



The SKYHOOK

HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



www.hcarc.us

October 2015

Toms River, NJ

Club Elections At October 1 Meeting

The October 1 meeting will feature the year's final nominations for HCARC Officers, and election of officers.

And while the weather's nice, we're also planning an interactive technical discussion on simple antennas and transmission lines.

Don't Miss Our Oct. 14 Buffet Luncheon



Here's a chance to take your wife out for a meal, and for her to meet the other XYLs. By popular demand, we'll be back at the Fusion Buffet again at noon on October 14. Cost is only \$10 each. That includes a tip and a little left over for the club treasury. It's in the Indian Head Mall (with a Home Depot) at the corner of Route 571 and Route 9, near the Garden State Parkway.

Ladies present will participate in a drawing for two items of costume jewelry hand-crafted by Murray and Shirley Goldberg. Shirley chooses the design details, and Murray does the basic setup and finishing of the necklaces, earrings and bracelets they make.

Meet St. Maximilian Kolbe, SP3RN (sk)

Did you know that the local Catholic Church is named after SP3RN, the Patron Saint of Amateur Radio? Look up SP3RN at www.qrz.com for more detail.

He was a Polish priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, SP3RN. During the German occupation of Poland, he was arrested for espionage because he had a ham radio transmitter. He volunteered to change places with a man who was about to be executed, so he died as a martyr.

Turn right at the SW end of Mule Road onto St. Maximilian Lane. The Rectory is less than a mile WSW of our regular meeting place.

Happy Birthday To:

Ray Lauterbach KC2GKN

Harriet Lefevre

Larry Puccio K2QDY

Charlotte Militano

Bill Rafalski

Bob Wilson KA2WPL



Happy Anniversary To:

Lawrence & Janice Loscalzo

Joe & Charlotte Militano



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"Ameritron AL-811A 600W amplifier Asking. \$400."



"MFJ 4245 MV 75Amp Hash-filtered Switching Power Supply. Asking \$70."



Contact: Joe Militano at:

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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday Oct 1 at 7:00 PM

Bldg A, Meeting Rm. #1

Holiday City South Clubhouse

Santiago Drive at Mule Road

Toms River, NJ

Ocean County



ARES® News

October, 2015

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES will be on October 21st, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Ocean County EOC, Robert J. Miller Airpark, Berkeley Township. Refreshments will be provided. A review will be conducted of the 9/20/15 communications event of the 2015 Bike to Build.

The Harvey Cedars 70 cm D-Star repeater is in operation. The Internet Gateway computer is still being setup, so right now the machine is a stand-alone D-Star repeater. The coordinated 70 cm pair still has not been issued by ARCC, but in the interim, a pair which was coordinated for the Toms River area and has not been used for over 10 years is being used. The output frequency is 449.825 MHz, input 444.825 MHz and R1 is WA2RES B. When the Gateway computer programming and setup is completed, the system will become part of the Southern Counties Emergency Repeater Network (SCERN). More information is available about SCERN at

www.ares-snj.org

Thanks to the following operators for the time they dedicated to get the repeater installed on 9/11/15 as a tribute to Patriots Day:

Pete-K2PSG, Tom-N2XW, Keith-KC2OON and Jim-W2YG.



2015 B2B Net Control, Keith – KC2OON
Photo by WX2NJ

On Sunday, September 20th, Ocean County ARES provided communications support for the 2015 Bike to Build (B2B) fundraising event to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The event consisted of three bicycle tour routes through Ocean County, with the longest being 32 miles through Beechwood, Pine Beach, Ocean Gate, Berkeley, Lacey and South Toms River. Net Control was Keith – KC2OON, Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Ocean County ARES. The 145.170 MHz, WA2RES repeater was used for voice communications and 144.390 MHz Simplex was used for APRS tracking of the 32 mile route sweep, WX2NJ-7 Bicycle Mobile. Net Control monitored a laptop computer to determine

the position of the sweep during the event to minimize the need for frequent voice updates by a bicycle mobile. Two SAG vehicles were used on the routes with Glen – KD2FFR in one and George – KC2MTF in the other. Operators were positioned across the route as follows:

Pine Beach, Rob – KC2ODS and Melissa – KC2ODR

Berkeley Island, Pete – K3PMC

Bamber, Tom – WB2ALJ

Double Trouble, John – N2LD

The event started at approximately 9:00 AM and ended shortly after Noon.

