



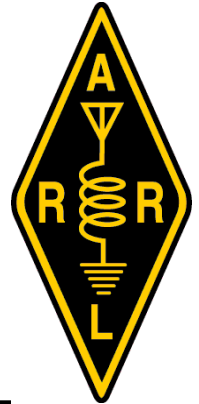
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# THE BULL THISTLE BUGLE

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*The President's  
Corner de KD2HKB*



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.Out goes February with a storm, so what will March bring??? Well... the Bullthistle Hamfest of course!!!

I know we are all excited to hold the hamfest again and preparations are well underway. Be sure to share the info about the hamfest far & wide. Hopefully, a copy of the flier will be included by the editorial staff of this publication. If not... Share the even from our website at <https://cvara.net/hamfest>

If you have the ability to help, there will be many tasks leading up to as well as the day of the hamfest that we could always use help with. Besides physical help... we can also use the donation of cash or equipment to sell at the hamfest. The club has many great assets and a successful hamfest will help ensure our club, as a whole, is successful and will be around for a long time in the future.

Besides the hamfest, I am looking forward to many other things, but mainly... the start of Spring!

73,

Matthew Jenne

KD2HKB

CVARA President

## CVARA Meeting Minutes for February 2022

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

Called to order at 7:10pm by President Matt Jenne. 8 members present and 4 via Zoom.

### Minutes:

**Motion made to accept prior month minutes as printed in the Bugle by Matt Strong  
2nd by Tom Mathewwson. Motion passed**

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Treasurer Emily Goehner.

**Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report as presented by Jon Englert  
2nd by Tom Monday. Motion passed**

### Committee Reports:

**ARES/RACES:** Tom Monday reported that last weeks meeting was back at the Emergency Operations Center. We are looking forward to doing the General Clinton Canoe Regatta this year as well as the Unadilla Motocross. The Oneonta Pit Run (as it stands right now) will be discontinued after 24 or 27 years.

**BUGLE:** Tom Mathewson thanked Jon Englert for the article he submitted in the last month's Bugle. Tom also mentioned that submissions from other sources must have permission from the original author. Again, a reminder that he is always looking for material.

**YOUTH/SCHOLARSHIP:** Tom Monday reported that he and Jon will be judging the grade school Science Fair again. He feels that this is a good fit for the type of thing that we ought to do. Tom is assembling parts for a Ham Radio display.

**V.E. TEAM:** (1) Matt Jenne reported that the first session of the year (2 weeks ago) and there were 3 examinees .... 2 upgraded to "extra" and 1 passed her "Technician". We are on schedule with our monthly exams here at 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. (2) Committee update by Matt Strong: Ray will continue as Chair with Matt Strong, Tom Monday and Jon Englert as members. (3) There will be a Technician Class in April and a General test in October.

**TOWER:** Matt Strong reported that there will be a tower committee meeting next week, on Tech Night at 7pm. All are welcome.

**HAM FEST:** (1) Matt Strong reported that John Rudolph has a request from the Red Cross would like a table for recruitment. The Committee recommends that we give them a table for free. (2) Matt would like a motion to increase his previously-approved expenditure for the Radio door prize from \$300 to \$334.75. (3) Tom Monday reported that there are 3 presentations of approx.. 1 hr. each scheduled for the event. (4) Emily reported that they did a walk-through and everyone was impressed with the facility. (5) Matt Jenne reported on the necessary insurance. General discussion ensued. (6) There will be HamFest committee meeting on Tech Night dovetailed on the Tower Committee agenda. Reminder - The March 3<sup>rd</sup> CVARA meeting will be the last official meeting before HamFest. This would be the last opportunity to raise any issues requiring club approval.

### Old Business:

· Anticipated Ham Fest Expenditures to date: \$150 donation to the church for facility usage and up to \$150 for event insurance rider. \$100 donation to the Grange, plus the radio door prize of \$340 for a total of \$740 so far. General Discussion regarding other expenses include \$100 donation to the Grange, plus the radio door prize of \$340 for a total of roughly \$750 so far.

