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It is said that the most important resource in this life is time. It is the one resource we cannot get more of. From where I stand (age 63) nothing could be more obvious. Live is a constant series of choices involving the use of our time. We all lead a busy life. We all make difficult choices about how to use our time. The club is no different. We are a small group and we will have a difficult time doing all that we want. So what is it that we want to accomplish?

Here is how I would answer that question and to the degree possible how I intend to spend my time as club President.

Some VERY generous club member has given this club an enormous sum of money with the intent of helping use replace our repeater tower. We cannot allow this donation to be disrespected by not completing this work. I will do everything in my power to complete this work.

We cannot give up attempts to interest youth in science, technology, engineering and Math (STEM). There is no better media than Ham Radio to introduce STEM to our youth. This was true in the 1950s and it is still true today. There is nothing more important to our future than getting ham radio in front of our youth.

73, Tom KC2SFU

CVARA Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2023

Called to order at 1906 by Vice President Tom Mathewson (AD2TM) held at the Grange Hall in Norwich and via Zoom

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes as printed in the Bugle by Mike Mathewson (N2SAS) 2nd by Tom MOnday (KC2SFU); Motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented by Lois Strong (NK2A) 2nd by Tom Monday (KC2SFU); Motion passed

Committee Reports:

Youth/Education:

ARES/RACES: Activation this weekend for Gus Macker.

Tech Night: All projects welcome! A suggestion was made to work on building a nice electronics workbench.

Bugle: Keep the good material & pictures coming!!!!

Repeater: Ran a few tests on the repeater

Building & Grounds: Lawn mowed. Also did inventory for insurance purposes.

Membership:

If you want to attend the meeting via Zoon

Time: August ,3 2023, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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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

VE Team: Held a session at Field Day. A few took exams, but unfortunately no one passed.

Old Business:

New Business:

Club Apparel: Club insurance is due. Motion for Matthew Jenne (WZ2I) to pay and club reimburse by Don Rhodes (KB2YSI); Seconded by Mike Barnard (KD2CDU). Motion passed.

Election: The Executive Committee received a Letter of Resignation from our club President Jean Comer (KG8MOE). Pursuant to our bylaws a special election was held. Ballots were dispersed, collected and counted. Tom Monday (KC2SFU) received the majority of votes and was deemed winner and duly elected.

For the Good of the Membership:

Dues: As a reminder: If you have not done so already, please submit your dues and/or consider a donation to the club. We have many expenses & need to cover our obligations.

Closing: Motion made at 1945 by Matthew Jenne (WZ2I).

Attendees: AD2TM, WZ2I, NK2A, KC2SFU, KB2YSI, K2HJ, KD2CDU, KD2ERR, N2SAS, WA2LFI VIA ZOOM N2YP, KD2NJI

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To dial in via phone:

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Meeting ID: 844 3517 2692

Passcode: 712861

ARES This Month:

With August comes the Unadilla Motocross races. The partnership between Unadilla Motor Sports, Chenango County EMO and Chenango County ARES/RACES continues to grow and provide rewards to all parties. ARES/RACES exposure to this large scale event, with national exposure, has been priceless. Other statewide organizations, such as New York State Police and the New York State Department of Transportation, have been more than impressed with our capabilities.

Each year we have been asked to expand our service to these agencies, and each year we have accomplished the goal. As many of you know the main service requested at this event is video feed of traffic along the State Route 8 corridor. Our success in providing this service is largely due to the efforts of a relatively small group lead by Matt Genne. Matt's efforts over the past three years have been nothing short of amazing. AREDN and live video have added an important new tool to the ARES/Races toolbox. The success of AREDN at Unadilla could easily overshadow the need for other aspects of ARES. Each

On July 13, 2023, the FCC filed paperwork in the Federal Register announcing the closure of Lockbox 979097 aka PO Box 979097.

We knew this would happen eventually.

Currently, the last sentence in § 1.1102 Schedule of charges for applications and other filings in the wireless telecommunications services, paragraph (a), read as follows:

Remit manual filings and/or payments for these services to: Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Bureau Applications, P.O. Box 979097, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000.

The announced change in Part 1 of the Commission rules directs the last sentence of paragraph (a), listed above, to be replaced with the following

Manual filings and/or payments for these services are no longer accepted.

What does this mean?

year a 2 meter voice net has added to the situational awareness of leaders inside the command trailer. Time and time again, eyes on the ground with a simple voice transmission have added the last piece of the puzzle. We will be looking to provide these eyes on the ground between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Aug 12th.

