The SKYHOOK

HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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RADIO ROW



Our President's Message

This is for those of us OM (old men) who remember collecting used radios and electronic parts in a certain section of New York City. More specifically the section was located in lower Manhattan on Cortland and Canal Streets. This abundance of electronic equipment was available from approximately 1921 through 1966. Major firms like City Radio, Arrow Electronics, Avent, and Schweber Electronics were some of the stores located in this area. People would venture there in search of parts and equipment to either repair radios they had at home or add to their existing collection. The stores were plentiful with many establishments locating their wares along the sidewalk in front of their shops. Unfortunately, progress put an end to this area known as Radio Row. In 1966 the area was demolished to make room for the World Trade Center.

Our November meeting will feature a presentation on Radio Row.



We Say Happy birthday To:

Robin Bauer KC2KSW

Doug Poray KC2TZC



And Happy Anniversary to:

Mike & Robin Bauer

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
Thursday November 5th
at 7:00 PM
Holiday City South Clubhouse A
Santiago Drive at Mule Road

How I Got Interested In Amateur Radio

by Steve Jackson N2WLH

In my youth, you could always find me listening to WABC on the AM radio. I would listen to a small 8 transistor radio in my teen years. While I was in high school and not being of age to have my own Citizen Band license, I convinced my father to apply for his license so I could use it as a family member. I filled out all the paperwork, talked my mom into writing a check for what I remember was $5.10 and had my dad sign the form. I was on cloud 9 when the license arrived. Now all I needed was a CB radio.

As I recall, I was a junior in high school taking electronics drafting and working at Fort Monmouth doing drafting part time. When I was a senior, I found out the high school I was attending had a radio club. I searched out the instructor, and inquired about joining the club, because the students were studying to take their Novice class licenses. Talk about a huge letdown when he told me I didn't have the mathematical background to join the club or take the Novice class test.

I met a guy who was studying at Fort Monmouth. I got a CB radio from him. Walking into my home, my father asked what I had in the two bags. I told him it was a CB radio and showed him what was in the bags. He asked how much I paid for it and I told him I paid $5 for it. He looked me in the eyes and said, "I hope you got your monies worth". After taking out all the modifications to the radio, I had it working great.

A year later, found me sitting on the ramp of my C-130 aircraft listening to WLS out of Chicago at night. We had Army security guards patrolling the aircraft. I would turn on the radios in the aircraft and send the audio into the cargo compartment for the guards to hear. That was like being back home at least for a short time.

Many years later found me working for the Naval Air Warfare Center in Trenton, NJ. While there, I stopped by the calibration lab to check on a piece of test equipment. Chatting with the technician there, I noticed he had a study guide for the No-Code Technician class license. We chatted for a bit when he told me about the testing, so I told him I was going to get the book and study too. About a week later I took the exam and passed. So much for the high school teacher who turned me away. I took and passed the Technician, General, Advanced and Extra class exams with the code exams. Ironically I'm now on a team that administers the FCC exams.

So never turn away anyone who asks for help doing anything. He may become one of your next instructors.

Steve Jackson
N2WLH

Cheap UHF Yagi Antennas

Steve Donofrio writes that he found 3 good articles at https://www.n5dux.com/ham/files/pdf/, but we can't include them in SKYHOOK.

Checking the Internet showed that ARRL holds copyrights for all three. One by having been printed in CQ magazine copyright Dec 1998, one by having been printed in Ham Radio magazine copyright July 1989, and the third one printed in AMSAT Proceedings Summer-Autumn copyright 2006. All three are available on the Internet.

Those who are interested in making cheap Yagi shpuld see https://wa5vjbcom/yagi-pdf/cheapyagi.pdf

from the original author of the articles.

A Genius In The Family

Hiram Percy Maxim, the originator of the ARRL, inventor of the gun silencer and automobile muffler, wrote a book about his parents and his early childhood. It was named "A Genius in the Family", and made into a Universal Studios 1946 movie starring Myrna Loy and Don Ameche, titled **"So Goes My Love".** It was rated a 7 on a scale of 10.

He hated being called Percy, which he said sounded feminine. So he named his daughter Percy.