**Motion #1 by Tom Monday, Second by Bill Pratt to move ahead with St. Barts and the additional expenses mentioned above. Motion passed without opposition.**

**Motion #2 by Tom Mathewson, Second by Jon Englert to approve an additional \$34.75 to reimburse Matt Strong for the purchase of the Radio Door Prize. Passed without objection.**

· Emily Goehner reported that she received the quarterly club insurance bill in the amount of \$95.20 which exceeds her automatic authorization to pay. She needs a motion to approve the payment.

**Motion by Matt Strong, Second by Tom Monday to approve the payment of the bill. Motion passed without opposition.**

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If you want to attend the meeting via Zoon

Time: March 3 , 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84435172692?pwd=MmNBaHIFZWpCK2ZCY240SHZ0NUw1dz09>

To dial in via phone:

+1 (929) 436-2866

Meeting ID: 844 3517 2692

Passcode: 712861

## The club has the following items for sale

- ◆ 20% off listed price for club members.
- ◆
- 1. Vector VEC043 750 Watt Inverter

2. Icom IC-28A HT \$10
3. Denten Supper Tuner \$110
4. Akigawa PM-2H power meter \$110

For more information contact Tom KC2SFU 73, Tom KC2SFU

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### New Business:

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The President has received a letter of resignation from Ray Darling for his position as a Director. (one year remaining of his 3-year term). Lois Strong has been nominated to fill that vacancy and has accepted the nomination. President Matt Jenne read the slate of nominees and opened the floor for additional nominations. Being none, nominations were closed.

**Motion by Matt Strong and Second by Tom Mathewson and unanimously approved for the Secretary to cast one ballot for each of the nominees as follows:**

- Matt Jenne – President
- Matt Strong – Vice President
- Bill Pratt – Secretary
- Emily Goehner – Treasurer
- Tom Monday – Director (3 year)
- Lois Strong – Director (1 year to fill Ray Darling's vacancy)

**FIELD DAY:** Matt Jenne has been in contact with the Town of Bainbridge to conduct "Field Day" at the General Clinton Park. All things considered it was concluded that they would accommodate us in the smaller pavilion. General discussion to clarify what the "smaller pavilion" is. We need to register for use of the grounds ASAP because the dates fill up fast. The cost would be \$50/day for 2 days and a \$100 deposit. That would include the pavilion, electric, and bathroom and shower facilities. We will need insurance. They are okay with us pitching tents nearby the

pavilion. Question: Will we be allowed to camp next to the pavilion on Friday or will we be required to rent campsites? General discussion regarding fire pit, etc. The dates are currently open for the "small lower pavilion".

**Motion to go ahead and reserve the facility for June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and authorize \$200 payment of Rent and Deposit (refundable), made by Matt Strong and second by Tom Mathewson. Passed.**

General discussion regarding pavilion location, fire pit, signage and insurance.

Matt Strong suggested that we formally invite the Oneonta Club to Field Day. Matt also announced that the first Field Day Committee meeting will be held at Tech Night in March.

**NEWSLETTER:** Jon Englert raised the idea of a seasonal newsletter in lieu of a monthly one. Note that there is a stipulation in the bylaws requiring a "monthly" newsletter.

Tom Mathewson moved to adjourn at 8:40pm

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bill Pratt*

*CVARA Secretary*

### ARES This Month

This month's ARES meeting will begin the planning process for the May General Clinton Canoe Regatta. This discussion will include objectives, modes and frequency information.

