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What A Month! From participating in St. Baldrick's raising roughly $1,200 and shaving to help find a cure for childhood cancers... to the Bullthistle hamfest... it's been quite a ride.

For the first time in a decade... I am clean shaven (it's not going to last... don't worry). While I did NOT reach my goal of $2k for the full shave, I decided to go ahead with it and dedicate it in the memory of my brother, Ed, who died from Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer over 20 years ago. Anyone still wishing to donate towards this good cause may do so at https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1093552/2022

Next up was the Bullthistle hamfest. This was well attended and from what I saw... things went well. The important part for me was several "things" did NOT leave with me at the close of the event! I snuck in a couple live streams for anyone interested. I streamed part of Brian Webster's presentation about packet radio and all of Jon Englert's presentation about the lunchbox radios. [[youtu.be/oagG83_g3IY]] I also took the club Live on Facebook during the final drawings including for the Grand Prize. [[https://fb.watch/c4H30oOCL4/]]

A welcomed surprise to this month's activity was the receipt of an invite to participate in an Army MARS exercise. Hopefully I will have more information before meeting night, so keep an eye out!

73,

Matt KD2HKB

CVARA Meeting Minutes for March 2022

Meeting held at the Grange Hall in Norwich and via zoom video conference.
Called to order at 7:00pm by President Matt Jenne.
9 members present and 7 via Zoom.

Minutes:
Motion made to accept prior month minutes as printed in the Bugle by Jon Englert
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 he will send an email regarding Saturday's meeting. We will plan on meeting in the parking lot behind the Norwich Police Station.

BUGLE: Tom Mathewson remarked "same old, same old" and would like more submissions.

YOUTH/SCHOLARSHIP: Tom Monday reported that the Science Fair will be on March 16th.

V.E. TEAM: Matt Jenne reported that they did do exam session last week. Had 2 people show up. Also did a session in Oneonta … one person passed his exam there.

TOWER: John Rudolph reported that they had a meeting last week educated the committee on thigs that need to be done. Help on research would be appreciated.

HAM FEST: Matt Jenne reported that he did the paperwork and got the insurance certificate to the church and they approved it. All material turned over to Emily. There are a couple of Grange People who are interested in doing the food concession at the church. They are working on menu details. John Rudolph reported on (1) door prizes. (2) People needed for set-up and take-down and other operations during the day. (3) They are making arrangements for use of enough tables. John will do a floor plan to establish table capacity. 8 tables have been reserved so far. (4) Workers and vendors enter free but would need to purchase admission in order to be eligible for door prizes. (5) General discussion regarding raffle and door prize tickets. (6) Discussion about projectors and screens for demos.

Old Business:
· Continued discussion about Ham Fest details… $5 50/50 raffle, Facebook Advertising and advertising in general.
Motion by John Rudolph, second by Emily Goehner to spend $25 on facebook advertising on facebook. Passed.
· Matt Jenne reported that registration form, deposit and rental check has been sent to Town of Bainbridge. Matt has verbal confirmation that they are holding the date for us.

New Business:
· Discussion about Doug's Fish Fry and other fundraising options.
· Matt Jenn reported that they have us scheduled for SATURDAY, JUNE 11th.
· John Rudolph has mylar emergency blankets available for free to CVARA members and a couple of radio boxes available for a nominal donation.
· Tom Monday reported that there are no Technician Class registrations so far for April. April has 5 Saturdays this year. The first 4 Saturdays would be for classes and the 5th Saturday would be for the testing. Classes start at 9:00am.
· Tom Monday stated that there will be no ARES/RACES meeting in April.
· Matt Jenne stated that there won't be any "special" club meetings for Ham Fest. The Committee can handle any issues that come up.

Good of the Membership: Matt Jenne will shave his head and/or beard in connection with St. Baldrick's fundraising for childhood cancer. If he raises $1000 he will shave his head and will shave head and beard and if he gets $2000. To donate, go to stbaldricks.org/team/mypage/132849/2022. Matt will send out the link.

