



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Because the first Thursday of July happens to be Independence Day this year, **our regular meeting for July will be held on Wednesday July 10.**

We will also have FCC Amateur Radiio License Exams at 7:00 pm in a seperate room.

The Monday Get-Togethers

The little group that meets on Mondays invites you to join in. The schedule for July is:

July 01 9:00 Breakfast at the Holiday City Diner.

July 08 Noon Lunch at Holiday City Diner.

July 15 9:00 Breakfast at Holiday City Diner.

July 22 Noon Lunch at Lisa's Pizzeria/Restaurant.

July 29 9:00 Breakfast at Holiday City Diner.

The Holiday City Diner is on Mule Road near Davenport Rd, and Lisa's is in the little shopping mall on Route 37 at the North end of Mule Road. Visitors are welcome.

New Member: WA2CWX

The Holiday City Amateur Radio Club welcomes Michael Larkins.

Michael recently moved into the area and was glad to find an amateur radio club close to home.

He has an Extra Class License with the call sign WA2CWX. Michael has been licensed for 50 years and operates mainly HF CW and SSB. He likes DXing and Contesting.

He is fairly new on the VHF bands but can work 2m / 70cm from his mobile equipment.

We look forward to sharing amateur radio experiences with Michael.

W4AVM Info

[Larry Puccio, K2QDY worked this station recently]

From QRZ.com 6/23/19:

W4AVM is the call sign for the amateur radio station on board the SS American Victory (A Victory ship from WW-2) dockside in Tampa, Florida on public display.

The ship makes short trips and is fully operational. Her main radio station is operational and on the air participating in Night of Nights and other special events. Her commercial call sign is KKUI and is operational on 500 KHZ and other marine CW frequencies. The Ham station is in another cabin and is active several times a week. Visit w4avm.org website for more information. QSL VIA W4REX.

Hope to work you soon,

73's

SS American Victory Radio Gang

Ira Dechowitz N2RKV

Ira, one of our loyal members, has moved out of our local area.

In case you would like to write to him or visit, his new address is:

41 Ellwood Rd.

East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3001

OUR JULY MEETING:
Wednesday July 10th 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

– July, 2019

On June 19th we had an interesting meeting of Ocean County ARES. The newly released ARES Task Book was the subject of the meeting and the proficiency skills required for Level 2 operators was covered in detail.

WX2NJ demonstrated/explained the following skills:

- Contents of a 24 hour kit for ARES deployment
- Setup of an Ocean County Go-Kit (C4FM and D-Star)
- Test an antenna for SWR (20 meter and 70 cm)
- Assemble a PowerPole connector
- Operate a VHF station with NBEMS (running FLDIGI and FLMSG)
- Write and send an ARRL Radiogram
- Write and send an ICS-213 message

Operators were then encouraged to use FLDIGI and FLMSG to send and receive messages using 2 meter simplex between a station run by NJ2N with an Android device and WX2NJ running a Windows PC. Many operators had skills signed off as they were observed performing the tasks.

NJ2N reminds operators of the following downloads:

Here's the Source Forge link to the Windows version of FLDigi 4.1.04 and FLMsg. 4.0.10

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/fldigi/files/flmsg/>

And here's a link to the Android version of FLMsg 1.2.1 (It's a stripped down combination of the Windows FLDigi and FLMsg) Download the .apk file.

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/fldigi/files/AndFlmsg/>

The Ocean County ARES Training Nets will start to deliver at least one message per month via FLDIGI and FLMSG. The mode will be MT63-2000L between 500 and 2500 Hz. I would like to plan on using FLDIGI on the last training net of the month on 449.825 MHz, so

be ready to copy.

From WB2ALJ, SNJ SEC:

EC-001 Pilot Offering

The “Introduction to Emergency Communication” (EC-001) course classroom version pilot has openings for 18 additional radio emergency communicators who have not previously taken the course.

When: Series of five evenings; July 9th, July 11th, July 16th, July 18th and July 23rd 2019

Times: 6 pm to 9 pm

Where: Ocean County Emergency Operations Center, Miller Airpark Complex, off County Road 530, Pinewald Keswick Road, Manchester Township NJ 08759 (Same facility as NJ Motor Vehicle Testing)

Pre-registration: Interested individuals must send email to WB2ALJ@arrl.net prior to June 27. This is necessary so that EC-001 Participant Guide material can be sent prior to the start of the course. The class size has been set at 25 for the initial offering, there are 18 open seats at this time.

Background Information

The “Introduction to Emergency Communication” (EC-001) course was developed by the ARRL for amateur radio emergency communicators. It was primarily offered as an on-line course with mentors assisting participants and the online version requires several weeks to complete.

As part of the 2019 ARES Plan the course is now offered free and is required for individuals desiring to achieve Level II or III ARES Qualifications. These changes caused a significant increase in demand and backlog of registrations.

The SNJ Section Manger, N2XW, has arranged for a classroom version to be delivered, instructors to be qualified, and an initial course scheduled. Individuals who register for the classroom version will be provided an “Introduction to Emergency Communication” (EC-001) Participant Guide prior to the start of the course in PDF format. The course is designed with Topics/Subtopic course that have related content within the Participant Guide with Knowledge Review

questions. The instructional team will present the materials by Topic/Subtopic including knowledge reviews in a classroom delivery format with opportunities for interaction.

The July 2019 QST was nice enough to include the 2018 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) scenario/comments sent in by Ocean County. We did not present a whopping score, but participated. Our score would have been much higher if more operators attended. The 2019 SET will be SNJ wide and Ocean County will be participating. The date for the 2019 SET has not yet been released, but is always in the Fall. John – N2LD, will be the liaison for the SET, in Ocean County, to the SEC coordinating the drill.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock, Ocean County Amateur Radio
Emergency Service® EC

K2JWH Remembers Murray KD2IN

Enclosed please find my gift to the club in Murray Goldberg remembrance. I was sorry to hear of his passing. Murray was very helpful to all. Murray was one of the VE's when I took my exam. Murray encouraged me while I was studying for the impossible goal of the general class license.

Best to all

John Hann

Murray's Equipment

Murray's equipment is as follows:

Kenwood TS430S with mic and power supply

Icom IC - W 32A with extra battery

MFJ Manual tuner MFJ 949C

MFJ Automatic tuner MFJ 993 B

For important information about the transceiver, read

the comments at

<http://g3ynh.info/commercial/TS430.html> before attempting to operate it. Murray used it very successfully last year for his FT8 mode contacts.

To bid on any of these items, see our Treasurer, Larry Puccio, K2QDY, for information.

Our VE Crew

Larry [K2QDY](#) (Liaison) 732-349-2950,
Urb [W1UL](#), John [KQ4WR](#), Stan [KB2PD](#),
Steve [N2WLH](#), Larry [WA2VLR](#), Tony [KD2GSO](#).

License exams are given by appointment at 6:30pm 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 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 corner.

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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, except December.

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

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 street corner.-

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | 1 9:00 AM Breakfast at the HC Diner | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day (NO MEETING, See July 10) | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 12:00 Lunch at the HC Diner | 9 | 10 HCARC Meeting & FCC Exams | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 9:00 AM Breakfast at the HC Diner | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 12:00 Lunch at Lisa's Pizzeria | 23 SKYHOOK Newsletter Deadline | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 9:00 AM Breakfast at the HC Diner | 30 | 31 | August 1 HCARC Meeting 7:00 pm | | |

License Exams



Our VE team gives exams for Technician, General and Extra Class licenses at 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, unless there are no applicants.

Call Larry Puccio at 732-349-2950 for an appointment.