



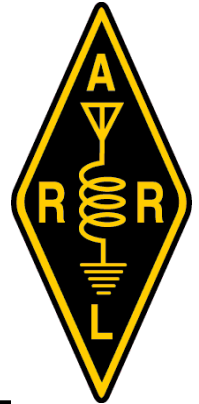
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*The President's
Corner de KD2HKB*



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Where did the time go? I guess time flies when one keeps busy and busy we have been. Between Field Day wrap-up and submitting those logs, Baseball Hall of Fame inductions, and now getting prepped for the county fair and the Unadilla MX Pro National race coming up.

Speaking of the Unadilla event... I would like to utilize some time on Thursday, before and after the meeting to try and finish up some camera deployment kits which will be used for the event. We are very close to having these kits done... only a few things to mount and wire in left to do. The Grange Hall well be open about 5pm so we can get to work on them.

If possible... I'd like to keep the meeting fairly short. I don't want us to skip anything, but if we can keep things on point, we should be able to have a productive meeting as well as finish the cameras & have them ready for deployment.

Going back to Field Day for a moment... The logs have been submitted. Pictures from Field Day, including screenshots of the QSO map and score screens are posted to our website at <https://cvara.net/our-events/field-day/field-day-2022-2/>

73,

Matt KD2HKB

CVARA Meeting Minutes for July 7, 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. 11 members present, 3 via Zoom.

PRIOR MONTH MINUTES:

No corrections raised. **Motion made to accept prior month minutes as printed in the last issue of The Bugle by Jon Englert, 2nd by Matt Strong. PASSED**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial report presented by Matt Jenne for Emily Goehner. No corrections raised. **Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report by Jon Englert, 2nd by Tom Monday. PASSED**

{note: a copy of the report to be forwarded to the club secretary for the file.}

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

· **ARES/RACES:** Tom Monday reported that the July ARES training is cancelled. The August training will be about the Unadilla Motocross. Matt Jenne reported that he has permission for the cameras and that the locations of the camera will be different than last year. Also, he has ordered more cameras.

· **V.E. Team:** Matt Jenne reported that they had the regular exam schedule. There were 2 people; one upgrade and one new license.

· **Bugle:** Tom Mathewson reported that for the email edition, he would like to put in a link to a page on the CVARA website under the events tab for folks to access the large number of pictures. Tom would like to have ready for the August edition.

· **Tower Committee:** Matt Jenne reported that the repeater is not on the 30' VHF tower. OCTEN is having problem getting to the .685 and would like people to relay for Andy. Matt has the emergency generator alert switches (ref. last month's minutes) and will be installing them. General discussion ensued regarding the generator operation. Question by Tom Monday if the old tower could be taken down now? Answer: Possibly. There was a discussion regarding logistical options.

· **Field Day:** Matt Jenne reported the results from the event as posted on the CVARA website as follows: 275 CW contacts, 133 phone contacts and 52 digital contacts. A total of 460 contacts, 787 points (not including bonus points)

OLD BUSINESS:

(a) Matt Jenne reported that the ARRL equipment insurance has been renewed. He charged the premium of \$417.38 on his credit card and will contact Emily for reimbursement. *{note: a copy will be forwarded to the club secretary for the file.}*

(b) Reminders that Doug's Fish Fry has been scheduled for November 9th and December 22nd.

(c) Regarding Field Day: Tom Monday reported that there were no major interference issues between stations. Matt Jenne noted that it was fairly well attended and there were a few guests. Tom Mathewson stated that his issue was the distance from his home. There was a lengthy discussion about finding a more central location, rotating the location from year to year and other potential locations.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Received a certificate for the result of the January VHF Contest score was 1,456 "Unlimited, Multi-Operator". We placed 2nd in Western District of NYS and 4th place in the Atlantic Division of ARRL.

(b) Jon Englert stated that July 16th and 17th is the CQ Worldwide Contest for 2m and 6m. He will set up a station at the club shack for anyone that is interested in participating.

(c) August 2nd or 3rd is a 220MHz-and-up contest. They may work that contest at the shack as well.

(d) Brian Comer mentioned that he is interested working 10 GHz. On August 21st and September 17th. *{note: dates approximate. Suggest contacting Brian for exact dates, times, and location.}* Anyone interested, let Brian know.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Jon Englert at 8:15. Second by Tom Mathewson.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Pratt

CVARA Secretary

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

ARES This Month

This Month will mark Chenago County ARES second year working with our Emergency Management Office (EMO) and Unadilla Motocross in support of their professional motocross event. This is, in my opinion, our best opportunity to be of meaningful service to our community. As every Amateur knows this is a key reason we are granted access to so much valuable radio spectrum.

Our goal for this event is to provide situational awareness and backup communication. We will, again this year, be providing video traffic monitoring and radio operators along state route 8. We will be active on

August 13 from 3:00 pm until approximately 6:00 pm. We will also need a few members to help set up on the afternoon of Friday the 12th.

If you are available for this event please let me know as soon as possible.

This months ARES Training will be held on Saturday August 6th. We will meet at the park in the center of New Berlin at 9:00 am. Our task will be to test mobile communications in the area of the motocross track.

