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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. OCARG IS AN FCC-LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATION WITH THE CALLSIGN KZ2BSA.

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:K2FRD@ARRL.NET](mailto:k2frd@arrl.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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OCARG EAGLE STARTS ITS THIRD YEAR

THIS EDITION OF THE *OCARG EAGLE* MARKS THE BEGINNING OF ITS THIRD YEAR OF PUBLICATION. FOR THOSE WHO JOINED US RECENTLY, THE OTSCHODELA COUNCIL AMATEUR RADIO GROUP WAS CONCEIVED AT THE MAY 2000 OTSCHODELA COUNCIL (ONEONTA, NY) CAMPOREE WHERE SOME 400 SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS CELEBRATED THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF TROOP 1 UNADILLA (NY), THE OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY CHARTERED BOY SCOUT TROOP IN THE UNITED STATES. A GROUP OF LOCAL HAM-LICENSED SCOUTERS SPONSORED BY THE CHENANGO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (CHENANGO COUNTY, NY) ORGANIZED A

HAM RADIO SPECIAL EVENT USING BSA'S NATIONAL CALLSIGN K2BSA. FOLLOWING THIS SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITY, THE SCOUTERS ORGANIZED OCARG AND A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOLLOWED IN SHORT ORDER. EVENTUALLY, THIS NEWS BULLETIN ADOPTED THE NAME *OCARG EAGLE*. OWING TO THE WIDER INTEREST OF ITS SUBJECT AREA, AMATEUR RADIO IN BOY SCOUTING, THE *EAGLE* OPENED ITS PAGES AND READERSHIP BEYOND OTSCHODELA COUNCIL IN LATE 2000.

THE *EAGLE* NOW HAS SOME 70 SUBSCRIBERS IN ABOUT NINE STATES AND THREE COUNTRIES WITH ABOUT 23 SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS WITHIN THE ORIGINAL OTSCHODELA COUNCIL . INsofar AS IS KNOWN, IT IS THE ONLY BULLETIN OF ITS TYPE, I.E. A HAM-SCOUTING ORGANIZATION WITH A REGULARLY PUBLISHED NEWSLETTER.

IN NOVEMBER 2001, OCARG OBTAINED A CLUB CALLSIGN, BUT DUE TO THE NATIONAL ANTHRAX SCARE, DID NOT OBTAIN ITS SPECIAL VANITY CALLSIGN **KZ2BSA** UNTIL MARCH 2002.

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TROOP 99 CANOES AND RADIOS IN ADIRONDACKS



UP A LAZY RIVER – DAD DAVE FRITZSCH AND SCOUT ANDREW FRITZSCH OF TROOP 99 PADDLE UP BROWN'S TRACT INLET OF RAQUETTE LAKE DURING THEIR ANNUAL CANOE TRIP.

TROOP 99 CANOE TRIP

AUGUST 16 THROUGH 18 WERE THE DATES OF SCOUT TROOP 99'S CANOE TRIP TO THE ADIRONDACKS. THE TRIP WAS TAKEN IN TWO GROUPS. HALF OF THE TROOP STARTED AT THE BOAT RAMP IN INLET, NY AND THE OTHER STARTED FROM THE STATE CAMPGROUND AT GOLDEN BEACH ON RAQUETTE LAKE.

THE TEAMS WERE DELAYED BY HIGH WINDS AT BOTH ENDS THE FIRST DAY AND THE RAQUETTE TEAM HAD TO WAIT 5 HOURS FOR THE WIND TO REDUCE TO A LEVEL WHERE SAFE PADDLING COULD RESUME. THE RAQUETTE TEAM'S WA2IAX WAS ABLE TO FILE AN "ALL SAFE" REPORT BACK HOME VIA AMATEUR RADIO THANKS TO FRIEND CHUCK BRUMLEY KB2E FROM SARAANC LAKE.

AN INTENSE THUNDERSTORM EARLY FRIDAY NIGHT FORCED THE SCOUTS TO "HIT THE TENTS" EARLY BUT ONLY A FEW SOGGY SPOTS WERE EXPERIENCED. SATURDAY GREETED THE PADDLERS WITH THE CALLS OF LOONS, LITTLE WIND AND A BEAUTIFUL CLEAR SUNNY DAY FOR DRYING GEAR.

