

# The SKYHOOK

HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



[www.hcarc.us](http://www.hcarc.us)

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Toms River, NJ

## THE SKYHOOK TAKES ON A NEW FACE



After many years of serving as the editor of the SKYHOOK, John Roberts has decided to retire. His professional and dedicated effort provided the entire membership of the Holiday City Amateur Radio Club with up-to-date information on the activities of the organization. John's commitment to excellence in each issue of the SKYHOOK is appreciated and will be missed.

In addition to the web page ([hcarc.us](http://hcarc.us)), the SKYHOOK is the only means of communication available to the members. Without this connection of information, the lifeline of the club is compromised.

As with any volunteer organization, the membership is counted on to provide the necessary tasks for the club to provide a functional environment. We are fortunate to have someone who is willing to "step up" and take the responsibility of becoming the editor of the SKYHOOK. Richard aka "Wolf" Wallace KD2ZIW has volunteered to accept this position, and we are grateful for his concern for the club. We need to support the new editor by providing content Wolf will require for each issue of the SKYHOOK.

The club decided to have a presence on FACEBOOK after a presentation was conducted by Thom Roberts (John Robert's) son. Thom agreed to assist in the formation of this new line of communication. More information will follow.

Our August meeting will ask the members for suggestions for presentations at our monthly meetings. Volunteer to pick a topic and share your knowledge with the group. You do not need to be an expert; people at the meeting will supplement your information. A successful presentation merely involves presenting the facts and letting the members interact.

Doug Poray KC2TZC

## We Say Happy Birthday To:



Larry Loscalzo WA2VLR

John Perry KD2NDY

James Punderson W2QO

Christine Jackson

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

**Thursday August 7th**  
**at 7:00 PM**

**Holiday City South Clubhouse A**  
**Santiago Drive at Mule Road**

## Happy Anniversary To:



James & Sarah Punderson

Stan & Marjorie Stafiej

## Ocean County ARES Training Nets And Meetings

Training Nets are suspended during emergencies, disaster relief efforts, and some holidays.

### TENTATIVE REVISED SCHEDULE FOR JUNE-SEPTEMBER

#### Nets

Wednesdays every month except on meeting days (see "Meetings", below):

Skywarn Net (only on each month's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
7:00 pm instead of 8:00 pm.

Voice Net 7:30 pm instead of 8:30 pm 449.825MHz.

#### Meetings:

7:00 am at Ocean County EOC on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of even-numbered months (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, & Dec).

### Our Volunteer Examiner Crew

Larry [K2QDY](#) (Liaison) 732-349-2950,  
John [KQ4WR](#), Steve [N2WLH](#), Michael [WA2CWX](#),  
Larry, Ed [WB2QWC](#), Wolf, [KD2ZIW](#)

*License exams are given by appointment at 6:45pm on the first Wednesday after each HCARC meeting at Holiday City South Clubhouse Bldg A, which is at the corner of Mule Rd. and Santiago Dr. Call Larry Puccio, [K2QDY](#), at 732-349-2950 for an appointment.*

*Directions: From either Route 37 W or Davenport Road, take Mule Road to Santiago Drive. Clubhouse A is the building nearest the street corne [WA2VLRr](#).*

### Holiday City Amateur Radio Club

Toms River, New Jersey

Web Site [www.hcsrc.us](http://www.hcsrc.us)

President	Doug Poray	<a href="#">KC2TZC</a>	732-928-2316
Vice President	Steve Jackson	<a href="#">N2WLH</a>	732-255-7916
Secretary	John Perry	<a href="#">KD2NDY</a>	732-349-2705
Treasurer	Larry Puccio	<a href="#">K2QDY</a>	732-349-2950
Program Chair	Carl Lee	<a href="#">W2PTZ</a>	732-575-7558
W2HC Trustee	Larry Puccio	<a href="#">K2QDY</a>	732-349-2950
THE SKYHOOK	Richard Wallace	<a href="#">KD2ZIW</a>	732-575-6429

Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required. Dues are \$40.00 per year, payable Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Members joining during the year will have the dues prorated. Family membership \$50.00 per family.

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month except December.

Location: Meeting Room #1 in Holiday City South Clubhouse.

Directions: From either Route 37 W or Davenport Road, take Mule Road to Santiago Drive. Turn into the parking lot from Santiago Drive, park near the pool. Enter Building A (the building nearest the street intersection).

