

The SKYHOOK

HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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JANUARY 2014

Toms River, NJ

Program for Our Next Meeting



For the Jan 14 meeting I want to lead a discussion on how the club members keep up with what is going on in ham radio.

There are many different ways, such as magazines, web sites etc.

Please come to the meeting prepared to discuss how you do it.

73,

Carl W2PTZ

For Your Calendar

January 1 Straight Key Night (and day)

January 2 HCARC Meeting 7pm

January 6 Lunch Get-together at HC Diner (noon)

January 8 License Exams 7pm

January 15 Amsterdam Island FT5ZM Expedition begins

January 20 Lunch Get-together at HC Diner (noon)

January 29 Board meeting 10am

January 31 Chinese New Year

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday to:

Murray Goldberg KD2IN

Ed Picciuti W1EAP

Barbara Keay

Jane Lee



Amsterdam Island Expedition

Callsign: FT5ZM

Expedition Leader: KOIR

Dates: January 15 to February 20, 2014

Where: Amsterdam Island is in the middle of the Indian Ocean at S37.77 E077.55, in grid MF82sf, which is 10930mi East of our meeting place.

Web page: www.ft5zm.org

See column in November Skyhook, page 4. Back issues of Skyhook are available on our www.hcarc.us website.

Our Holiday Party

A quick survey of the guests at our holiday party indicated that it was enjoyed by all. Check out the photos on the next two pages. We want to give a special "thank you" to Grace Puccio for again organizing the food, and to all the others who provided food to make this party a success.

On page 2 the people in the photos are, left-to-right:

1: Carl LeFavre, Norm Smith, Murray Goldberg, Stan Stefiej, Warren Keay, Doug Poray, Rich Novanglosky, Tom Chicino, Mike Grabor. 2: Barbara Keay, Jeanne Poray, Delores Smith. 4: Jeanne Poray, Barbara Keay (back to camera), Shirley Goldberg, Marjorie Stefiej, Jane Lee, Jessica Kaciuba, Grace Puccio. 5: Tom Chicino, Doug Poray, Rich Novanglosky, Joe Cuff. 6: Norm Smith, John Roberts, Murray Goldberg, Stan Stefiej.

The people in the photos on page 3 are, left-to-right:

1: Joe Cuff. 2: John Roberts, Stan Stefiej, Larry Puccio, Tom Chicino, Mike Graber. 3: Stan Stefiej, Tom Chicino, Norm Smith, Rich Novanglosky, Doug Poray, Joe Cuff, Warren Keay. 4: Carl Lee (standing), Ira Dechowitz (seated near Carl's left elbow).

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday January 2 at 7:00 PM

**Bldg A, Meeting Rm. #1
Holiday City South Clubhouse
Santiago Drive at Mule Road
Toms River, NJ**





Internet and e-Mail Address Links

Internet addresses and most call signs in The SKYHOOK are now hyperlinks to web sites or email addresses. If clicking on the link does not bring up what you want, copy the address and paste it into your search box.

Our VE Crew

Murray [KD2IN](#), John [K2JWH](#), Ed [W1EAP](#), Larry [K2QDY](#),
John [KQ4WR](#), Stan [KB2PD](#), Steve [N2WLH](#), Kevin [W2FA](#)
Walter [KC2LFD](#), Paul [N2QXB](#), Larry [WA2VLR](#).

License exams are given on the second Wednesday of each month at Holiday City South Clubhouse, Bldg A, which is at the corner of Mule Rd. and Santiago Dr.

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

CLUB COMMITTEES

Refreshments: Ed Baranowski

Webmaster: Steve [N2WLH](#), Carl [W2PTZ](#)

Publicity: Ed [W1EAP](#)

Programs: Lawrence [WA2VLR](#)

Sunshine: Dave [WA2DJN](#)

Field Day: Larry [K2QDY](#)

VE Sessions: Larry [K2QDY](#) 732-349-2950 & the crew

Skyhook: John Roberts [KQ4WR](#) 732-350-1162

Fund Raising: vacant

Membership: Doug Poray [KC2TZC](#)

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Toms River, New Jersey

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Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required. Dues are \$20.00 per year, payable Jan 1st. Members joining during the year will have the dues prorated. Family membership \$30.00 per family.

