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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, Scouting and ham clubs and organizations, and all individuals, each with an interest in the Boy Scouts of America and other youth organizations as they relate to amateur radio. While originally intended for Otschodela Council, Oneonta, New York, OCARG has expanded into a worldwide organization with members in more than twenty states and six nations. 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 k2frd@arrl.net or wa2wvu@arrl.net requesting membership. OCARG is an FCC-licensed Amateur Radio Club Station with the callsign KZ2BSA.

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AOL SUBSCRIBERS: HAVING PROBLEMS OPENING THE EAGLE?

Some AOL subscribers to the *OCARG EAGLE* have mentioned they are having problems opening the newsletter. Although it is sent as a standard PDF document (with the .pdf extension) and normally should be easily opened by any Adobe or other PDF reader, AOL uses non-standard means for transmission of its email to its members which results in the attachment becoming mixed in with the cover email. This seems to happen most often when the sender uses a Mac - which I do. Cullen K5HAL found that he was able to reconvert the PDF file back into PDF format using WinCode. If others have another solution, we would like to hear it.

de Fred K2FRD

JOTA TIME IS HERE!

The 47th Jamboree On The Air will be conducted the weekend of 15 - 17 October 2004 (always the third full

weekend of October). Hey, people, that's NOW! THIS WEEKEND!

Location of BSA JOTA info: <http://www.scouting.org/international/jota.html>

Location of ARRL JOTA info: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/ideas.html>

More ARRL JOTA and other info: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/#scout>

World Organization of Scouting Movement JOTA news releases: <http://www.scout.org/wsrc/wsrcfront/snews.shtml>
(or download PDF direct): http://www.scout.org/front/docs/C0418jota_e.pdf

This year, both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have JOTA logos and patches:



band	phone (MHz)	cw (MHz)
80m	3.740 & 3.940	3.590
40m	7.270	7.030
20m	14.290	14.070
17m	18.140	18.080
15m	21.360	21.140
12m	24.960	24.910
10m	28.390	28.190

JOTA FREQUENCIES: Do NOT use 14.070 as a CW calling frequency - it conflicts with the international PSK31 spectrum.

ADD YOUR JOTA TO THE ARRL YOUTH SKED PAGE

It's not too late to add your JOTA activity to the Youth Sked page on the ARRL website. This will help folks find your operation: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/youthskeds/>.

JOTA TO BE A "SURVIVOR" THEME IN CONNECTICUT RIVERS COUNCIL

From Larry Wolfgang WR1B:

WA1BSA will be operational during JOTA from the Connecticut Rivers Council's Mohegan District Fall Camporee, "Survival Waterford!" This Camporee will be at the Waterford, CT Town Park/Beach, near New London, CT on Long Island Sound. Following the Survivor theme, "Tribes" will compete in a variety of events. Here is the description the Scouts have been given about the Amateur Radio station at the Camporee:

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA):

You are marooned on an island with no supplies and no one knows where you are. You find an Amateur Radio Transceiver and must communicate your plight to the outside world. Using the Amateur Radio Station WA1BSA, talk to someone over the air and explain where you are located, describe your campsite and give the first names of your tribal members. Earn a Mohegan District amateur Radio WA1BSA patch for talking with another amateur station for a minimum of 5 minutes.

Our plan is to have two HF stations active during JOTA, with most of our operation on 80, 40, 20 and perhaps 17 or 15 meters. We will be operating some digital modes (PSK31 mostly) and may also operate some SSTV.

73,
Larry Wolfgang, WR1B
Senior Assistant Technical Editor
ARRL -- The national association for Amateur Radio

JOTA SCHEDULES, FREQUENCIES TO WATCH, MODES

There will be hundreds or thousands of JOTA stations on the air this weekend. Here's a short list of some of them, complete with web addresses in some instances. Most of these have been extracted from the ScoutRadio and JOTA Schedule e-groups <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ScoutRadio> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/JOTAskedbook/>:

[From the 1 Oct 04 ARRL Newsletter]:

The ARRL New Hampshire Section, the New Hampshire Amateur Radio Service Club (WB1BSA) and the Lawrence L. Lee Scouting Museum <<http://www.scoutingmuseum.org/>> have announced that the Max I. Silber Memorial Station will be on the air during JOTA 2004 using special event call sign N1S--primarily using SSB and SSTV on 20 and 40 meters.

