

**June 2008**  
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**Special Field Day Wrap-up**

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**Nets**

**Newsline Report -**

Monday 7:00 PM 146.685/R

**Club Info Net -**

Monday 7:30 PM 146.685/R

**DX/Contest Info -**

Monday 8:00 PM 146.685/R

**Swap 'n Shop Net -**

Wednesday 8PM 146.685/R

**10 M Net -**

Tuesday 8:00 PM 28.320 USB

**Club Info Net -**

Wednesday 10:00 AM 146.685/R

**Upcoming Events**

**Board Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 8:00 PM**  
August 14th 2008

**VE Session - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 12:00 PM**  
next VE session is August 24th at the EOC

**Open House 12:00 - 2:00PM**

Every Saturday @ Town Hall EOC  
September after Labor day through June  
Everyone is welcome, bring a friend.

**Repeaters**

**2 M**

146.685/146.085 PL 110.9

**1 1/2 M**

223.860/222.260 PL 110.9

**70 CM**

440.850/445.850 PL 110.9

Web Site

[www.gsbarc.org](http://www.gsbarc.org)

Mirror Site: [www.qsl.net/g sbarc](http://www.qsl.net/g sbarc)

**DX Cluster**

Connect to W2GSB on 145.67 MHz. 1200  
baud

packet or follow the telnet link on

<http://www.gsbarc.org>



**W2GSB FD SCORE**

**Contacts**

**CW = 250 QSO's**

**Digital = 105 QSO's**

**SSB = 318 QSO's**

**POINTS**

**CW 250 x 2 = 500**

**Digital 105 x 2 = 210**

**Phone 318 x 1 = 318**

**Total QSO Points = 1028**

**Power Multiplier = 2**

**1028 x 2 = 2056**

**Bonus Points = 1870**

**2056 + 1870 = 3926**

**TOTAL SCORE = 3926 PTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED**

**Field Day 2008 a great success!**  
The Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club and the Town of Babylon Amateur Radio Emergency Service had one of the best ever field day operations this year. As in past years the Town of Babylon put up a billboard sign on Sunrise Highway announcing our Field Day weekend at the Town Hall Park. We entered as category 8F which means we had eight simultaneous transmitters on the air at the same time. Also because we were in the Park adjacent to the Babylon Town Hall less than 600 feet from the Emergency Operations Center and using emergency power and equipment from the EOC we entered as category F. We separated the the phone operation and the CW/Digital operation into two

separate tents. Five transmitters were in the Phone tent and three transmitters operating in the Digital/CW tent. The tents used were our club owned car port shelters. Separating the CW/Digital and Phone operations allowed nice separation of the antenna systems used while still remaining well within the 1000 foot radius allowed in the field day rules. The only exception to the Phone/CW-Digital separation was the Six meter station which was operated out of the CW/Digital tent for antenna logistics reasons.

Having eight transmitters available allowed us to have plenty of positions open for anyone that wanted to operate at any given time. In fact many times there were more positions open than people to operate them. Logging was done both by computer and with paper check logs. All stations used paper dupe sheets whether or not a computer was used to allow compatibility when swapping bands between individual stations. One could then shift around to different bands within a mode and just move the dupe sheet for that band/mode to follow the move.

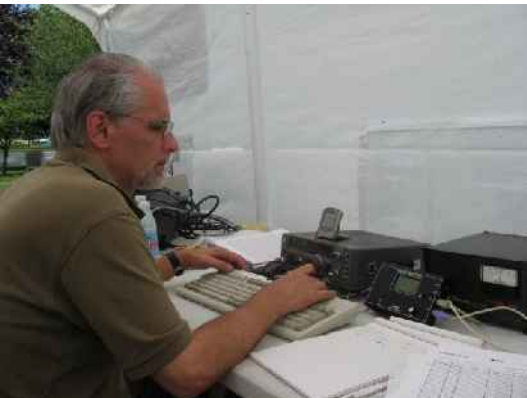
The rigs and equipment used were the three Club owned rigs from the EOC and the rest supplied by members of the club. All worked flawlessly and due to the careful setup and operation by members. Advance instruction to the members in logging and rig operation at the general meeting two days prior helped, especially for the new operators. The Phone operation used a series of single band dipoles on 80 through 10 meters. In the CW/Digital tent a tri-band yagi for 10, 15 and 20 meters was used in conjunction with the TOBARES portable emergency crank-up tower and trailer. John KC2HCB and John KC2JGH put in quite a bit of time in the previous weeks getting the trailer and portable tower in operational condition. We also had a 80 and 40 meter trap dipole and a 40 meter single band dipole. We switched these antennas between the CW, PSK31 and RTTY modes. The six meter antenna was a rotatable HamStick dipole up about 25 feet Careful prechecking and adjustment of all the antennas earlier in the year that were part of our emergency

