

The SKYHOOK

HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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July 2025

Toms River, NJ

Contesting



some of the ARRL Awards such as WAS (Worked all States).

Our July meeting will be a critique of our Field Day experience. The improvements suggested by the participants will be evaluated and considered for next year's event.

Doug Poray KC2TZC

We Say Happy Birthday To:



Mike Bauer KC2KTC

Stan Stafiej KB2PD

Tom Tammaro KD2VMR

Carl Lee W2PTZ

Every Contest has rules which must be followed. First, only certain bands may be used. Second, Contests only take place between certain times and certain dates. Third, an exchange of information is required during each contact. Finally, only certain operating configurations may be used. An example would be operation as a single operator using low power.

QST publishes Contest activity each month in their Contest Corral article. Other resources for finding Contest activity are available in an ARRL e-mail newsletter called "Contest Update" and in the magazine National Contest Journal. Both resources are free to ARRL members.

Even though a log is not required, it is recommended for your score to be considered. The log will also help you avoid recording duplicate contacts. Logs may be kept on paper or on a computer with a logging program.

Don't be frightened by only making a few contacts. Contests are competitive and a beginner should not become discouraged. The big advantage for a beginner is to use the contacts for gaining requirements for

And Happy Anniversary To:



Larry & Grace Puccio\

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday July 3rd

at 7:00 PM

**Holiday City South Clubhouse A
Santiago Drive at Mule Road**

Ocean County ARES® News

July 2025

The following is a link to the ARRL exercise summary of the 2024 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for NNJ and SNJ.

<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST/This%20Month%20in%20QST/2025/07%20july%2025/0725%20Prasad%20SET%20free%20article.pdf>

Please feel free to share this with everyone.



At the June 18th Ocean County ARES meeting, WX2NJ announced that he will be stepping down as EC for Ocean County. He will be willing to stay in the position until a replacement can be found. It will be up to the replacement EC if Ocean County ARES remains a non-profit 501(c)(3) or the corporation will be abolished, and ARES will be run directly under the ARRL.

I would like to thank you for all the support I've received over the last 27 years, and I'll try and support ARES the best I can from a technical support position. Again, this is up to the new EC.

This will be my last ARES News. Good luck!

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

Ocean County ARES Training Nets And Meetings

Training Nets are suspended during emergencies, disaster relief efforts, and some holidays.

TENTATIVE REVISED SCHEDULE FOR JUNE-SEPTEMBER

Nets

Wednesdays every month except on meeting days (see "Meetings", below):

Skywarn Net (only on each month's 2nd Wednesday)
7:00 pm instead of 8:00 pm.

Voice Net 7:30 pm instead of 8:30 pm 449.825MHz.

Meetings:

7:00 am at Ocean County EOC on 3rd Wednesdays of even-numbered months (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, & Dec).



Delaware Valley Radio Association

DVRA Mobile Fox Hunt – July 6, 2025

By **KD2NHG Anthony** on June 25, 2025

It's time to release the Fox!

DVRA will host another amazing Mobile Fox Hunting Session of 2025. Join Huntmaster Glen, NK1N, for this event Sunday, July 6th at 9:00am ET. Hunts are usually done by 12:00 noon.

The starting point for this hunt is the Chapin School South Parking Lot located at 4101 Princeton Pike, Princeton NJ 08540 – [Map](#)

Please listen to the DVRA 440 repeater, W2ZQ, on 442.650 MHz, positive (+) offset, CTCSS (PL) 131.8 Hz as that is how you will receive the day's foxhunting instructions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at foxhunts@w2zq.com.

Fox Hunting is a receive-only event. Participation **does not require** an amateur radio license. The only requirements are a 2m FM receiver and some means of motorized transport (it takes too long to walk)

In case the DVRA 440 repeater is unavailable, W2MER on 147.105, positive (+) offset, CTCSS (PL) 123.0 Hz will serve as a backup.

Our Volunteer Examiner Crew

Larry [K2QDY](#) (Liaison) 732-349-2950,
John [KQ4WR](#), Steve [N2WLH](#), Michael [WA2CWX](#),
Larry [WA2VLR](#), Ed [WB2QWC](#)

License exams are given by appointment at 6:30pm on the first Wednesday after each month's first Thursday, at Holiday City South's 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, Berkeley Township, NJ. Clubhouse A is the building nearest the street corner.

Holiday City Amateur Radio Club

Toms River, New Jersey

Web Site www.hcarc.us

President	Doug Poray	KC2TZC	732-928-2316
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Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required. Dues are \$40.00 per year, payable Jan 1st. Members joining during the year will have the dues prorated. Family membership \$50.00 per family.

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

Location: Meeting Room #1 in 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, park near the pool. Enter Building A (the building nearest the street intersection).