THE RAQUETTE TEAM CANOED UP BROWN'S TRACT INLET, PULLING OVER SIX BEAVER DAMS BEFORE THE CARRY TO EIGHTH LAKE. THE GROUPS ADVANCED TOWARD EACH OTHER THROUGH THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH LAKE AREAS OF THE FULTON CHAIN AND HAD A "RENDEZVOUS" AT THE ALVAH DUNNING LEAN-TO AT THE HEAD OF EIGHTH LAKE. TALL TALES AND NAVIGATION ADVICE WERE EXCHANGED.

PROCEEDING TO THE CAMPSITE AT EIGHTH LAKE, THE RAQUETTE TEAM "CITY'ED OUT" BY TAKING SHOWERS, CALLING HOME AND BUYING COKES FROM THE MOBILE STORE. A LEAN-TO WAS FOUND, FISH WERE CAUGHT AND THE TROOP'S USUAL CHURCH SERVICE WAS HELD.

SUNDAY MORNING STARTED HOT AND HUMID AND THE TEAMS GOT AN EARLY START JUST BEFORE A COMFORTABLE BREEZE CAME UP. FORTUNATELY IT DID NOT BLOW TOO STRONGLY

AND BOTH WERE ABLE TO REACH THE END OF THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGS BEFORE HIGH WINDS ARRIVED.

THE INLET TEAM PICKED UP CARS AT THEIR END POINT, DELIVERED THEM TO THE RAQUETTE TEAM AND RETURNED IN THEIR OWN VEHICLES FOR THEIR CANOES AND GEAR. THE INLET TEAM WAS TREATED TO A SPECIAL FINISH TO THE WEEKEND, A FLOAT PLANE FLIGHT OVER THEIR CANOE ROUTE WITH MR. TOM HELMS OF HELMS AERO SERVICE AT LONG LAKE. THE RAQUETTE TEAM WAS NOT ABLE TO FLY DUE TO HIGH WINDS AT THEIR END OF THE ROUTE.

SCOUTS ATTENDING WERE: DAN MADDALONE, DAN METCH, DAN ZIENO, ANDREW FRITZSCH, DERRICK MCHENRY KC2JIX AND JORDAN FITZGERALD.

TROOP MEMBERS ARE: ERIC ECHARD, KEN ECHARD, JORDIN FITZGERALD, ANDREW FRITZSCH, TOM HANEY, ERIC HITT, CONNER HORNBECK KC2JJY, TROY KIEL, ALEX KING, ALEX LATTA, RYAN LATTA, DAN MADDALONE, JOSH MCCLENON, DERRICK MCHENRY KC2JIX, DAN METCH, JAMES MUNHOLAND, SKYLER REITHOFFER, KYLE RUTENBER, ADAM SOROKA, ANDY SOROKA, COREY STEFFEN, BRANDON WHITE, STEVE WINSTON AND DAN ZIENO. OUR SPONSOR IS THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MAIN AT BRIDGE STREETS, SIDNEY, NY. THE TROOP MEETS EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT THE CHURCH AT 7:00 PM. SCOUTING IS OPEN TO ALL BOYS, AGES 11 THROUGH 17 REGARDLESS OF PREVIOUS CUB SCOUT OR BOY SCOUT EXPERIENCE. PLEASE SEE THE TROOP WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.UPSTATE88.COM/99](http://www.upstate88.com/99) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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2002 JOTA ON TRACK: COUNTDOWN



THE 45TH 2002 JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA) WILL TAKE PLACE 18-20 OCTOBER 2002 FROM LOCATIONS AROUND THE WORLD. SCOUT PACKS AND TROOPS, DISTRICTS, AND COUNCILS EVERYWHERE ARE MAKING PLANS TO MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST JOTA EVER.

THE ARRL HAS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT JOTA BROCHURES AND OTHER DETAILS AT: [HTTP://WWW2.ARRL.ORG/FANDES/EAD/IDEAS.HTML](http://www2.arrl.org/fandes/ead/ideas.html) .

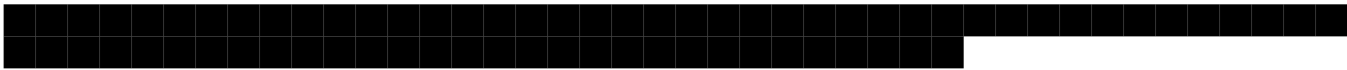
KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SCOUTING PLANS AND INFORMATION FOR PATCHES: [HTTP://WWW.BSA.Scouting.org/INTERNATIONAL/JOTA.HTML](http://www.bsa.scouting.org/international/jota.html) .