Unfortunately, around 10:30 AM, a cyclist traveling West on Lacey Road near Bamber, dropped a water bottle off his bike, went to recover the bottle and veered into traffic in the Westbound lane and was ejected from his bicycle. Cyclists at the scene called 911, but there was a no show of emergency personnel. After 15 minutes of waiting, one of the event organizers notified Net Control of the issue and KC2OON jumped into action and called the Lacey Township Police directly. I counted eight police cars and two ambulances on scene. The cyclist was evacuated via helicopter to Jersey Shore Medical Center after undergoing CPR at the scene.

I would like to express my thanks to all operators for a very professional job in handling this incident. Our prayers are with the injured cyclist and may he make a full recovery.

Amateur Radio really impressed the event organizers!



2015 B2B 32 Mile Sweep, WX2NJ Bicycle Mobile
Photo by KC2ODS

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

Members Corner: John Hann K2JWH



by Doug Poray, KC2TZC

This month's Members Corner features John Hann K2JWH. John was attracted to the mystery of radio at an early age. In his youth he made "imaginary" radio contacts using a D cell connected to a pair of headphones. His 1950 yearbook notes his hobby as "radio".

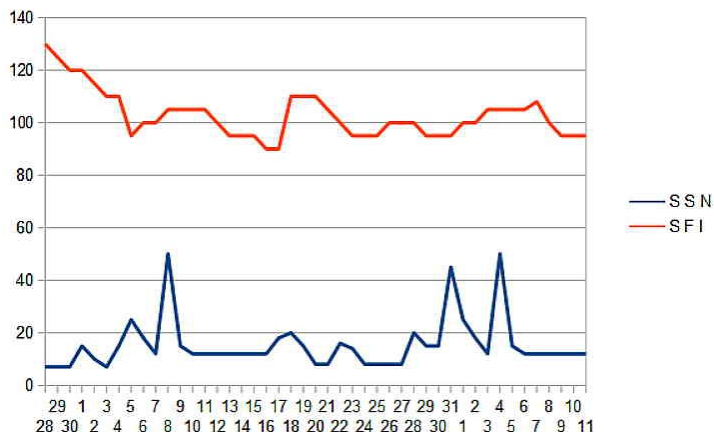
Many years later John was inspired to obtain his amateur radio license by a TV show sponsored by the JSARS Group. The show was called "Now Your Talking".

In 2005, John passed his Extra License Exam given by the HCARC VE Team, Murray Goldberg, Bill Haldane, and Jamie Punderson. John comments he is "over certified and under qualified". CW is something John is not proficient at, however, he is not ruling out the possibility of making an attempt to learning this mode of operation.

John will soon be moving to Florida and will always remember the friends he has made at the HCARC. He quotes, "They have always been friendly and helpful. They could always be counted on".

John we will miss you and remember your for your "gentleman like" personality. Best wishes with your new home and we hope to catch you on the air waves, possibly even on CW!

Cycle 24 Continues To Fade Out



Here's the October forecast, and as you can see, it's not good. It seems like it's saying that the 10, 12 and 15 meter bands will be

just normal background noise. The lower frequency bands, like 40 and 80 meters, using narrow-band modes like CW, RTTY or digital really early in the morning, may be the best choices for the long hauls. (Noise power is proportional to receiver bandwidth.)

October is a good month to work on your antenna. For inspiration, check out the photos of K1GZL's antenna farm in the mountains of the northern tip of New Hampshire, at his bio tab at www.QRZ.com. He was my Elmer back in high school. -Ed.

Our VE Crew

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

License exams are given at 7pm 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. Call Larry Puccio, K2QDY, at 732-349-2950 for information.

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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Executive Board	(vacant)		
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Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required. Dues are \$25.00 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.

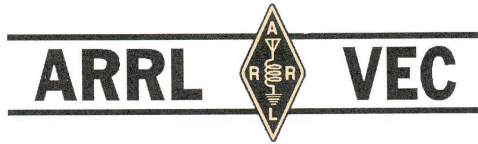
Location: Meeting Room #1 in the Holiday City South Clubhouse.