Newsletter: The SKYHOOK is the HCARC's official newsletter, circulation about 75. Original articles and photos are appreciated. Editor is Richard Wallace [kd2ziw@comcast.net](mailto:kd2ziw@comcast.net)

## DVRA Open House And Picnic

by Rich Freedman

The Delaware Valley Radio Association will be hosting our annual Open House and Picnic, with this year also being our 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Come join us for a day of food and fun. On Sunday, August 17th. The event will be held on the grounds of the club station in West Trenton, NJ from 12:00 – 5:00 pm.

Guests are welcome. Bring your family and friends and take a tour of our state-of-the-art amateur radio facility and enjoy a day of activities and fun with fellow amateur radio enthusiasts.

Food and beverages will be provided by the Delaware Valley Radio Association. In the event of inclement weather, the rain-date will be August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Directions

The DVRA club radio shack is immediately adjacent to I-295 Exit 75 at Mercer County Airport in Ewing Township on Route 579 (Bear Tavern Road) in Ewing, NJ. Turn into the short road marked NJ Dept of Transportation.

When using a GPS, enter:

798 Bear Tavern Road, Ewing NJ

## TheSKYHOOK Has a New Editor

by John Roberts KQ4WR

Way back when the Holiday City Amateur Radio Club was just starting, one of its founders, Murray Goldberg, saw the need to remind the members of the meetings and other events. So he started the club newsletter. It was mailed to the members of the club via USPS.

The company that made most microphone stands (Atlas Sound) sold a peculiar gadget consisting of a short chrome plated pipe with the standard 5/8-27 mike thread, attached to a special C-clamp suitable for fastening to shelf or pipe. They called it a SKYHOOK. That seemed like a good name for a ham club's newsletter.

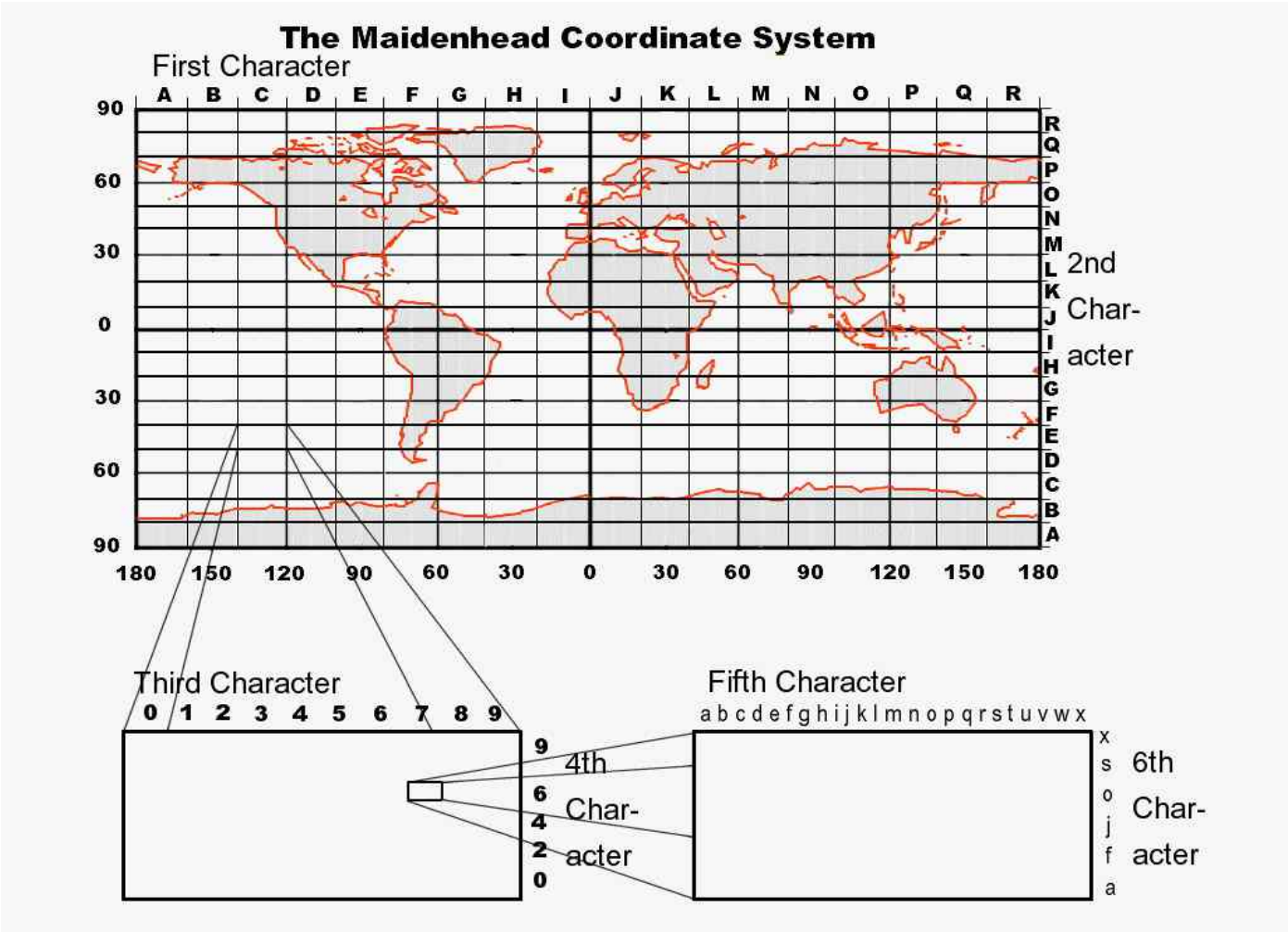
After several years, the editor became Larry Puccio, who realized that many of the members were able to download emails. E-mails cost nothing to send, whereas first class postage can get expensive. So, the USPS mailing was phased out. Many non-members also wanted to be on the e-mail list, and it was no problem to include them.