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

Location: Meeting Room #1 in the 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 and park near the pool. Enter the building nearest the intersection.

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How's DX?

Russ Young WA2VQV

worked:



GM100RSGB	2013-11-15	14:55:00Z	12m	CW	Scotland	IO85
UW7LL	2013-11-15	15:00:00Z	12m	SSB	Ukraine	KN59
UU2JQ	2013-11-15	15:02:00Z	12m	SSB	Ukraine	KN59
XR0ZR	2013-11-15	19:47:00Z	12m	RTTY	Juan Fernandez I	FF06
XR0ZR	2013-11-17	01:24:00Z	17m	SSB	Juan Fernandez I	FF06
XR0ZR	2013-11-18	13:37:00Z	10m	SSB	Juan Fernandez I	FF06
J88HL	2013-11-20	22:01:00Z	20m	CW	Saint Vincent Is	FK98
3DA0ET	2013-11-25	20:48:00Z	17m	CW	Swaziland	KG53
3DA0ET	2013-11-26	19:13:00Z	17m	RTTY	Swaziland	KG53
TU5NK	2013-11-28	15:06:00Z	12m	SSB	Ivory Coast	IJ76
TU5XV	2013-11-28	16:44:00Z	17m	CW	Ivory Coast	IJ76
EV1R	2013-12-04	12:48:00Z	20m	CW	Belarus	KO33
CE2AWW	2013-12-09	21:13:00Z	12m	CW	Chile	FF47

Contests For 2-meter Stations

You don't need much of an antenna, or a lot of power, to be in a contest.

Yes, there are contests you can enter with a fairly modest 6-meter or 2-meter station. Of course, repeater-assisted contacts don't count, but don't give up hope. You'll need more than an HT, though. Check out these contests:

Jan 1: ARRL Straight Key Night. (CW only)

Jan 18-20: ARRL VHF Contest (FM, SSB, or CW)

www.arrl.org

Jan 25-26: Winter Field Day (FM, SSB, CW, Digital)

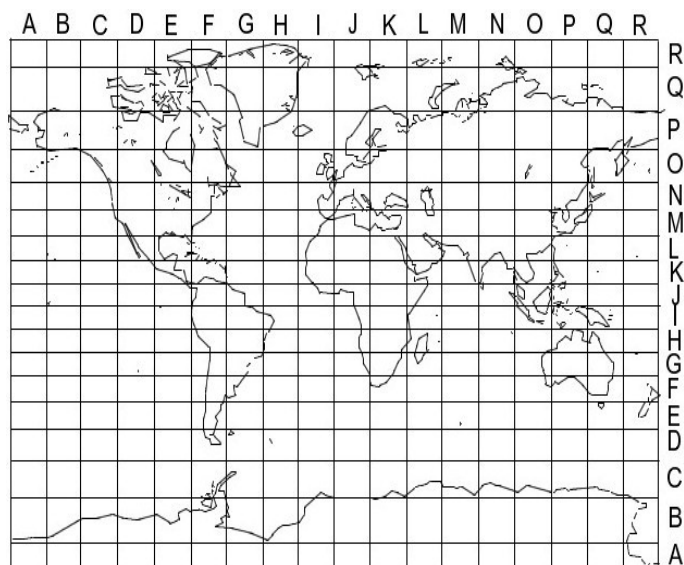
www.spar-hams.org

Jan 26-27: Classic Exchange (CW only)

www.classicexchange.org

Some January Dxpeditions:

