



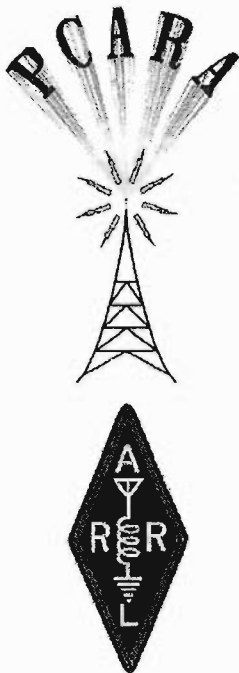
PCARA Update



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Meetings

Please join us at our next meeting on Sunday, May 6th, 3:00 PM, Hudson Valley Hospital Center-Wagner Conference Room

Future Meetings
Dates: (subject to change)

06/03, 07/01

What an Event!!

- **PCARA / W2NYW Special Event Station**

Special thanks go to Bill-AA2NU, of the Blue Mountain Middle School Amateur Radio Club, the Hendrick Hudson School District, Malcolm-NM9J, for the great photos, the PCARA members who came out and made approximately 250 contacts, and all the PCARA members whose contributions throughout the year made this event possible. Event photos appear on pages 4 & 5.

- **New Logo**

Thanks to Clint-KB2ZRJ, we have a PCARA logo. Thanks also go to the members who took the time to design a logo for consideration by the logo committee.

- **Color Copier?**

Please contact Joe-KR2V (kr2v@arrl.net or 914-737-0348) if you have access to a color copy machine PCARA could utilize for the Special Event certificates.

- **Field Day 2001**

We are in communication with Camp Smith for our 2001 Field Day Site. Preliminary approval is underway and we plan on setting up on Saturday June 23rd and working (having fun) through the 27 hour period ending June 24th. Please contact myself (kb2cqe@arrl.net) or Clint-KB2ZRJ (cwtravis@aol.com) if you would like to participate but have not signed the Field Day roster, as Camp Smith needs the names of all members and their family that will be on site for any part of the weekend. To sign-up, you can also leave a message at 914-737-0348. Further details to follow.

- **Technician Class**

Our first Technician + CW class, which will include a VE exam upon completion of the course is scheduled to begin on Thursday, April 26th and run for 8 consecutive Thursdays, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Hudson Valley Hospital Center Dining Room B. Seven PCARA members have signed up as instructors. Please contact Joe as soon as possible (kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348) to sign-up if you are interested in teaching or helping with logistics, etc. Just as important as the teaching will be the help needed with the support side of the program. We will be using the ARRL method of instruction and the appropriate materials will be provided to each instructor.

- **PCARA Magazine Donation Program**

Have a stack of QST's you would like to clean out? Are your copies of CQ taking up more space than your HF rig? If you are interested in clearing out some of your old magazines please remove the mailing label(s) and bring them to the next PCARA meeting or event. Your magazine(s) will be relabeled with the following: "Donated by the Peekskill / Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association - www.pcara.org" and placed in schools, medical office waiting rooms, hospital, libraries, etc. Who knows, perhaps your old ham radio magazines will spark the interest of a future ham radio operator. Thanks go to Fred-KB2SFY, for printing the new magazine labels.

- **There will be a roundtable meeting of the Technician Class and Field Day Committees on Tuesday, April 17th, 7:30 PM at Hudson Valley Hospital Center Dining Room B. All are welcome.**

73,
Greg, KB2CQE

Membership Report

PCARA has received 40 membership applications to date. Applications are available on our website @ www.pcara.org. Completed applications should be mailed to: PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, New York 10517

New Charter Members

Fred - KB2SFY

Mike - N2HTT

Thank you to all the members who have so generously donated to PCARA's Charter Membership Program. If you haven't already, please consider a small gift to PCARA to help us meet our operating expenses.

Welcome New Members -

Jim Bernitt - WB2OCA

Donations

PCARA, as a 501 (c) (4) organization, is able to accept financial and equipment donations, which are tax deductible (as allowed by law) for the donor. **We encourage our members to look into whether their employers offer grant /donation programs.**

Upgrades

Will - KC2FYY - General

Please share your upgrade news with us. Send an e-mail to pcara@email.com.

PCARA License Plate Frames

PCARA License Plate Frames are available for 5.00 a pair. This is a great way to get the PCARA name out and to support our club. To order, please send your payment to PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517, or contact PCARA at pcara@email.com. License plate frames are also available at PCARA meetings.



