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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 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, World Of Scouting Movement, Girl Scouts of the USA, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 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 provinces, and seven nations. There are no membership dues, no officers, no constitution, no newsletter charges, no commercial advertisements, 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 requesting membership. OCARG is an FCC-licensed Amateur Radio Club Station with the callsign KZ2BSA. The *EAGLE* in PDF format is best read with the latest version of Adobe Reader v.7 (activates hyperlinks) available at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

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APOLOGIES FOR LATE EAGLE

As I mentioned earlier this month, I was activated for ham radio duty for Hurricane Katrina relief. While my experiences in the stricken zone could fill a couple pages, suffice it to state that I spent five days in 95F heat and humidity in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. I ended up supporting a hospital in Washington Parish in LA which had lost communications. My stay at the hospital was short as they reacquired cellphone and limited telephone service the next day. I also had a moderate case of heatstroke and headed out of the area toward my winter quarters in Arizona from where this *EAGLE* is written. For the reason of time, some articles submitted are not published this month. I hope this has not inconvenienced anyone.

de Fred K2FRD

GREAT HAM-SCOUT SUMMER AT HENDERSON SCOUT RESERVATION

Henderson Scout Reservation, Maryland, NY, Otschodela Council, BSA, Oneonta, NY had a great ham-Scout season with four hams on the 55-member staff: Tom Roy WA2EFE (Asst Camp Dir), Don Prestidge KC2GZU (Fitness Dir & COPE), Rudy Ault N2JZK (Field Sports & Rifle Range Dir; also, see article below), and Fred Stevens K2FRD (Technology Dir). While it is not yet part of the regular camp curriculum, Radio Merit Badge was successfully taught to two junior staff members, Kyle McKenzie and Zach West; the busy camp program created scheduling problems, so late evening sessions were held each week through the last week of camp at the Technology Center where an HF and VHF station was operated by Fred K2FRD using a Kenwood TS-2000 into a Buddipole and a Kenwood TM-707G into a J-pole.

In addition to the Staff members, a number of ham-Scouters either attended camp as leaders or campers or visited camp in one capacity or another. These include:

Vickie All KC2GKY TR 117, Sharon Springs, NY (Deerslayer District, Otschodela Council, Oneonta, NY), TARA.

Jim LeBaron WA2IAX with Troop 99, Sidney, NY (Otschodela Council).

Kevin Kiel KB2EZR with Troop 99, Sidney, NY.

Connor Hornbeck KC2JJY, Scout camper, Tr 99, Sidney, NY.

Jesse Hornbeck KC2NTS, Scout camper, Tr 99, Sidney, NY.

John Reynolds N7QF, Salt Lake City, Utah. Camp Staffman in 1960.

Dorothy Ault KC2LGA, Sharon Springs, NY.

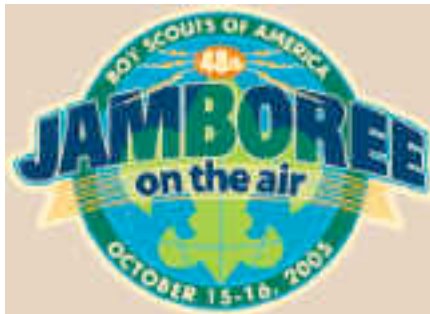
Dennis Klimowski KC2IKQ, Delhi, NY.

Pauline Klimowski KC2JVD, Delhi, NY.

My apologies to anyone I missed. There were a LOT of hams at camp this summer!

de K2FRD

JOTA 2005 14 - 16 OCTOBER 2005



The 48th Jamboree On The Air will be conducted the weekend of 14 - 16 October 2005. This is ham-Scouting's largest annual function with some 500,000 Scouts, Scouters, and youth participating from all over the world. There are numerous online planning resources available for unit and district/council JOTA organizers. Here's just a few:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/JOTAskedbook/> Use for making schedules with other JOTA participants.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ScoutRadio> Probably the most popular of the online groups.

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> .

Given that we are near the low point of Solar Cycle 23, radiowave propagation will be limited for DX operations. However, openings on 40m and 80m are anticipated for evenings and nights (try Near Vertical Incident Skywave [NVIS] during daytime for short range operations on these bands) with possibilities of openings on 20m and 30m; 17m through 10m will be generally dead unless solar conditions are exceptional.

We will publish individual JOTA schedules and operations as they come in. Troop 73, Dallas, TX is already ahead of the pack (NPI):

-Just a quick heads up that Crew 73 here in Dallas, Texas is planning to operate as K2BSA at Camp Wisdom, also in Dallas. We are a crew that is chartered under Circle Ten Council.

de Eric Wolf, KG4VPV

- From the ScoutRadio Group, Ray Sirois, Harrison, ME reports: Once again, our district is having our Fall Camporee on the same weekend as JOTA, and Ham Radio will be one of the big stops. Plus, the theme is "Communications".

Adelphia's regional "Community Relations" department is working on providing us with a donated broadband setup for a JOTI program station at the camporee.