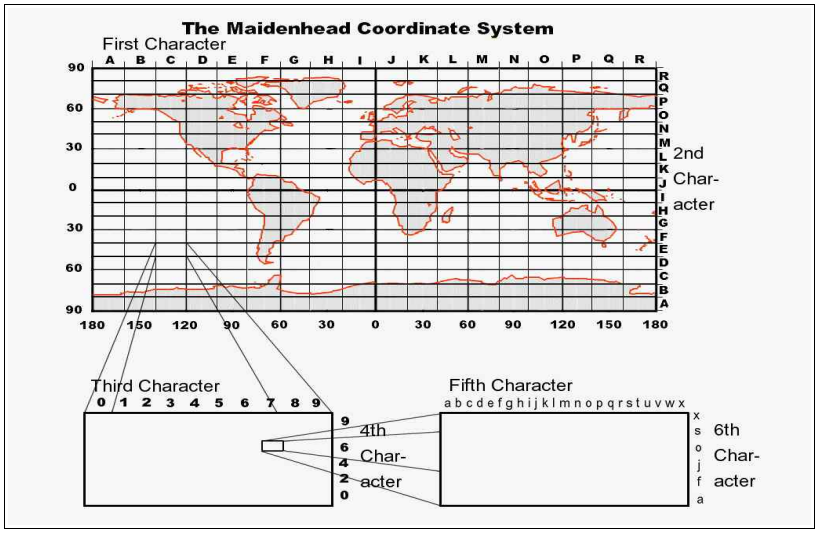
His dad was knighted Sir Hiram Maxim, partly for inventing the British field machine gun, which led to the invention of the automobile muffler.