Newsletter: The SKYHOOK is the HCARC's official newsletter, circulation about 75. Original articles and photos are appreciated. Editor is John Roberts

<mailto:johnkq4wr@gmail.com>

QSLs By E-Mail

From John Perry KD2NDY

A few months ago, I received my first QSL card by e-mail. Since this was the first time I received a QSL in this fashion I thought it to be unusual. After some thought I determined this method of sending QSLs made a lot of sense. Postage isn't necessary, the card is rapidly transmitted, and a reply can be sent quickly to the sender.

Curiosity got the best of me, so I read the card and located the sender and the e-mail address: QSL World at postman@qslworld.com. If you are interested in such a service, contact *QSL World* and I think the read will be informative and somewhat enjoyable. My limited time on the site I discovered that:

- QSL World is a free service
- QSL World has a design studio
- Explains the use of a QSL card
- Has available a world propagation report

As in any organization, donations are always accepted.

I'm always the last to discover new technology, how to access and use it. I wrote this short article because there may be a member, other than me, that isn't aware of this service. I am going to follow up by contacting *QSL World* and hopefully use this method of sending my QSLs.



Humber Fortress DX Amateur Radio Club, Millhouse, Haven Road, Patrington, East Yorkshire, HU12 0PS United Kingdom. Web address: <https://hfdxarc.com>

TO: KD2NDY

BAND: 10m

MODE: SSB

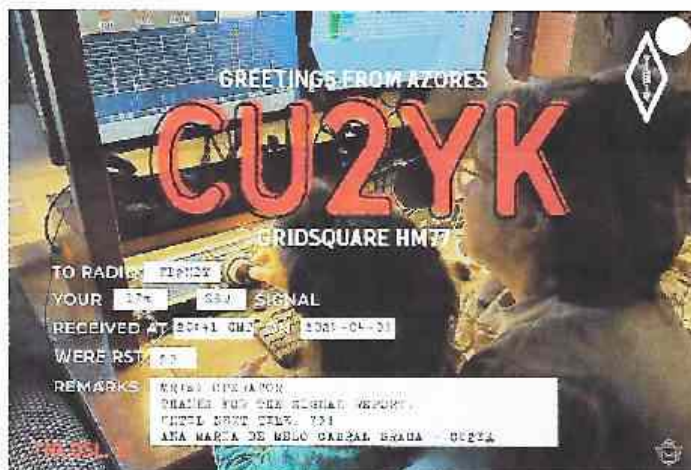
FREQ: 28.78251 MHz

WHEN: 26 Oct 2024 18:54 UTC

RST S/R: 59 / 59

FR: M6C

Thank you for the QSO. We hope to see you on the bands again, 73s



[Click here](#) to reply directly to CU2YK.

QSL Card URL:

[DOWNLOAD QSL CARD](#)

Learn more about securing your QSL confirmation automatically using our AI tool. [Click here](#).

Attached are two examples received by e-mail. One was sent from England by the radio club and the second QSL went through *QSL World*. Both were appreciated.

John Perry KD2NDY

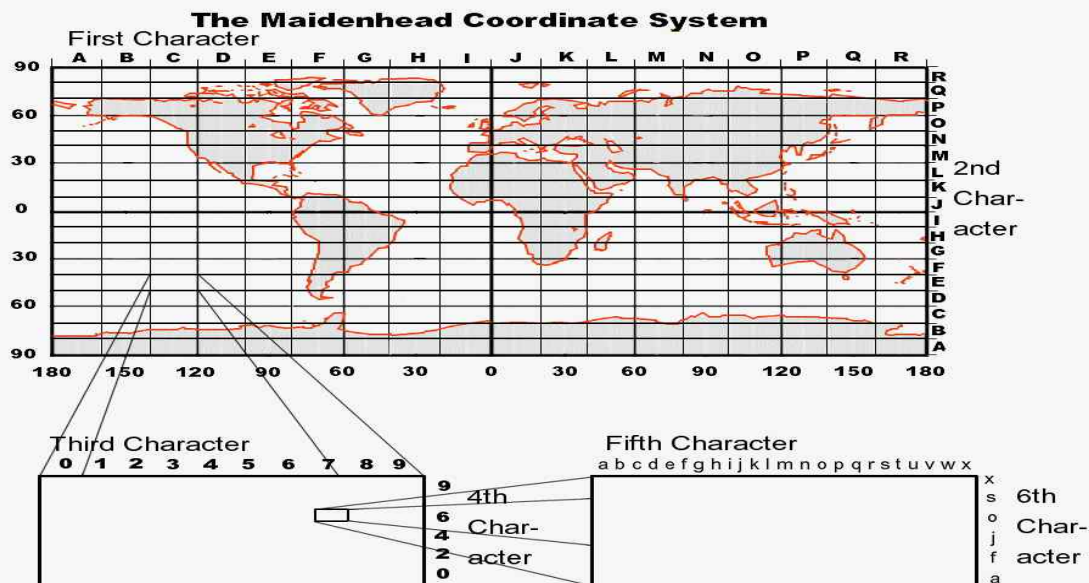
Some DX Opportunities

Opportunities shown in alphanumeric order of callsigns.