antenna "go box" really paid off in making the setup go smoothly this year. A nice feature used this year was a PSK31 station using the NUE-PSK unit as seen in March 2008 QST. Built from a kit by Walter KA2CAQ, this was a resounding success this year. Walter even gave several PSK demonstrations and explanations to those that were interested.

The propane fueled generator system provided uninterrupted power throughout the entire operation. We also had available several gasoline powered generators in case there was a failure of the main source of power. A bank Solar cells provided by N2IMF power to the RTTY station which worked very well. What was nice to see this year was the amount of youngsters that showed up to see the operation and even help with the setup. No doubt there were several hams in the making in the group. We also had many adult visitors and town officials stop by and see that we were prepared to setup in any type of emergency. As field day is also check of our emergency preparedness, it is important that we use this as a drill and show our public officials that Ham Radio Operators are there and ready at a moments notice. In our case the field day exercise is part of our emergency plan.

Food is a big part of our field day. Our unofficial phonetics for W2GSB have been known as "Waiting to get some breakfast". Walter KA2RGI acted as our official greeter and tour guide. Walter also acted as grill chef with an assist by his daughter Candice N2QES a Johnson & Wales College of Culinary Arts graduate as well as his wife Carol KA2VHY and daughter Bethany KC2PGI. Of course Field Day is about people and we had many members and non-members to thank for the success of the operation. Our group prides itself on welcoming new comers and non-members to field day. A job well done by all!

**If you missed Field Day this year, put it on your calendar for next year!**





## Presidents Message

Well the results are in for Field Day and the score is else where in this issue of the compass. Thanks to those that were coordinators this year and to those that came down and supported FD 2008.

My special thanks to John Melfi, KC2HCB who took one the roll as the main Field Day Coordinator when I could not traverse the field because of circulation issues with my legs. All through Field Day he was barking out where we needed help and what had to be done. It was great to have someone else in that position. Some came to work on the setup, some came to operate, some came to assist in the take down, some came down to offer suggestions how Field Day should be run, and others because of various reasons where not there at all.

Some people physically over worked themselves to the point they had to leave early. Almost everyone that participated had a good time. There was the normal complaints from those doing more work than they planned to. There was also the usual comments and discussions from those that were sitting around offering their ideas on the event.

The basic results are we could have used more people to assistance with the planning, setup, operations, and take down of Field Day. The support group for Field Day is always made up of those have thoughts and ideas and want to see it work. Then comes the actual man power needed to make it happen. This is were we usually fall a little short because of the experience factor, lack



of available people, or personal likes and dislikes of number of things.

This year there was a group for antenna installing but the tent and shelter committees needed more people. The committee to get the items needed for Field Day out of the basement and the storage area were also almost non existent and the people for the other setup crews had to double teams their efforts.

I was looking at the Field Day as a good training process for everyone especially because of the discussions that let up to this years event. I also knew that more people were to be needed for next year because I would not be able to be as involved because of my daughter Bethany's High School Graduation. I thought it would be good for people this year to what was required to happen to make Field Day work and also see what stuff was assumed to be handled from someone else and just how, over the past few years, all of that equipment that was used did get put away.