John Rudolph moved to adjourn at 8:15pm. 2nd by Mike Bernard.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Pratt
CVARA Secretary

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=MmNBaHlFZWpCK2ZCY240SHZ0NUw1dz09

To dial in via phone:
+1 (929) 436-2866
Meeting ID: 844 3517 2692
Passcode: 712861

ARES This Month

Do you have a radio that can transmit on 60 meters? Have you ever made a QSO on 60 meters? Recently I viewed a video, sent to me my Lois NK2A, talking about new directions being taken by the Military Auxiliary Radio Station (MARS) system. Here is the link MARS DOD Amateur Radio Presentation. I encourage you to view it. I suspect some of it will become part of our tool box.
These changes, along with FEMA's AuxComm system, are quickly becoming the standard response to emergencies throughout the country. I fully expect you will see our training reflect these federal systems.
Please consider becoming more active in our Emergency Serves group. We need you! We have a wonderful relationship with our county Emergency Management Office. We have had very exciting conversations with them looking at new ways we can be of more use. This relationship is of no use without you. Without you we cannot provide the services requested.
73, Tom KC2SFU

Editors note: if the link to the video does not work, here is the url to you tube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1-eiNGd7qI

New FCC Application Fee Will Not Apply to Amateur Radio License Upgrades

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request that the new $35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications, including those to upgrade anamateur radio licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees. The FCC staff explained that the new fees will apply only to applications for a new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign. As previously announced, the new fees take effect on April 19, 2022.

"We are pleased that the FCC will not charge licensees the FCC application fee for license upgrade applications," said ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "While applicants for a new license will need to pay the $35 FCC application fee, there will be no FCC charge for future upgrades and administrative updates, such as a change of mailing or email address. Most current licensees, therefore, will not be charged the new FCC application fee until they renew their license or apply for a new vanity call sign."

ARRL previously reported that the new $35 application fee for amateur radio licenses will become effective on April 19, 2022. Further information and instructions about the FCC Application Fee are available from the ARRL VEC at **www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee**.

UK Amateurs Exploring 40 MHz

John Desmond, EI7GL, reports that Ofcom -- the communications regulator in the United Kingdom -- has granted temporary Innovation and Research licenses to several UK amateurs to transmit in the 40 MHz band.

On his blog, John stated that Roger Lapthorn, G3XBM, in the east of England will be operating beginning on April 2 with a license that is valid for 1 year. In a statement, Roger said, "After a very long wait, Ofcom has approved my 8-meter permit. It permits me to use 40 to 42 MHz with digital modes (including CW) at 5 W ERP maximum. I expect to erect a wire dipole that will be directed towards Europe. I expect to be mostly on FT8 around 40.676 MHz with a precise frequency done in liaison with others. My hope is all 8-meter FT8 stations can be monitored with one USB dial setting but spaced out. Five watts should certainly cover Europe when sporadic E is in play. I will try some local CW crossband QSOs but hope to be on FT8 24/7." [*Thanks to* Southgate ARC News]

The above from the ARRL Letter for April 1,2022

Pictures from the CVARA 2022 Hamfest

Above Left, Mike, W2LAZ; winner of our main door prize
Above Right, Matt, K2 FRY; winner of the Conset Communicator 3 raffle
At left Jim, KC2JED; winner of the Eico 723 raffel

All oics this page, Matt K2FRY, Tom, AD2TM and Dave, K2DHG

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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3	4	5	6	**7 Meeting**	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Exam Session	15	16
17	118	19	20	21 Tech Night	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Normal Exam session	29	30

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

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, WN2WNC**

HAM OF THE YEAR: **KD2HKB**

Club Station/ Shack: K2DAR, N2YP, KC2SFU

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Tom, AD2TM, editor of the Bugle is ALWAYS looking for submissions
Your views, comments, and articles will gladly be considered for publication.
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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 May 2022 Bugle is April 15 2022

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