73,
Ray Sirois
N1RY / WJOTA

JOTA INFO FLIER FROM WOSM: ESSENTIAL FOR UNIT JOTA ORGANIZER

A very informative circular on the 48th Jamboree On The Air was released in July to national JOTA Organizers and Scouting magazine editors, among others, by Richard Middlecoop PA3BAR, World Of Scouting Movement World JOTA Organizer and the World Scouting Bureau in Geneva, Switzerland. I have uploaded it to my website rather than attempt to reproduce the document here: <http://homepage.mac.com/k2frd/JOTA2005Flier.pdf> . (Also available at <http://home.versat.nl/worldscout/jota/JOTA2005.pdf>).

This circular contains the most useful information I have ever seen in a single paper. Without editorializing too much, it should be a basic JOTA reference for any ham-Scouter who plans to be active in JOTA. Inclusions within the flier are an example of a `contact card` to be handed out to participating Scouts, information on HB9S (World Scout Bureau station in Geneva), how-to for the JOTA Contact Wizard, scoring for the Wizrd, JOTI (Jamboree On The Internet), JOTA Echolink information, and a request for information for WSB to compile an overview of worldwide JOTA activities together with additional JOTA subjects.

Even more information may be secured from <http://home.versatel.nl/worldscout/> .

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TROOP 99'S HAM RADIO CANOE TRIP



These are "Ye Hearty Swabs" of the 99 th. Light Amphibious Expeditionary Troop, L-R: Nate Curtin, Andy Searles, Phil McHenry, Jesse Hornbeck KC2NTS, Bryan Price, Alex Latta KC2NTR, Dillon Ives, Alex King.

Troop 99 Sidney, NY (Otschodela Council) took a short canoe trip from Unadilla to Bainbridge NY June 11/12, 2005. The first night, camped at "friends of 99" Dan and Deb Lynch's beautiful riverfront property, they were able to hook up with troop licensed amateur Scouts Connor Hornbeck KC2JJY and Derrick McHenry KC2JIX on '.52 simplex to assure the home front that all was well. There were thunderstorms forecast so there was some concern. Again Sunday morning, Connor and Derrick were there to listen for fellow Scouts. This schedule was to confirm that the detail was "Good to go" for the whole trip to Bainbridge. Again, there was a question that some of the beginner paddlers would need to pull out at Sidney, roughly a halfway point. All were game to finish the trip and Con and Derrick were able to dispatch drivers to pick up the "99 th Amphib" at the Bainbridge pull-out. The troop thanks Dan and Deb for the site and troop moms KC2OFV, Deb, KC2MYX, Judi and friends of the troop Gus WA2GRS and Al K2EZK for listening also.

de Jim LeBaron WA2IAX

EARLY OCARG EAGLE FOR OCTOBER

Due to the relative earliness of this year's JOTA on 14 - 16 October, the October OCARG EAGLE will be published early next month, possibly about 10 October. Updated and new information on JOTA will be included for last minute preparations for JOTA.

de K2FRD

TROOP 99 CAMPS WITH CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT GROUP



Scouts Nate Curtin and Andy Searles [Hamdidates?] are shown with Gen. U.S. Grant's [Al Stewart of Sidney] telegraph equipment; left most key, from 1900 and the right one, with sounder from 1863; both by the Western Electric Company. The keys are amazingly similar to those J-38's still in use today. The pipe also belongs to the General.

Sept 4 th. through 5 th., Scouts Shelby Barse, Nate Curtin, Dillon Ives, Troy Kiel and Adam Soroka, all of Troop 99, Sidney, NY (Otschodela Council) were guests of the Civil War Encampment led by Mr. Al Stewart AKA Gen. Grant and hosted by the Harpursville NY American Legion. Events included a skirmish Saturday afternoon, the firing of their very fine cannon and a Blue and Gray Ball in the evening featuring a singer, a fine fiddler and guitar accompaniment. Throughout the weekend, the true-to-period campsite was open to visitors and the soldiers, their ladies and children were on hand to explain their equipment and history.

The General was kind enough to show the Scouts his vintage signaling equipment, a book of Civil War code schemes [only one of which was "Morse Code"] and to allow them to be photographed in his command tent.

de Jim LeBaron WA2IAX

RUDY AULT N2JZK, SM TROOP 117, OCARG CHARTER MEMBER, SK

Rudy Ault N2JZK, Scoutmaster of Troop 117, Sharon Springs, NY (Otschodela Council) and Henderson Scout Reservation Field Sports and Rifle Range Director unexpectedly passed away on 30 July 2005. Rudy had just finished Staff Week at Henderson prior to the first week of camp when he fell ill and was hospitalized. He was 49.

In addition to being a Charter Member of the Otschodela Council Amateur Radio Group, Rudy had a deep love for Scouting and amateur radio, being an active member of the Troy (NY) Amateur Radio Association (TARA). An active outdoorsman, he was a great marksman and mountain man enthusiast with a fondness for black powder firearms.

Rudy is survived by his wife Dorothy KB2LGA and son Ted KC2GVS.

Rudy will be sorely missed by his many Scouts and by those of us who knew and worked with him.

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> .

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

"There is no teaching to compare with example."

- 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/

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