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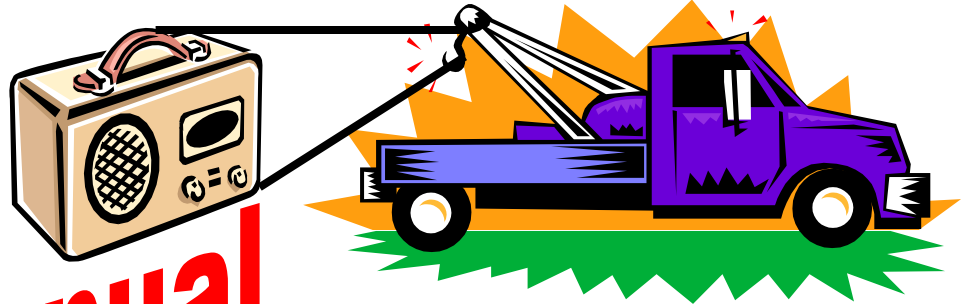
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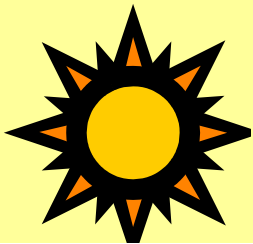
June, 2004

This Month's
HCRA
Meeting
is June 4th, and
Features the



4th Annual Tailgate Party

Also HCRA officer Elections



The HCRA Board of Directors wishes everyone a
safe and enjoyable summer!

We hope to see you at Field Day and hope to hear you "on-the-air"
The next meeting (after June 4th) of the Hampden County Radio
Association will be on September 3rd

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President's



Tail Gate Party 2003

Corner

Tail Gate Party!

Join the fun at HCRA's 4th Annual Event

Here's a chance clear away some of the clutter from your shack and go back home with some cash (or another treasure). Our club is having it's 4th annual tail gate party and it's sure to be even better than the last one. Here's how it works. If you want to sell something amateur or computer related bring it out to the meeting place at 6:30 PM and display it on your tailgate. That's all there is to it. The only cost to you is \$5 for the parking spot. Don't have a pickup truck, not to worry. Use your trunk, a tarp on the ground or bring a table to display your wares. What could be easier?



N1MUV bargain hunting in '03

If you don't have anything to sell but have a 'need' for more stuff in your shack then it's even easier. Just show up at 6:30 and start shopping! Admission is free and you don't even need to be a club member. Bring a friend, you might need some assistance to bring your purchases back home!

We will have at least one commercial vendor here again this year. John Bee from Quicksilver Antennas will be back again with at least five tables of antennas, Anderson Power Poles, and a wide variety of amateur accessories.

Also again this year Erik and Andy from Jx2 productions will be providing background music and announcements. Coffee & donuts will round out the evening.

After sunset we will go into the meeting hall to vote in our slate of officers for the 2004/2005 season. Please see the listing elsewhere in this issue to see who is running. Want to be a member of the board and steer HCRA to a new course? There's still time as many of the incumbents would be happy to welcome someone to take their place. Simply contact any board member and we will get you on the list!

After elections we will be discussing Field Day 2004 preparations and hold our evening raffle. Among the prizes this month are two Field Day 2004 'T' shirts. We also have a limited number of FD 2004 pins but they are going fast. Get yours tonight before they are all gone.

So get your stuff together and bring it out to the party. Vote in your favorite, talk about field day and have fun at the raffle. You won't want to miss this—see you there!

Win and Icom IC-703!

Grand Prize at the November Auction.

Would you like to own a totally cool Icom QRP HF rig? Ten watts, all HF bands and a built in tuner. And for only \$1. Its easy! Tickets go on sale this month for our Grand Auction Prize. Priced at \$1 each or a book of six for only \$5. Tickets are limited and will be going fast so get yours early.



You could win this IC-703!

Thanks everyone!

The close of another great year at HCRA.

As this year comes to a close I am thrilled with our accomplishments over the past 10 months. We are ending the year in a strong financial position but still managed to fund our events throughout the year. We had excellent meetings with interesting speakers, a profitable auction, a fun Show & Tell, a superb holiday party, an excellent technician class and will be closing the year with the Tail Gate party and of course Field Day. It's a tribute to all our members we were able to accomplish so much. It happened because of everyone's desire to do something to make things happen. We are doing a lot because our members each do their part. When each HCRA member participates, even just a little bit, the whole thing just falls into place.