Scouts and scouters worldwide also can participate in JOTA via Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) Reflector 9205. There's more information on the IRLP Web site <<http://www.irlp.net>>.

Our club will be running GB0GAS this year from Stevenage, Herts UK.
Regards
Nicolas
www.sadars.org/jota

Troop 204 & Pack 702 will be on the air with call sign W4JO for JOTA 2004. We plan to have two hf stations on the air, and hope to demonstrate ssb, cw, sstv, and rtty.

We would love to arrange some skeds with stations in advance of JOTA. Our availability should be from 1100 - 2100 UTC on Saturday, October 16. Some additional operating may take place on Sunday.

Our webpage:
<http://www.w4jo.com/pack702/Activity/JOTA2004flyer.htm>

James Olson

Cubmaster, Pack 702
Troop Committee Member, Troop 204
Powder Springs, Georgia

[Edited]

This will be the first year that JOTA will be available at the Buffalo Trails Council's "My Son and Me" weekend event. This will permit the approximately 125 Cub Scouts and their parents and the approximately 50 Scouts and their Leaders (staff) to participate in JOTA.

Tentatively, 15m and 20m operations are planned (simultaneously). Two Amateur Television stations will be set up to demonstrate ATV and allow Scouts to practice watching and making contacts with their friends while awaiting their turn on one of the main transmitters.

Amateur Radio Operators have been encouraged to participate with sending QSO confirmations (QSL cards) via the e-QSL site so please add to the fun of JOTA with your e-QSL card. (sign up ahead of time to be prepared).

Scott
kd5mhm
Pack 84

I'm Ridha From 3v8 . I want to tell you that the Tunisian Scouts Boys And Girls will be on frequency for the jota.
3v8st .3v8cb. 3v8sq. 3v8sm.3v8sj.3v8ss.3v8sf.all belongs to Tunisian Scouts.

We will be happy to take place in this activities as all the scouts on the world to promote friendship and Peace in all over the world.

K2BSA/2 will be operating from the Central New Jersey Council Camporee in Mercer County Park on Saturday October 16, 2004 from 1300Z to 1900Z. Extended hours that weekend may be possible depending on the Camporee schedule. We will be operating as part of the Radio Merit Badge Exhibit. About 1,000 scouts will be in attendance.

Operation will be JOTA style, not contest style, with Scouts talking and logging their contacts for Radio MB. However, we will honor any QSL requests with a K2BSA/2 QSL card. QSL's should be sent to Gary Wilson, K2GW, 587 Flock Road, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690. US Stations must include an SASE and foreign QSL's will be sent via the bureau unless a green stamp or IRC is enclosed.

Hope to hear you and your Scouts on the air!

YIS & 73

Gary, K2GW

Freedom Trail District "Keeper of the Flame" 2004 Fall Camporee at the duPont Granogue estate in Montchanin, DE will be held on October 15-17 and will include JOTA as an event on Saturday.

JOTA will be using my callsign, WB3LGC, and possibly the callsigns of KC3AM, and WB3FUP. We will operate in and around the BSA frequencies of 20m and 40m. We will be on the air during the Saturday morning and afternoon events (9:00am – Noon and 1:30pm – 4:30pm). We may be on the air for extended hours if time (and manpower) permits.

Over 300 Webelos and Boy Scouts are registered for the event.

73, Steve WB3LGC

Greetings from Lions Clubs International - Ham Radio Club Station - VU2LCI and Sri Chamundi Scout Group (21st Bangalore).

This year too we would be taking part in the 47th JOTA and 8th JOTI in a big way.

Our Association with Scouts, Amateur (Ham) Radio Volunteers and Lions Club is most probably an unique project by itself.

Best of 73's and 88's

de Lion Ajoy - VU2JHM
Disaster Manager & Custodian,
Lions Clubs International Ham Radio Club Station - VU2LCI

Troop 192, Two Chiefs District, Ohio Valley Council, will be operating portable from a local fall festival during the weekend of Oct 15 - 17.

We will be operating on 20 and 40 meter SSB, on or about the designated JOTA frequencies, using their Scoutmasters call of KC8YJJ.

This is a first time for us, so stay tuned!

Hope to hear you,
KC8YJJ

W1AW

Again this year W1AW will be hosting local scouts on Saturday October 16th for JOTA. The focus this year will be "merit badge in a day." Mark Spencer, WA8SME, will be hosting the event. He will be using a TX developed syllabus that will lead to the scouts achieving the radio merit badge during their participation in JOTA at the station. There will be two settings for the training, 8 to 12 and 12 to 4. So far there are about 20 scouts signed up to participate in the program.

