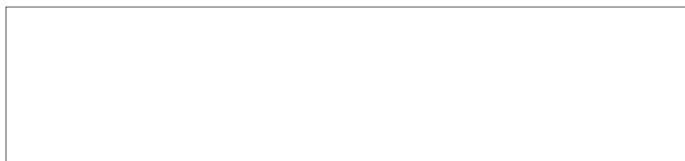


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Volunteer Examinations

Volunteer exams are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month at the 1st Precinct Police Station on East Grassy Sprain Rd. Bring original and copies of your FCC Licence and CSCE (Certificate of Completion) for more information call Dan AA2HX at 914-667-0587
VE Testing will be conducted July 6th and August 3rd

Membership Meetings

There will be no meetings in July and August meetings will resume September 7th 2008. YARC will hold their monthly meeting at the 1st Police Precinct on East Grassy Sprain Rd. in Yonkers, NY. Social Time will be at a.m. served with coffee and doughnuts and bagels. Followed by the meeting at 10:30

SCHEDULED WEEKLY NETS

SUNDAY	7:00PM	-	28.456 USB	VACANT, 0000
MONDAY	7:30PM	-	146.865 2M	DOUG, K2JJ
THURSDAY	8:00PM	-	146.856 2M	RICH, KC2HZW

2METER REPEATER IS AVAILABLE ON ECHO LINK

YARC LINK: All items for publication should be submitted no later then 2nd week ending Sunday of the month preceding that issue

RETIREE'S LUNCHEON

Will be held on Thursday July the 18th at the Mt. Olympus Dinner at the corner of Central Avenue and Jackson Avenue in Yonkers, NY. All are welcomed starts at 12 noon. Hoping to see every one there ...
John WB2AUL

DUES REMINDER

Dues can be either paid at any of the regular meetings or mailed to Paul AC2T at 19 Hunts Bridge Rd. Yonkers, NY 10704 make Payable to YARC/Yonkers Amateur Radio Club.

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We expect a full turn out from both speakers and students. It is in the plans to starting up a 220 and 440 net in September. We hope you will be able to join us those evenings. Schedules to be arranged.

60 ANNIVERSARY DINNER

We will be entertaining ideas as to having a 60th Year in operation dinner as to the location and times will be announced.

UP COMING ISSUES

There will be a classified section for anyone wishing to Sell, Trade, Buy anything from screws to full stations, all transactions will be handled by the concerned individuals. All submittals must be in no later then 1 wk. after meeting

QRP contacts and DXing.

On the rise it had been discussed that W3IFX will conduct Radio Detection Techniques along with Lite Beam's for Mobile and tracking. Of course if any one wishes to share in the assistance through personal knowledge and expertise they are more then welcome to join us. These will be held shortly after the meetings as long as there is no Board meeting following for at least forty five minutes. Also we will be looking for volunteers to help in any other educational classes or discussions with regard to Tips, Tricks, and Practices. With the vast and diverse members in our club this poses to be not only a welcome invite but is sure to be very enlightening considering that we have so many (pardon the pun) seasoned Hams in our midsts.

VEC New's

The introduction of the New VEC Manuel to test for a Volunteer Examiner is now available through the ARRL at www.arrl.org.
NOTICE: Anyone upgrading to Extra class licence should either order a new manual or ensure that the book that they have has the NEW UPDATED question pool for July 2008. Although it must be brought before the board for voting on the idea of having classes for study sessions, It may be prudent to get together with others on your own for private testing sessions to assist in a successful exam grade.

EDUCATION

Also we will be looking into the idea of having a CW class for those wishing to study CW (Morse Code) for



