, so when a need for finding a few misplaced riders and guiding them back onto the course arose, Net Control relayed the riders' cellphone numbers to the BergenSkywarn team, who were able to use their WxDesk station's full internet and landline connectivity to call the riders on their cellphones and talk them back onto the course or connect them with amateur radio equipped Rest Stops or SAG vehicles.

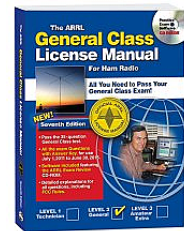


The integration of amateur radio support in the tradition sense, along, with new tools such as internet connectivity, cellphones, text messaging, social networks and good common sense by all members of the support team, brought a new level of deliverables to this event. Being able to quickly and efficiently process incidents, several of a medical nature as well as the usual lost rider incidents kept the event safe even with over 4 inches of rain falling over places on the routes!

Taking part in the operations were: W2TTT, N2DDC, KA2ANF, KC2GLG, K9MBA, NS2K, KC2ZCZ, AA2NI, W2JC, KC2ZRA, KC2SQV, KC2VBS, N2FWI, W2KBF, N3UXK, KC2ORX, KC2OII, KC2TMR and K2ZC.



The 4th edition of ARRL's General Q&A is now available from Amazon.com for the Kindle.



This e-book is your authoritative guide to every question in the General (Element 3) question pool - everything you need to pass your General class license exam.

You do not need a Kindle to download and purchase the General Q&A: Kindle applications are available for Apple iPhone iPod touch, Android smartphones as well as computers and other devices

The current General class question pool is valid through June 30, 2015

[CLICK HERE For More Info](#)

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP! TO BUILD A LISTING OF SPEAKERS FOR LOCAL RADIO CLUBS

We'd like to place a current listing of available Speakers and their Presentations on the Hudson Division Website, to assist area amateur radio clubs in finding interesting and informative presentations for their meetings. If you, or someone you know, has a Presentation, and are able to take it to area meetings, in all or parts of the Hudson Division, please send your and your presentation's info: (your Name/Callsign, your Email Contact, the Subject of Presentation, Estimated Time Needed for the Presentation, Which of the Division's Sections (ENY, NLI, NNJ) you would be able to travel to, What facilities/hardware is required to be supplied locally for the presentation (LCD projector) etc) to Vice Director Bill Hudzik W2UDT at W2UDT@arrl.net. You can view [a Sample Webpage HERE](#)



Note: All info will be verified before it is placed on the Hudson Division Website!





The ARRL Hudson Division is covered by 3 NWS Forecast Offices wherein on-duty (24/7/365) Meteorologists work to protect lives and property

NWS Albany NY

[CLICK HERE To See Their Covered Counties](#)

NWS New York NY

[CLICK HERE To See Their Covered Counties](#)

NWS Mt Holly NJ

[CLICK HERE To See Their Covered Counties](#)

Each office has their own SKYWARN Program and Free To All Training Classes are available, usually in the Spring of each year

Want to See Even More From the NWS New York NY Open House Event On Sunday August 7 2011?

[CLICK HERE](#)

Pictures of even more antennas, radios, Doppler Radar, and some of the over 1000 attendees many of whom are amateur radio operators!



WX2OKX— A Look Inside The Recently Upgraded Amateur Radio Station at the National Weather Service New York (Upton) NY

Many of you have not only heard of the NWS's SKYWARN Program, you are trained SKYWARN Spotters. Across the US there are more than 250,000 NWS Trained SKYWARN Spotters. Of these, there is thought to be around 40% with amateur radio licenses.



Amateur Radio has always and still continues to play an important role in SKYWARN Spotting. Even with the introduction of the Internet, with its many new ways of connecting with the NWS (Email, Facebook, Twitter, etc) reports taken over the air and relayed directly to an on duty Staff meteorologist make up a good number of the reports received during Severe Weather.

Starting back a few years ago, the NWS New York office, under the guidance of then SKYWARN Program Leader Scott Reynolds (KC2JCB) saw that in order to improve on its ability to hear, if not talk, to/on local SKYWARN Nets, the NWS needed to upgrade its then existing antennas and radios.