In response to an unexpected event last year, I have asked and received approval to add an RF listening station inside the command trailer this year. While the need is relatively undefined, it is another opportunity to demonstrate what Amateur Radio can do when called on.. We will need a ham with SRD sharp experience to provide this new service.

For obvious reasons, very few get to be in the command trailer. While few words are spoken, the look on the faces of professional public service officials tells it all. It is a look of respect earned by your hard work. I cannot thank you enough for your efforts. If you have not taken part in this event in past years, I highly recommend you consider it this year.
73, Tom KC2SFU

1. It means that in about 90 days (on or about 11 October 2023), applicants will no longer be permitted to pay their application fees by mail.

2. The only acceptable methods of payment will be electronic including: Credit/debit card, ACH transfer from checking or savings account, or Wire transfers.

3. The application fee handout will be updated and available in Session Manager soon.

Here is the Federal Register item: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-07-13/pdf/2023-14498.pdf?utm_source=federalregister.gov&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list

And So It Should Be Written

By Ray Darling, K2DAR, CVARA Historian

Chapter 12

Welcome To - August 2023

Mentioned in a previous issue of the "Bugle," Joe Marso, K2JVE was a gentleman who helped guide CVARA and provide that little something extra into the average task that makes them above average. He took the time to discover what he did well, pursued it and perfected it. So it was with his involvement with the then "WRC" home in Oxford and the Ham Radio hobby. Pictured below is a copy of Joe at his home station enjoying a chat with fellow hams around the country and world.



Another gentleman, named in a previous issue of the "Bugle." Marv Druskoff, K2VIV, came to Chenango County 1971-1972 from a small rural area near Newton, N.J. Marv was a successful Real Estate Broker in the State of N.J., but opted

to move into a small home just outside Mt. Upton, NY in the Town of Guilford. The move into our area brought about the need for employment for both Marv and wife Barbara. Marv's expertise in Real Estate Sales came to the attention of the Chenango County Board of Realtors and in a short time established his own Business "Upton Realty," based in Mt. Upton, NY. Wife Barbara was an accredited Elementary School Teacher and was certified and accepted as such with the Bainbridge-Guilford School District, serving with the Guilford Elementary School staff.

Marv's interest in Amateur Radio began to make an impact on local hams with Marv becoming actively involved with CVARA and it's membership. I soon discovered his challenges in hunting DX on the H.F. Bands, as well as an interest in VHF possibilities in the area. His interest and vast knowledge of electronics with confidence in applying those principals proved invaluable to mine and other members educational processes.

One of his primary missions was to hold an impromptu Field Day gathering at his home, one that prompted a very small gathering, but was instrumental in bringing some of our newer members into the fold. Below are three photos of that initial Field Day fun day. Noted in these photos include Marv, K2VIV with beard and mustash, holding the Field Day sign, Tom Atwell, WB2ACV, Wayne Shevlin, WA2AME, Tony Sharki, WB2DTW and Ray Darling, WA2EYH, holding Marv's daughter Jennifer on his lap. An interesting day to say the least, using a slightly used/broken three (3) element beam ? laying on top of Marv's barn/garage building (believe on a metal roof as well!!) Hi Hi ... To top it off, a heavy electrical and rainstorm ensued that afternoon washing out any further attempt to complete the experience. Not many contacts, but lots of fun!!



Spring and summer of 1974 brought about several changes within Chenango County and the Amateur Radio communications network forming to hopefully provide Emergency Communications locally as well as inter-county capabilities. Each hour we are either moving forward or going backward. There is no such thing as constancy. There is nothing constant about time. It is always moving, forcing us to use it. Time never waited for anyone! Believe it or not with the following news article.

Guilford man heads emergency radio group 9/22/74

GUILFORD—Marvin Druskoff, K2VIV, Guilford RDI, has been selected to lead an organization of Chenango County amateur radio operators prepared to furnish organized emergency communications in time of disasters. It was announced today by Communications Manager George Hart of the American Radio Relay League, U.S. and Canadian association of radio amateurs.

Mr. Druskoff's assignment, which carries the title of Emergency Coordinator of the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, is to band together members of the amateur radio service in his community to perfect arrangements for emergency radio communication by hams in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies.

In addition to use of fixed radio station equipment working from commercial power, amateur stations use self-powered radio transmitting and receiving equipment as needed and can often deploy portable and mobile units to accommodate a particular emergency requirement.

Mr. Druskoff as ARRL Emergency Coordinator, will call local meetings of amateurs, establish common operating procedures, and arrange regular drill periods when the hams' personal stations may be mobilized under simulated emergency conditions.