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License Exams Are Still Available



Our VE team is still available, but to take an exam, you must call 732-349-2950 for an appointment. Time and location is normally the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Holiday City South Clubhouse A, but other dates, times, and/or locations can be arranged for applicants with special needs.

Minutes Of The September 9 Meeting Holiday City Amateur Radio Club

Minutes - September 9, 2015 Meeting

7:00 Meeting called to order

Flag Salute

Member Introductions

Minutes from the last meeting were presented and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Old Business

A discussion the need for individual HAMs to contact their Federal Government representatives relative to the allowable height for antennas in private was held. Members were urged to send individual letters to all representatives to supercede local development organizational rules.

The Secretary was directed to download the ARRL templates and have them ready for the next meeting.

New Business

A discussion was held on moving the Wednesday lunch from the Chinese Fusion to the Blue Fountain. A motion to made to change the location. The motion was defeated.

Nominations for officers and trustees were requested. All elected officers and trustees were nominated. No additional nominations were made. The President pointed out that two additional trustees will be needed and reminded the members that nominations will be requested at the next meeting. The Secretary was directed to prepare a request for volunteers. The item was left open until the next Executive Board Meeting.

Members were informed that information on satellite availability and other details was available at amsat.org.

7:50 A break was called for refreshments and the 50-50.

8:15 The meeting was called back to order. A detailed presentation on digital communications on amateur bands was provided by Tony Kuzinski KD2GSO.

8:50 The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

John Rogers

Secretary

Russ Young WA2VQV Worked:

Callsign	Date	Time	Mode	Band	Entity	Grid	Dist	Dir
LZ250MM	22Aug	1302Z	CW	20m	Bulgaria	KN22jn	4917	NE
HK1N	31Aug	2106Z	CW	17m	Colombia	FK21oa	1926	S
GW4BLE	31Aug	2112Z	RTTY	17m	Scotland	I081lo	3478	NE
PD5SS	31Aug	2131Z	RTTY	20m	Neth'nds	J011vg	3766	NE
HB0/DL2SBY	14Sep	2101Z	CW	20m	Liecht'n	JN47sd	4117	NE
EA3AR	14Sep	2109Z	CW	20m	Spain	JN12db	3942	ENE

October Contests

The big one this month is the CQ World Wide SSB Contest. For this and other contests, see:

www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html

For an 8-day list of contests, with links to their sites, try:

www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php

To see what's happening at present, see:

www.dxscape.com

For a List of planned portable DX activities, especially those in which operators from one nation have applied for a special temporary permit to operate in another nation, see:

www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html

Don't Miss Our Buffet Luncheon



We'll be at the Fusion Chinese Buffet for Luncheon on October 14 at noon. See page 1 for more information.