This years Field Day proved beyond any doubt the group is getting older and that we are not as able to things done as it has been in the past. My observation about Field Day this year is very basic and here are some of the main ones:

We had more people willing to assist but physically could not and should not. The weather was very hot and humid which led to many issues with peoples health. I for one had a very rough again this year and was very limited physically. People come to Field Day to do what they want to do and no one should be looked down on for wanting to be part of the event. If someone brings down equipment to operate and it is approved by the coordinators it should be accepted. The weeks leading up to Field Day or for discussions about should be operated at and what equipment will be needed and what will be present at Field Day. Any additional use of equipment is subject to the rules of FD and the availability of people to setup, operate, and take the equipment used during Field Day.

Some of the items above we as a group need to work on. Some of these items we

as individuals need to work. All I know is when there is a real emergency we need to be resourceful and use what we need for what ever situation we have. We need to get the job done and not be complaining in places that the public can here our discussions. We need to keep out heated discussions among us and not in places that bring us any possible reproach. This year after one of our Special Events in which there was a heated discussion on what should be at Field Day we received a phone call from someone not part of the group asking how we were as an organization and they found very unusual for us to have a public display as we did at the event. As the President of the GSBARC I was very dishearten to hear this comment about our group and its image in community.

On a whole I believe Field Day as usual was a success in the fact that we always learn from our actions and we have more things to work on for next year. I also believe that the time to plan for any event is all year and Field Day is no exception. Let's leave from our strengths and our weakness of this year for next years Field Day. This month's General Meeting will be a further discussion of Field Day. Bob, K2TV also has some additional information available for the membership that is part of Field Day.

73, **Walter, KA2RGI**

#### **GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AGENDA OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC Lindenhurst, NY

Date: Thursday July10, 2008

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI
Vice President	Bob Myers, K2TV
Secretary	Patti-Lynn Wandell, KC2AUX
Treasurer	Don Rollock, W2EUL
Director 2009	Frank Cannata, K2LI

#### **BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Director 2008	Jon Gittens, KA2YMQ
Director 2008	Tom Favilla, N2MIG
Director 2008	Jay Eichner, N2PIK

#### **CLUB MEMBERS N2UHR PRESENT:**

KB2TCH, N2MZK, KC2JGH, KC2MOX, AB2ZI, KC2SJZ, KC2HCB, N2IMF, KC2OYH, N2UHR

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** – Patti-Lynn Wandell, KC2AUX  
Nothing reported

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**  
Previous minutes were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE –  
PO BOX:**

**OUTGOING:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** – Don, W2EUL  
Report was given. Finances are in good standing. Motion to accept report was made  
For details of the report see Don, W2EUL the Treasurer.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**APPAREL:** – Charles, N2MZK & John KC2HCB

**CLUB STATION & EQUIPMENT:** – Walter, KA2RGI

**DX CLUSTER – W2GSB 145.670:** – Walter, KA2RGI  
working

**EDUCATION:** – Walter, KA2RGI  
TECH CLASS: Will start in September 16<sup>th</sup> 2008  
GENERAL CLASS: 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2009  
EXTRA CLASS: 1<sup>st</sup> in April 2009

Classes are Tuesdays at 7:30 PM at Town Hall EOC.

Also there have been requests made for Basic computers and Packet operations.

Basic Electronics class will resume after Field Day, on Saturday s

**LIBRARY:** – Alan, N2CRV  
Nothing reported

**INETS:**

**BACKUP NCS NEEDED FOR ALL NETS**

**Newsline Report:** 7:00 PM Monday – Matt, KC2SJZ.  
Nothing new to report.

**2 Meter Net:** 7:30 PM Monday - NCS - Don, W2EUL  
Nothing new to report.

**DX & Contest Report:** Bob, K2TV  
8:00 PM Monday  
For up to the minute info, please check the W2GSB DX Cluster. If anyone enters any contest please enter the club as Great South Bay ARC so we can get credit.