Calendar of Events

April

26th - Technician Class Begins

Kids Day - June 16

Field Day - June 24th & 25th

JOTA - October 20 (Yorktown Girl Scouts) October 21 (Ossining Boy Scouts)

PCARA Membership Renewals

Please check your mailing label for your PCARA membership renewal date. Also, please keep in mind our **One for One in 2001 Program**, where each member who brings in a new member will receive a free year of PCARA membership.

ARRL Membership / Renewals

PCARA, through the ARRL Club Affiliation Program, is able to assist PCARA members in establishing and renewing ARRL memberships. This is a great way to support PCARA, as we are provided with a commission from the ARRL for offering this service. You can obtain the appropriate forms from a link off the PCARA website or contact me direct at kr2v@arrl.net or 737-0348. Below are the steps for this program:

1 - Please return your completed ARRL Membership/Renewal form, along with your ARRL dues check **made out to PCARA** to: PCARA, PO Box 32, Crompond, NY 10517.

2 - PCARA will forward a check along with your application and the Affiliated Club form to the ARRL.

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ARLB011 Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act Introduced In Senate

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ARRL Bulletin 11 ARLB011
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT March 23, 2001
To all radio amateurs

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ARLB011 Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act Introduced In Senate

The Senate version of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2001, introduced earlier this month in the US House, now is officially S.549. Republican Sen Michael Crapo of Idaho introduced the bill in the US Senate March 15.

Democratic Sen Daniel Akaka of Hawaii was a cosponsor. The bill has been referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. In introducing the Senate measure again this year, Crapo and Akaka referred to the importance of Amateur Radio in providing communication in times of disaster

S.549 is identical in its wording to H.R.817, introduced in the House of Representatives March 1 by Rep Michael Bilirakis of Florida. If approved by both chambers and signed by Pres George W. Bush, the Spectrum Protection Act would require the FCC to provide equivalent replacement spectrum should it ever reallocate primary Amateur Radio spectrum to another service. The same requirement would apply if the FCC acted to diminish any secondary amateur allocations or to make additional allocations in ham bands that diminish their utility.

Bilirakis and Crapo introduced the Spectrum Protection Act in a past session of Congress at the request of the ARRL. The League's Legislative and Public Affairs Manager Steve Mansfield, N1MZA, says he's encouraged by the fact that the Spectrum Protection bill is getting a head start with early introduction in both chambers this time around.

More information on the Spectrum Protection Act, including the full text of the bills, is available on the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/arspa.html>.

PCARA will be Hosting a Club Table at the Following Ham-fests:

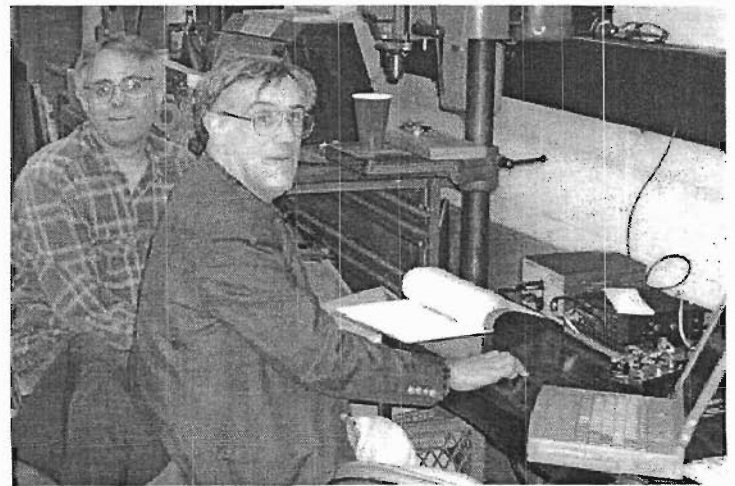
Mt. Beacon Hamfest & Computers / ENY Convention - Sunday, April 29th, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM @ John Jay High School in Fishkill

