



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Program for our July Meeting

Our program for July will be a review of the Field Day club activities. We hope to have all the video and digital shots ready for the club to enjoy and laugh at. At this time it is our intention to be running two transmitter with dipole antennas and the emergency generator providing all the power. We anticipate a group of club members to be helping with the installation of the equipment Saturday morning and then operating from 2:00 PM through to 7:00 PM.

Dates to Remember

July 2	Regular Membership Meeting
July 8	VE Evening Session
July 13	Club Luncheon
July 27	Club Luncheon
July 29	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 Dave WA2DJN



Our meeting on June 7th was very informative. We sent out certificates for being a club member for twenty years and received a nice letter from Vince Genzardi "W2GRA" thanking us for his certificate.

Larry Puccio is looking into the possibility of visiting him again on the 20th of June after the Piscataway hamfest. Vince will be 104 this year. Wow... We have about 8 members who would like to have lunch with him. I hope this event will take place.

The executive board voted to change the VE testing to the 2nd Wednesday night of the month and delete the Saturday testing, due to the fact that only a few people came to take the amateur exams.

A discussion was presented to the membership on the idea of giving half price membership \$ 10 dollars, to new people, like those taking VE tests to try to build up our dues structure, and membership. The discussion was passed by those members present at the meeting.

We talked about the Field Day event coming up on June 27th and having two stations operating from the same site as last year. We have about 14 members volunteer to come and help set up at 10 AM and then operate starting at 2PM till around 8PM. This should be a great time.

A computer was set up along with the Light Box Projector and after some difficulty, we demonstrated the "SQUIRL" software, helped along by Steve Jackson, who gave a lot of information to the club about using the logging software.

I am hoping for good weather and not too hot. We will see you on the 27th at the field day site at Holiday City South.

73

Dave, WA2DJN

NEXT MEETING: July 2, 2009

Thursday 7:00PM

**Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse**

Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

SK Larry Winward N2IFP

Once again I have the sad duty to report another Silent Key. Our long time club member Larry Winward passed away. Larry had been ill from the past few months and was not able to attend any of the club meetings this year. When we visited the funeral home Larry's brother told us how much he enjoyed the radio and the radio club. The following is the write-up from the Asbury Park Press

LAWRENCE WILLIAM WINWARD AGE: 58 MANCHESTER

Lawrence William Winward, 58, of Manchester, NJ died on Friday June 5th at Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood. Born on March 14, 1951 in Philadelphia, PA, he moved to Toms River in 1959 and has lived in Manchester, NJ for the last 30 years. He was employed by Verizon, Inc. for 33 years, retiring in 2002. His passions were photography, computers, and he held an advanced class amateur radio license under the call sign N2IFP.

He was predeceased by his parents Robert and Grace Winward.

He is survived by two brothers; Richard Winward of Manchester and Robert Winward of Bayville, NJ; a nephew, Jason Winward and nieces Rachel Winward and Jessica Ahart, all of Bayville.

Visiting hours will be on Friday, June 12th from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at Anderson and Campbell Funeral Home 3010 Ridgeway Road (Rt. 571) Manchester, NJ 08759.

A memorial service will take place at 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the charity of one's choice. Tributes may be sent to the family by visiting "Making Everlasting Memories" at www.mem.com

HCARC Official Badge Ordering

The club's official badge maker is the Capital Engraving Co. in Longview, WA. To order a badge, simply call Capital at 1-800-628-4985 after 1PM M-F. All that is required is to give your call and first name and your mail address. Use your credit card to pay. Cost is \$12.50 plus \$2 S&H. Al Ross WA7UQE will take care of you and create an official logo and club name on your personal badge.

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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 \$10.00

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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A Visit with Vince Genzardi W2GRA

A group of club members went to Whippany N.J. on Saturday June 20th to visit long time friend Vince Genzardi. Vince now lives in Care 1 an assisted living facility where he has a room of his own and a plot of land on the side of the building where he grows tomatoes, peppers and strawberries.

The occasion for our visit was Vince's 104th birthday. Vince was born in the City of New York in 1905. Vince told us that the Mayor of the community came to visit him on Friday when they also had a grand Birthday party in his honor and all his family and friends participated. The Mayor presented Vince with a Certificate of Achievement for his 104 Birthday. Vince told us that he was very happy that the people had remembered him that way.

Vince grew up in the Bronx, New York, and as a boy of 16 years was very interested in this new electronic rage called Radio. He got his first FCC amateur license with the call letters "AEH." In those days, Vince says, there was no W prefix or a number in the call signs. Parts were very hard to come by and many had to be hand made. Coils, capacitors, switches and the chassis to name a few! He also made a drawing and brought it to a sheet metal shop where they fabricated a rack for his equipment. His first transmitter was a very simple device (201A tube) but worked okay and he made many CW contacts. When the hobby began to blossom the FCC began issuing call signs as we know them today with the W prefix as the first letter and the number "2" after the W indicating the second call area of the United States followed by three more letters. His call sign was issued as "W2AEH." Vince experimented with many antennas from the Bronx house he lived in, for example a "big square loop, dipoles and long wire antennas. Vince told us that he belonged to an Amateur Radio Club called the "Stink Weeds."