Working in conjunction with the local SKYWARN Coordinators, most if not all of whom are amateur radio operators, a plan for a new, taller and more robust antenna tower, with a full complement of amateur radio and other antennas, was formulated. Being as the NWS is a government operations (its part of the Department of Commerce) it took some time for funding to be approved. The continued diligence by Scott's successors in SKYWARN leadership (Scott moved on to a new position in the NWS a couple of years ago) at NWS New York (Upton) NY a new antenna tower (pictures below) finally arrived.

Once the tower was in place (in the summer of 2009), another project, adding antennas and feedline, came to the forefront. After more consultations with amateur radio operators and government technical experts, a plan was decided on, and it was determined which bands and modes to support. Considerations had to be given so that absolutely no interference be generated into any of the many NWS systems in place at the forecast office.

Just this summer, lead by SKYWARN Coordinator for Suffolk County Walter Wenzel—KA2RGI, a team of technicians finished installing the antennas, feedlines and most importantly, connected everything to the radios at the dedicated WX2OKX Radio Desk located inside the Forecast Office.

Happily this all happened just before the 2011 NWS New York Open House event. (August 7 2011). This made a perfect opportunity to test the cover-



age of the new systems by Director Birmingham, KA2ANF along with Vice Director Hudzik, W2UDT Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI (ARRL Hudson Division Assistant Director for NWS New York Operations, Bethany Wenzel, KC2PGI and George Sabbi, KC2GLG (NNJ Section Emergency Coordinator) on hand for the first, and highly successful communication Tests.

Contacts with operators on several area (NY, NY, CT) repeater systems, confirmed that NWS operators, which includes Warning Coordination Meteorologist Gary Conte (KC2UHS) and SKYWARN Program Leader Brian Ciemnecki (KC2UHT) and the other volunteer operators for WX2OKX can now hear and talk on many area SKYWARN Nets.

Below are pictures of the 100+ foot WX2OKX antenna tower with 6m/2m/70cm antennas, WX2OKX radiodesk (from left to right radios for 6m, 2m, 70cm and Packet/APRS) located such that the radio operator is able to pass paperwork and talk thru a partition cutout with the on duty NWS Staff. Seen operating the radios are Director Birmingham KA2ANF, Vice Director Hudzik, W2UDT and Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI



CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: A MESSAGE FROM HUDSON DIVISION DIRECTOR JOYCE BIRMINGHAM—KA2ANF

After reviewing the plan, the Board voted to authorize Headquarters staff to proceed with planning and negotiating a vendor agreement for a digital QST, hopefully, available next year.

Did you all enjoy all those photos from Field Day in last month's Beacon? I hope so. There were so many wonderful pictures that I received. Thanks to all of you for your photos and for all of you who documented your Field Day on the [ARRL.org Website in the Soapbox!](http://ARRL.org)

Following up on the article I wrote in the [July Beacon](#), on Education, there is a news article on the ARRL Website ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology Opens Horizon of Learning Opportunities [CLICK HERE for More Info!](#)

To see what is happening in Education, please take the time to read this and visit the links to see what the teachers have done for the kids in the way of activities! This is great stuff!

Speaking of Education, do any of you have Ham Classes upcoming in your Areas/Clubs/Sections, etc? If so, please let me know. I hear from folks all the time who want to upgrade, who want to be in a class versus doing it just on their own.



On August 6th, I had a great time attending the SMARA Annual Picnic in Colonie, NY. This was the Annual club picnic Hosted by the Schenectady Museum Amateur Radio Association.

There were folks from many clubs in attendance and I was proud to be able to award some for most members in attendance. SMARA, East Greenbush and Troy clubs making the top of the list! The food was great, but the friendships made were the most rewarding part of the whole day! And who could not like wrapping up an evening at the Big "D"! What fun!

On August 7th, I was at the [National Weather Service New York's Open House](#) along with Vice Director Hudzik and over 1000 others on the grounds of the



[Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, NY](#) It was great to see such a nice turnout for this event.

From KA2ANF



Have you noticed how many weather related disasters have recently been in the news? Being able to receive accurate and early Alerts can save you, your family and friends from severe injury or worse.

Amateur radio operators, with VHF HTs or other types of similar radios, should setup all of the NWS's All Hazards Alert Frequencies, and if possible, the SAME alert codes

[CLICK HERE For Full Setup Info](#)

Need More Info? Email

KA2ANF@arrl.org

There were bus loads of visitors all coming out to enjoy the festivities of the summer visit.