It's exciting to see so many members at our meetings that not only help out with club activities but are active in many aspects of amateur radio. Whether it's DX'ing, APRS, packet, Big-E station, fox hunting, construction - our members do it all. And most of all are willing to share their experiences with everyone else. You are the reason HCRA is growing while the hobby and many other clubs are stagnating. Keep up the good work!

W6IS Steps Down from the HCRA Board

Irv ends eight years of great HCRA service.

After eight years of guiding the HCRA from a club that was in danger of folding to the vibrant organization it has become Irv Slitsky, W6IS is stepping back from the board.

Irv was the guy who raised his hand eight years ago and agreed to step into the presidents position. At that time our club had less than 25 members. The meeting was being held to disband the club and donate the balance of the treasury to the ARRL. There was some discussion about continuing the club, but a leader was needed. Volunteers were asked for and Irv raised his hand. The rest is history.

From that point in time HCRA has continued to grow. Irv served as president for four years and has held other board positions since. Most recently Irv has been Vice President. You've seen Irv host a few of the meetings this year. In addition Irv has been instrumental in finding interesting speakers and has kept a database of club assets.



Irv at FD 2003

Irv's enthusiasm for our hobby and his dedication to HCRA have really made a huge difference to this club. His steady guiding hand and to the point comments at board meetings have kept HCRA growing. I am completely comfortable with stating we would not be where we are today without his guidance.

But there comes a time when we all want to use our time to pursue other interests. I'm sure Irv will spend some of his new found time chasing DX on 80 and 40 meters in his quest for 5 band DXCC as well as do some of those 'household chores' he has been putting off for the last few years.

Please join me in giving Irv a big "Thank You" from HCRA. We would not be having the fun we are today without his dedication and ability over the last eight years!

Field Day—2004

HCRA's last big event of the season.



Come over to beautiful Dufresne Park at the end of June for the time of your life. June 25th, 26th and 27th is ARRL Field Day. If you know what Field Day is and have attended them in the past then you know what I am talking about, if not—read on...

Field Day is not a contest but an operating event. An event where hams get to prove to the general public that our hobby is something more than just chatting with people across the block or around the world. The last full weekend of June is set aside for amateurs to take their equipment out of the shack and set it up "in a field". After setting up equipment, hooking up the generators and putting up the antennas the real fun begins. How many other stations you can contact over the next twenty four hours? What does this prove? It proves our ability to set up a portable amateur radio communications station and provide assistance to our community if the need should ever arise. What kind of need? How about extreme weather events? Or a large forest fire? Industrial or plant fire? Utility grid failure? Any time communications are needed amateurs should be ready to provide the service. By practicing our skills every year at Field Day we will be prepared when we are called upon to do the real thing.

Field Day is a great time to showcase our hobby to the general public. The ARRL has structured the rules so extra points are awarded for setting up in public place, having an information booth and sending out notices about the event to the local media. And it's a fun time for all involved. HCRA has been very active in Field Day the last few years. It's an operating event, picnic and general good time. If you haven't been involved why not give it a try? What have you got to lose? I guarantee it will be fun, you will learn more about your hobby, get to meet new hams and introduce the hobby to the public. The food will be great, it's not a lot of work and we will all have fun. What more can you ask for? HCRA is working hard to provide a base for Field Day, what makes it great is the participation of all involved. To get on board just give Peter or Marty a call about how you would like to participate. That's when the fun begins!

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Next Meeting:
Friday, September 3rd
Have a great Summer
See You at Field Day!!!

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Get On The Air

(all times local)

Mon., Tues, Thur, Fri	19:00	National Traffic Sys (NTS) Net	146.94 (W1TOM)
Sundays	08:45	Western Mass Emergency Net	146.94 (W1TOM)
Mondays	19:30	HCRA 10m Net	28.375
Wednesdays	19:30	MTARA Info net	146.94 and 147.000 (link) (W1TOM)
	20:00	MTARA Swap net	
Thursdays	21:00	Weather Net	2 nd Week of the Month 147.09 (All other weeks 147.000)

