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Scouting hams and hamming Scouters --

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The online edition of the *OCARG EAGLE* may be found at: <http://homepage.mac.com/k2frd/ocarg.htm> .

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## YES, WE HAVE A WINNER!

Last month's contest to find the intentional error in the *OCARG EAGLE* produced a winner in very short order. Frank Krizan KR1ZAN spotted the "bad" Baden-Powell quote and received an Otschodela Council shoulder patch. Indeed the quote, "The evil that men do lives after them; The good is oft interred with their bones." is, in fact from William Shakespeare's play, *Julius Caesar*. However, contrary to some reports, this famous quote is not engraved on his tombstone. That distinctive quote is, "GOOD FRENED FOR JESUS SAKE FORBEARE TO DIGG THE DUST ENCLOSED HEARE. BLEST BE YE MAN YT SPARES THES STONES AND CURST BE HE YT MOVES MY BONES".

While there were several other entries into the contest, all pointing out possible errors, none were THE error we were looking for (many thanks to Alex Trebec for providing me with a line for a gracious out). Yes, perhaps Baden-Powell should be addressed as "Sir" rather than "Lord" although he earned both honorifics. And, yes, there are not crossed bats on any of Otschodela Council's shoulder patches; that's a mental leftover from the 1964 National Jamboree. However, these errors, if deemed such were not intentional.

I expect we'll have more such contests in the future after I build up a suitable supply of awards. If someone has an idea for a contest, please drop me a message at [k2frd@arrl.net](mailto:k2frd@arrl.net) .

de K2FRD

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## **CREW 73 - K5BSA (RICHARDSON, TX) TO OPERATE FIELD DAY**

Venturing Crew 73, Circle Ten Council, Richardson, TX, will participate in the ARRL Field Day (24 - 26 June) 2005 from Camp Wisdom (Dallas, TX). The Crew has operated in Field Day since 1992.

Field Day will also be a campout weekend for the Crew, which specializes in amateur radio, with sub-specialties in Emergency Preparedness/Communications, Public Service, Technology and Camping. Look for the Crew on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters as K5BSA. Crew 73 will be operating in Class 1A, so we'll only be on one band at a time. 80 and 40 will be evening and nighttime bands. 20, 15 and 10 will be daytime bands sometime tracking the sun.

Crew 73 has a web site at <http://www.qsl.net/k5bsa> . Any units that would like to set up a schedule some weekend can contact the Crew at [k5bsa@arrl.net](mailto:k5bsa@arrl.net) . The Crew is affiliated with the ARRL and is sponsored by the Alcatel Amateur Radio Association (W5VV).

Eric Wolf, KG4VPV, is the new Advisor for the Crew. Eric has just completed Woodbadge and is a BEAR.

73, Frank KR1ZAN (... a good ol' FOX)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Of course, Venture Crew 73 is not to be confused with Troop 73 of Voorheesville, NY (Twin Rivers Council, Albany, NY). <http://members.aol.com/ka2bsa/>

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## **JUNE EAGLE \*MAY\* NOT BE PUBLISHED, BUT...**

The status of the June *OCARG EAGLE* is up in the air. As those who read this newsletter know, I'm working at my old Scout Camp this summer, linked to the internet via a portable satellite system. Events here and elsewhere in the Northeast are putting my available time into the proverbial wringer and I've been attempting to crunch 26-hour workloads into 24 hours. I am not at all certain I will be able to gather the necessary material and get the *EAGLE* out next month although I will certainly give it my best effort. However, if no *EAGLE* arrives into your Inbox on 15 June, consider it an early start to our normal summer hiatus. We will return in September to begin our sixth year of publication.

de Fred K2FRD

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## **TROOP 99'S APRIL HAM RADIO CAMPOUT**



**Troop 99's KC2NTR, Alex Latta, shows a return message to new Scout Jim Murphy at their April Campout on Thorpe Hill.**

Amateur radio was a good part of Scout Troop 99's April Campout. New Scouts had the opportunity to send messages home via simplex and one message was sent as "Through Traffic" via our local NTS  $\text{\textcircled{D}}$  affiliate, OCTEN, the Oneida County Traffic and Emergency Net.

Sixteen Scouts and 9 adults camped on Sidney's Thorpe Hill. Three of the Scouts were amateur licensees as were two of the adults. Five messages were sent from camp with texts such as, "Having fun in the middle of nowhere.", "We are dry.", "I am really muddy." etc. Three were received in reply, saying, "Don't burn your fingers.", "Can I sleep over at Robert's?" and "Don't be annoying." One message was going out-of-state and was listed on OCTEN as "Second Region" traffic by Alex Latta KC2NTR. OCTEN rep. Nat, K2DYB from Verona, NY, picked it up and offered Alex both instructions and compliments on his handling of his first real NTS message. Nice going Alex.