His duties also include liaison planning with relief and public welfare agencies, as suggested in working understandings the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Corps has with the Red Cross, Civil Defense, and other agencies. Liaison will be established also with local protective services, such as fire and police departments.

In announcing the appointment, Hart pointed out that radio amateurs have traditionally had the responsibility of being in constant readiness to offer assistance in time of need with ham-acquired skill, emergency-powered transmitters and a wealth of community spirit.

"When sleet storms disrupt telephone and telegraph service, or floods isolate whole communities," the League's Communications Manager said, "it is amateur radio that comes to the rescue with operators and self-powered equipment, often as the sole agency able to transmit messages calling on the outside world for aid for the stricken community."

"To be prepared for this function required not only a highly organized program of preparedness locally," Hart continued, "but hams outside the disaster area must be prepared to act as outlets and relay points for emergency traffic. Planning and organization are necessary in either eventually and that is the job Mr. Druskoff is doing for this area."

'Big Four' test disaster plans 11/21/74

By JERRY WEAVER
"Operation Big Four", believed to be the most extensive natural disaster exercise ever conducted in Central New York, is expected to test civil defense operations in a four-county area Thursday evening.

The "big four" counties of Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie, along with their associated hospitals, will participate in the full-scale natural disaster field training exercise.

The disaster: a mock windstorm. With funnel clouds and heavy rains causing some 200 casualties, the exercise should provide a test of hospital emergency operations and procedures for coping with a wide-scale emergency.

All Natural Disaster and Civil Defense (ND-CD) service centers in the four counties along with volunteers will participate in the mission.

For purposes of mapping Operation Big Four, it will be assumed that a windstorm of large proportions, accompanied by winds with a velocity of 65 miles an hour, hit the four-county area at about 5:30 p.m.

One funnel cloud will have touched down in the area north and east of the City of Norwich, resulting in widespread damage, and two inches of rain will have fallen during the exercise.

Considerable damage will be assumed to power lines, homes, barns, highways and the like, and 200 casualties in the four counties hit by the storm will require first aid, transportation and hospitalization. Thirty of the casualties will be Chenango County people who for purposes of the exercise will be

provided by the various individual fire service emergency squads.

For the exercise in Chenango County, 10 casualties each from the City of Norwich, South New Berlin and Sherburne will be simulated.

The exercise is being coordinated through the N.Y. State Eastern District ND-CD control center in Oneonta, and will be overseen by Enoch Glisene, coordinator, and Joseph P. Durkin, assistant coordinator of the New York University, School of Continuing Education.

During the exercise, all emergency services, centers, equipment and volunteers will be operational. Rescue and ambulance services will be activated in order to provide first aid and transportation from disaster scene to hospital, or between hospitals.

Radio communications for the exercise will be established beginning at 6 p.m., including the newly-created Chenango County Amateur Radio Emergency Corps (AREC). Chenango Memorial Hospital will communicate by way of radio on frequencies and channels normally used in conjunction with the fire service.

Chenango County ND-CD Director Robert G. Prindle said that total involvement of the local emergency organization and all local governmental agencies is anticipated.

The director said that Operation Big Four will be the first time in the history of natural disaster operations in Central New York State that such an extensive operation has been planned.

73 - See you all in the September Issue



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023

August 3, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, .Hale St , Norwich as well as online via Zoom
 August 5, 2023 - Tompkins County Amateur Radio Association Hamfest, Location: Trumansburg, NY
 August 17, Tech Night
August 19, 2023 Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association Hamfest **Location:** Avoca, NY

August 24, Exam Session Norwich Grange Hall

August 26, 2023 RocCityNet Hamfest Location: Macedon, NY

September 7, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, .Hale St , Norwich as well as online via Zoom
 September 21, Tech Night

September 26—30, 2023 Antique Wireless Associa-

tion Conference Location: Henrietta, NY

September 28, 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 2023

		1	2	3 meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	217Tech Night	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Exam Ses- sion	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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**
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 - TECHNICAL: **WA2IZB**
 - VE TEAM: **K2DAR**: **WZ2I**
 - HAM OF THE YEAR: **WZ2I**
 - Club Station/ Shack: **K2DAR**, **N2YP**, **KC2SFU**
 - Repeater Trustee: **WZ2I**
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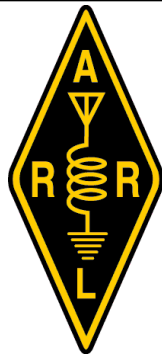
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We encourage promoting our organization and welcoming new members to join our group. We hope we can continue to grow and maintain a successful club. Your continued support can make this happen.

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

Deadline for the September 2023 Bugle is August 20, 2023



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