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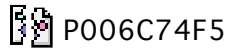
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SCOUTING HAMS AND HAMMING SCOUTERS--

OTSCHODELA COUNCIL AMATEUR RADIO GROUP (OCARG) IS DEDICATED TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO AND TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMATEUR RADIO IN BOY SCOUTING. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY AND ALL SCOUTERS, AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, AND SCOUTING AND HAM CLUBS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, PARTICULARLY WITHIN, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE OF OTSCHODELA COUNCIL, **BSA**. THERE ARE NO MEMBERSHIP DUES, NO OFFICERS, NO CONSTITUTION, NO NEWSLETTER CHARGES, AND NO ORGANIZED MEETINGS. ALL COMMUNICATIONS ARE VIA EMAIL OR HAM RADIO. ALL THAT'S REQUIRED TO JOIN IS AN INTEREST IN HAM-SCOUTING AND AN EMAIL TO THE ABOVE SENDER.

COPIES OF THE *OCARG EAGLE* ARE SENT TO MANY INTERESTED PERSONS IN ADDITION TO OCARG MEMBERS. IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS BULLETIN IN ERROR AND NO LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE IT, PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE SO STATING TO THE ABOVE SENDER: [MAILTO:THEFRED@ASCENT.NET](mailto:THEFRED@ASCENT.NET).

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THE *OCARG EAGLE* IS MAILED ONLY VIA BLIND CC TO CUT DOWN ON YOUR HEADER'S SIZE AND TO AVOID PROVIDING A READY-MADE LIST TO SPAMMERS.

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BSA NATIONAL CHANGES RADIO MB REQTS

THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA MADE CHANGES TO THE RADIO MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS ACCORDING TO THE **SCOUTRADIO** ELIST, JEAN **WOLFGANG** WB3IOS OF THE **ARRL** FIELD SERVICES OFFICE AND LARRY **WOLFGANG** WR1B, **QST** SENIOR ASSISTANT TECHNICAL EDITOR. THE CHANGES, PARTIALLY BASED UPON THE FCC'S APRIL 2000 RESTRUCTURING OF LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, ARE EFFECTIVE UPON THE 1 JANUARY

2002 PUBLICATION OF THE NEW RADIO MB REQUIREMENTS BOOKLET AND THE NEW 2002 REQUIREMENTS BOOK. BY DOCTRINE, OLD MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE USED FOR ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

THE CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

REQT. 6D: DRAW EIGHT SCHEMATIC SYMBOLS. EXPLAIN WHAT THREE OF THE REPRESENTED PARTS DO. FIND THREE ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS TO MATCH TO THREE OF THESE SYMBOLS. [USED TO BE TEN SCHEMATIC SYMBOLS].

REQT. 7: DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (A, B, OR C):

REQT. 7.A: AMATEUR RADIO:

[OLD REQT 7.A.(3) DELETED]. THIS WAS THE REQUIREMENT TO LOG TWO MORSE CODE CONTACTS.

REQT 7.A.(4): EXPLAIN SOME OF THE TECHNICIAN CLASS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND PRIVILEGES. EXPLAIN WHO GIVES AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS. [THE OLD REQUIREMENT REQUIRED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NOVICE AND TECHNICIAN].

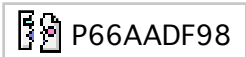
FULL NEW RADIO MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE FOUND AT THESE TWO WEBSITES:

[HTTP://WWW.MERITBADGE.COM/BSA/MB/093.HTM](http://www.meritbadge.com/bsa/mb/093.htm)

[HTTP://WWW.QSL.NET/AA6J/RADIOMB/](http://www.qsl.net/aa6j/radiomb/) .

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TROOP 99 TECH CLASS PROGRESS REPORT



JIM LEBARON WA2IAX, TROOP 99 ACTING SCOUTMASTER REPORTS:

TROOP 99, SIDNEY, NY (FOOTHILLS DISTRICT) IS TRAINING "C-CORPS" FOR AMATEUR TECH LICENSES. CANDIDATES, LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE DERRICK MCHENRY, CONNOR HORNBECK AND TROY KIEL. SECOND FROM LEFT IS INSTRUCTOR KEVIN KIEL KB2EZR. (ED. - NOT SHOWN IS JIM WA2IAX). SCOUTS HAVE COMPLETED ABOUT HALF THE TRAINING USING GORDON WEST'S BOOK "TECHNICIAN CLASS".