The Troop plans to have a station set up for the Sidney area "EXPO 05" recruiting fair May 14 from 10 to 2. A copy of the "on-air" schedule may be requested from [jlebaron@mk1.com](mailto:jlebaron@mk1.com). Any and all are welcome to check in or better still, come down and operate!

de Jim LeBaron WA2IAX

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## **SIDNEY AREA SCOUTING HAS HAM RADIO AS ACTIVITY AT RECRUITING FAIR**



**Scouts** Alex Hood, Eagle Derrick McHenry [KC2JIX], Sky Reithofer, Bryan Price and Adam Soroka watch closely while receiving a wig wag message from a remote flag signal station at "EXPO 05" May 14, 2005. Guests and Scouts sent their names by flag and Scout operators like Derrick, Connor KC2JJY, Alex KC2NTR and Jesse, KCWNTS replied with the spoken name over their simplex site net.

The Sidney and Masonville, New York Scout organizations held a recruiting fair May 14, 2005 10 AM to 2 PM at Keith Clark Park, River Street, Sidney. All area boys grades K through 8 were eligible to register for door prizes and free family lunch! They saw Scout Campsites set up on the field and looked inside a real teepee. Hands-on activities included climbing a rope bridge, sending their name by flag signal and radiotelegraph and riding in the Bike Rodeo. There was also a rocket launch demonstration. Cub Scouts from 3 Packs and Boy Scouts from 4 Troops demonstrated Scouting skills and hosted activities. There was a Henderson Scout Camp Exhibit. Scouts and recruit candidates were able to talk and send code via Council Station KZ2BSA. Many guests really enjoyed sending their names either by audio oscillator into a microphone on 2M or directly over the air during cw contacts. Our thanks to stations who listened for the event and had QSO's with our young folks: K2FRD, Fred at Henderson Scout Reservation, Al K2EZK in Sidney, Gus WA2GRS in Sidney, Stan WB2PPN in Norwich, NY, Tony, N2GVB in West Bainbridge, NY, W2SKY, Pete in Penfield [Rochester], NY and John N2XE in Wappingers Falls, NY. Many thanks to Tom N2LTC, Lee, NY [NCS for New York Phone net, a 1 PM 75M traffic net serving New York State]. Sure appreciated his welcome to young folks listening and for passing a message to us for WA2GRS in Sidney. This was a good opportunity for Scouts to hear top notch traffic handling. Many thanks also to the trustees of area repeaters: Oneonta 146.850, Walton 146.955 and Norwich 146.685 without which most of the day's contacts would not have been possible.

De Jim LeBaron WA2IAX

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## **PATROL LEADERS' CONFERENCE ON THE AIR**

Troop 99 of Sidney, NY has devised a novel means for holding a Patrol Leaders' Conference:



Troop 99 Senior Patrol Leader Derrick McHenry KC2JIX and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Connor Hornbeck KC2JJY join the Troop's "L-Corps" Net.

To prepare a Scout meeting where every minute is scheduled and Scouts have a minimum of unstructured time, Troop 99, Sidney, NY, has made good use of their licensed boy leaders. Rather than drive to yet another meeting each week, the Troop holds an "L-Corps" net ["L" for Leadership] each week 2 days prior to their Scout meeting. A detailed planning sheet is used as an agenda. Derrick and Connor are joined by Patrol Leader Alex King KC2NTR, Troop Scribe Jesse Hornbeck KC2NTS, their Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster. With Alex relaying for his dad, the committee chairman, the planning net is pretty inclusive.

de Jim LeBaron WA2IAX

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## WATCHING FOR A NEW LICENSE? HERE'S THE BEST WAY

The following URL takes one directly to the FCC's license lists. If one knows a new or upgraded license is due to be issued, one may check in frequently at this site and beat the standard license databases by anywhere from eight to 24 hours:

<http://gulfoss2.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/genmen/licensee.hts>

Enter: last name; Scroll down to `HA` (Amateur Radio); NO `Wildcard`

Then (next page): click on ULS Database. Look for name(s), new callsign.

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## FONTS FOR HAM RADIO

You may have noted a few slight changes in the past two month's *EAGLE* appearance, e.g. the presence of the ``slash zero`` (Ø) within the text. Thanks to Pete's DX-Newsdesk, we now have available to us several new font faces of utility for ham radio operators.

Pete's DX-Newsdesk is an online and email compendium of news of interest for DXers worldwide and is published by Pete Rayer G2SWL. See for details: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/petes-dx-newsdesk/> .

These fonts are available from: <http://www.k8zt.com/zero.html> and include:

Arial Slash Zero  
Andale Mono Ø  
Ham Ø  
Monaco Ø  
Technical Ø

And, of course, Morse Code:

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These are only a few of many type faces for amateur radio.

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## UPCOMING VE SESSIONS

Knowledge of dates and locations of VE sessions is important to those ham-Scouts and Scouters who wish to earn their amateur radio license or upgrade their present license. For persons in the United States, this information is available at <http://www2.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml> . We will post the comparable website for other countries on a monthly basis if we can locate the URL.

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## SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

"If a man cannot make his point to keen boys in ten minutes, he ought to be shot!"

- Lord Robert Baden-Powell

Editor's note: These quotes are available from the following sites:

<http://twc-woodbadge.freesevers.com/bpsays.htm>

[http://en.thinkexist.com/quotes/sir\\_robert\\_baden-powell/](http://en.thinkexist.com/quotes/sir_robert_baden-powell/)

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