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Wow! What A Month!!! Just when I think life can't get any busier... it gets busier. Between wrapping up the MARS involvement, brainstorming for the tower replacement, prepping for not only Field Day, but the June VHF Contest and Scout Races.

To add to it, this year we have been asked to provide some camera coverage of the main race, so trying to work that in as well.

This month we did make some forward progress towards the tower replacement. Even if it was a small step... we did hold a work day at the repeater site, tipped over the VHF tower, performed some maintenance tasks, installed the club's dual band Hustler antenna at the top of the VHF tower. We also installed a 440 beam that was provided by Brian (KF6C). Got the tower tipped back up & tested.... all went well.

As far as the VHF tower goes, as was discussed and planned last month, the dual band Hustler antenna was installed. Several people have asked "When are you going to switch to the new antenna so we can test it?" Well... I want to keep any perceived bias to a minimum, so... at some point over the next month, I will swap the repeaters onto the new antenna. It is my plan to keep the exact moment of changeover a "secret". I will report at the July meeting the time and date when the changeover occurred. Until then, please monitor the repeater and, if possible, keep a simple log of issues noted with it.

73,

Matthew Jenne

KD2HKB

CVARA Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting held at the Grange Hall in Norwich and via zoom video conference.

Called to order at 7:00pm by President Matt Jenne. 15 members present, 3 via Zoom and 3 guests.

PRIOR MONTH MINUTES:

No corrections raised. **Motion made to accept prior month minutes as printed in the last issue of The Bugle by John Rudolph, 2nd by Tom Mathewson. PASSED**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial report presented by Treasurer Emily Goehner. No corrections raised. **Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report by John Rudolph, 2nd by Tom Robson. PASSED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ARES/RACES:** Tom Monday announced that the training on Saturday, May 7, will be at the Mt. Upton Fishing access on SR51 at 9am in preparation for the upcoming Canoe Regatta. Please bring have mobile rigs and bring HTs to test for reception. We will need 12 participants for the regatta on Saturday, May 28th. Workers will have free passes to the grounds. Matt Strong reported that they are hoping to have free Chicken Dinners after the regatta. Bring camp chairs. Matt Jenne reported that CVARA ARES/RACES is officially listed as a participant in the Army MARS exercise.

- **Youth/Scholarship:** Tom Monday had nothing to report at this time.

- **V.E. Team:** Matt Jenne reported that they have held several sessions lately. Note that the FCC licensing processes has been down since April 19th and has only been able to process upgrades, they can't process new licenses or renewals at this time because the payment system is broken. We can still do tests but the submissions will be held until the system is functioning. We will continue to hold exam sessions on the 4th Thursday of every month.

- **Bugle:** Tom Mathewson had nothing new to report. As always, is looking for new material to publish.

- **Ham Fest:** Emily reposted that she has not heard any further feedback. St. Bartholomew's Church on April 15th next year is the last that is known. Matt Jenne stated that the committee met a couple of weeks ago and discussed other location options.

- **Tower Committee:** John Rudolph reported that he has dozens of emails out to solicit Tower specifications. The committee can still use helpers to do research. Matt Jenne stated that the ARRL has received a half million dollars from ARDC to be distributed as grants to clubs for club projects. (up to \$25k) per grant. They are accepting applications until June 30th. Maybe we could formulate our Tower Project to be in compliance with their grant requirements. Their focus is on education and/or public service. Details are available on the ARRL YouTube page. Tom Monday provided a PowerPoint presentation on

Project Management (phases, scope, resources, etc.)

General discussion ensued. Matt Jenne announced that there will be a tower and shack maintenance work detail for Saturday the 14th at 9am.

- **Field Day Committee:** Matt Strong reminder that Field Days is next month (June) 25th and 26th at the General Clinton Park in Bainbridge. There will be a FD Committee meeting on May 19th (Tech Night). Members are encouraged to participate and share ideas.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) President reported that the financial review committee convened and reviewed the Treasurer's books on April 28th and found all records to be in good order.

(2) Emily reported that (a) she will issue a check to the Grange when it is closer to their event. (b) Postage stamps have been purchased and (c) PO Box rent has been paid.

(3) John Rudolph raised questions about the status of the Shack Propane. Bill Pratt will check details and follow up with Suburban Propane.

(4) President Jenne read the previously proposed By-Law change for updating the Treasurer's preauthorized spending limit from \$50 to \$100. The President will send a special notice to members tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Insurance through ARRL is due in June. Ray submitted reminder to Bill that has been forwarded to Matt. After a general discussion a **motion was made by Tom Monday, 2nd by Mike Barnard for the President to proceed with payment of the ARRL equipment insurance premium. PASSED.** The Secretary will forward last year's details to the President.