A special thanks to Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI and his daughter Bethany, KC2PGI for helping with the Amateur Radio and SKYWARN info Booth. Walter was a key driving force behind the new NWS Amateur Radio Station (WX2OKX) setup and certainly has helped in maintaining and upgrading the new tower/antennas now in use ([see WX2OKX article on Pg 6](#)).

Saturday morning August 13 I was over at the Pancake Breakfast and Hamfest sponsored by Boy Scout Venture Crew 7373 in Bergen-

field NJ. Bill and I were both there, at different times, and I was able to meet up with Gordon W2TTT ([seen on right](#)) who in addition to being the Leader for several local Boy Scout programs, is working on the ARRL EMC Committee.



Sunday August 14 was the Ramapo Rally Bike Tour, and I was pleased to be on the air supporting this event as part of the Weather Safety Information team. ([see Pg 5](#))

Continuing on my travels, Saturday, August 20, found me, along with many others, at the new location for the Ramapo Mountain Amateur Radio Club's Hamfest, Camp Veritans in Haledon NJ a park like setting under the trees just perfect for a summer daytime Hamfest!



The Hudson Division Award Winners have been chosen! ([see Pg 2](#)) *Congratulations to the winners!* The Hudson Division Awards Luncheon to honor our award recipients is Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 4pm, at Biagio's Restaurant in Paramus, NJ. Ticket and Ad Order Forms are at the end of this Newsletter ([Pg 9](#) and [Pg 10](#)). *PLUS: there will be two additional Special Awards presented at the Luncheon too!!!* As well as the presentation of the Newsletter of the Year Award for 2010 ([see the June 2011 Beacon](#)).



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You Can See It At:
www.facebook.com/ARRL.org



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They do and its at:
www.youtube.com/ARRLHQ

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The ARRL has Twitter Feeds for these groups

[@arrl](#), [@ARRL_EMCOMM](#)
[@ARRL_PR](#), [@ARRL_DXCC](#)
[@ARRL_Youth](#)

AND....

Director Birmingham has one too!

[@ka2anf](#)
www.twitter.com/ka2anf



LOCAL ARRL HAMFESTS AND OTHER GATHERINGS AS OF: AUGUST 2011



**More ARRL Hamfests
can be found using
the Search Tools at:**

www.arrl.org/hamfests



**Saratoga County RACES Hamfest
09/10/2011**

Location: Saratoga County Fairgrounds
Prospect Avenue
Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Website: <http://k2dll.net>
Sponsor: Saratoga County RACES Assn
Talk-In: 146.40/147.00 (PL 91.5Hz) &
147.84/147.24
Contact: Darlene Lake, N2XQG
314 Louden Saratoga Springs NY 12866
Phone: 518-587-2385
Email: dar@saratogaspringsny.us

**GSARA Hamfest
09/10/2011**

Location: Monmouth Adult Education
Community (MAECOM)
100 Tornillo Way
Tinton Falls, NJ
Website: <http://www.gardenstateara.org>
Sponsor: Garden State ARA
Talk-In: 448.125(PL141.3) 147.045
(PL67)
Contact: Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ
450B Cheshire Crt Lakewood NJ 08701
Phone: 732-942-7705
Email: w2xyz@arrl.net

**OMARC Tail Gate Hamfest
09/24/2011**

Location: InfoAge Project Diana Site
2300 Marconi Road
Wall Township, NJ
Website: <http://www.omarc.org>
Sponsor: Ocean-Monmouth Amateur
Radio Club
Talk-In: 145.110 -600 (PL 127.3)
Public Contact: Jeff Harshman , N2LXM
5 The Arborway Ocean, NJ 07712
Phone: 732-996-0637
Email: n2lxm@arrl.net

**LIMARC Indoor Hamfest
09/25/2011**

Location: Levittown Hall
201 Levittown Pkwy.
Hicksville, NY 11801
Website: <http://www.limarc.org>
Sponsor: Long Island Mobile Amateur
Radio Club
Talk-In: 146.850 (PL 136.5)
Public Contact: Richard Cetron , K2KNB
198 Haypath Road Bethpage, NY 11804
Phone: 516-694-4937
Email: k2knb@limarc.org