Dates	Entity	Call	C	IOTA	ITU	CQ	Bands	Modes	QSL via	Grid	Dir
Jan03-Jan21	Senegal	6W7SK	AF		46	35	160-10m		LoTW	IK14	E
Jan01-Jan31	Bahamas	C6A /9H5G	NA-001		11	08	160-10m SSB&Dig		LoTW or NI5DX	FL15	SSE
Jan21-Jan27	South Cook Is	E51CDW	OC-013		62	32	HF		BA4DW	BG00	WSW
Nov26-Jan07	Canary Is	EA8	AF-004		36	33			Home Call	IL27	E
Jan17-Jan18	Guadeloupe	FG/SP3IPB	NA-102		11	08			SP3IPB	FK96	SSE
Jan17-Jan18	Guadeloupe	FG/SP7VC	NA-102		11	08			SP7VC	FK96	SSE
Jan17-Jan18	Guadeloupe	FG/SQ7OYL	NA-102		11	08			SQ7OYL	FK96	SSE
Jan11-Jan12	Martinique	FM/SP3IPB	NA-107		11	08			SP3IPB	FK94	SSE
Jan11-Jan12	Martinique	FM/SP7VC	NA-107		11	08			SP7VC	FK94	SSE
Jan11-Jan12	Martinique	FM/SQ7OYL	NA-107		11	08			SQ7OYL	FK94	SSE
Jan24-Feb12	AMSTERDAM I	FT5ZM	AF-002		68	39			N2OO	MF82	E
Dec21-Jan10	Temotu	H40FN	OC-100		51	32			DK9FN	QI90	WNW
Jan15-Jan16	Dominica	J79PB	NA-101		11	08			Home Call	FK85	SSE
Jan23-Jan29	Dominica	J79PB	NA-101		11	08			Home Call	FK85	SSE
Jan15-Jan16	Dominica	J79VC	NA-101		11	08			Home Call	FK85	SSE
Jan23-Jan29	Dominica	J79VC	NA-101		11	08			Home Call	FK85	SSE
Dec15-Jan15	Seychelles	S79ACR	AF-024		53	39			UA3DJY	LI55	E
Jan13-Jan19	Martinique	TO3JA (?)	NA-107		11	08			EB7DX	FK94	SSE
Jan21-Feb21	StKitts&Nevis	V47AJ	NA-104		11	08	160-10m RTTY		N3ME	FK87	SSE
Dec14-Jan18	Namibia	V5	AF		57	38	10m SSB		DJ2HD	JG87	E
Dec24-Jan08	Namibia	V5	AF		57	38			DL3DXX	JG87	E
Dec31-Jan06	Namibia	V5	AF		57	38			DH3WO	JG87	E
Jan02-Jan18	Namibia	V5/DJ2BQ	AF		57	38			DJ2BQ	JG78	E
Jan02-Jan18	Namibia	V5/DL9NDS	AF		57	38			DL9NDS	JG78	E
Jan18-Jan22	Montserrat	VP2MPG	NA-103		11	08			Home Call	FK86	SSE
Jan18-Jan22	Montserrat	VP2MTK	NA-103		11	08			Home Call	FK86	SSE
Jan26-Feb28	Burkina Faso	XT2AW	AF		46	35	CW SSB		M0OXO	IK92	E
Jan09-Jan14	Cambodia	XU7AEU	AS		49	26	HF SSB		M6CFW	OK21	N
Jan11-Jan19	Cayman Is	ZF2PG	NA-016		11	08	17m12m10m		LoTW or K8PGJ	EK99	SSW
Dec13-Jan10	SouthAfrica	ZS9MADIBA	AF		57	38			SARL	KG43	ESE



Distance (miles) and Direction from Holiday City Clubhouse to Centers of 2-character Grid Areas

