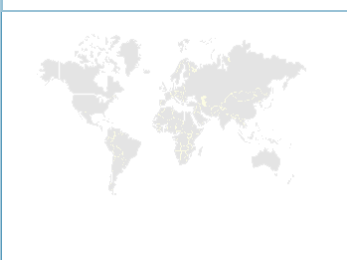


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Upcoming Contests, DXpeditions And Special Events:

ARRL SET Exercise 2006—An ARRL sponsored nationwide simulated emergency test
 October 7-8 2006
 See Pg 3 for more information

CQ Worldwide DX Contest
 October 27-28 2006
www.cq-amateur-radio.com

ARRL November Sweepstakes—November 4-6 2006
 Phone—November 18-20 2006
www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html

SKYWARN Recognition Day
 December 2 2006
www.crh.noaa.gov/hamradio

ECDXA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE PRESIDENT TAKES A MUCH DESERVED WRITING BREAK— ECDXA BRINGS YOU THIS IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE!!!

Your friends, neighbors and community need your eyes and ears as well as your on-air participation. The National Weather Service's SKYWARN Program is always in need of active participation by both the general community as well as licensed Amateur Radio operators. Amateur Radio operators bring a unique ability to SKYWARN work. By having methods of communication that are reliable and functional even when landline or cellular phones are inoperable, they can observe and report severe weather to the NWS under almost any circumstance.

SKYWARN affords not only you, but also your entire family the ability to jointly participate in a proactive, community service that is also fun and easy to do. You are able to positively contribute to your community's welfare by helping to protect both life and property. SKYWARN is also somewhat unique in that it is a before-the-storm as well as a during and after-the-storm activity. SKYWARN activation can happen as far in advance of the event as 4-6 hours, or with as little as no advance warning. (Note: to be aware of severe weather and SKYWARN activations in our area, one of the best, if not most reliable methods is by having a properly programmed, always on stand-by, with a working battery backup, NOAA All Hazards Radio within your hearing range. (FYI...there are several NOAA All Hazards Radio Transmitters located throughout the NNJ and greater NYC metro area, check the website below for your local frequency (and an alternate):

www.erh.noaa.gov/er/okx/wxradio.html

Training to learn the specific things to watch for is not only easy to do, it is also locally available to you. SKYWARN Training sessions are usually done throughout the area in the Spring of each year. While Spring might seem far off at this time, it is never too soon to plan to attend a training class when it comes to your area. Even without having the formal training (the NWS Upton, NY recommends that all people interested in weather, particularly severe weather, take the 2-3 hour SKYWARN class at least once every 3 years in order to stay up to date on new weather technologies and observation techniques) there are things you can observe and report that could help the NWS in its issuance of severe weather

Advisories, Watches and/or Warnings. In fact, most local SKYWARN Nets clearly define during the Net the specific types of observations needed and give over-the-air guidelines for what observations they are looking to collect as from the field, ground truth reports.

While severe weather is not necessarily an everyday occurrence in this area (and aren't we glad that it isn't) the 2006 season, while it might seem like it was somewhat uneventful, has never the less had many Severe Thunderstorm Warnings, along with some Flash Flood Warnings, as well as there being 2 confirmed tornado touchdowns (Rockland/Westchester Counties (July 12, 2006) and Nassau/Suffolk Counties (August 25, 2006)—there was also a Tornado Warning issued for Bergen County on August 25 and this was the same system that later generated an F0 tornado as it moved across both Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island). While current Doppler Radar technology can indicate the possible presence of rotation within a storm, that could lead to the formation of a funnel cloud or even a tornado (one of the things learned in SKYWARN training is how to tell the difference between a funnel cloud and a tornado) it is only the eyes of an observer in the field than can confirm the actual presence of a tornado on the ground as it is happening. The NWS and your Community need you to be there to report these, as well as other severe weather conditions.

If you are planning to attend the BARA Hamfest in Westwood, NJ on September 30, 2006 (www.bara.org); please stop by and visit the Bergen County NJ SKYWARN Team. They will be able to provide you with more information about the SKYWARN Program.

More information can also be found here:

www.bergenskywarn.org

Recent Weather Damage Photos From NNJ



'Why I Love Ham Radio'

"Amateur Radio is a never-ending journey, because (as for true travelers in ancient times) its aim is not the destination, but the journey itself. My experience has been rewarding in many ways, mainly from a human point of view. I have made friends that have become life-time friends. We have searched and done things together. We have succeeded. We have failed. We have always tried. By trying to improve ourselves, we have shared opinions and knowledge with others. I started more than 40 years ago, when I was 12, and still feel the excitement as it were the first day. That's why I love ham radio."