Club Meetings & Testing Sessions

1 st Friday of the month	19:30	HCRA Club Meeting	Feeding Hills Congregational Church 21 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills
3 rd Monday of January, April, July, and October		KD1XP License Exams	Amherst Machine Amherst, MA
		Contact Richard, KD1XP, 413-665-2211 or 145.130 Repeater	
		http://www.kd1xp.org	
3 rd Friday of the month	19:30	MTARA Club meeting	Red Cross building 506 Cottage St, SPFLD, MA
		http://www.mtara.org	
4 th Friday of the month	18:00	MTARA License Exams	Holyoke Hospital Auditorium Beech St., Holyoke
		Contact Dave, W1FAB, W1FAB@arrl.net	
4 th Sunday of the month	19:00	NOBARC club meeting	Pittsfield MA (146.91 for talk-in)

W1NY ON THE AIR

Join us each week on the HCRA 10m Net!

Join NCS, Tom Doyle (n1muv), each Monday night at 7:30 PM (local) on 28.375 Mhz (+/- QRM)

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BSA VENTURE CREW 510 - CALENDAR

April 23,24,25 Emergency Preparedness Camporee, Moses Scout Reservation
June 4th HCRA/Crew Meeting
June 5th Webelos Woods Demo / Camp Moses
June 25,26,27 Field Day

Skywarn Training Schedule Update

de Eric, N1QKO

The following is an update on SKYWARN training for year 2004.



Wednesday 06/02/2004 7-10PM Smithfield High School Media Center
Smithfield RI
Monday 06/07/2004 6:30-9:30PM Boston Museum of Science
Boston, Mass.
Thursday 06/17/2004 7-10PM Cape Cod National Seashore
Province Lands Visitor Center, Provincetown, Mass.

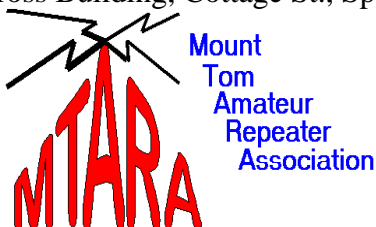
Mt. Tom Amateur Repeater Assn. News

www.mtara.org

Check out our recently updated
Web page!

Info Net, Wednesdays at 7:30 PM local
146.94 (-) or 147.000 (+)

Next Meeting
Friday, June 18th, 7:30
Red Cross Building, Cottage St., Spfld



KD1XP Repeater Group News

53.350 (-) PL 71.9 Amherst, MA
145.130 (-) PL 173.8 Amherst, MA
442.200 (+) PL 162.2 Deerfield, MA (near Greenfield)
443.450 (+) PL 173.8 Leyden, MA (near Greenfield)
443.700 (+) PL 71.9 Belchertown, MA

*The next ham radio testing session will be on Monday,
July 19th at Amherst Machine on Cowls Road in
Amherst, MA. ALL test elements given. Contact
Richard, KD1XP at 665-2211 for details*

*www.kd1xp.org has a great listing of local frequencies for
scanner listening, Check it out and please add to it if you
know a frequency that is not there.*

*Breakfast meetings every first Saturday of the month at
Bickfords in Northampton.
Talk in on the 145.130 repeater.*

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The 2004 Dayton Hamvention

May 13th – May 17th 2004
By Larry Krainson – WB1DBY

We actually started planning our trip the last few days of May 2003. John – N1JIO, Irv – W6IS and myself were returning from the highly rated, but not very good Rochester, NY State Convention.

We talked it up amongst our friends and hoped we could find two more people to join us for the trip. A few months later, Frank – WA1UIL committed. One seat left.

December 2003 arrived and I decided I had waited long enough and started doing a hotel search. I was looking for something within 10 miles of the Hara Arena where the Hamvention is held. I found a hotel 3½ miles from the Arena. It had a decent rating in AAA and a decent nightly price of \$61 per night. I locked it in for a 4-night stay. In the mean time, I had John order 4 tickets in advance. That way we didn't have to spend time in a long line and pay the at the door price of \$25 per ticket.

About 6 weeks before our departure date, Eric – N1QKO decided he was our fourth person. Eric mentioned he had his APRS working and we would run it from the car. Our vehicle was full. We had our group. We spent the next few weeks watching the additions to the Hamvention web page (www.hamvention.org).