THE TROOP COMMITTEE HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS IN ALLOWING THE CORPS TO BE A SUB-ELEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION, ABLE TO USE THE TROOP NAME AND NUMBER IN ARTICLES SUCH AS THIS AND IN ANY FUTURE VENTURES. THEY HAVE ALSO AIDED FINANCIALLY BY PAYING HALF THE COST OF THE LICENSE MANUALS.

OTHER BENEFACTORS INCLUDE MR. GUS MARK WA2GRS WHO HAS DONATED A VALUABLE VERTICAL ANTENNA FOR 40-10 M. THIS WILL BE MOST USEFUL WHEN OUR MEMBERS UPGRADE TO "PLUS". BOB BENTON N2RXK HELD A DEMO-SESSION WITH THE SCOUTS ON PACKET AND OTHER DIGITAL MODES FROM HIS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS VAN. ANOTHER AMATEUR IN THE AREA IS CHECKING OUT A VINTAGE HF RIG AND, IF IN WORKING ORDER WILL ADD THAT TO OUR EQUIPMENT INVENTORY. OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL SURELY BE NEEDED AS THE SCOUTS BECOME LICENSED.

THE MANUAL MENTIONS THE NEED FOR A "PICTURE I.D. CARD" IN ORDER TO REGISTER FOR

FOOTHILLS KLONDIKE/WINTER CAMPOREE

THE FOOTHILLS DISTRICT WINTER CAMPOREE AND KLONDIKE DERBY, CONDUCTED ON 25-27 JANUARY 2002 IN BACK OF THE SOUTH KORTRIGHT SCHOOL, WAS A MIXED SUCCESS WITH REGARD TO AMATEUR RADIO. JIM LeBARON WA2IAX AND KEVIN KYLE KB2EZR PASSED TRAFFIC ON TWO METERS WHILE THE SAME BAND SERVED MORE THAN ADEQUATELY FOR INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE CAMPOREE WAS SPREAD OVER SEVERAL MILES OF THE "KLONDIKE SLED TRAIL".

HOWEVER, FRED'S K2FRD PLANNED KC2IQA SCHEDULE AT 1130R (1630Z) ON SATURDAY FOR 18.157MHZ WITH THE HFPACK GROUP WAS QRNE D OUT WITH A LOCALLY-GENERATED "IGNITION"-TYPE NOISE INTERFERENCE. BECAUSE THE NOISE COVERED MOST OF THE 17-METER BAND AT AN S9 LEVEL FOR MOST OF THE DAY, CONTACT WITH THE HFPACK GROUP WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

DETAILS ON THE HFPACK GROUP MAY BE FOUND AT: [HTTP://WWW.HFPACK.COM](http://www.hfpack.com) .

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SCOUTRADIO AND SCOUT RADIO YOUTH EGROUPS

TWO EMAIL DISCUSSION (REFLECTOR) GROUPS ARE OF INTEREST TO SCOUTING HAMS: SCOUTRADIO AND SCOUT RADIO YOUTH. BOTH EGROUPS ARE YAHOO!® SPONSORED EGROUPS AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN. THERE IS NO COST, NO SPAM, AND NORMALLY ONLY A SINGLE LINE TEXT AD AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH MESSAGE (EXCEPTION: IF SOMEONE POSTS A MESSAGE IN OTHER THAN PLAIN TEXT, E.G. RTF OR STYLED TEXT, A GRAPHICS/DISPLAY AD IS TRIGGERED.)

RECENT TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED CHANGES TO THE RADIO MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS, JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA), AND KITE-LIFTED ANTENNAS. IT HAS ALSO BEEN A LOCATION TO ANNOUNCE SCOUTING-HAM RADIO OPERATIONS SUCH AS CAMPOREES AND SCOUT CAMP CONTACTS. AS OF 12 FEBRUARY, 186 PERSONS SUBSCRIBED TO THE LIST REPRESENTING MOST STATES AND ENGLAND, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, NORTHERN IRELAND, AND SEVERAL OTHER NATIONS. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND AT: [HTTP://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/SCOUTRADIO/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scoutradio/) .