When Vince finished schooling and married he and his wife moved to Fairlawn, New Jersey, where he remained until he moved after retirement to Toms River. He got a job in New York City in the Fur district which is located between 15th and 19th street on the west side of Manhattan. While living in Fairlawn the Ham equipment got more sophisticated and he had a transmitter with an 807 in the final. By this time AM transmission was the rage and he switched his operating to voice transmissions. Later he converted to Single Side Band voice transmissions. He also had a tower and a yaggi antenna. He remembers that on one occasion his wife had gone out and he had his young daughter help him put a beam antenna on the tower. She was instructed to hold the rope and then to pull the beam up through a pulley as he fastened it on to the mast. Unfortunately, his daughter announced to Vince's wife when she came home that she had helped

daddy put up a new antenna and he was caught! Vince's wife like many wives always said he spent too much time with the Ham radio.

In 1942 the FCC shut down all amateur radio operation due to the world war. He asked for a leave of absence from the furrier job to help out with the war effort by working for the Sperry Gyroscope company located in Lake Success Long Island. While there Vince was assigned to work on the development of RADAR. This part of the development was for fighter aircraft installations and was an aid to the pilots with night fighting missions. He was also involved with the development of aircraft tracking RADAR coupled to ground mounted search lights. When the RADAR development was completed, 1 ½ years later, and Vince was ready to go back to the furrier position, he had a job offer from NBC radio. Before he could accept the offer he had to get a release from his previous job. He spoke to his old boss who also felt the job at NBC would be beneficial to Vince and spoke to the owners of the Fur Company who agreed to release Vince.

Vince work at NBC for the next 25 years. While at NBC Vince was in the audio maintenance end of the business. He worked in the studios where the original soap opera had started and did repair work on the consoles and various other equipment. Vince remembered that one day one of the management people was talking with a gentleman in the studio and they had coffee cups on the big electronic organ. In those days many of the radio stations had big bands and orchestras for the various programs. When Vince saw the two men with the coffee cups on the equipment he went over to them and told them to remove the cups from the equipment that if there was a spill it would cause a great deal of trouble and possibly an outage. The two men removed the cups and left from the studio. Later the manager came back in to speak with Vince and asked him if he knew who he had been speaking to. Vince said no and the manager told him that it was Jerry Lewis who they were trying to get to do a program for them.

We spent the afternoon with Vince, had lunch and reminisced about Ham Radio, the Field Day activities and the radio club. The folks at the facility were very happy that we had come all the way up from Toms River to spend some time with Vince on his birthday and they also provided a large sheet cake with "Happy Birthday Vince" on the top. At the end of our visit we told Vince that we would be back next year to celebrate his 105th birthday. (See Pictures on page 5)

How's DX

From May 15th -Jun 14th the following worked:

Russ, WA2VQV Worked:

On 20 Meters CW: EA8/DH2MS Canary Islands, LY3W Lithuania, LZ2009KM Bulgaria, OH2XX Finland, OK1KW, OK4RQ Czech Republic, TC098A AS-098 Turkey, VE1FO/P, VE1/DL2JRM (both NA-127) Canada, YS1G El Salvador.

On 20 meters PSK31: PA1WLB/P EU-146 Netherlands.

On 20 meters SSB: 5B4MF Cyprus, 9A4KW 9A5ZP Croatia, CO6LC Cuba, CT1EOD CT2IOV Portugal, CU2KG Azores, DR1A DR775TMG Germany, E709WRC Bosnia, EA8AM Canary Islands, GI7AXB Northern Ireland, HA9PP Hungary, I2ROO IZ2ODM Italy, LY1000A Lithuania, OK4RQ Czech Rep, OM5MO Slovakia, S51ZZ S58N S59PC, Slovenia, UA3OO European Russia, VE9GU Canada, VP9/VE3DZ Bermuda.

Russ also made 250 QSOs in the WPX CW Contest.

Warren, KC2SSC Worked:

On 20 meters SSB: WP4BL Puerto Rico, CO6BC Cuba, RZ1OM Germany, IZ0HUA Italy VE7KFM Canada, MI0SAI Ireland, RZ4FA UA4AGD Russia.

Larry K2QDY Worked:

On 40 Meters CW: VK3EGN Australia, E71A Bosnia Hertz, ZK2V Nivel Island (New Zealand), SP9H Poland.

On 30 Meters CW: RN6BY EU3AR Russia, EI/OM7CA Ireland, OK1MBZ Czech Republic, DL2QB Germany, SP1DPA Poland, OH1XT Finland.

On 17 Meters CW: FO/N6JA French Polynesia.

73 & Good Hunting !
de Russ, WA2VQV

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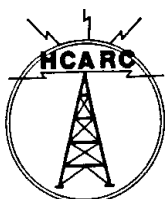
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Vince Genzardi's Birthday Party

Pictures By Murray Goldberg KD2IN



Vince Cutting His Cake



The group with Vince



Vince at the head of the Table

Raritan Valley Hamfest

Before going up to Parsippany to visit with Vince Genzardi eight of the club members went to Piscataway to the Raritan Valley ARC hamfest. We arrived in time to open the trunk of the van and get the sale items out and on the table before the rain started. We had items from two SKs and some other goodies that club members donated. The hamfest was not as large as it had been in the past in part due to the poor weather conditions. This month, June, is likely the worst month with rainy days for as long as I can remember and Saturday June 20th was no exception. It seemed that as soon as we opened the trunk to get the equipment out for display the locust descended on us with people looking at the equipment and making bids for this and that. Many of the items were sold at that time with a few more were sold as the rest of the people strolled by our table later. The rain started about 9:45 AM and people began to leave. The Raritan Valley club closed down by 10:30 AM and we left then to go visit Vince.



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