Some DX Opportunities For October

Begin	End	Entity	Callsign	QSL via	IOTA	Grid	Miles	Dir
10/26	10/31	Agalega & St Brandon	3B7FA	LotW	AF-015	LI80aa	8768	ENE
10/16	10/23	Vietnam	3W2HCM	VK6LC Dir		OK30it	8933	N
10/31	11/10	Vietnam	3W3MD	LotW	AS-162	OK30it	8933	N
09/13	10/18	Tanzania	5H3MB	LotW		KI93sa	7787	E
10/17	10/27	San Andres & Providencia	5J0B	Club Log	NA-033	EK92dm	1951	SSW
10/24	12/09	Jamaica	6Y5/JA0RQV	LotW	NA-097	FK28aa	1520	S
10/27	10/29	Bhutan	A52CVX	SM6CVX		NL58aa	7637	NNE
10/17	10/24	Cape Verde Is	D4D	EB7DX	AF-086	HK86aa	3430	ESE
09/21	10/03	South Cook Is	E51DLD	W6HB	OC-013	BG08cs	6927	WSW
09/29	10/13	North Cook Is	E51MKW	LotW	OC-014	AH99mm	6514	W
09/27	10/29	North Cook Is	E51MQT	LotW	OC-014	AH99mm	6514	W
09/05	10/01	French Polynesia	FO/DF1YP	DF1YP Bur	OC-046	BH52aa	6295	WSW
10/26	10/31	Dominican Republic	HI7/YV5IAL	YV5IAL	NA-122	FK58am	1504	S
10/07	10/18	St Lucia	J6/K1ZZI	LotW	NA-108	FK94ma	1966	SSE
10/07	10/12	Svalbard	JW6VM	LA6VM	EU-026	JQ88aa	3535	NNE
10/07	10/12	Svalbard	JW7XK	LA7XK	EU-026	JQ88aa	3535	NNE
10/07	10/12	Svalbard	JW9DL	LA9DL	EU-026	JQ88aa	3535	NNE
09/26	10/03	Luxembourg	LX/PE2J	PE2J Bur		JN39ga	3842	NE
09/30	10/16	Mariana Is	NH0/DL2AH	DL2AH	OC-086	QK26to	7767	NW
09/26	10/09	Greenland	OX3LX	OZ1PIF	NA-151	GP43aa	1839	NNE
10/25	10/26	Aruba	P40W	LotW	SA-036	FK52am	1915	S
10/19	10/27	Curacao	PJ2/1K7YTT	IK7YTT	SA-099	FK52ma	1958	S
09/26	10/11	Bonaire	PJ4M	LotW	SA-006	FK52ma	1958	S
10/17	10/27	Fernando de Noronha	PY0F/AA2NC	LotW	SA-003	HI47aa	3996	SE
10/25	10/26	Western Sahara	S010WS	EA2JG Dir		JL75aa	5046	ENE
10/25	10/26	Western Sahara	S0S	EA2JG Dir		JL75aa	5046	ENE
10/03	10/18	Seychelles	S79SP	LotW	AF-024	LI86aa	8477	ENE
10/02	10/14	Dodecanese	SV5/IK2ECC	IK2ECC Bur	EA-001	KM36sm	5195	NE
10/04	10/10	Crete	SV9/OH1VR	OH1VR Dir	EU-015	KM25oj	5142	ENE
09/24	10/14	Tuvalu	T2GC	LotW	OC-015	RI91hh	7513	W
10/27	11/03	East Kiribati	T32DX	OQRS	OC-024	BI50aa	5925	WSW
10/21	10/28	Cuba	T42US	LotW	NA-015?	EL83tc	1258	SSW
10/30	11/05	Palau	T88KK	JA4BDY	OC-009	PJ99cm	8442	NW
10/06	10/09	Palau	T88MZ	DU1CKF	OC-009	PJ99cm	8442	NW
10/30	11/05	Palau	T88SH	JA4BVU	OC-009	PJ99cm	8442	NW
10/30	11/05	Palau	T88ZE	JA4BXL	OC-009	PJ99cm	8442	NW
10/11	10/30	Turkey	TA3/NY4G	LotW		KM69kv	5267	NE
10/02	10/12	Chesterfield Is (FK)	TX3X	LotW	OC-176	BH57bp	6030	WSW
09/13	10/15	Belize	V31DL	LotW	NA-073	EK57um	1764	SSW
10/06	11/06	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	LotW	NA-104	FK87qh	1713	SSE
10/18	11/10	Micronesia	V63AH	DL2AH	OC-010	QJ98aa	7743	WNW
09/28	10/04	Micronesia	V63WJ	JS3LSQ	OC-010	QJ98aa	7743	WNW
10/25	10/29	Micronesia	V6AAA	LotW	OC-010	QJ98aa	7743	WNW
10/13	10/28	Marshall Is	V73D	LotW	OC-029	RJ39me	7268	WNW
10/01	10/08	Montserrat	VP2MAC	K8ESQ	NA-103	FK86vt	1756	SSE
09/22	10/04	American Samoa	WS5K/KH8	LotW	OC-045	DM43am	2120	W
10/16	10/28	Macao	XX9	SP2FUD	AS-075	OL72aa	8126	N
10/08	10/12	Venezuela	YY4TSS/1	YY4TSS	SA-089	FK60mm	2084	SSE

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HCARC MEETING 7pm	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Noon get- together at HC Diner	13	14 LUNCHEON ; Lic. exams by appointment	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 CQ WW SSB Contest
25 CQ WW SSB Contest	26 Noon get- together at HC Diner	27 World Series begins	28 Executive Board Meeting 10am	29	30	31 Hallow een; DST ends

For contest information, see <http://www.arrl.org/contests> & <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>