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
3506	3386	3273	3183	3127	3114	3146	3218	3319	3437	3555	3661	3743	3792	3803	3776	3712	3619
3670	3317	2968	2669	2473	2426	2540	2787	3113	3469	3811	4107	4330	4463	4493	4419	4246	3989
3916	3357	2775	2235	1841	1739	1981	2454	3021	3600	4136	4592	4934	5137	5183	5069	4804	4411
4229	3500	2718	1936	1267	1058	1523	2263	3054	3818	4513	5102	5547	5812	5873	5723	5378	4867
4592	3734	2807	1840	874	410	1279	2253	3207	4108	4927	5628	6164	6488	6563	6379	5959	5348
4991	4042	3028	1977	928	414	1368	2426	3464	4454	5367	6161	6781	7164	7253	7035	6543	5842
5416	4406	3354	2306	1379	1063	1741	2746	3803	4842	5822	6695	7395	7838	7943	7687	7124	6341
5856	4811	3756	2758	1970	1744	2261	3168	4202	5259	6283	7223	8001	8509	8632	8335	7696	6839
6302	5245	4212	3283	2608	2431	2849	3657	4643	5694	6744	7737	8592	9176	9322	8972	8253	7327
6747	5697	4704	3849	3265	3119	3469	4188	5114	6139	7196	8229	9158	9833	10010	9592	8784	7797
7182	6157	5218	4440	3931	3808	4106	4744	5602	6585	7630	8684	9682	10471	10697	10179	9272	8239
7599	6619	5746	5046	4603	4498	4753	5317	6100	7025	8035	9087	10135	11062	11378	10699	9695	8638
7986	7074	6280	5659	5277	5188	5406	5897	6599	7449	8399	9413	10463	11513	12027	11072	10015	8977
8333	7513	6813	6277	5953	5878	6062	6481	7093	7849	8707	9634	10601	11567	12031	11162	10187	9234
8623	7928	7339	6894	6629	6568	6717	7063	7573	8212	8941	9722	10505	11173	11383	10918	10177	9387
8841	8305	7849	7507	7304	7258	7372	7636	8030	8524	9084	9666	10206	10599	10702	10459	9987	9420
8972	8630	8334	8110	7978	7948	8022	8195	8452	8771	9123	9472	9772	9968	10015	9901	9654	9327
9004	8885	8779	8698	8649	8637	8665	8729	8822	8935	9055	9167	9258	9314	9327	9295	9223	9121

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Ocean County ARES® News

I would like to thank everyone who attended the ARES Annual Holiday Party and especially those who contributed to the event. Keith and Barbara made several dishes and Diane and Pete from county supplied all the beverages. Several others dropped off some goodies for all to enjoy.



Photo by KC2ODR/KC2ODS

The ARCC has granted Ocean County ARES a Construction Coordination approval for a 2 meter repeater in Manchester on the output frequency of 145.170 MHz and utilizing the callsign WA2RES. This has been a two year battle and after being on a waiting list for over a year, we are finally approved. Next phase – submit completion of construction to ARCC and wait for a final coordination document. Additionally, a request for a D-Star 70 cm coordination at Harvey Cedars under the WA2RES callsign will be submitted in the first quarter of 2014.

Ocean County ARES is now on Facebook. If you search on “Ocean County ARES” you will find us. ARRL items of interest are added almost daily along with other Ocean County Emcomm items of interest. Check us out.

The Ocean County ARES web page under the WA2RES.com domain is being revised and is anticipated to be released in February 2014. The current web page was put together many years ago using simple AOL software and is very outdated. The new page is being prepared under Microsoft Expression Web 4 software and will utilize HTML, CSS and Java Script.

I would like to congratulate Ocean County ARES newest member, Glen – KD2FFR, who was able to make the Holiday Party and treated us to deviled duck eggs! Glen just recently was awarded his Technician License, but has already completed his two FEMA courses for ARES participation in emergencies.

Because of the holidays, there will be no Ocean County ARES net on December 25 or January 1. The next ARES training net will be January 8th, 2014 at 8:30 PM on 145.170 MHz, WA2RES/R with a PL of 131.8

Wishing everyone the best in the New Year!

73 de WX2NJ

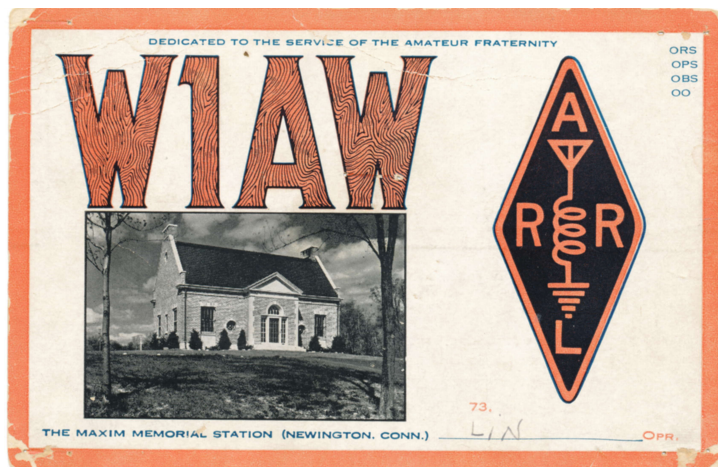
Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

