



# THE BULLTHISTLE BUGLE



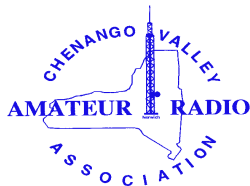
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First of all From My Family To Yours "WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY BLESSED HAPPY NEW YEAR".

We expected to have big news by the time I wrote this newsletter . Our daughter was do to have her baby Christmas Day but her little one is being stubborn. Maybe a New Years baby.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas.

I expect Big things for the Club this year

.The "NEW YEARS DINNER" at GUS'S Jan. 13 ,2013 at 1:00 Sunday ,We have 29 signed up so far. If you would like to go please let me know My home phone is 607-563-3347. Menu is a choice of four selections Prime Rib Au Jus, Grilled Chicken, Broiled Salmon, Stuffed Flounder. Price will be about \$16.00 ea.

Also at our next meeting Jan 3 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at EOC we would hope to have a slate of Officers for the coming year. So far we have N2YP, John Rudolph President, KC2SFU Tom Monday Vice President, N2CHD Charles Davenport Sr Treasurer. We still need someone for Secretary. Until then hope to see everyone next week.

73 KC2WVK ED

**THE STAFF OF THE “BULL-THISTLE BUGLE” WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS , DX FILLED NEW YEAR!**



## CVARA Meeting Minutes December 6, 2012

The December 6, 2012 meeting of CVARA, Inc. was called to order at 19:07 Hrs. by President Ed Lewis (KC2WVX) at the Norwich EOC.

### Introduction of Members/Guests:

In attendance were (15) N2GVB (Tony), KC2VOT (Chris), KC2SFU (Tom), W2MK (Mike), N2SPI (Rich), N2BRD (Steve), WA2TDO (Bob), KC2VOU (Jonathan), KC2RTS (Michael), KC2TNB (Steven), KD2CWQ (Keith), WA2QQF (John), N2CHD (Chuck), K2DAR (Ray) and KC2WVX (Pres. Ed)

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by KC2SFU, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N2GVB to accept minutes as published. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by N2CHD. Motion made by K2DAR, 2<sup>nd</sup> by WA2TDO to accept report as read. Motion carried.

The treasurer advised six (6) members are still in arrears with their dues for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Contact N2CHD to make necessary payment(s).

**Correspondence:** Ray (K2DAR) received flyers announcing the following: (1) The Skyline ARA, Winter Hamfest to be held on Saturday, January 12, 2013 in Marathon, NY 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. (2) ARATS Winterfest to be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Nat'l Guard Armory, Horseheads, NY 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Make plans to attend both hamfests if you're available. A great winter break.

**Committee Reports:** ARES/RACES (K2DAR) states monthly meeting to be held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 09:00 Hrs at the EOC. A review of 2012 activities and add'l information to be presented.

**Awards:** Tony (N2GVB) advises he is stepping down as Awards Mgr. John (WA2QQF) volunteered to head the Awards Committee for one (1) year with approval of the members. Motion by KC2SFU, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N2BRD to accept, with regret, N2GVB's termination. (Thank you Tony for a job well done!) Thanks also to WA2QQF for stepping up to fill the position.

**Education:** Ray – K2DAR still considering another Technician Course to be presented after the holidays. Will need about 3-5 candidates to start the class. KC2SFU, N2CHD and N2BRD volunteer to assist instruction and support for this new class. Contact K2DAR for further information.

**Old Business:** After Holiday's Dinner to be held at Gus' Steak House on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 – Time: 1:00 p.m. Motion by WA2TDO, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N2CHD to schedule this event. Motion carried. Sign up or contact Ed (KC2WVX) with your reservation(s).