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Field Day 2008 continued



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century we all forget how fragile these luxuries are that

we cherish so much and forget the basic necessities that can save lives. In the wee dawn hours on the 28th of June at Redmod field there had been

a small group of cars as I pulled up with a huge three element



beam that had been meticulously packed on top of my roof with help of Paul Maytan AC2T in charge of the Membership he followed me with his car for safety. As we made our way



into the Field Area we kept in close contact with others by way of the two meter repeater. Once parked it was as if someone had said "All hands on



deck" with one swoop all of the club members started to unload the big beam from the roof of my truck I guess the only way to describe what was happening if someone were looking down on us from a plane they would have seen a colony of ants in perfect harmony and no one person out of step. It was not long before we had started assembly of the big antenna and then on to hanging some other conspicuous looking wires which



would carry our signals around the globe. Soon to arrive behind us was



Johnnie Nance KC2EXA one of the club Directors with an

other loaded truck of essentials for this big event and cars started to roll in slowly

with more and more able bodied hams to lend a hand. In the center of



it all stood like the queen Bee after dispatching the drones Anna Nance KC2LJT The Master coordinator and Club Secretary manning the Grill with diligent care. Anna had a formu-

lated plan and schedule of our nutritional needs and even had a menu for the event. Well the old adage has been "Behind every successful man is a woman" Well behind all these hard working and successful Hams there was a woman and she kept it all together Not one person had gone thirsty or hungry.



Well this has been my first field day and being a new member to the club I was totally impressed. I have been to meetings and to what we call Fox hunts where



Amateur Radio Operators train on finding a well hidden transmitter for



SAR (Search and Rescue) purposes. But when If you were to see this group outside the local store they would look like your ordinary person. But to see them in operation it was like looking at a well oiled machine



and each one with enough enthusiasm to fuel a rocket to mars.

This may seem like a rag tag bunch from every walk of life but they all have a specific role to play in an emergency and they can carry out their job till they have nothing more to give and still come up with hidden energy. I am extremely proud

of our accomplishments and not only knowing these extraordinary individuals but am always ready willing and able to lend a hand where needed to help them I am truly glad to be a member.

And just when I thought the activities were at their peak then Paul Maytan AC2T and Johnnie Nance KC2EXA had skillfully got me to male my first contact as a Ham

on HF (High Frequency) and then I completed my first contact it was listed as a DX (Distant Station) some



where in the Netherlands. Well that's all it took it was like taking a big rush of adrenaline and I would have had to be peeled away from the table. It was



the most fan tabu lo us time I ever spent, it was hypnotic as you were hanging on to hear your next contact and the next and the next. To coin a phrase by Lays Potato chips "You just can't have one". As I walked away from the table late that first night there were fellow hams congratulating me and sharing who they had contacted it seemed like the night would go on forever and trust me you wanted it to just continue.

YARC NEWS



Being a new Ham and member of the club will always remember this day the heat the blinding sun and the little or no breeze the strenuous labor it took to set up, but the time and

untireing effort that it took so many just to mention one Mrs. Anna Nance the Club Secretary and her husband Johnnie KC2EXA, who so diligently made sure everything was in its place and the logistics of the whole operation were based around her time table. With all the slight pitfall's when it comes to staging something like Field Day it is the good times with so many friends you get to spend in a literal battle of the elements. I will always cherish this day, as I know a few others who may not have had this opotunity will d the same. I look forward already to the next Field Day with great anticipation. The Club's turn out may not have been as strong as it had been in the past but their performance was a tribute to a time honored practice of skills that can be counted on when it is really needed the most in an emergency.

We have a Great Club and it is only getting Better!

My experience Eddie KC2SZI

FIELD DAY RESULTS

Here are the results of 2008 compared to 2007 Field Day

Field Day Call used = W2YRC + GOTA KF2FK

Field Day Location = Redmond Field Yonkers

Number of Participants = 31

Last Year = 43

Total CW QSO Points = 882

Last Year = 644

Total Digital QSO Points = 220

Last Year =122

Total Phone QSO Points = 258

Last Year = 1137

Total QSO Points Combined = 2720

Last Year = 2274

Total Bonus Points = 1000

Last Year =800

Grand Total = 3720

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It was 9am and still no sound of the transmitter turned on, puzzled thinking something was wrong or the time may have been a little off on release of the fox. All had been checking their watches and trying to tune in to see if there was some sign as to what Jeremy a young guest of N2VBR (waiting to get his ticket) called out saying he heard something on his little hand held using a three element beam built by himself and

N2VBR Nick. As the group huddled around then the silence was broken by a very inaudible sound of a distant and faint beacon, Everyone trying to hone in on it could not even pic it up then it seem to disappear as soon as it appeared. Armed



with our HT's and make shift antennas we all proceeded to walk out towards the field, Paul AC2T every so often would get a sound but no bar reading from his HT.