(2) Tom Mathewson reported that the tractor fuel tank was repaired and is ready to be taken back up to the shack.

(3) Tom Mathewson also reported that Richard Gage (previous club member) passed away on April 9th. He told the widow that a card of condolence would be sent by the club secretary.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by John Rudolph at 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Pratt

CVARA Secretary

POST MEETING NOTES:

Details of communications with Suburban Propane forwarded to President and Treasurer on May 6th. 2021 Insurance detail and equipment list sent to the President on May 6th.

Sympathy card sent to Mrs. Gage on May 9th.

If you want to attend the meeting via Zoon

Time: May 5, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84435172692?pwd=MmNBaHlFZWpCK2ZCY240SHZ0NUw1dz09>

To dial in via phone:

+1 (929) 436-2866

Meeting ID: 844 3517 2692

Passcode: 712861

Local On The Air CW Practice

Hello All in the CVARA family,

I know this has been done before, but I am trying to drum up participants for On The Air CW Practice, OTACWP; let's agree to never say or use that. One change this time around is that we will have Zoom as a fallback / coordinating room so we know what is going on other than hearing static. Ideally we will use 2m or 6m, I have a vertical for both, but we could switch to a few HF bands if people want/need to venture that direction. If anything this is a decent way to try out a simplex net, even though it is not on FM.

If you are interested please email me at KB2YSI@GMAIL.COM for details.---... --- Don, KB2YSI

ARRL EXPO and Hamvention® 2022 a Great Success

By all accounts, the 2022 Dayton Hamvention®, which also served as the 70th reunion, was a great success. Thousands of ham radio operators, their families and friends, and other enthusiasts passed through the gates during its 3-day run, May 20 - 22, at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio. Local reports estimate the event brings over \$30 million dollars to the economy of the Dayton metropolitan region. Official numbers and estimates will be available later.



ARRL's large exhibit area, ARRL EXPO, included a steady flow of visitors who were treated to a variety of exhibits representing popular membership programs and services. More than a dozen booths were led by a team of 80+ program representatives and volunteers that included members of the ARRL staff, Board of Directors, and Field Organization.

Using the theme "Be Radio Active," ARRL also organized many Hamvention forums to encourage attendees to become more active and involved with amateur radio.

An ARRL Youth Outreach forum on Friday highlighted resources and ideas for attracting and developing

young hams. ARRL Education and Learning Manager Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, led the crowd of attendees through a highly interactive session discussing strategies, tools, and reasons for engaging youth. Centered



around the theme of 'How and Why to Engage Youth in Amateur Radio,' forum attendees participated in discussion groups and shared their findings throughout the forum. The entire presentation was recorded by Josh Nass, KI6NAZ, and can be viewed on his YouTube channel, Ham Radio Crash Course, at <https://youtu.be/QZco6tEIKBc>.

Goodgame's participation also included exhibits for ARRL Education and Learning programs and the Teachers Institute. "Both booths were very busy during the entire convention," he said. "We made a concerted effort to draw-in not only ham radio instructors and others interested in our educational programs, but

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youth themselves." Young hams and prospective hams were surveyed by volunteer Cyndi Goodgame,



(center) ARRL Education and Learning Manager Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, shared strategies for drawing-in more youth to amateur radio. He's seen here with his wife and volunteer Cyndi Goodgame, K5CYN (left) and Hamvention Youth Forum speaker Cody Quarles, K0DIE.

upgrades, were shown tools and techniques to help them prepare for their ham radio license exam," said Goodgame. "Some even returned to the booth after passing their exams!"

ARRL Teachers Institute Instructors Larry Kendall, K6NDL, and Wayne Greene, KB4DSF, demonstrated some activities that teachers who attend the professional development program are taught and take back to their classrooms. Adults and youth were given information on the program to take back to their schools, with the goal of continuing to grow the Teachers Institute. An October 2022 session of the [Teachers Institute](#) is planned.



ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, addressed the Membership Forum at 2022 Hamvention.

An ARRL Membership Forum was held on Saturday afternoon and moderated by Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK. The forum included presentations on behalf of the ARRL Historical Committee presented by Midwest Vice Director David Propper, K2DP, and the Legislative Advocacy Committee, presented by West Gulf Division Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS. The forum concluded with remarks from ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and ARRL CEO Da-

vid Minster, NA2AA.

