



# Greater Bridgeport Amateur Radio Club

# GBARC



GBARC's Repeater  
146.445 MHz  
+1 MHz Offset, PL 77

WAIRJI  
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## Holiday Party a Big Success!

Our "All in the Family" GBARC, CERT, and STARS holiday party was held at Old Towne Restaurant on Tuesday December 13, 2011.

This was a sit down dinner, with appetizers, salads, and terrific full course meals. I must add that the quality and quantity of the food this year far surpassed previous years. So did the hot fudge sundaes for dessert!

There were plenty of raffle prizes and bottles of cheer to take home. There were also 50/50 tickets. President Russo again handed out those hilarious GBARC Award certificates. Great Job President Russo KAIJXW.

We'd like to thank everyone who worked on making this party the smash success it was. It was evident

the amount of hard work everyone involved put into this effort. Three Cheers!



GBARC Holiday Party 2009

## 2012 Elections January 3, 2012

The 2012 elections are coming. These elections will be held at our next (January) meeting on Tuesday January 3, 2012. Our meetings are held at the Bridgeport EOC, North Washington Avenue, Bridgeport Ct. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm, as usual.

Come join the fun and vote for your favorite candidates. Nominations were given by the Nominating committee at the last meeting in December. Nominations will also be taken from the floor, immediately prior to elections. Come nominate your favorite

(or least favorite) member. Remember, members nominated for office can only be full members in good standing.

**CLUB DUES ARE NOW DUE.**

## Winter Field Day 2012 January 28-29

GBARC will again participate in Winter Field Day. This year, WFD is Saturday Jan 28 through Sunday Jan 29. We will be setting up at the Public Works building in Trumbull, the same building we used for WFD last year and the same building we used for Summer Field Day last June.

If you are interested in joining the fun, please contact President Russo KAIJXW at our next meeting.

Winter Field Day is sponsored by SPAR, the Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio, and WFD rules can

be found on their web page <http://www.spar-hams.org/index.php>.



*Winter Field Day 2011*

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**Expect the  
NIKGM Repeater  
to have  
phenomenal  
coverage!**

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## 441.700 Repeater Finds a New Home

The 441.700 NIKGN repeater has been down since Hurricane Irene last summer and off the air.

While it incurred extensive equipment damage, the worst was the possibility of not being able to rebuild at the same location.

Well that has been solved. The repeater will be relocated to the top of Bridgeport Hospital. Yep, the same

location that the old 146.895/R was during the 1980's and let me tell you, that is one solid location. Expect coverage to be phenomenal! Yes, it will again be linked to the GBARC 146.445/R and the NIJBS 220 repeater in Rocky Hill, CT.

We are not sure of the timing of this project but keep listening to the GBARC 2 meter repeater for the latest

news. If you would like to assist Kevin NIKGM with the repeater, please contact him or Ed NIKGN at the next GBARC meeting.

## Dayton Anyone?



**Dayton Hamvention® 2012  
May 18-20 2012**

GBARC members are again taking a trip out to the Dayton Hamvention. The 2012 Hamvention will be held on May 18, 19 & 20. We will be leaving Wednesday May 16 and staying in the

same hotel as last year.

At publication time, we are not sure if they're driving or flying. If you would like to go with them, please contact Gary WEIM at [WEIM.Radio@gmail.com](mailto:WEIM.Radio@gmail.com)

If you've never been to the Hamvention, you are missing something special. Every ham owes it to themselves to attend the Hamvention at least once in their life. Further information can be found on their web site

<http://www.hamvention.org/>

## Too Early to Discuss Field Day 2012?

GBARC will again participate in Field Day. This year, FD is Saturday June 23 through Sunday June 24. We will be setting up at the Public Works building in Trumbull, the same building we used for FD last year and the same building we used for Winter Field Day last January.

If you are interested in joining the fun, please contact President Russo KAIJXW at our next meeting.

Field Day is sponsored by the ARRL and FD rules can be found on their web page [www.arrl.org/](http://www.arrl.org/)

We need a FD Chairman, if you'd like to volunteer, please contact President Russo KAIJXW at our next meeting.



*80 Meter Station Field Day 2011*

## Emergency Action

There has been no Emergency Action since hurricane Irene.



*GBARC during hurricane Irene*

## 2012 Dues are Now Due

Your GBARC 2012 dues are now coming due. Dues must be paid by the end of January. All dues are tax deductible, so see our Treasurer, Al WIAHS or President John KAIJXW when you're ready. Don't forget to request a receipt.

We use these dues to cover our liability insurance (which is due in January) and to cover repeater repairs to the

146.445/R WAIRJI GBARC repeater.

What else are the dues used for? Well, during Field Day if the club needs a connector or two for our club antennas, the club will purchase it. Dues are also used for any miscellaneous club expenses during the year. But mainly, dues are used to cover our insurance and the repeater.

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**Field Day 2012,  
it's not that far  
away.**

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## Stratford EOC Gets New Callsign

The Stratford EOC now has a new callsign. WISFD (whiskey I Stratford), and the callsign trustee is Mike Abramowitz KAIEOU. It became apparent during Hurricane Irene, that we needed a way to identify the Stratford EOC when it came on frequency. So the Stratford Emergency Operations Club was formed, consisting of members of the Stratford EOC team. They immediately applied for a Callsign. The computer assigned them a se-

quential callsign which they immediately turned around for a vanity callsign. WSYI assisted in obtaining the vanity club callsign.

So the next time you hear WISFD, know that it's the Stratford Emergency Operations Center, manned by the Stratford Emergency Operations Club members.



*Stratford EOC Station set up at Bunnell High School Shelter during Hurricane Irene*



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## Solar Flux (from ARRL)

Solar activity dropped this week, with the average daily sunspot numbers declining more than 39 points to 94.7. It's been 13 weeks since the average daily sunspot number for the week was that low or lower, when we reported an average of 91.7 in the September 16 edition of the Solar Update. The daily sunspot number has been lower than this week's average, starting December 12 when it was 70, and has since been 77, 65 and 44 through December 15.

No new sunspots emerged on December 9-12, but then sunspot group 1376 appeared on December 13 and 1377 came on December 14. Sunspot numbers for December 8-14 were 142, 116, 90, 103, 70, 77 and 65, with a mean of

94.7. The 10.7 cm flux was 144.8, 143.5, 140, 134.3, 131.5, 133.1 and 132, with a mean of 137. The estimated planetary A indices were 1, 1, 6, 4, 3, 3 and 1, with a mean of 2.7. The estimated mid-latitude A indices were 2, 3, 6, 5, 4, 5 and 2, with a mean of 3.9.

(Thanks ARRL)