Anyone is welcome to stop by to participate in JOTA.

W3IZ

I will be QRV from Bowmansville, PA on the Lancaster & Berks County line 10/15 - 10/16. I will have my usual camping station set up consisting of Yaesu FT-897 with SGC tuner and a wire antenna in a tilted L configuration. <<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/w3iz/tuner.html>><http://mywebpages.comcast.net/w3iz/tuner.html>

Operation will be mostly 40m SSB but will look at 20m & 17m for JOTA activity.

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K2BSA will be active during JOTA 2004 from the National BSA Amateur Radio Station at Camp Wisdom, Dallas, TX on Saturday, October 16 (1300Z to 2300Z) and Sunday, October 17 (1300Z to 1900Z).

Operation will be near JOTA frequencies on 20M, 15M and 10M. K2BSA will also monitor IRLP Node 4150 (local frequency 444.150 MHz, +5MHz, PL=100 Hz).

Possible operation on APRS as K2BSA, and possibly on 40M at start of each day.

de KR1ZAN, Frank

W6CX will be on the air with the scout jamboree Oct 16-17 as part of the ARRL Pacific Division convention from San Ramon Ca, hosted by the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club. Will be operating near the JOTA calling freqs on 10,15,20 and 40. We're going to attempt to do some SSTV with the kenwood VC-111 on or near 14.230 Also attempting IRLP with the club 440mhz repeater w6cx node 133896 or my home call kb6usj node 15779. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be in attendance, HAVE Fun!

UPDATE ON HAM-SCOUT WEB ADDRESSES, YAHOO GROUPS

Check out the UK Radio-Scouting page at Yahoo!Groups: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/radio-scouting-uk>

Now that you've got new licensees in your unit, why not have them subscribe to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ScoutRadioYouth>

Visit "Operation On Target BSA" Mountain Top Signaling: <http://www.ontargetbsa.org/>

Great list of Scouting/Amateur Radio web sites: <http://www.k1dwu.net/ham-links/clubs.-.scouting.phtml>

Visit the "Adventure Radio Society": <http://www.natworld.com/ars/>

ScoutRadio Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ScoutRadio>

A CHANCE MEETING

By Tony/N2GVB

You never know who you will meet and where. Two weeks ago, my wife and I were camping at the Herkimer (NY) camp grounds. I took my FT-857D radio and a portable 20 meter antenna that I made with a MFJ-Mobile Ham-tenna. I had the antenna set up on the end of our camper when a bus camper pulled up in the spot next to us. There was a knock on our door and when I opened it there was an XYL standing there. She introduced her self as Nancy and was wondering if I was a ham. When I told her I was, she told me she was and so was her husband. Her call was K5NCK and her OM was Frank, KR1ZAN .



Frank come over that night and we had a great eye ball to eye ball chat. It turned out that Frank was also involved in scouting and lo and behold knows Fred K2FRD. They have never met so I got a quick picture as Frank and Nancy were leaving to head back home in Texas.

This goes to show that you never know where or when you will meet a fellow ham. I also met a young fellow in Harpers Ferry WV that had his Novice licence and was going for his General ticket. I have met several hams over the years that we have been camping and had my portable set up with me.

So the next time you are out on a trip. Take note of any antennas that might indicate a ham. Ask if they are. If they are, they will probably want you to see their portable station. Hams do like to brag. What do you have to lose.....

de Tony Masi N2GVB

[Editor's Note: Tony N2GVB is a very active ham from Bainbridge, NY and will be participating in the KZ2BSA JOTA and Foothills District, Otschodela Council Fall Camporee this weekend. He may be reached through the Publisher k2frd@arrl.net.]

NEW ROVERING ONLINE PUBLICATION

Greetings everyone,

There is an article about JOTA in the inaugural issue of "Rovering." You can see it at <http://www.rovering.com>.

Yours in Scouting,

Craig Brown
Publisher

UPCOMING VE SESSIONS

Because the *EAGLE* has an international readership, there is little point continuing to list upcoming Volunteer Examiner sessions only on a local basis. However, 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.

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

"In all of this, it is the spirit that matters. Our Scout law and Promise, when we really put them into practice, take away all occasion for wars and strife among nations."

- Lord Robert Baden-Powell

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