Keeping pace and always checking the null areas (voids where there is no transmittal of signal) we pushed onward. nearing the end of the lake it started to get stronger and stronger. Stopping to as if they had seen any thing of the Fox we had asked a



couple of squirrels, a tortoise and a chipmunks with no luck they were not divulging any information. It was a very pleasant day not muggy at all every one was too engrossed in the hunt. We neared a huge roofed picnic area where the signal seemed to be coming from. so in small groups all had tried to pin point the signal almost going in circles. When

over in the corner was the sly one himself Pat N2ROD who planted the fox, sitting comfortably cool and relaxed with a sinister smirk on his face he was watching us as we circled like buzzards over a carcass.

I do not think there was a single degree of direction that had not been covered considering the tables all around us were metal, the huge roof was being supported by thick steel beams and a number of cooking grills to match, these were all acting as reflectors it was getting difficult to home in on the signal. Then Andy N2EIJ had started to break out his sniffer to try to see



what the reading was, Paul AC2T had also resorted to his small SWR meter to try and locate the right direction. I my self was let over to the out skirts of some people picnicking in the area, not leaving and getting a pinned meter with out an antenna



and change down to the lowest frequency I knew that I was extremely close closed then I had ever been before in the past hunts. Then Nick

Continued

Fox Hunt Continued

N2XBR had come over to join me with the same results. We needed a more sensitive instrument so we had called to Andy to bring his sniffer over but he was too engrossed in the bushes with what he thought was a signal. My self still new to the sport I was not fully aware of the tricks and extents that some of these marauders would go to look or even cloak the fox. This is when Nick started to looking through food bags belonging to some of the bystanders picnicking there. I said Nick you are acting like the KGB searching in these peoples things like that. He then started to go to their cooler and look in and then saw it was full of soda's then I had looked as well the sliding the cover back we circled the table again then John embarrassingly asked excuse me mam may I look in your cooler the woman said go ahead as John reached with his HT the woman said but they already looked there so John started to turn away but like a magnet when he turned away his needle had dropped on his radio, noticing this he turned back towards the cooler again and it pegged out so he looked inside and saw that it had cans of soda in it then he had seen something black and reached for it and then pushed it back and closed the lid and began to walk away. No one still coming close to finding the correct signal as yet with Nick N2XBR and myself KC2SZI not straying far from the suspected area. Mike KF2FJK and his son one of our newest and younger members Joey KC2TJO also armed with a 2 element beam a home brew mad with his father and himself came closer to also investigate the strange cooler Joey lifting off the lid looked

inside for what seemed like a couple of minutes spied something black in the corner as I stood over his shoulder trying to get a reading when all of a sudden Joey dug down into the cooler and I started to see what he had saw so I started to remove the empty cans and Mike gave Joey a hand removing the Fox it had truly been found and by one of our newest and younger members. Of course credit was recognized to the skillfulness of Johnnie KC2EXA as he did track it down first but was careful enough to let it go undiscovered for the next hunter to find so after Joey KC2TJO had located it all the hunters gathered around and congratulated Joey on a job well done also came up with some elusive little stories as to why they did not home in it right away but that I like the story of the fish that got away.

All in all we all had a great time and Joey had an experience that will last him a long time after ours will fade and something great to tell his friends at school.

FIELD DAY 2008



Field Day a day to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow club members "Hams" tell stories and discuss new ways to communicate using nothing more then a converted Tuna can and a single strand of copper wire and a simple nine volt battery. But most of all It is the Preparedness in the event of Local or even Distant Disasters. Amateur