**Swap-N-Shop:** 8:00 PM Wednesday - NCS – KC2HCB  
Nothing new to report.

**Swap-N-Shop:** Weds at 10:15 AM with Jay, N2PIK  
Nothing new to report.

**Weds. 2 Meter Net:** 10:00 AM - NCS - Jay, N2PIK  
Nothing new to report

**Ten Meter Net:** 8:00 PM Tuesday - NCS - Brian, N2NGE  
Nothing new to report.

**NEWSLETTER – COMPASS:** – Bob, K2TV / John, K2IZ  
Send Field Day pictures to Bob, K2TV via email [rwmyers@suffolk.lib.ny.us](mailto:rwmyers@suffolk.lib.ny.us)  
NOTE: Deadline to submit material for the Compass is the Saturday after the Board Meeting.

**REPEATERS:** W2GSB Trustee – Walter, KA2RGI  
146.685: Still waiting for the work crew to go up on the tower, everything is set to go when the weather warms up.

223.860: Cannot be installed as intended due to tower antenna issues. If put online as is, it will damage the finals.

440.850: working

**VE SESSION:** ARRL Liaison & Contact - Walter, KA2RGI  
**Back up ARRL Liaison is needed**

Sunday, June 22, 2008 @ 12 Noon, ,

Next GSBARC sponsored VE sessions

**Websites:** – Walter, KA2RGI  
Back online

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Antenna Committee:** Chairperson –Jon, N2YMQ  
When the weather gets better several projects will be addressed. Contact Jon, N2YMQ via his email: [jon\\_gittens@hotmail.com](mailto:jon_gittens@hotmail.com)

**ARES/RACES:** EC/RO - Walter, KA2RGI  
Meets 3rd Thurs. of the month at EOC.  
TOBARES Net every Monday at 8:15PM

Upcoming Public Service Events:  
July 24, 2008 Great South Bay Swim  
Start time is 6 am  
Location: Gilbert Park , Bright Waters

**Guest Speakers & Programs:**

<u>Mtg.</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
July	K2TV	Logging

If there were any topics you would like to hear about, let Bob, K2TV know.

**Health And Welfare:** – Patti-Lynn Wandell, KC2AUX

Mike, K2SYF is feeling better

John Linn, KC2NGP passed away on Jun15, 2008

**Open House:** – Don, W2EUL, Walter, KA2RGI  
Weekly from 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Sept. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in July.

**Technical Committee:** – Bob, K2TV, Danny, and WB2COO  
Nothing reported.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
Nothing reported.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Hamfest:** Coordinators – Walter, KA2RGI, Jay, N2PIK

**Air Power Museum:**

Coordinators – Bud, WA2QAV; Bob, K2TV; Jay, N2PIK

**Field Day:** Coordinators – Walter, KA2RGI; Don, W2EUL; Adam, KB2TCH

Event Date: June 28-29, 2008

Location: Babylon Town Hall - East Lawn.

Setup @ 7 am

Airtime @ 2pm

John, Don and Bob are reviewing the logs from Field Day

Thanks to all who helped out and operated Pictures of Field Day are needed, send your pictures in an email to Walter, KA2RGI, Bob, K2TV, John, [KC2HCB](#)

**Int'l Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend at Fire**

**Island:** Coordinator – Walter, KA2RGI

3<sup>rd</sup> full weekend in August 0001 UTC Sat to 2359 UTC Sun

Event Date: August 16-17, 2008.

Waiting for permits.

**Club Picnic:** Coordinator – Walter, KA2RGI

Event Date: August 23, 2008 @ 11 AM – 5 PM

Location: Babylon Town Hall - East Lawn.

**Election Committee:** Chairperson is needed

**Meeting closed by** Walter, KA2RGI at 9:40

**Respectfully submitted by, KC2AUX, PattieLynn**

## July Birthdays



**Happy Birthday**

**Barbara KC2JNX**

**John KC2NAT**

**Bud WA2QAV**

**John KA2UJP**

**Bill WA2YMM**

**The Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club's next meeting will be on Thursday, July 31st at 8PM in the Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the Babylon Town Hall 200 East Sunrise Highway, North Lindenhurst, NY. To enter the EOC go around to the rear of Town Hall and go down the stairs between the two wings of the building. Ring the TOP door bell button and you will be "buzzed in". Make a left turn in the hallway and the EOC is located down the hall on the right. Talk-in on 146.685 MHz 110.9 Hz PL.**



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