**New Business:** Election Time nears for Officer Selection (Fiscal year 2013-2014. Nominations will be accepted thru our January meeting date. (Note: John (N2YP) will not be accepting a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Club Secretary, but would consider either V.P. of President, if elected). KC2SFU and N2CHD have offered their services for another term, if elected. All nominations go to K2DAR or KC2WVX.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00 Hrs.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2012—2013

**January 3, 2013** CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM  
12, 2013 in Marathon. The Skyline ARA,  
Winter Hamfest

**February 7** CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM  
23, 2013 at the Nat'l Guard Armory, Horse-  
heads, ARATS Winterfest

**March 7** CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

**April 4** CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

**May 2** CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

**June 6** CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM

*Do not forget that every Wednesday nite at 7:30  
local on the W2RME/R 146.085/146.685 The  
CARES net meets. .*

**If you know of, or hear about any activities that  
should be listed here, Please pass them on to the  
editor.**



Archive photo of participants in the V.E. Session of Dec. 9, 2000. VE's: John Witkowski (WA2QQF), Bob Levin (N2KYZ), Ken Cassidy (WN2WNC) and candidates taking exams that day including myself (K2DAR), Marty Sharki (KC2HHK) and Tony Sharki (WB2DTW). Marty passed his Gen. Class exam; Tony and myself passed our Extra class exam on this date. .... An early Christmas Present for all!!

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Permanent committees

ARES/RACES: **K2DAR**

AWARDS: **N2GVB**

BUGLE: **AD2TM** Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE;

NEW Ham development

FIELD DAY: **KC2SFU** Chairman

MEMBERSHIP: **K2FRD** Chairman

PACKET:

PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS:

TECHNICAL: **WA2IZB**

VE TEAM: **K2DAR, WN2WNC**

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE

HAM OF THE YEAR: **K2DAR**

TOWER:

Ed's note-At publication time the members of these committees were unknown to the Editor This list will be published in future editions of this publication.

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## IARU Welcomes Two New Member Societies

Earlier this year, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) notified its Member Societies that two new national Amateur Radio organizations wished to join the IARU and would need to be voted in: the Federation of Radio Sport of Azerbaijan (FRSA) and the St Vincent and Grenadines Amateur Radio Club (SVGARC). Ballots from all the Member Societies that responded were counted on November 1 and adopted.



Based in Baku, Azerbaijan, the FRSA was formally organized on December 30, 2001. There are 50 licensed members of the FRSA out of a total amateur population of approximately 50 in Azerbaijan. The SVGARC is based in St Vincent, St Vincent and the Grenadines and was formally organized in 1951. There are 21 licensed members of the SVGARC, out of a total amateur population of approximately 134 in the country. Both organizations have confirmed to the IARU that they have the ability to meet financial obligations as members of the IARU, are legally able to act in the furtherance of IARU objectives within their respective countries and will adhere to the Constitutions of both the IARU and its respective Regional Organization

## Logbook of The World Web Page Now Features Daily and Hourly Status Updates

The ARRL has created a new informational page to issue daily status updates and information of



interest to the Logbook of The World (LoTW) user community. These updates will include planned downtime and changes that will impact LoTW operations. In addition,

LoTW's processing queue is now updated hourly, telling how many logs and QSOs have been uploaded to the LoTW system and are awaiting processing. New hardware that will improve LoTW's throughput is on order and is expected to be running in six to eight weeks.

Rick Murphy, K1MU, and Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ, have been charged with rebooting the Trusted QSL open source project. If you have demonstrably strong C++ development skills that you're interested in applying toward improving LoTW's usability and efficiency, please contact Bernstein via e-mail [aa6yq\(at\)ambersoft\(dot\)com](mailto:aa6yq(at)ambersoft(dot)com).

We appreciate the user community's patience while we work to bring LoTW's performance to an acceptable level.

## The Yasme Foundation Announces 2012 Yasme Excellence Award Recipients and Supporting Grants

The Yasme Excellence Awards are given to individuals who through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication, have made a significant contribution to Amateur Radio. Their contribution



may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievements.

The Yasme Excellence Award is in the form of a cash grant and an engraved crystal globe.

The Yasme Foundation has recognized the following individuals "in order to inspire them and others on behalf of Amateur Radio now and in the future."

George Fremin, K5TR; Tree Tyree, N6TR; Trey Garlough, N5KO, and Scott Neader, KA9FOX, for their contributions to many infrastructure projects that benefit the ham community



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at large.