I noticed that Larry, as our club treasurer and VE leader was overworked, so I suggested that I try being the editor. After trying it out, I got the job.

One thing I noticed was that printing a hard copy used a lot of ink for the SKYHOOK title, which was solid black very large letters. That was easy to fix. Changing the font of the other text from Times New Roman to Calibri also helped.

Wolf Wallace was willing to be our new editor, but needed to take time out for some major surgery, which is why this August issue is a few days late.

LET'S ALL CELEBRATE WOLF WALLACE KD2ZIW,  
[kd2ziw@comcast.net](mailto:kd2ziw@comcast.net) OUR NEW EDITOR.



## Some DX Opportunities

Opportunities shown in alphanumeric order of callsigns.

Mode codes: 3 = PSK31, 4 = JP4, 8 = JT8, C = CW, D = "digital", F = FM, O = Olivia, R = RTTY, S = SSB, T = Image (SSTV)

Many thanks to Bill Feidt NG3K for ADXO. Also to Wikipedia, the ARRL, the RSGB, DX World, The Daily DX & QRZ.com.

START	FINISH	ENTITY	PFX	CALLSIGN	IOTA	BANDS	MODES	QSL via	LOC	MILES	DIR	INFO by
2025 Jul28	2025 Aug01	Rodrigues I	3B9	3B9SP	AF-017	40-6m	C S 8	OQRS DK6SP	MH10rg	9572	ENE	DXW.Net
2025 Aug18	2025 Aug23	Chile	3G	3G1P	SA-100	40-10m	C S	OQRS	FF46rq	5065	S	TDDX
	2025 Dec31	ITU HQ	4U	4U0ITU				4U0ITU	JN36bf	3899	NE	ARLD020
2025 Aug15	2025 Aug17	South Korea	6K	6K2CFI/4	AS-060	160-10m	S C 8	LoTW	PM37nv	6885	NNW	ARLD028
2025 Aug15	2025 Aug17	South Korea	6K	6K2GRX/4	AS-060	160-10m	S C 8	LoTW	PM37nv	6885	NNW	ARLD028
2025 Apr16	2025 Oct13	Japan	JA	8K3EXPO	AS-007	"all"		per opr	PM74qp	6943	NNW	ARLD016
2025 Aug03	2025 Aug18	South Cook Is	E51	E51KEE	OC-013	40-10m	C S	LoTW	BG08ct	6917	WSW	DXW.Net
2025 Aug02	2025 Aug08	Ogasawara	JD	JD1BRC	AS-031	80-10m	C s	JH7CSU	QL17cc	7239	NNW	OPDX
2025 Jul24	2025 Aug02	Svalbard	JW	JW/SP9HGN	EU-026	40-10m	S 8	LoTW	JQ75tf	3561	NNE	DXW.Net
2025 Aug08	2025 Aug22	WAKE I	KH9	KH9/K9HEI	OC-053	80-10m	8 S c	LoTW	RK39hg	6771	WNW	DXW.Net
2025 Aug11	2025 Aug24	Aland Is	OG0	OG0C	EU-002	160-2m	C S 8 4	OH5CW dir	K009cx	4022	NE	OH5CW
2025 Aug23	2025 Aug31	Market Reef	SM	OH0mn	EU-053	80-6m	S C D	OH1MW	JP90mh	3975	NE	DXW.Net
2025 Apr16	2025 Dec31	Czech Republic	OK	OL100IARU		"all"	C S D	LoTW	J070ec	4127	NE	ARLD016
2025 Aug15	2025 Aug18	Greenland	OX	OXX/DL6YYM	NA-134	80-10m	C	DL6YYM	GQ05hg	2483	N	DL6YYM
2025 Aug18	2025 Aug29	Greenland	OX	OXX/DL6YYM	NA-018	80-10m	C	DL6YYM	GQ81pv	2456	NNE	DL6YYM
2025 Aug17	2025 Aug25	Dodecanese	SV5	SV5/N3JWJ	EU-001	80-10m	8	LoTW	KM46ae	5225	NE	OPDX