THE ARRL HAS INFORMATION KITS TO HAND OUT AT JOTA. THESE KITS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THE URL BELOW. KITS ARE \$12 WITH SHIPPING, AND INCLUDE HANDOUT MATERIALS FOR 50 PERSONS:

[HTTPS://WWW.ARRL.ORG/FORMS/EAD/RECRUIT/ORDERFORM.HTML](https://www.arrl.org/forms/ead/recruit/orderform.html) .

JOTA SCOUT FREQUENCIES		
BAND	SSB (PHONE)	CW (MORSE CODE)
80-METER	3.740* AND	3.940 MHZ 3.590 MHZ
40-METER	7.090* AND	7.290 MHZ 7.030 MHZ
20-METER	14.290 MHZ	14.070 MHZ (1)
17-METER	18.140 MHZ	18.080 MHZ
15-METER	21.360 MHZ	21.140 MHZ

73 - FRED, KA1CQD (TROOP COMMITTEE)



K2BSA STILL HAS JOTA VACANCIES

PER RAY MOYER WD8JKV, TRUSTEE FOR K2BSA, THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL CALL AREAS WHICH HAVE NOT YET REQUESTED THE USE OF BSA NATIONAL'S CALLSIGN, K2BSA. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT RAY AT: <[EMAILTO:RMOYER@NETBSA.ORG](mailto:RMOYER@NETBSA.ORG)>.

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KIDS' DAY 2002 REPORT FROM KZ2BSA

A LITTLE DELAYED DUE TO THE EAGLE'S SUMMER BREAK, BUT HERE'S A REPORT ON KIDS' DAY:



SCOUTS AT KIDS' DAY OF AMATEUR RADIO - L TO R: SCOUTS ANDREW SOROKA, DERRICK MCHENRY KC2JJY, ADAM SOROKA AND TOM HANEY. ABSENT FROM THE PICTURE WERE CONNOR KC2JIX AND JESSE HORNBECK.

TROOP 99 OF SIDNEY, NY (FOOTHILLS DISTRICT, OTSCHODELA COUNCIL) WENT INTO THE HILLS SOUTH OF TOWN TO SET UP STATIONS FOR THE "KIDS' DAY" AMATEUR RADIO EVENT ON 15 JUNE 2002. KIDS FROM ALL OVER THE U.S. JOINED FORCES WITH DADS, UNCLES, GRAMPS, YOUTH LEADERS ETC., WHO ARE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF TALKING WITH OTHER KIDS AROUND THE COUNTRY. IT WAS THE FIRST ORGANIZED USE OF THE SPECIAL SCOUT COUNCIL STATION CALLSIGN KZ2BSA FOR BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

TROOP 99'S "C-CORPS", CONSISTING OF SCOUT LICENSEES DERRICK MCHENRY KC2JIX AND CONNOR HORNBECK KC2JJY, HOSTED SCOUTS TOM HANEY, ADAM SOROKA AND ANDREW SOROKA ON THEIR 2 VHF STATIONS. CONTACTS WERE MADE WITH JOHN HAMPEL AB2IC OF DOWNSVILLE AND ADIN MILLER OF WALTON N2WDV ON THE WALTON REPEATER 146.955. CONTACTS WERE ALSO MADE WITH WALT KC2BKD AND MARTHA KC2BKB GAUTHIER OF LAURENS, BOB BENTON JR. N2RXK OF SHERBURNE AND JOE DOLGOS KA2ZFM OF MT. UPTON ON THE NORWICH REPEATER 146.685.

AN HF STATION WAS SET UP UNDER A TROOP DINING FLY BY LICENSED TROOP LEADERS AND THE SCOUTS WERE ABLE TO TALK WITH OTHER YOUNGSTERS: KEVIN AND ELLEN IN ROSWELL, GEORGIA W3WL AND WES, SARAH AND MARIAH IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

AN HOUR'S OPERATING TIME YIELDED SOME NICE CONTACTS, SOME VERY RAINED-ON, WET SCOUTS AND A MARKED ABSENCE OF LEFTOVER CHIPS, SODA AND COOKIES.

OUR VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO MR. AND MRS. STEVE ANDERSON FOR ALLOWING US TO SET UP THE OPERATION ON THEIR HILLTOP PROPERTY.

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