ARRL Education and Technology Program Director Mark Spencer, WA8SME, for his instrumental work in the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology and other training efforts, development of PIC microcontroller projects and books for amateurs, as well as working with leaders in student and scientific teams in applying Amateur Radio to scientific projects and experiments.

Champ Muangamphun, E21EIC, and Pornchai Semjang, HS2JFW, for leadership in Thailand's amateur community, especially during the recent flooding which helped open the door to the new Thai HF licensing and the enhanced stature of Amateur Radio with the Thai government.

Former NCJ Editor Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, and Tomas Hood, NW7US, for their sustained education of the amateur community regarding propagation, solar and geomagnetic physics.

David Freese, W1HKJ, for creating and maintaining the freeware software package Fldigi, probably the most widely used digital communication software in ham radio and a frequent gateway for new hams who are more familiar with computer-based communications.

Former ARRL Assistant Technical Editor Dean Straw, N6BV, for his contributions to amateur antenna system design and the development of software tools, such as HFTA to optimize system design.

Peter Martinez, G3PLX, and Pawel Jalocha, SP9VRC, for the development of PSK31, a widely used digital mode entirely invented by amateurs that is enabling many amateurs to successfully use HF with very modest stations.

Arie Kleingeld, PA3A; Ad Van Ginneken, PA8AD, and Arie Noordzij, PA3AN, for their sustained contributions to the Mercy Ships Project.

The Board of Directors also announces supporting grants to the following projects: WRTC 2014, the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF), Club Log, the NCDXF Beacon Project, Yasme scholarships (administered by the

ARRL) and the Amateur Radio Association of Kosovo (SHARK).

The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to conduct scientific and educational projects related to Amateur Radio, including DXing and the introduction and promotion of Amateur Radio in developing countries.

### **ARRL Invites Nominations for 2012 International Humanitarian Award**

In 2008, the ARRL Humanitarian Award was given to the Amateur Radio operators of the Sichuan Radio Sports Association, the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) -- that country's IARU Member-Society -- and the many Amateur Radio operators in China who assisted with communications support in the aftermath of the May 2008 earthquake in the Wenchuan area of China's Sichuan province .

Nominations for the 2012 ARRL International Humanitarian Award close December 31, 2012. This award is conferred upon an amateur or amateurs who demonstrate devotion to human welfare, peace and international understanding through Amateur Radio. The League established the annual prize to recognize those radio amateurs who have used ham radio to provide extraordinary service to others in times of crisis or disaster.

As one of the few telecommunication services that allow people throughout the world from all walks of life to meet and talk with each other, Amateur Radio spreads goodwill across political boundaries. The ARRL International Humanitarian Award recognizes the Amateur Radio Service's unique role in international communication and the assistance amateurs regularly provide to people in need.

The above from the "arrl Letter, December 13, 2012

## CVARA CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Ed Lewis, KC2WVX

**Vice Pres:** Tom Monday, KC2SFU

**Treasurer:** Charles Davenport, N2CHD

**Secretary:** John Randolph, N2YP

**Trustees:** Ray Darling, K2DAR, Jim Leahy, K2JL Bob Root WA2TDO

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Tom, AD2TM, editor of the Bugle is ALWAYS looking for submissions  
Your views, comments, and articles will gladly be published. Send your articles to.....

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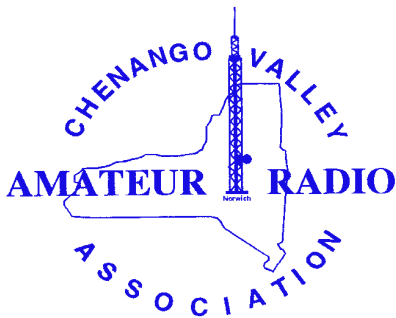
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We encourage promoting our organization and welcoming  
new members to join our group. We hope we can continue to  
grow and maintain a successful club. Your continued support  
can make this happen.

*Visit the club WEB site at: <http://www.cvara.net>*

*Deadline for the February 2013 Bugle is January 15th*

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