Addressing the membership forum, President Roderick recognized the important contribution of nearly 7,000 ARRL Field Organization volunteers across the country who contribute to strengthening ARRL and amateur radio, and serve their communities. Roderick also urged members to help grow our next generation of radio amateurs by recruiting and developing young hams.

A video of the forum is available on ARRL's [YouTube channel](#).

See more photos from Hamvention on the [ARRL Facebook](#) page.

Read the [full story](#) on the ARRL website.

Marconi's Yacht will be back on the air with the special event call sign IY4ELE, June 4 - 5, 2022.

For the past 8 years, the ARI Fidenza Radio Club (Italian Amateur Radio Association), has celebrated a technical and cultural event at the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation at Villa Griffone in Pontecchio Marconi, Bologna, Italy (Guglielmo Marconi's birthplace). The purpose of the event is to highlight, at an international level, the historical value and meaning of Marconi's yacht, *Elettra*, which was the moving laboratory of the great Italian scientist. Several important radiocommunications experiments were conducted on board the yacht by Marconi during the interwar period. Over the event weekend, amateur radio operators from around the world will have a chance to contact IY4ELE, operated by club members from a radio station located near the keel of the *Elettra*. For more information, visit www.arifidenza.it.

The above from the ARRL Letter for May 26, 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2022

June 2, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, Hale St, Norwich as well as online

June 4, [Rochester Hamfest 2022](#)

June 11, Dougs Fish Fry, Grange Hall, Norwich

June 11, Cortland Hamfest

June 16 Tech Night

June 23, Exam Session, Norwich Grange Hall

June 25-26, Field Day

July 7, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, Hale St, Norwich as well as online

July 9, - RAGS Hamfest Camillus, NY

July 16, Batavia Hamfest, : Alexander, NY

July 21 Tech Night

July 28 Exam Session, Norwich Grange Hall

August 18, Tech Night

August 25, Exam Session, Norwich Grange Hall

September 1 CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, Hale St, Norwich as well as online

September 15, Tech Night

September 22, Exam Session, Norwich Grange Hall

*Do not forget that every Wednesday **night** at 7:30 local on the W2RME/R 146.085/146.685 PL 110.9. 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.

August 4, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, Hale St, Norwich as well as online

August 6, Tompkins County Amateur Radio Association Hamfest, Trumansburg

June 2022

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Cortland Hamfest
12	13	14	15	16 Tech Night	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Exam Session	24	25 Field Day
26 Field Day	27	28	29	30		

Permanent committees

ARES/RACES: **KC2SFU**

AWARDS: **AD2TM**

BUGLE: **AD2TM** Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE;

NEW Ham development **K2FRY**

FIELD DAY: **K2FRY** Chairman

MEMBERSHIP: **K2FRY** Chairman

PACKET:/ Digital: **KC2SFU** Chairman, **N2SPI**

PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS: **AD2TM**, **N2YP**, **KD2HKB**, **K2DAR**

TECHNICAL: **WA2IZB**

VE TEAM: **K2DAR**, **WN2WNC**

HAM OF THE YEAR: **KD2HKB**

Club Station/ Shack: **K2DAR**, **N2YP**, **KC2SFU**

Repeater Trustee: **KD2HKB**

CVARA CLUB OFFICERS

President: Matt Jenne, KD2HKB
Vice Pres: Matt Strong K2FRY
Treasurer: Emily Goehner WA2LFI
Secretary: Bill Pratt K2WMP
Directors: Lois Strong, NK2A;;Tom Monday, KC2SFU; Jon Englart W2BDN

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

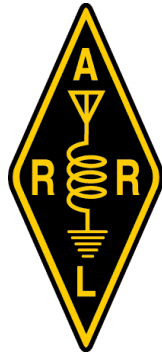
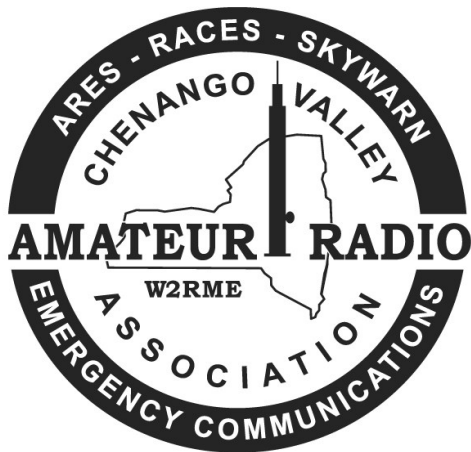
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We encourage promoting our organization and welcoming new members to join our group. We hope we can continue to grow and maintain a successful club. Your continued support can make this happen.

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

Deadline for the July 2022 Bugle is 15 June 2022



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