We will need every operator we can get to make this year's event a success. PLEASE consider joining us. 73 Tom KC2SFU

Recent Tech Night

At a recent Tech night we worked on putting together the camera cases and a couple of other projects
Below left, Susan, KG8MOE and John, N2YP catalog and inventory WISP gear to be used as AREDN nodes in the Future

Center, Tom, AD2TM, and Brian, KF6C are doing a good job of shooting a bull or two
Right, John, K2HJ, works on a camera case



Field Day 2022: 500,000 Contacts Already Reported

2022 ARRL [Field Day](#) wrapped up nearly a week ago, and ARRL Headquarters has already received over 2,400 entries submitted via the online [Field Day Entry web application](#). Early analysis reveals that most of the entrants participated as Class D -- home stations, and Class E -- home stations using emergency power.



As of June 29, the breakdown of Field Day entries by Class showed 2,723 total entries, with 272 in Class A, 361 in Class B, 32 in Class C (mobile), 1,524 in Class D, 484 in Class E, and 50 in Class F.

So far, a total of over 517,000 contacts were reported for the event and those numbers are changing daily. In 2021, there were 1.5 million contacts made during Field Day activities.



Kristi Milluzzi has made a commemorative Field Day cake for each of the last three years, featuring the event's logo. She recently married Andy Milluzzi, KK4LWR, of Clermont, Florida. Andy is a member of the ARRL Public Relations Committee, and co-advisor to the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Program.

Many participants were keeping their hopes up for better propagation, as early forecasts were looking promising. ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE, said that propagation aside, there was substantial activity. "While band conditions might not have been the greatest, there was a good amount of activity on the bands this past weekend. Many participants seemed to agree that the recent rule changes, capping transmitter power output to 100 W, were a good idea," he said.

Dustin Lomax, KF7FK, reported in his Soapbox comments that it was his first Field Day in which he used CW, adding that "CW was a fun change of pace that really helped make the most of marginal band conditions in WWA [Western Washington]."

There is still plenty of time to submit your 2022 Field Day entry. Participants who submit their entries using ARRL's [Online Submission Form](#) can earn 50 bonus

points and will receive an email confirmation of their completed entry. Be sure to check the [Entries Received](#) web page to verify your entry's status. If it indicates "Pending documents," the required dupe sheet (or in lieu of that, a Cabrillo log file) or other supporting documentation of claimed bonus points is missing.

Participants can edit or add documentation to their online submissions by using the link provided in the confirmation email. Field Day entries must be submitted online or postmarked no later than 2059 UTC on July 26, 2022.

2022 Field Day was highly promoted thanks to the efforts of many ARRL Division and Section volunteers, amateur radio clubs, and their members. Many states and counties obtained special proclamations from local governments designating the weekend (in some cases the whole week) as Field Day and Amateur Radio Week, recognizing the many contributions of amateur radio operators during emergencies and with serving their communities.

ARRL treated participants with a live video stream from W1AW, its Headquarters' station, throughout Field Day. Life Member Karl Schwab, KO8S, of Warren, Michigan, was delighted with making contact with W1AW during Field Day. "I heard W1AW calling CQ Field Day on 20 m SSB," wrote Schwab. "I responded and then heard, 'Kilo Oscar Eight Sierra, you're 5 Foxtrot Connecticut.' I responded with my report, and got in their log. ... After Field Day, and



uploading my log, I went to the ARRL website and there I found a 4-hour video was available on YouTube, showing W1AW during their Field Day activities. While watching this video, at hour 2, minute 55, I heard and saw my live contact with them! [This] was a special moment for me. One I will never forget." A recording of the W1AW live stream is on ARRL's [YouTube channel](#).

From The ARRL Letter for June 30, 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2022

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
 August 13, ARES Event Unadilla Valley Motocross
 August 18, Tech Night
 August 20, Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association Hamfest Avoca, NY
 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
 September 24, 47th Annual Elmira International Hamfest. Location: Horseheads, NY

October 6, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, .Hale St , Norwich as well as online

October 20, Tech Night
 October 27, Exam Session, Norwich Grange Hall

November 3, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, .Hale St , Norwich as well as online
 November 17, Tech Night

*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 2022

	1	2	3	74 Meeting	5	6 Trumansburg Hamfest
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ARES Event
14	15	16	17	18 Tech Night	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Exam Session	26	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.....

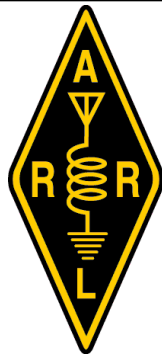
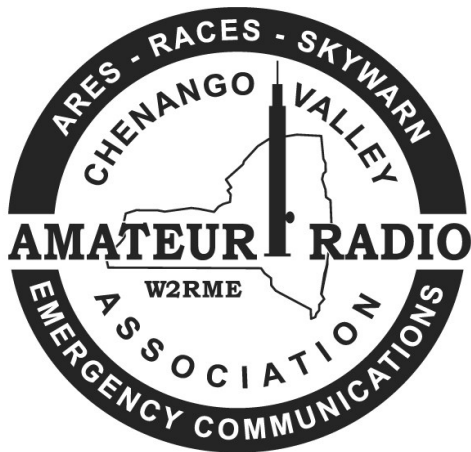
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We encourage promoting our organization and welcoming new members to join our group. We hope we can continue to grow and maintain a successful club. Your continued support can make this happen.

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

Deadline for the September 2022 Bugle is 15 August 2022



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