Thursday morning May 13th, 6:30am. I left my house and headed to Johns house where I would be meeting the guys. No traffic in Longmeadow or on the South End Bridge and it was a beautiful, sunny day. A good sign. We piled everyone's stuff into the car and activated Eric's APRS station. We left Johns house about 7:15 am. Only 765 miles and 12 plus hours of driving to go.

I did have Jim - KK1W and Dave - AA1YW cell phone numbers to keep in touch with them as they were in another car and left a few hours before us. They had a 4am departure planned. But they were running a few hours behind but still ahead of us.

The trip went easy. Very little traffic. Lots of good conversation and laughs. We didn't even turn on the 2-meter until we were in Ohio. Ironically, as we stopped for gas on the right side of the road we saw Dave's truck pulling out across the street. We caught up and chatted for most of the few hours left on the ride.

By 8:30pm we were checked into the hotel. We found a place for dinner and planned for the first day of the show to leave the hotel at 7:30. We had a decent breakfast, parked and were at the front door of the arena by 9am.

I decided I wanted to start indoors thinking that since it was sunny, the flea market would be busy. My thinking paid off, as it was easy to walk around and see things. I did a quick once thru in about 3 hours.

There are 5 large rooms inside housing some 600+ vendors. All the big manufacturers were there; Yaesu, Kenwood, Icom, Alinco, Cushcraft, MFJ, Steppir, Hygain, AES, HRO, ARRL, CQ. Booth after booth. Lots to see, examine, shmooze over. After a few hours people started streaming indoors as it started to rain. This was my queue to dig out my rain gear and go outside.



Eric had found me and we started at one end of the flea and started walking. This was one enormous flea market. Take the largest at New Hampshire and multiple it several times. The rows seemed endless. One guy was selling home made anemometers made from bicycle computers and a wind gauge. Eric bought one. I was tempted but resisted. Cables, tools, radio covers, old radios, tons of HT's, Military equipment and much more.

After walking for about 1½ hours we found the AA1YW/KK1W booth. They had already sold much of what they had brought. They bought a few things too. Jim – W1EQO and Steve – N1SR were peddling W1EQO's neat miniature battery operated cameras.

We saw a plane ejection seat for sale at only \$1200. Maybe next time. How about windsocks, power poles, batteries, neat stuff? We decide to leave and find a good place to eat. But one of the things we noticed around the area was there were so many fast food places. After some talking with some locals we found ourselves in Beaver Creek about 20 miles outside of Dayton. Lots of places to sit down and eat. We chose a restaurant named Hops (www.hopsonline.com). There's nothing like a great meal and a 23-ounce beer to go with it.

Saturday we returned and I wanted to go much more slowly around the interior of the arena. I found all sorts of little things I didn't know I needed, but bought anyways. Picked up some things on my list. Listened to sales pitches. Saw the new Icom IC-7800 HF rig. It could be mine for only \$10,559. Yaesu was showing (under glass) their new FT-9000dx. The 200-watt model was around \$11,500 and the 400-watt model is only \$13,500. That's a bit pricey for me.

Nearly any manufacturer that you could think of and many more were here. It is the premiere ham radio convention. I spent all day inside, as did many people, as the flea market was a wash due to much rain.

Around 4:30 pm, I found the rest of my crew. They were pretty much overwhelmed by the amount of booths and stuff and decided to leave for dinner. Since we enjoyed ourselves so much, we went back to Hops.

Sunday we were up at our usual time. Had breakfast in the same place and was back at the arena for the final few hours of the show. We took care of the last minute shopping indoors and out. It was finally nice outside. We also kept checking our tickets to see if we won any prizes. Anything that wasn't claimed for prizes was being redrawn at 1pm. We decided to stick around and try our luck. It didn't do any good, as we didn't win anything.

Around 2pm Sunday we headed to the USAF Air Museum. (www.wpafb.af.mil/museum). We spent the next 2½ hours wandering the museum. It is huge and impossible to see everything. I pretty much ran thru the museum looking for displays that I hadn't seen two years earlier. The time still went too fast. We did bump into Dave, Jim, Jim and Steve, which was good as we planned to meet them at the Young's Dairy Restaurant for dinner. (www.youngsdairy.com) Now we could follow them. They gave us a nice scenic tour of the Ohio countryside.

