



# The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

## Program for our July Meeting

Our July meeting will recap highlights our Field Day activities. We should have some good photos and narrative of the June 28 Field Day activities.

We also will have an audio and photo presentation of our visit to club member Vince Genzardi W2GRA. On June 20th we celebrated his 103rd birthday with a luncheon and party at his new residence in Parsippany NJ .

## Dates to Remember

July 3	Regular Membership Meeting
July 12	VE Session
July 13	SCARC Hamfest, Augusta, NJ
July 30	Executive Board Meeting

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

John Hann 07/14  
 Lucille Hann 07/21  
 Carl Lee 07/12  
 Bob Salisbury 07/21  
 Norm Smith 07/09  
 Stan Stafiej 07/05  
 Jean Young 07/30



### Anniversaries

John and Lucille Hann 07/20  
 Larry and Grace Puccio 07/04  
 Bob and Doris Salisbury 07/10



## The President's Corner By Larry K2QDY



At our June meeting we had Steve Jackson, N2WLH, tell us about his visit to the Dayton Hamvention. Steve and Jamie Punderson, W2QO, went to Dayton on Thursday of the hamfest weekend and stayed at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza. I mention this hotel specifically as it is used by many ham organizations as the base of operations including the ARRL representatives. Steve told us that while there they met some interesting people including the Hudson Division Director, my long time friend Frank Fallon N2FF. I also had attended High School with Frank where we started the school radio club back in 1954. Jamie also met Les Kalmus W2LK, another long time friend of mine. They had an interesting conversation. Steve related the huge setting and the rows and rows of outdoor tables and the many sellers that were inside the buildings. He told us about the various displays and of the many seminars and dinners. I think we were all impressed with the Dayton Hamvention and some of us might try to make the pilgrimage there next year.

Field Day is coming up quickly, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Our arrangements have been finalized and we are looking forward to the contest weekend. Ed Picciuti, W1EAP, arranged for the club to be listed on Comcast cable channel 22 and the advertisement was on the screen approximately every eight minutes. Ed also sent letters to the various news publications as well as Mayor Jason Verrano's office. We are expecting visits from some outsiders and maybe also pick up some new hams. We hope the weather cooperates, not too hot and no rain, however if this does occur this will be a test of our ability to operate under adverse conditions. We will be operating class 2A but will have an additional station used as the GOTA radio. For those who might not have heard GOTA stands for "Get On The Air." This is a supplementary station that will be used for any person(s) that come to Field Day that normally have not been on the air. This could be a non ham or a ham that has been inactive for any reason. We get extra points for contacts made by the GOTA station.

**NEXT MEETING: July 3, 2008**  
**Thursday 7:00PM**  
**Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South**  
**Clubhouse**  
**Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive**

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On Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2008 we visited Vince Genzardi, W2GRA, at the assisted living facility where he lives in Parsippany. Vince has been a long time member of the Holiday City Amateur Radio club and still maintains his membership. Vince was 103 years old and this was to be a surprise visit and birthday party. The staff at the facility was very happy to see us come and his family also helped keep the secret from him. The facility set a table for us in the dining room where we had lunch and a birthday cake with Vince. We presented him with a plaque and a lovely live plant that he will keep in his room. The afternoon went very quickly reminiscing past times and Vince told us about his ham radio activities. He was first licensed in 1922 with the call sign 2AEH. See page (2) for full details and some photos.

On the way up to see Vince the group stopped at the Raratan Valley ARC hamfest held in Piscataway. We arrived there at 8:30 AM just in time to search for various ham treasures. While there I met a few friends from North Jersey and also had a few minutes to speak with my friend Frank Fallon N2FF. Frank and I have known each other since high school and continue to speak each day on a morning net at 8:30 AM on 3700 Khz. There are seven hams that regularly check in and converse about many topics but mostly about DX. If you are up at that time you might want to check in as we always welcome new comers.

Don't forget the Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM schedule, on the 146.880 repeater. Those of you that don't have HTs can also access the repeater through Echo Link. Echo Link is a free download off the internet. Additionally, club members access the repeater each day at 10:00 AM for some good rag chew and technical discussion.

Well that's all for this month's column and I am looking forward to seeing you at our July 3rd, 2008 meeting where we will discuss Field Day

73

Larry  
K2QDY

## A Visit With Vince Genzardi (W2GRA)

On Saturday June 20, a group of Holiday City Radio Club members drove up to Parsippany NJ to visit with Vince Genzardi W2GRA. This was Vince's 103 birthday and arrangements for a surprise birthday party had been made with the Assisted Living Facility where he now resides. We arrived at the facility at 11:30 AM and located the Program Manager who was already preparing for the party. Gas filled balloons

and decorations were placed on the long table they had set for us in the main dining room. I believe the staff shared our excitement to be with Vince on his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. We were escorted to the dining room and took a seat at the table as Vince had been detained in his room until we arrived. His friend Tom, another resident at the facility, was also asked to sit at the table. When all was in place they had Vince come down to the dining room where he immediately recognized us waiting for him at the table. As he walked over to us the entire dining room burst into applause.