Holiday Schedule for 2014

Date	Holiday	Month	Day	Week	Day	+
January 01	New Years Day	Jan	1			
January 20	ML King Day	Jan		3rd	Mon	
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday	Feb	12			
February 14	Valentine Day	Feb	14			
February 17	Presidents Day	Feb		3rd	Mon	
February 22	Washington's Birthday	Feb	22			
March 05	Ash Wednesday	Eas	-45			
March 09	DST Begins	Mar		2nd	Sun	
March 17	St. Patrick Day	Mar	17			
April 15	Passover	Nis	15			
April 20	Easter Sunday	Eas	1			
May 03	KY Derby Day	May		1st	Sat	
May 11	Mothers Day	May		2nd	Sun	
May 26	Memorial Day	May		4th	Fri	+ 3 days
May 29	Ascension Day	Eas	40			
June 03	NJ Primary Election	Jun		1st	Mon	+ 1 day
June 14	Flag Day	Jun	14			
June 15	Fathers Day	Jun		3rd	Sun	
June 27	ARRL Field Day	Jun		4th	Fri	
July 04	Independence Day	Jul	4			
September 01	Labor Day	Sep		1st	Mon	
September 11	Patriots Day	Sep	11			
September 25	Rosh Hashanah	Tis	1			
October 04	Yom Kippur	Tis	10			
October 13	Columbus Day	Oct		2nd	Mon	
October 31	Halloween	Oct	31			
November 01	All Saints Day	Nov	1			
November 02	DST Ends	Nov		1st	Sun	
November 04	Election Day	Nov		1st	Mon	+ 1 day
November 11	Veterans Day	Nov	11			
November 27	Thanksgiving Day	Nov		4th	Thu	
December 07	Pearl Harbor Day	Dec	7			
December 17	Hanukkah	Kis	25			
December 25	Christmas	Dec	25			

North Jersey Dx Association



A QSL card from 1951

After a contact has been made, hams often send a QSL card to the other station to confirm the contact. The QSL card contains

information pertinent to the contact which includes the call letters of the station contacted, the date and time of the contact, the signal report, the frequency used and whether the transmission was CW, SSB, RTTY, VIDEO etc. Of course the front of the card contains the station that is sending the card. There is also a place for a friendly comment. QSL cards are used to provide verification of contacts made with different states, countries and the various world zones. With these cards, one can apply for awards such as Worked all States, and DXCC (worked 100 Countries).

If you are a subscriber to the North Jersey DX Association you will receive the QSL cards that come in from foreign countries. To become a subscriber you can send as little as \$10.00 to the DX association with your call letters and address where to send the cards. The NJDXA web site will provide detailed information. See www.njdx.org.

Rarely will a DX station send a QSL card directly to another station, as the postage costs are high.

If you would like to return a QSL card or send cards to those stations you have contacted you can send them using the US Postal system, however, that is an expensive method. If you belong to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), you can send cards to them and they will sort and bundle the cards according to country, and send cards to the foreign incoming DX Bureaus.

The requirements are as follows:

- You must be a member of the ARRL
- Include a copy of your QST mailing label
- The cards must be presorted alphabetically by country prefix. Countries with numerical prefixes will be filed last.
- Less than 10 cards in an envelope cost \$2.00, and 11 through 20 cards cost \$3.00. There is also a bulk rate. A personal check or money order is to be used and your call sign is to be included on the check or money order.
- Mail the cards to:
 - ARRL Outgoing QSL Service
 - 225 Main Street
 - Newington CT. 06111

More information can be found at www.arrl.org.