Luigi Belvederi
I4AWX / AB1FJ

President of the Italian
Amateur Radio Society

From The ARRL's
Hello Campaign
www.hello-radio.org



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www.rac.ca/

Remember The Goals Of ECDXA:

ECDXA's Goals:

- To introduce new people to ECDXA and to Amateur Radio
- To keep communications open and frequent among Club Members
- To support, promote and participate in as many operating events as possible
- To plan to get together in person at least once every couple of months
- To share thoughts, operating successes, new contacts, etc with each other.
- To submit our contest scores — using East Coast DX Assn as our Club affiliation
- To keep up to date with events in the world of Amateur Radio via the ECDXA webpage
- To take part in ARRL Field Day every year
- To HAVE FUN! and to make a commitment to do something radio-related everyday!

FCC LOWERS THE AMATEUR RADIO VANITY CALLSIGN FEE TO \$20.80

Effective September 2006 the FCC has lowered the Amateur Radio Vanity Call-sign fee to \$20.80.

The regulatory fee to obtain or renew an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will drop slightly starting with applications received by the FCC on or after Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

This year promises to be a big one for vanity call sign renewals, since the initial round of vanity grants under the current system occurred in 1996. Licensees who want to retain vanity call signs issued under the current (post-1995) system must pay the regulatory fee when renewing.

(Remember the ECDXA Sponsored VE Team can not only process your FCC License Renewals it can also renew your Vanity Callsign as well.

For more information and applicable fees contact the ECDXA VE team at:

ve@ecdxa.org

ECDXA Members Take Part In The 2006 SARTG WW RTTY Contest—

*Operations Took Place At The Club Station, K2VK
And At Other ECDXA Member Stations!*

The Scandinavian Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group (SARTG) WW RTTY Contest 2006 took place on August 19-20 2006.

Several ECDXA Members took part in the contest from their home stations along with operations in the Multi-1 category from the Club Station—K2VK.

ECDXA Members participating from their home stations included Jerry—NO2T and Paul—W2PWE while Joyce—KA2ANF, Krista—KB2MER and George—KC2GLG made up the team operating and logging at the ECDXA Club Station—K2VK.

If other members of ECDXA took part in the SARTG WW RTTY 2006 Contest, it is not too late to submit your scores! The deadline for submitting your score is October 10 2006. Please include East Coast DX Assn as your Club in your Cabrillo File when submitting your score to:

contest@sartg.com



ARRL HUDSON DIVISION AWARDS DINNER 2006

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 11 2006-

JOIN WITH ECDXA AND OTHER AREA CLUBS FOR AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION ACCOMPANIED BY GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FRIENDS!

Time is running out to reserve your seats for the 2006 ARRL Hudson Division Awards Dinner! Celebrate with others in our Amateur Radio community at the 2006 Hudson Division Awards Dinner hosted by the Bergen Amateur Radio Association.



Use The Links Below For Information On
The ARRL Hudson Division Awards Dinner
Holiday Inn—50 Kenny Place—Saddle Brook NJ
GPS Coordinates: N 40.90327—W 74.10130

Amateur of the Year
Barry Cohen, K2JV

Grand Ole Ham
Bob Raffaele, W2XM

Technical Achievement
Elmer Sharp, WA2YSM

Special Recognition For
Public Service Excellence
Jeff Schneller, N2HPO

More Information Is On These Websites:

www.bara.org
www.ka2anf.com

Ticket Ordering And General Dinner Information

www.bara.org/events/hudsondinner/hudsondinner.html
www.ka2anf.com/HudsonDivAwardsDinner2006.htm

Get Customized Driving Directions To The Dinner

www.ka2anf.com/HudsonDivAwardsDinner2006.htm

Get A Mapquest Map For The Dinner

www.ka2anf.com/HudsonDivAwardsDinner2006.htm

See Photos From Last Years (2005) Awards Dinner

www.ka2anf.com/HudsonDivAwardsDinner2005.htm

AMATEUR RADIO AND PUBLIC SERVICE

ARRL SET 2006—A Simulated Emergency Test—October 7-8 2006

See This Website For More SET Information: www.arrrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by ARRL Field Organization Leaders including Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers.

Your local Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), National Traffic System (NTS), Radio Amateur Civil Emer-

gency Service (RACES) and other public-service oriented groups are involved.

Just as important as the exercise itself is that there be a Post-SET critique session to openly discuss the exercise and its results. The ARRL notes that all ARES, RACES and other participants should be invited to the Post-SET meeting to review good points and weaknesses apparent in the drill. ECDXA encourages

all of its members to actively participate in their local SET activities and echoes the sentiments of the ARRL that all SET leaders conduct a Post-SET open and honest critique.