The food was delicious and the meals were large. We also wanted to try dessert and had to leave room. After finally finishing, we decided to go back to Hops for another beer. It was our last night in Ohio and it was enjoyed with good company and good friends. We were leaving Monday.

Monday arrived and it was a perfect day for driving. John was the first driver. Somewhere near the Pennsylvania line we were discussing how unusual it was for cars to come steaming up the left lane and slow way down when they approached us. We couldn't figure out what was going on.

We did have the APRS on again. It was on for the journey down Thursday, then all day Sunday and Monday. Around the time we were leaving Ohio we got a call from a ham named Fritz. He called us on 52 about the blue minivan going around 74-mph. We figured that there was a ham cop warning us about our speed and looked around but couldn't find anyone.

Fritz then mentioned he was relaying for KK1W and watching us on APRS. He warned us to slow down a bit and we did. Jim was about an hour ahead of us. We drove on and stopped for lunch in Dunkirk, NY. After leaving the restaurant, we heard AA1YW on 52. He was nearby in the next town. Still ahead of us. We gassed up and headed home again.

Just passed Syracuse we ran into a long traffic jam. I called Dave on the cell and asked how long the traffic was. After some confusing mile marker chatter, it was determined that they were *behind* us. With our help, they avoided the hour-long delay and bypassed the traffic jam.

In the meantime, Eric gave me the frequency for CB CH 19. We dialed it into the FT-100 and heard lots of chatter. But one thing in particular got our interest. The truckers were telling everyone to "watch for the Massachusetts lawmen in the blue minivan with all the antennas and radios on." We laughed our heads off as they were referring to us. And it finally made sense as to why cars slowed down when they approached our van. They thought we were cops!

We finally caught up to Dave and the gang. They stopped for dinner while we were stuck in the 9-mile long traffic mess. In our car, we were munching on breakfast bars and snacks.

We finally arrived back at Johns house around 11:15pm and I was home by 11:35pm.

It was an awesome trip. We had lots of fun and great company. We're planning on going again for the 2006 Dayton Hamvention. Maybe that year there will be three or four cars from the HCRA?

HCRA 2004/2005 Annual Election

The June meeting is when next year's officers and board members are elected for another term. If you would like to be considered for a position within the HCRA, please notify any board member with your desire. We entertain any and all people for any position, pursuant to the HCRA Constitution.

Here is a list of proposed members desiring election or re-election for the upcoming year:

Position	Nominee
At-Large	Jim Harrington, KB1JVF
Program	Larry Krainson, WB1DBY
Membership	Peter Beauregard, KI1I
Technical	John Stark, N1JIO
ZeroBeat Editor	John Pise, KX1X
Treasurer	Greg Stoddard, N1AEH
Secretary	Dave Isham, KB1MU
Vice President	Marty Bowen, W1MJB
President	Jim Mullen, KK1W

Nominations are open right up until voting time June 4th. Many of the members running for re-election would be happy to vacate or change positions to allow a new face and new ideas to join. It's been said many times, any club is only as good as the desire and activities of its members. The HCRA is growing and exciting for exactly those reasons. If you feel you can help with this growth, let us know and we will get you on the slate.

Thanks and don't forget to attend the June meeting to vote your choice.

Jim, KK1W

Field Day (the W1NY way) 2004

It's just around the corner - June 25th, 26th, and 27th. We will be returning to beautiful Dufresne Park in Granby, MA for our 4th year. Peter KI1I and Marty, W1MJB have volunteered to co-chair the event for 2004. With their guidance and the help of our active HCRA members I'm sure FD 2004 will be a Field Day to remember.

Dufresne park is just a beautiful site, plenty of parking, a playscape and swing area for the kids, fishing and hiking for when you're not operating, a large pavilion and eating area, and indoor modern "facilities". Come for a couple of hours, or stay for the entire 50 hr event. Setup starts at 2:PM on Friday afternoon and breakdown usually is complete by 4:PM on Sunday afternoon.

Andy, KB1FVL, will be handling the food service again this year. Ask anyone that was at last year's Field Day about the fantastic Roast Beef dinner! Andy will have delicious meals for the entire weekend (at a nominal cost).

If you would like to captain a band, help with set-up or take down, take pictures, greet the public, demonstrate some unique modes, sign up now. The more the merrier as they say! Simply drop Peter, Marty or Jim (KK1W) an email and we will get you added to the list. If you simply want to operate or just chit-chat with fellow hams, that's ok, too! We need YOU!