	2025 Sep08	West Kiribati	T30	T30TTT	OC-017	160-6m	C S 8 4	LoTW	EL83ve	1248	SSW	ARLD025
2025 Aug18	2025 Aug22	Palau	T8	T88GF	OC-009	80-10m		LoTW	PJ77fi	8684	NW	DXW.Net
2025 Jan10	2025 Oct16	Palau	T8	T88SM	OC-009	160-6m	C S D	JA6EGL	PJ77fi	8684	NW	OPDX
2025 Aug18	2025 Aug22	Palau	T8	T88XD	OC-009	80-10m		LoTW	PJ77fi	8684	NW	DXW.Net
2025 Jan10	2025 Oct16	Palau	T8	T88XK	OC-009	160-6m	C S D	JE6KFN	PJ77gl	8674	NW	OPDX
2025 Jul26	2025 Aug09	Iceland	TF	TF/F5TGR	EU-021	40-10m	C 8 S	LoTW	IP63ax	3078	NE	DXW.Net
2025 Aug16	2025 Aug23	Guatemala	TG4	TG4/KT8X		40-6m	C D	LoTW	EK44so	2008	SW	KT8X
2025 Aug08	2025 Aug15	Corsica	TK	TK/OK1XOE	EU-014	80-10m	S 4 8	LoTW	JN42nd	4158	ENE	TDDX
2025 Aug02	2025 Aug10	Mayotte	T03	T03K	AF-027	80-6m	C S 8 4	LoTW	JN18eu	3667	NE	DXW.Net
2025 Aug18	2025 Sep07	Benin	TY	TY2AA		10m	S	LoTW	JJ17bs	5150	E	DXW.Net
	2025 Aug06	Benin	TY	TY5FR		80-10m	C S	LoTW	JJ16fi	5230	E	ARLD028
2025 Jul20	2025 Aug02	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	V47EM	NA-104	80-10m	C S	LoTW	FK87pg	1712	SSE	ARLD028
2025 Aug04	2025 Aug13	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	V47JA	NA-104	160-6m	S 8	LoTW	FK87pg	1712	SSE	W5JON
2025 Apr01	2027 Apr01	Marshall Is	V7	V73HW	OC-028	80-10m	S 8	KX4QD	RJ38ur	7250	WNW	ARLD014
2025 Aug27	2025 Sep13	LORD HOWE I	VK2	VK2/SP9FIH	OC-004	30-10m	S 4 8		QF98ml	9431	W	DXW.Net
2025 Aug08	2025 Aug11	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	VP2V/KD8RTT	NA-023	80-6m		LoTW	FK78qj	1595	SSE	TDDX
2025 Aug08	2025 Aug11	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	VP2V/KK4LWR	NA-023	80-6m		LoTW	FK78qj	1595	SSE	TDDX
2025 Jul12	2025 Aug05	Nicaragua	YN	YN2RP		40-10m	C S D	LoTW	EK71aw	2062	SSW	DXW.Net



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 NA QSO Party (CW)
3 NA QSO Party (CW)	4	5	6	7 HCARC MEETING 7:00 pm see page 3	8	9 MD QSO Party
10	11	12	13 VE Session 6:30pm	14	15	16 NA QSO Party (Phone)
17 NA QSO Party (Ph)	18	19	20 ARES meeting see page 2	21	22	23 HI & OH QSO Parties
24 HI QSO Party	25	26	27 HCARC board Lunch	28	29	30 KS, CO & US Islands QSO
31 KS & Islands QSO Party					Updated on	7/21/2025

### August QSO Parties

Maryland-DC QSO Party 1200Z, Aug 9 to 0400Z, Aug 10,

[Hawaii](#) QSO Party 0400Z, Aug 23 to 0400Z Aug 25

Ohio QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 23 to 0400Z, Aug 25

Colorado QSO Party 1300Z, Aug 30 to 0200Z, Aug 31

[Kansas](#) QSO Party 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 31

### Thank You All

Many thanks to Doug Poray John Roberts QRZ.com,  
and the ARRL.