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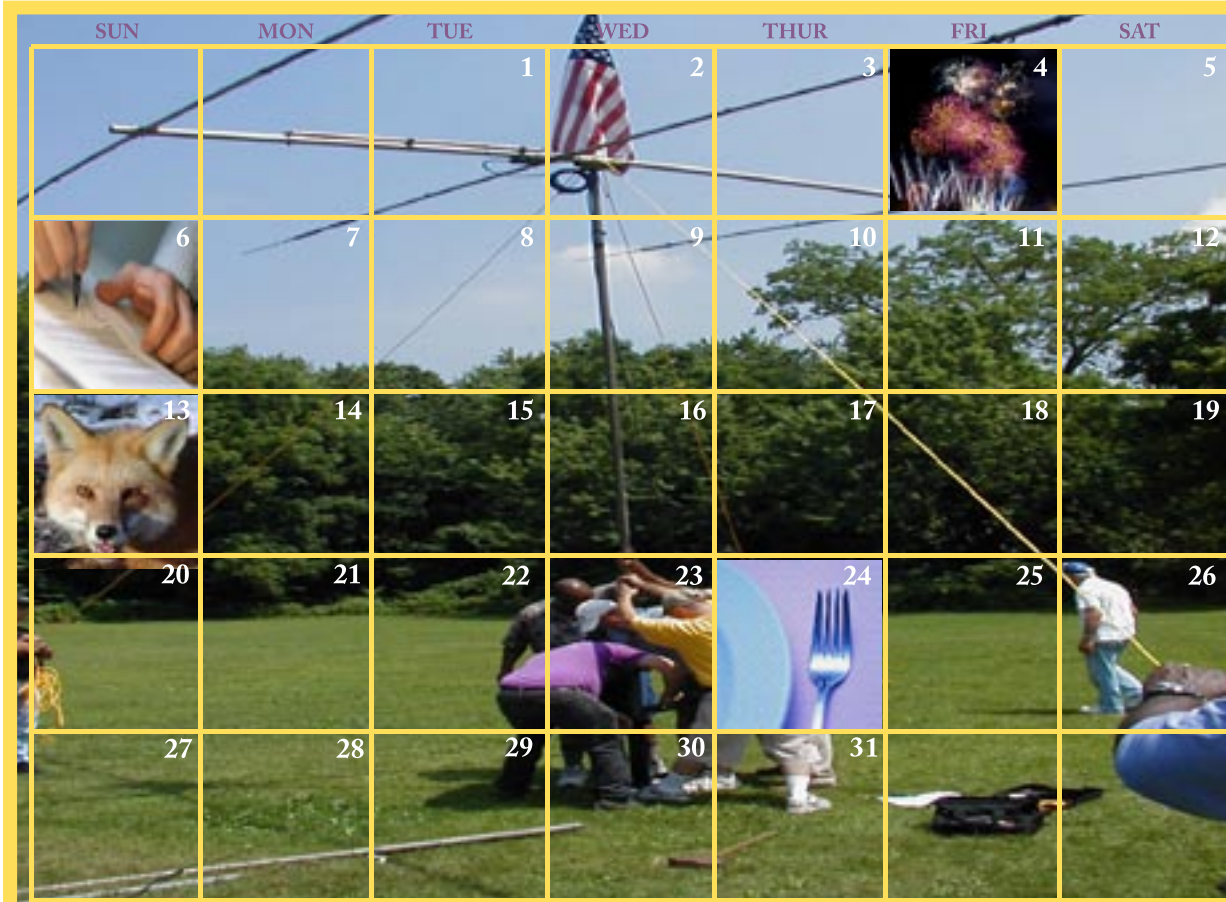


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Field Day 2008 Continued

July



EVENT'S FOR JULY

VEC Examination at the 1st Police Precinct on the 1st Upgrade and New Licences, Vanity Call signs, and administrative applications. All are welcome!

Membership Meeting at 1st Police Precinct on Grassy Sprain Rd. Yonker's NY on the 8th 10:00 social time

coffee, Tea, Doughnuts, and bagels and 10:30 the Meeting. All are welcome!

EXCEPT: July & August

Retiree's Luncheon at Mt. Olympus Diner at the corner of Central Park Ave. and Jackson Ave at 12 noon on the 24th. All are Welcome!

Fox Hunt at Tibbet's Brook Park on Sunday the 13th

August



EVENT'S FOR AUGUST

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER It's VACATION TIME

VEC Exams will be on the 3rd of August at the 1st Police Precinct on Grassy Sprain Road, Yonkers, NY

FOX HUNT will be the 10th of August to Participate Sign in: at 8:30am the Fox is then released at 9:00am for more

information please contact Pat N2ROD or Johnnie KC2EXA

Retiree Luncheon at Mt. Olympus at the corner of Central Ave and Jackson Ave in Yonkers, NY. at 12 noon on the 21st of August All Are Welcome