



Greater Bridgeport Amateur Radio Club

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GBARC Responds to Hurricane Sandy

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His Honor John Harkins Mayor of Stratford (left) with Mike KA1EOU and Gary WE1M.



Ken NE1CU and Larry AB1JC in the EOC.



His Honor Mayor John Harkin (left) with Mike KA1EOU and Gary WE1M in the main EOC conference room.



Gary WE1M at the computer.

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Mike KA1EOU on Station Bunnell Shelter.

GBARC at Stratford EOC.

GBARC Members responded to hurricane Sandy by supporting the Stratford EOC. (See pictures).

GBARC members also responded to the needs of the City of Bridgeport the Fairfield County Red Cross and the Red Cross in Westport by

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volunteering their time.

Special thanks go out to the following GBARC members and friends:

Rich Duckworth	KB1IWX
Mark Modzelewski	KB1QPS
Sheldon Yessenow	KB1QPT
Roni Yessenow	
Laurie Jones	KB1THD
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Shary Parker

Emily Welsh

Kevin Cellini N1KGM

Al Silberstein W1AHS

Larry Gross W1LAG

Tom Davis W1TFD

Rachel Moore

If you see one of these fine hams, why not thank them for their service to our community.

*To err is human, to really mess things up
takes a computer!*

Technician Class Completes with New Technicians and Generals

The 12th GBARC Technician Class completed its run with a Test Session on Thursday November 15, 2012. We are happy to report that our record is still intact, all student's passed their exams! This is a testament to the quality and thoroughness of the Tech presentation, the dedication and talent of the GBARC instructors and the hard work of the students!

Congratulations go out to the following hams:

Collin Baker KB1YYT

Jamie Fee KB1YYL

Marc Smith KB1YYN

Arnault Baker KB1YYs

Deborah West KB1YYR

Keith Shaffer KB1YYM

Stan Samakar IV KB1YYK

Marilyn Rice KB1YYO

George Vitone KB1YYQ

David Mestre KB1YYJ

Jean Jacob KD2DDA

Walt Rinehard III KB1YYP

Mike Fabrico N2UXA who took the General exam on a whim, passed it with flying colors and upgraded from Tech to General.

Mike Morra WB1GDI who kept his old Tech paperwork and automatically upgraded to General class.

If you hear these fine hams on the air, congratulate them and welcome them to the ham bands and repeaters.

Possible Early Sprint License Class

If there is enough interest, GBARC will run either a General class or a Technician Class in the early Spring.

Contact N1KGM if interested in attending as a student or teaching as an instructor.

Winter Field Day 2013

GBARC will participate in SPAR's Winter Field Day in January 2013.

It was confirmed that AB1JC has reserved the White Hill's Recreation Center building for that weekend.

This is the same building we used for Field Day 2012 last June and for Winter Field Day 2012.

If you are interested in operating Winter Field Day, please contact N1KGM or KA1JXW at our next GBARC meeting.

IRC's May Be Discontinued

If the US Postal Service (USPS) gets its way, it will no longer sell International Reply Coupons (IRCs) after January 27, 2013. According to the October 23 edition of the Federal Register, there is not sufficient demand for the USPS to continue offering IRCs to customers; however, per the Universal Postal Union (UPU) regulations, the USPS must continue to exchange (redeem) IRCs that have been purchased in foreign countries and presented at USPS facilities. The current Nairobi model is valid through December 31, 2013. Comments on this proposed change will be

accepted through November 23, 2012.

IRCs provide foreign addressees with a prepaid means of responding to inquiries, solicitations or other types of communications -- such as QSL cards -- that are initiated by US senders. IRCs are exchangeable for postage stamps by postal administrations in member countries of the UPU. Each IRC is equivalent in value to the destination country's minimum postage price for an unregistered airmail letter. The purchase price is in the US is currently \$2.20 per IRC. -- Tnx ARRL

Headlines from CQ Magazine

FCC Formally Proposes LF Amateur Band -The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ET-Docket 12-338) which, among many other things, formally proposes a secondary amateur allocation at 135.7-137.8 kHz.

CQ Magazine Highlighted on "Conan" - Talk-show host features CQ in comedy sketch on "Real Magazines that Outlasted Newsweek"

One Ham Killed, Another Rescued, in Sinking of HMS Bounty - Tall ship built as replica for movie sunk by Hurricane Sandy; Captain Robin Walbridge, KD4OHZ, was never found and is presumed dead. Ship's Electrician, N6TQS, was among 14 crew members rescued.

W7EQI Re-Elected to Congress, Gains National Position - Oregon Representative Greg Walden, W7EQI, easily won re-election in November. He will retain his communications subcommittee chairmanship and becomes chair of the Republican National Congressional Committee.

China Revamping Amateur Radio Regulations - Revised regulations on amateur radio are expected to open the door for widespread licensing of individuals and clubs in the world's most populous nation.

DX to be 2013 Hamvention® Theme - The Dayton Amateur Radio Association has decided on DX and DXing as the theme for the 2013 Hamvention®, calling next year's show "DX Hamvention."

Morse Code from the Sky - Skywatchers may get a unique treat from the heavens during December ... a visual Morse code message flashed by LED lights aboard the FITSAT-1 satellite.

Space Station Calling... - NASA is now offering a new service to notify people when the International Space Station will be passing overhead in their area.

Rod Newkirk, W9BRD/VA3ZBB, SK - Long-time QST DX Editor and CQ DX and Amateur Radio Hall of Fame member Rod Newkirk, W9BRD/VA3ZBB, passed away in mid-November at age 90.



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NET Info

Our GBARC business meeting is the first Tuesday of the month. Two days later, on Thursday night is our GBARC net at 8 pm.

*Serving the Communications
needs of our Communities!*

The Greater Bridgeport Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (GBARC) is a volunteer group of trained communicators dedicated to helping provide vital emergency communications in the greater Bridgeport community. GBARC's mission is to help provide vital emergency communications through amateur radio to the greater Bridgeport area. If you are a licensed radio amateur operator and are willing to devote time to our all volunteer organization in order to further this goal, please contact us at membership@gbarc.net. Other inquires to KC1EOC@gbarc.net. GBARC, Inc. is a not for profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut and has 501(c)(3) status with the United States Government. All donations to GBARC, Inc. are tax deductible.



ITU Assigns New Prefix for Niue: E6A-E6Z

On August 3, the ITU updated its Table of International Call Sign Series to reflect a call sign change for Niue. The island will now have the entire E6 prefix block.

Niue -- an island approximately 1500 miles north-east of New Zealand -- is a self-governing island nation that has been in free association with New Zealand since 1974.

Prior to the change, the island used ZK2. According to the CIA World Factbook, Niue is about 1.5 times the size of Washington, DC, and has a population of almost 1300 people.

(From ARRL)



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