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### Our VE Crew

John W2LKS, Murray KD2IN, Bill AC2F, John K2JWH, Ed W1EAP, Larry K2QDY, Jamie W2QO, John KQ4WR, Jack KC2FS, Stan KB2PD Steve N2WLH, Kevin W2FA Ed WA2NDA.

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Dues are \$20.00 per year, payable Jan. 1st. Members joining during the year will have the dues prorated. Family membership \$10.00

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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: Go to Mule Rd. and to the corner of Santiago Drive. Turn into Santiago Dr., then into the parking lot in front of the pool. Enter bldg. on right.

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Vince had a huge smile on his face. We had Vince sit at the head of the table and all he could say was "I don't believe you came all the way up to see me on my birthday." We all shook his hand and took our place at the table. His friend Tom sat next to him. We presented Vince with a plaque that Murray created on his computer and we had framed. Additionally, we presented Vince with a nice plant for him to place in his room and a birthday card with all the club member's signatures on it. We were told Vince still does some gardening and has a plot of ground out back where he grows tomatoes and cucumbers. Before the meal was served we had a long chat with Vince and did some reminiscing about his life. Vince was licensed in 1922 at the age of 17yrs. as 2AEH and later became W2GRA. He holds an Advance Class license. Vince told us about growing up in the Bronx, New York and operating a small tube transmitter and receiver. Not too much DX in those days other than some adjacent states and an occasional Canadian station. He told us that all ham operation had to cease around 1942 as World War II was well under way. He went into the Army and served a tour of duty. When he returned he went to work for Sperry Gyroscope Company on Long Island working on the early Radar development. He told the group about the Klystron tubes that were used in the Radar systems of that time. He learned of an opportunity at NBC radio and joined the network where he was in the audio department. When television began to emerge Vince transferred into that area of NBC, however, still doing audio work and he covering many election conventions. He worked at NBC for 25 years and then retired to move to Holiday City in Toms River NJ. Vince was one of the original Holiday City Club Members and joined in 1995. Vince told us that he originally operated CW but as SSB developed his operating preference changed to voice operation.

The facility provided a delightful lunch for us and then had a sheet cake with and candles and "Happy Birthday Vince" written on it. Additionally, Mike Agostinello's friend Lucille Cuzzi baked a lovely pound cake that we tasted too. We sang Happy Birthday to Vince and everyone shared in the cake. Throughout the afternoon many of the residents came over to Vince to congratulate him and wish him many more healthy birthdays. The afternoon went very fast and we congratulated Vince on this milestone and told him that we would be back next year to celebrate his 104<sup>th</sup> birthday. I think Vince had a real good time, he was very surprised to see us and the nursing staff was equally happy to have us there to celebrate his birthday.



Here's the DX worked from May 15th to June 14th, 2008:

Russ WA2VQV worked the following:

ON 30 METERS CW: ES1WN/3 Estonia, LZ17EXPO Bulgaria, OE2008S Austria,

ON 20 METERS CW: 4Z5AD/60 Israel, 5B/LZ2HM Cyprus, 9A4KW Croatia, DK9PY

On 20 Meters PSK31: OZ1DSD Denmark.

On 17 Meters CW: 6Y5/K4BAI Jamaica & EA8ZS/P Canary Islands.

Larry, K2QDY, worked the following:

ON 30 METERS CW: ZB2FK Gibraltar, RA6AX Russia, FO/N6JA French Polynesia.

ON 20 METERS CW: UR5MCX Russia, A71AN Qatar, SV2HRT Greece

ON 20 METERS SSB: CE1KR Chile, MD0CCE Isle of Man, Z71SJ Saudi Arabia.

Kevin, W2FA, worked the following:

ON 20 METERS SSB: 4L4WW Georgia, HZ1MD Saudi Arabia, 4Z1JS Israel

ON 6 METERS SSB: VE1DX Canada, VE1YX Canada

Ed W1EAP worked the following:

ON 20 METERS SSB: G5KC England

Joe, KC2QLA worked the following:

ON 20 METERS SSB: NP2IA Virgin Isl, HB9RDE Switzerland, UY2IZ Ukraine

This was a condensed report. Next month we will be back to the full report.

73 es gud DX de Russ, WA2VQV

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