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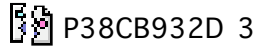
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SCOUTING HAMS AND HAMMING SCOUTERS--

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 **NEWLETTER** 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 (THEFRED@ASCENT.NET).

THIS NEWSLETTER IS BROUGHT TO YOU IN LIVING COLOR, COMPLIMENTS OF EUDORA PRO 5.1.3 EMAILER. IF YOU HAVE RICH TEXT FORMAT (**RTF**) OR STYLIZED TEXT CAPABILITY AND WANT TO SEE EVERYTHING AS IT WAS SENT, MAKE SURE YOUR **RTF** OR STYLED TEXT PREFERENCE/OPTION/CONTROL PANEL/SETTING IS TURNED ON OR SET. IF YOU WANT TO SEE IT ONLY IN BLACK TYPEFACE, TURN IT OFF. FONTS ARE COMIC SANS MS, CAPITAL, AND **MISHIWAKA** BOLD (WITH THE SLASHED ZERO), AVAILABLE FROM EDITOR IF DESIRED.

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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IT'S OKPIK WEATHER!

JANUARY IS THE TIME FOR SNOW, WIND, AND COLD. IT'S ALSO THE TIME WHEN HAM-SCOUTERS THINK ABOUT WINTER CAMPING. **OKPIK** (PRONOUNCED "**OOK**' - PICK") IS THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S WINTER TRAINING PROGRAM, DESIGNED AS PART OF THE HIGH ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE FOR OLDER SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS. THE TERM IS **INUIT** MEANING SNOWY OWL OR WINTER OWL. **OKPIK** IS AVAILABLE AS A **BSA** NATIONAL PUBLICATION (NUMBER 34040), BUT IT'S EASIER TO CLICK ONTO THROUGH THE INTERNET. FOR STARTERS, TRY: [HTTP://WWW.INQUIRY.NET/OUTDOOR/OKPIK/](http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/okpik/) . THIS SITE PROVIDES LINKS TO THE

UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE THIS IS AN EXTREME EXAMPLE, THIS TYPE OF PROBLEM HAPPENS ALL TOO FREQUENTLY DUE TO LACK OF OPERATOR EXPERIENCE. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SIMPLY "BE AVAILABLE" DURING A COMMUNICATIONS EMERGENCY. IN FACT, THERE EXISTS A SHORTAGE OF LOCAL TRAINED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS. NET CONTROLLERS (NCS'S) ARE EVEN RARER.

THE PRIMARY MEANS BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL TRAINING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IS THROUGH REGULAR PARTICIPATION IN THE VARIOUS LOCAL NETS. THIS PROVIDES OPERATORS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE NETS' OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, THE MEANS OF COORDINATION BETWEEN LOCAL EMERGENCY COORDINATORS AND THE COUNTIES, WHEN TO TRANSMIT AND WHEN TO STAY OFF THE AIR, TRAFFIC HANDLING PROCEDURES, AND UNDERSTANDING OF NET JARGON.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME LOCAL VHF EMERGENCY NETS AND THEIR NET FREQUENCIES AND TRAINING TIMES. ALL AMATEUR OPERATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AND ALL NETS AS FREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE (PRESUMING THEY CAN REACH THE REPEATERS). PARTICIPATION LEVELS MAY BE AS SIMPLE AS CHECKING IN WITH NO FURTHER PARTICIPATION NECESSARY OR MAY INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

<u>OCTEN</u>	146.850	DAILY ABOUT 1840 EST.
<u>WESTERN CATSKILL NET</u>	146.955	WEDNESDAY 1900 EST.
<u>ONEONTA ARC</u>	146.850	WEDNESDAY 1845 EST.
<u>OTSEGO COUNTY ARES</u>	146.850	THURSDAY 1845 EST
<u>CHENANGO COUNTY ARES</u>	146.685	WEDNESDAY 1930 EST.

NOTE: THIS IS A VERY ABBREVIATED LIST. THERE ARE A LARGER NUMBER OF LOCAL NETS, BUT INFORMATION ON THEM IS NOT PRESENTLY AT HAND. PLEASE SEND TIMES/DATES/FREQUENCIES OF SUCH NETS TO K2FRD <[MAILTO:THEFRED@ASCENT.NET](mailto:THEFRED@ASCENT.NET)>.

THE OCARG EAGLE PLANS FUTURE ARTICLES ON LOCAL EMERGENCY AND TRAFFIC ORGANIZATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

UPCOMING **VE** SESSIONS

19 JAN 02 2PM MARGARETVILLE TELEPHONE Co (845)586-2324

25 FEB 02 7PM SCHOHARIE Co. EMO (518)827-4800

THESE ARE THE ONLY **VE** SESSIONS LISTED BY ARRL. IF SOMEONE KNOWS OF UNLISTED SESSIONS, PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL. 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