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 = Pix
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
2026 Nov20	2026 Dec03	Mauritius	3B8	3B8/E70A	AF-049	80-10m		LoTW	LG89sq	9299	E	OPDX
2026 Oct15	2026 Nov02	Eswatini	3D	3DA0GY		80-10m	S	LoTW	KG54oa	7341	ESE	OPDX
2026 Nov10	2026 Nov24	Guinea	3X	3X4U		160-6m	C S 8 R	M0OXO	IK30ln	4233	E	DXW.Net
2026 Oct19	2026 Nov19	Tanzania	5H	5H3MB		80-10m	C	IK2GZU	KI71gc	7605	E	OPDX
2026 Nov08	2026 Dec29	Uganda	5X	5X1Q		160-10m	c 8	LoTW	KJ60gd	7095	E	TDDX DXW
2026 Nov08	2026 Dec29	Uganda	5X	5X7W		160-10m	C S	LoTW	KJ60gd	7095	E	TDDX DXW
2026 Oct28	2026 Nov09	Senegal	6W	6W/I2YSB		160-6m	C S R 8	LoTW	IK14ko	3843	E	I2YSB
2026 Oct28	2026 Nov09	Senegal	6W	6W/IK2HKT		160-6m	C S R 8	LoTW	IK14ko	3843	E	I2YSB
2026 Oct26	2026 Nov25	Lesotho	7P	7P8EA		20-10m	C S	HB9CCS	KG40hl	8133	ESE	OPDX
2026 Oct27	2026 Nov29	Barbados	8P	8P/PZ5TW	NA-021	80-10m		LoTW	GK03eh	2044	SSE	OPDX
2026 Oct31	2026 Nov11	Rwanda	9X	9X5KM		80-10m		LoTW	KI47ts	7050	E	OPDX
2026 Nov28	2026 Dec04	Tonga	A3	A35TV	OC-049	160-6m	8 C S	OQRS	AC28jt	8932	SW	TDDX
2026 Oct01	2026 Nov04	Gambia	C5	C5R		80-10m	S	YU5R sae	IK13pk	3916	E	OPDX
2026 Nov09	2026 Nov20	Mozambique	C8	C8K		160-6m	S C R D	LoTW	KC65ji	9160	SE	TDDX
2026 Nov13	2026 Nov20	Cape Verde Is	D44	D44JB	HK85dc	AF-086	S 8	LoTW	HK77le	3321	ESE	OPDX
2026 Nov04	2026 Nov11	Cape Verde Is	D44	D44PX	AF-005	60-6m	S 8 4	LoTW	HK86mc	3476	ESE	OPDX
2026 Nov14	2026 Nov22	NORTH COOK IS	E5/N	E51A	YT5A	80-10m	C S 8	YT5A	AH99mn	6508	W	LoTW
2026 Oct21	2026 Nov16	NORTH COOK IS	E5/N	E51MWA	OC-014	80-10m		LoTW	AH99mn	6508	W	DXW.Net
2026 Nov13	2026 Nov15	Ceuta & Melilla	EG9	EG9MM		80-10m	S D	LoTW	IM85mh	3808	ENE	OPDX
2026 Nov30	2026 Dec09	St Martin	FS	FS/DL1MGB	NA-105	160-10m	C	LoTW	FK88lb	1654	SSE	DXW.Net
2026 Oct31	2026 Nov14	Wallis & Futuna	FW3	FW3GT	OC-118	40-10m	C 8	M0OXO	AH05wr	7577	W	DXW.Net
2026 Oct03	2026 Nov20	SOLOMON IS.	H4	H44MS	OC-047	80-10m	8 s	LoTW	RI00lx	8443	WNW	OPDX
2026 Nov15	2026 Nov22	Ecuador	HC	HD4W	SA-056	40-6m	S C 8	OQRS	FJ00ex	2714	S	OPDX
2026 Nov23	*2027 March*	Honduras	HR5	HR5/F2JD		80-10m	"all"	LoTW	EK54kt	1956	SSW	TDDX
2026 Oct31	2026 Nov06	Grenada	J3	J3/N3GB	NA-024	40-6m	C S 8	LoTW OQRS	FK82ub	2061	SSE	TDDX
2026 Oct17	2026 Nov02	Ogasawara	JD1	JD1BQP	AS-031	160-6m	?	LoTW	QL17cb	7247	NNW	TDDX
2026 Oct25	2026 Nov04	Ogasawara	JD1	7M1KJW/JD1	As-031	40-6m	D8	LoTW	QL17cb	7247	NNW	TDDX
2026 Nov23	2026 Nov30	Sint Maartin	PJ	PJ7WW	NA-105	160-10m	C	LoTW	FK88lb	1654	SSE	DXW.Net
2026 Nov23	2026 Dec01	Surinam	PZ	PZ5KW			8 S	PE1K	GJ25pc	2698	SSE	DXW.Net
2026 Oct22	2026 Dec02	Mali	TZ	TZ4AM		80-6m	C S	LoTW	IK52xo	4406	E	425DXN
2026 Oct30	2026 Nov06	Antigua	V2	V26JJ	NA-100	80-10m	C S 8	LoTW	FK97cc	1746	SSE	DXW.Net
2026 Oct28	2026 Nov06	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	V47JA	NA-104	160-6m	S 8	LoTW	FK87pg	1713	SSE	W5JON
2025 April	*2027 April*	Marshall Is	V7	V73HW	OC-028	80-10m	S 8	KX4QD	RJ39re	7244	WNW	ARLD
2026 Nov20	2026 Nov27	COCOS(KEELING) I	VK9C	VK9DS	OC-003	80-6m	S C 8		NH87kv	10438	NNE	DXW.Net
2026 Nov28	2026 Dec04	CHRISTMAS I	VK9X	VK9DS	OC-002	80-6m	S C 8		OH24tm	10400	N	DXW.Net
2026 Nov16	2026 Dec04	CHRISTMAS I	VK9X	VK9XY	OC-002	160-6m	C	M0OXO	OH24tm	10400	N	DXW.Net
2026 Nov03	2026 Nov16	Montserrat	VP2M	VP2MCV	NA-103	80-10m		LoTW	FK86vq	1763	SSE	TDDX
2026 Oct27	2026 Nov29	Br Virgin Is	VP2V	VP2V/NY9K	NA-023	40-10m		LoTW	FK78rk	1595	SSE	OPDX
2026 Oct30	2026 Nov05	Vanuatu	YJ0	YJ0SP	0C-037	40-10M		VK2SP	RH42df	8442	W	DXW.Net
2026 Nov22	2026 Dec05	St Helena	ZD7	ZD7VJ	AF-022	80-10m	C S 8	LoTW	IH74da	5850	ESE	DXW.Net
2026 Nov22	2026 Dec05	St Helena	ZD7	ZD7WP	AF-022	80-10m	C S 8	LoTW	IH74db	5848	ESE	DXW.Net

*Some LOC data shown is approximated



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 DST Ends	2	3 **Election Day**	4	5 **HCARC MEETING 7:00pm**	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 **Thanksgiving Day**	27	28 **CQWW CW Contest**
29	30					
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Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required. Dues are $40.00 per year, payable Jan 1st. 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 90. Original articles and photos are appreciated. Editor is John Roberts KQ4WR 732-350-1162.