**BARA Fall Hamfest
10/01/2011**

Location: Westwood Regional HS
701 Ridgewood Road
Township of Washington, NJ 07676
Website: <http://bara.org>
Sponsor: Bergen Amateur Radio Assn.
Talk-In: 146.19 (PL 141.3)
Public Contact: James Joyce, K2ZO
286 Ridgewood Blvd. North, Township
of Washington, NJ 07676
Phone: 201-664-6725
Email: k2zo@arrl.net

**HOSARC Hamfest
10/02/2011**

Location: New York Hall of Science
Parking Lot,
47-01 111th Street, Queens, NY
Website: <http://hosarc.org>
Sponsor: Hall of Science ARC
Talk-In: 444.200 (PL 136.5) or 145.270 -
600 (PL 136.5)
Contact: Stephen Greenbaum,
WB2KDG
85-10 34th Avenue Apt 323 Jackson
Heights NY 11372
Phone: 718-898-5599
Email: wb2kdq@arrl.net

**Hudson Division Awards Luncheon
11/13/2011**

Time: 12:00 Noon thru 4:00 PM
Location: Biagio's Restaurant
299 Paramus Road
Paramus NJ 07652
Website: www.hudson.arrl.org
Sponsor: ARRL Hudson Division
Contact: Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF
235 Van Emburgh Avenue, Ridgewood
NJ 07450
Phone: 201-445-5924
Email: KA2ANF@arrl.org

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2011 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon Ticket Order Form



MS-Word and PDF Order Forms Are Also Online At:
www.hudson.arrl.org

The 2011 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon

Sunday, November 13 2011, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Biagio's Restaurant – 299 Paramus Road – Paramus NJ

Maps and Driving Directions are available at this Website: www.hudson.arrl.org

GPS Coordinates: N 40.94640 W 74.09327

This year's event is hosted by The East Coast DX Association

The food will be good, the camaraderie will be great, and there will be plenty of door prizes

*There are a only a limited number of Tickets available for the Luncheon
Please order as early as possible to be assured a seat!*

Tickets \$50.00 each and Orders MUST be received on or before October 31 2011

**Make Checks Payable To:
The East Coast DX Association**

Return this fully completed Form along with your Payment in Full to:
Joyce Birmingham – KA2ANF, 235 Van Emburgh Avenue, Ridgewood NJ 07450
Your Ticket and Doorprize Drawing Number will be at the door the day of the Luncheon.

Payment Received: \$ _____ Received By: _____ Date: _____

CUT HERE – The Top Part Is Your Receipt And Reminder To Come To The Luncheon



2011 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon Ticket Order Form



Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Day Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Total Number Of Luncheon Tickets Purchased: _____ @ \$50.00

Total Number Of 10 Luncheon Ticket Sets Purchased: _____ @ \$450.00

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

Make Checks Payable To: The East Coast DX Association

Return This Form Along With Full Payment To: Joyce Birmingham – KA2ANF, 235 Van Emburgh Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

All Forms and Payments MUST be received by October 31 2011



2011 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon

Program Ad Space Order Form

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Sunday, November 13 2011

Biagio's Restaurant, 299 Paramus Road, Paramus NJ

Luncheon Starts At 12:00 Noon

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MS-WORD or PDF Files REQUIRED For All Ad Submissions

(Send All Ad Copy Files via Email to: ads@hudson.arrl.org)

All Ad Copy, Forms And Payments MUST Be Received By October 28, 2010

One-Quarter Page (4.5"w x 1.75"h) – \$30.00

One-Half Page (4.5"w x 3.75"h) – \$50.00

Full Page (4.5"w x 7.5"h) - \$100.00

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The East Coast DX Association

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Joyce Birmingham – KA2ANF, 235 Van Emburgh Avenue, Ridgewood NJ 07450

Payment: \$ _____

Date: _____

Tear Off and keep the upper part of this Form as your Receipt



2011 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon Program Ad Order Form



Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Day Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

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QTY: _____ Half Page Ad @ \$50.00

QTY: _____ Full Page Ad @ \$100.00

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

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Return This Form Along With Your Full Payment To:

Joyce Birmingham – KA2ANF - 235 Van Emburgh Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

All Forms, Ad Copy and Payments MUST be received by Monday, October 28 2011!