Contact your local or regional ARES DEC or EC to take part in the 2006 SET exercise!



ARRL TO HOLD ITS FIRST ONLINE AUCTION— AUCTION DATES—OCTOBER 23 THRU NOVEMBER 3 2006

NEWINGTON, CT—The ARRL may be giving eBay and the other auction sites a little competition in the Amateur Radio arena this fall when the first ARRL Online Auction gets under way. Auction proceeds will help to support the League's educational services and programs. Auction Registration and Previews will be on the ARRL Website starting October 16th and the bidding will run from October 23th thru November 2nd 2006.

The auction will be open to all -- ARRL members and otherwise. Bidders just need online access to take part. "With an online auction, we can reach potential bidders across the nation and around the world," Deb Jahnke K1DAH of the ARRL pointed out. It will be limited to 100 items and participants will need to register in advance. More information is available directly from Ms. Jahnke via email at: djahnke@arrrl.org and on the ARRL Website: www.arrrl.org



Where's The DX?

DX In The Next Few Months

XF4, REVILLAGIGEDO - Oct. 17th - November 3rd. Operators will be on Socorro Island (NA-030), in the Revillagigedo Islands group - Callsign will be XF4DL.

ZV100, BRAZIL (Special Event). Oct. 1-30th - Callsign: ZV100SD.

5R8, MADAGASCAR (AF-057). Oct. 1-27th 2006

ANTARCTICA ACTIVITIES - Nov. 3rd thru Jan. 28, 2007 K2ARB, to be active as KC4/K2ARB, from Patriot Hills.

FT5X, KERGUELEN ISLANDS. 2 Days in November.

This is just a sample of some of the upcoming DXpeditions in the next few months. If you need to improve your country count, visit the following for current updates:

The 425 DX Page:

www.425dxn.org/

The OPDX Bulletin:

www.papays.com/opdx.html

The Daily DX:

www.dailydx.com

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ARRL ANNOUNCES THE 2007-2009 HUDSON DIVISION DIRECTOR AND VICE DIRECTOR

(Newington CT-August 25 2006) The ARRL announces that Frank Fallon—N2FF and Joyce Birmingham—KA2ANF were unopposed in the current election and that they will continue to serve the Hudson Division in their respective roles of Director and Vice Director thru 2009.

Frank has served the Hudson Division as its Director since 1997 and Joyce has served as Hudson Division Vice Director since 2004.

ARRL members or others with questions about items of interest or concern to amateur radio operators can contact Frank or Joyce at these Email addresses:

N2FF@arrl.org

KA2ANF@arrl.org



HOW YOU CAN STAY UP-TO-DATE ON LAT- EST DX AND IOTA NEWS AND MORE!!!

The Daily and Weekly DX, both subscription based electronic newsletters, are a good way to stay updated on all things happening DXpedition wise.

The Daily DX is a text DX bulletin sent via e-mail to your home or office, Monday through Friday, and includes DX news, IOTA news, QSN reports, QSL information, a DX Calendar, propagation forecast and much, much more. With a subscription to The Daily DX you will also receive DX news flashes and other interesting DX tidbits.

The Weekly DX is a product of The Daily DX that can be sent weekly to your home or office via e-mail in the form of a PDF (portable document format). It includes DX news, IOTA news, QSN reports, QSL information, a DX Calendar, propagation forecast and graphics.

Also, if you or someone you know is going on a DXpedition, Contest expedition, IOTA expedition, etc., be sure to let the Daily DX know about it. More information is available here:

www.dailydx.com

!!! Attention All ECDXA Members !!!
Do We Have Your Current Email Address And Updated County Count?
Send Your Current Info To: info@ecdxa.org

Remember ECDXA's VE Team Can Process Your FCC License And Vanity Callsign Renewal

With the FCC's Vanity Callsign program reaching its 10 year anniversary soon, many will need to not only renew their Amateur Radio License but also their FCC issued Vanity Callsign.

The ECDXA VE Team is now not only able to help you through this process but also they are also able to file your paperwork and payments via the ARRL VEC. Complete information is available from links on the EXCDA VE Webpage at:

www.ecdxa.org/ecdxaVE.htm

If you have any questions about renewing your FCC Amateur Radio License or Vanity Callsign be sure to contact the ECDXA VE Team via Email at:

ve@ecdxa.org



ECDXA Sponsored VE Sessions

An ECDXA VE Session will be at the
Paramus Congregational Church
205 Spring Street, Paramus NJ
GPS Info: N 40.93140—W 74.05530

Saturday, November 4 2006
9:00AM—11:30AM

Visit the ECDXA VE Webpage for the latest information on other upcoming VE Sessions.

www.ecdxa.org/ecdxaVE.htm