All members are encouraged to attend and participate in these discussions. I suspect these discussions will

## Crozet Island DXpedition Preparations are Moving Forward

The upcoming solo DXpedition to Crozet Island, spearheaded by Thierry Mazel, F6CUK, will likely arrive on the island around Christmas. While traveling aboard the *Marion Dufresne*, Mazel will make stopovers at other remote islands that are also rare DXCC entities, including Tromelin Island. The Crozet and Tromelin islands are administered as part of the

French Southern and Antarctic Lands (abbreviated in French as TAAF).

"After the permission granted by the TAAF and the DXpedition announcement, [the] time has come to gather the equipment and move

forward with the preparations," Mazel said. "The *Marion Dufresne* will leave Réunion Island on December 8, with a stopover at Tromelin to resupply the people there, then head for Crozet."

Mazel expects to spend a solid 3 months operating from the Alfred-Faure base on Crozet. The *Marion Dufresne* will return on March 26, 2023, after stopovers at the Kerguelen Islands and Amsterdam, arriving at Réunion Island on April 16, 2023. He said dates may vary depending upon weather conditions.

His first task upon arrival will be to erect antennas and set up his station, for which he'll need to enlist help from others. He'll also have to contend with the weather, as Crozet is subject to strong winds.



be applicable, at least in part, to future public service and real world disaster situations.

As some of you know last month was our first meeting back in the EOC. It was good get back. I hope to see more members join us for these discussions.  
73, Tom KC2SFU

No call sign has been issued at this point, although Mazel has requested one that will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first amateur operation from Crozet in 1961 and 1962. To head off problems with pirates, the call sign won't be released until after Mazel has arrived on Crozet, and just hours before he begins operation.

"I have asked the TAAF [for] permission to send part of the equipment with the previous ship supply mission leaving in November," Mazel said. "It sometimes happens that, because of the weather during landing,



not everything can be brought to the island. Imagine being on the island without a station!"

Mazel said much remains to be done, including finalizing antenna designs, securing winter clothing, and organizing scheduled contacts with school children via the QO-100 geostationary satellite.

"Crozet will be an ATNO [All-Time New One] for many, and you can't afford missing it, as nobody knows when the next ham operation will take place from this #3 most-needed," Mazel said in urging contributions to the DXpedition effort.

The last ham radio activity from Crozet was in 2009 by Florentin Bard, F4DYW, who operated as FT5WQ. The 2022 - 2023 solo DXpedition is anticipated to cost upward of \$60,000.

For additional information, visit the [Crozet Island DXpedition](#) website. Read [an expanded version](#).

The above from [February 24, 2022](#) ARRL Letter

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2022

- March 3, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, Hale St , Norwich as well as online
- March 17, Tech Night, Norwich Grange Hall
- March 26 Tenitive CVARA Hamfest
- April 7,, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, Hale St , Norwich as well as online
- April 21, Tech Night, Norwich Grange Hall
- May 6 CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, Hale St , Norwich as well as online
- May 20, Tech Night, Norwich Grange Hall
- June 2, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, Hale St , Norwich as well as online

June 16 Tech Night  
June 25-26, Field Day

*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.

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## March 2022

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		1	2	<b>3 Meeting</b>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17Tech Night	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Test Session	25	26 Hamfest
27	28	29	30	31		

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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](mailto:KB2YSI@GMAIL.COM) for details.---... --- Don, KB2YSI

#### 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**
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# CVARA CLUB OFFICERS

President: Matt Jenne, KD2HKB  
Vice Pres: Matt Strong K2FRY  
Treasurer: Emily Goehner WA2LFI  
Secretary: Bill Pratt K2WMP  
Directors: Ray Darling, K2DAR, Ron Haynes N2RLH, 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.....

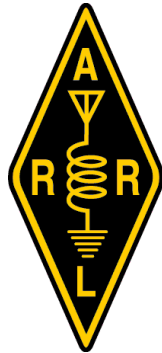
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We encourage promoting our organization and welcoming new members to join our group. We hope we can continue to grow and maintain a successful club. Your continued support can make this happen.

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

**Deadline for the April 2022 Bugle is March 15 2022**



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