The HCRA has done very well in Field Day the last few years, placing in the top ten nationwide in our class. We've got lots of equipment and radio active members who really have fun in June. Field Day is a great way to operate on bands and modes you might not have at home.

Good Times, Good Conversation, Good Friends, Guaranteed!

HCRA board Meeting

May 20, 2004

Held at the home of Larry WB1DBY

Members present: Jim KK1W, IrvW6IS, Larry WB1DBY, Peter KI1I, Greg N1AEH, Dave KB1MU, John Kx1x, Jim KB1JVF, and Marty W1MJB.

Vice President W6IS: Raffle prizes are all set for the June meeting.

Treasurer N1AEH: The current club balance is \$3629.91 The May Raffle netted \$92.00.

Secretary KB1MU: Membership total at present:

Courtesy	7	Family	17
Life	3	Prospect	6
Regular	98	Venture Crew	7

Program open:

June - Tailgate party, elections. No speaker required

September - OPEN

October: Marc, K1MZ speaking on contesting

November: Annual auction, no speaker required

December: OPEN

Membership W1MJB: No report. Working with Peter KI1I on Field day operations.

ZeroBeat Kx1x: Cutoff date for ZeroBeat submission's for the June edition is May 28.

Technical KI1I: Field day preparations are continuing. The board voted to allow money to be advanced for Field Day Meals. The remainder of fees to Dufrense Park for the use of the park will be paid.

Fred Stefanik N1DPM has offered the club both a ten-meter beam, and a twenty-meter beam for the club to be used at Field Day, etc. Marty W1MJB will contact Fred to pickup these antennas.

Venture Crew: Not present.

Old Business:

The new W1NY QSL cards are still "in Progress". Actual receipt of these cards is unknown at this time.

Marty W1MJB will accept responsibility for disposal of the remaining KC1ZJ equipment, as well as returning the disk drive under warranty.

Due to time constraints, the HCRA will not operate a special event station during the 2004-year.

The board has established the following slate of officers for the upcoming elections.

President:	Jim Mullen KK1W
Vice President:	Marty Bowen W1MJB
Secretary:	Dave Isham KB1MU
Treasurer:	Greg Stoddard N1AEH
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Technical Director	John Stark N1JIO

As always, anyone else who would like to run for an office should contact the board in order to be added to the list. Anyone may also run as a "write-in" at election time.

New Business:

The board voted to take a collection at the June meeting as a memorial to Jim Allen WB1Z. The money collected will be donated to the ARRL Foundation in the name of Jim Allen WB1Z.

The board will also complete the necessary paperwork to get the WB1Z call as an additional club call. Jim's wife has given permission to do this.

The board also voted to either take a collection, or conduct a raffle to raise funds for Mike DeChristopher KB1FWN trip to the Boy Scout National Jamboree during the summer of 2005.

Dave KB1MU has investigated the possibility of use of the Wilbraham Grange Hall. The town of Wilbraham would like to see this building utilized, and is looking for local non-profit organization to operate the hall. The proposal has a number of disadvantages to the HCRA, but Dave will pursue the possibility a little further.

A number of radios were purchased at the Dayton Hamfest. These will be used as raffle prizes during the coming year. The primary prize is an Icom 703 to be raffled at the November Auction.

Respectfully submitted Dave Isham KB1MU

The next
Hampden County Radio Association
Monthly meeting
will be on Friday
June 4th
TAILGATE PARTY
 And HCRA elections

Tailgate Party begins at 6:30 p.m.
Feeding Hills Congregational Church

Hope to see you there!
 In case of inclement weather,
 check: www.hcra.org
 or the 146.94 repeater.
*Meeting cancellation information will be
 given out by 6:00 PM.*

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IRLP is the Internet Radio Linking Project,
 connecting radios over the Internet. With your 2m
 radio, you make contacts all over the world.
 HCRA sponsors an IRLP node, in South Hadley, MA.
 It is there for your use, please give it a try
 (at least turn it on and listen)
 146.46 simplex, 114.8hz PL
 Kx1x, Node #7270,
 S.Hadley, MA



June 25,26,27, 2004
Mark your calendar

**FIELD
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