THE SCOUT RADIO YOUTH EGROUP IS A RELATIVELY NEW EGROUP WITH DISCUSSION SPECIFICALLY OF INTEREST TO HAM-SCOUTS. IT'S "IDENTITY" HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMED, BUT SPECIFIC DISCUSSION SUBJECTS SUGGESTED ARE CONTACTS WITH OTHER SCOUTS AND JOTA. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND AT: [HTTP://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/SCOUTRADIOYOUTH/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scoutradioyouth/) .

FOR PERSONS NOT FAMILIAR WITH YAHOO EGROUPS, IT TAKES ONLY A COUPLE MINUTES TO BECOME A MEMBER OF YAHOO, THEN ONLY A FEW SECONDS (ONE CLICK) TO JOIN ANY PARTICULAR EGROUP OF THE THOUSANDS OF GROUPS LISTED. SPECIFIC DETAILS ARE AT: [HTTP://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/](http://groups.yahoo.com/) .

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UPCOMING EXAM SESSIONS

25 FEBRUARY 6PM AT THE [ONEONTA NYSEG](#) BUILDING. (607)746-2777.

25 FEBRUARY 7PM AT THE [SCHOHARIE](#) CO. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. (518)827-4800.

2 APRIL 6PM AT THE [OTSEGO](#) COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, [COOPERSTOWN](#). (607)746-2777.

13 APRIL 8AM AT NORWICH [BOCES](#). 607)847-6152.

20 APRIL 2PM AT THE [MARGARETVILLE](#) TELEPHONE CO. (845)586-2324.

22 APRIL 7PM AT THE [SCHOHARIE](#) CO. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. (518)827-4800.

THESE ARE THE ONLY [VE](#) SESSIONS LISTED BY [ARRL](#). IF SOMEONE KNOWS OF UNLISTED SESSIONS, PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL [<MAILTO:THEFRED@ASCENT.NET>](mailto:THEFRED@ASCENT.NET). MORE DETAILS ARE IN:

[HTTP://WWW2.ARRL.ORG/ARRLVEC/EXAMSEARCH.PHTML](http://www2.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml) .

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LICENSE COURSE TO BE OFFERED IN NORWICH

EAGLE SCOUT BOB [BENTON](#) N2RXK ANNOUNCES A TECHNICIAN COURSE SPONSORED BY THE [CHENANGO](#) VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION AND HELD AT THE NORWICH [BOCES](#) ON THE RIVER ROAD. THE COURSE STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2002 AND CONTINUES WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THROUGH 10 APRIL (7 SESSIONS) FOLLOWED BY A [VE](#) (EXAM) SESSION ON SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2002 AT 8AM AT THE NORWICH [BOCES](#).

THE COURSE IS OFFERED BY [BOCES](#) AS PART OF ITS SPRING 2002 CURRICULUM. THERE WILL BE AN UNDERMINED FEE WITH BOOKS AND OTHER STUDY MATERIALS PROVIDED AS PART OF THE FEE. FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM BOB N2RXK AT [<MAILTO:TASIS@ADELPHIA.NET>](mailto:TASIS@ADELPHIA.NET).

BOB REPORTS THAT THE COURSE ALREADY HAS EIGHT ENROLLED IN THE COURSE WITH MORE EXPECTED, SO THE MINIMUM NUMBER HAS BEEN MET.

THE [CHENANGO](#) COUNTY ARES NET ON 146.685 WILL BE HELD FROM THE NORWICH [BOCES](#) ON WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2002 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CLASS MEMBERS.

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UPCOMING HAM-SCOUT EVENTS

17-19 MAY 2002. FOOTHILLS DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE. MESSAGE HANDLING AND INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

18-21 OCTOBER 2002. 45TH ANNUAL JAMBOREE ON THE AIR ([JOTA](#)).



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