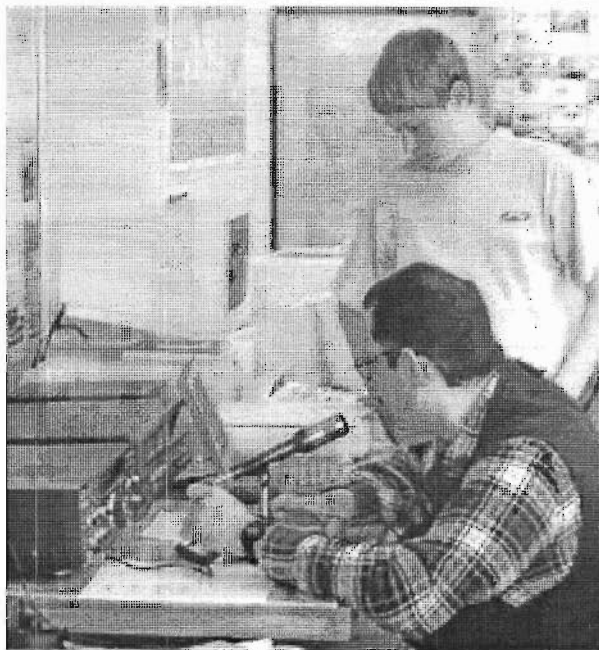
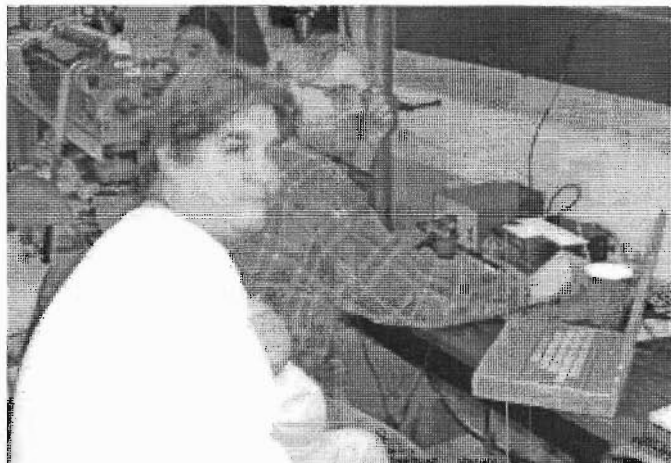
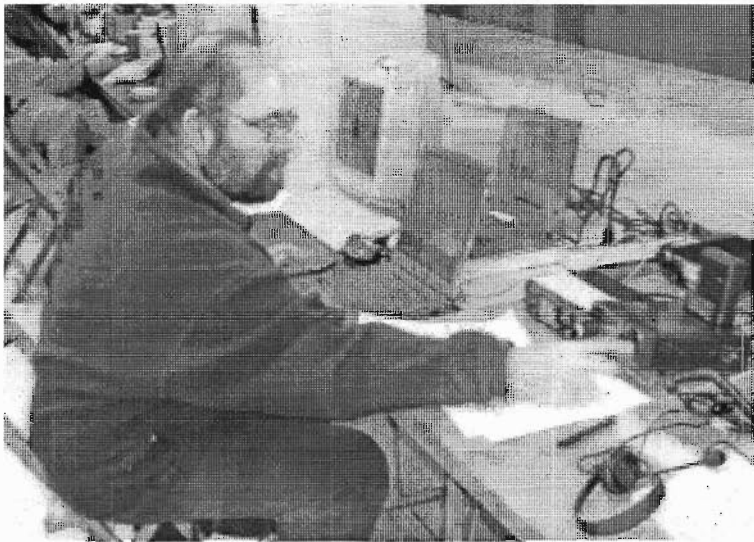
Orange County ARA Hamfest & Computer Fair- Saturday, May 12th, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM @ Temple Hill School in New Windsor

Please contact Joe (kr2v@arrl.net or 914-737-0348) if you will be able to attend and help out at the club table. Feel free to bring along any of your own items to sell and we are also seeking donations of equipment that could be sold to raise funds for PCARA.

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Photos by NM9J





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VE Sessions:

WECA
Emergency Operations Center
Contact: Sandy Fried N2SF - (914) 273-2741

YARC First Sunday of Every Month
Yonkers 1st precinct
Contact: Emily AC2V (914) 237-5589 or Dan AA2HX (914) 667-0587
Call in 146.865

W5YI
Pelham Doronco Town House
Contact: Mike W2MAC (914) 738-5775 or Dan AA2HX (914) 667-0587
Call in 145.495

Ham Fests:

21 Apr 2001 Roseland Radio Club - IRAC (West Orange, NJ)
Contact: James Howe, N2TDI
Phone: 973-402-6066 Email: jimn2tdi@att.net

29 Apr 2001 Eastern New York Section Convention
Mt. Beacon ARC <http://www.qsl.net/mbarc>
Contact: Ken Akasofu, KL7JCQ
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6 May 2001 Metro 70cm Network
Contact: Otto Supliski, WB2SLQ
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Wanted

Information for the Update. Please send any suggestions, news, articles, etc. to kr2v@arrl.net.

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