Mode codes: 3 = PSK31, 4 = JP4, 8 = JT8, C = CW, D = "digital", F = FM, O = Olivia, R = RTTY, S = SSB, T = Image (SSTV)

Many thanks to Bill Feidt NG3K for ADX0. Also to Wikipedia, the ARRL, the RSGB, DX World, The Daily DX & QRZ.com.

START	FINISH	ENTITY	PFX	CALLSIGN	IOTA	BANDS	MODES	QSL via	LOC	MILES	DIR	INFO by
2025 Jul28	2025 Aug01	Rodrigues I	3B	3B9SP		40-6m	C S 8	OQRS	MH10rg	9572	ENE	DXW.Net
2025 Jul28	2025 Aug01	Rodrigues I	3B9	3B9SP	AF-017	40-6m	C S 8	OQRS DK6SP	MH10rg	9572	ENE	DXW.Net
	2025 Dec31	ITU HQ	4U	4U0ITU				4U0ITU	JN36bf	3899	NE	ARLD020
2025 Jul10	2025 Jul15	Cyprus	5B	5B/WJ20	AS-004	80-10m		LoTW	KM64ox	5499	NE	DXW.Net
2025 Apr16	2025 Oct13	Japan	JA	8K3EXP0	AS-007	"all"		per opr	PM74qp	6943	NNW	ARLD016
2025 Jul17	2025 Jul25	Maldives	8Q7	8Q7YY	AS-013	80-10m	S 8	OH70	MI69ej	8997	NE	DXW.Net
2025 Jul13	2025 Jul19	Mozambique	C9	C93RRC	AF-098	80-10m	C S 8	OQRS	KG65ji	8159	E	DXW.Net
2025 Jul05	2025 Jul11	Mozambique	C9	C94RRC	AF-103	80-10m	C S 8	OQRS	KG65ji	8159	E	DXW.Net
2025 Jun25	2025 Jul31	Morocco	CN	CN2DX			C S 8		IM64sh	3662	ENE	DXW.Net
2025 Jun28	2025 Jul14	St Pierre & Miq.	FP	FP/KV1J	NA-032	80-6m	S c	LoTW	GN16tw	1014	NE	TDDX
2025 Jul05	2025 Jul15	Grenada	J3	J38DX	NA-024	80-10m	S 8 c	LoTW	FK92ca	2073	SSE	OPDX
2025 Jul24	2025 Aug02	Svalbard	JW	JW/SP9HGN	EU-026	40-10m	S 8	LoTW	GD18pg	6418	S	DXW.Net
2025 Jul14	2025 Jul23	Svalbard	JW	JW0V	EU-026	160-6m	C S 8	I8KHC	JQ78tf	3523	NNE	DXW.Net
2025 Jul03	2025 Jul10	Honduras	HR9	K6VHF/HR9	NA-057	80-6m	S C R 8 4	LoTW	EK66th	1788	SSW	DXW.Net
2025 Jul17	2025 Jul24	Aland Is	OH0	OH/DL4XT	EU-002	40-10m	C S	LoTW	KP00eg	4018	NE	OPDX
2025 Apr16	2025 Dec31	Czech Republic	OK	OL100IARU		"all"	"all"	LoTW	J070ec	4127	NE	ARLD016
2025 May24	2025 Jun06	Seychelles	S79	S79/DX6GF	AF-024	20-10m	4	DX6GF	LI75ri	8471	ENE	OPDX
2025 Jun30	2025 Jul05	Dodecanese Is	SV5	SV5/S55DX	EU-001				KM36xf	5219	NE	TDDX
2025 Jul16	2025 Jul19	Dodecanese	SV5	SV5/WJ20	EU-001	80-10m		LoTW	KM36xe	5221	NE	DXW.Net
	2025 Sep08	West Kiribati	T30	T30TTT	OC-017	160-6m	C S 8 4	LoTW	EL83ve	1248	SSW	ARLD025
2025 Jan10	2025 Oct16	Palau	T8	T88SM	OC-009	160-6m	C S D	JA6EGL	PJ77fi	8684	NW	OPDX
2025 Jan10	2025 Oct16	Palau	T8	T88XK	OC-009	160-6m	C S D	JE6KFN	PJ77gl	8674	NW	OPDX
	2025 Jul09	Guatemala	TX	TG9/AF4CZ		40-10m	8 4 s	AF4CZ	EK44mv	2003	SW	ARLD025
2025 Apr01	2027 Apr01	Marshall Is	V7	V73HW	OC-028	80-10m	S 8	KX4QD	RJ38ur	7250	WNW	ARLD014
2025 Jul11	2025 Jul25	Iceland	TF	VE2XB		160-6m	?	VE2XB	FN35el	383	N	TDDX
	2025 Jul12	Falkland Is.	VP8	VP8DPD	SA-002	20-10m		EA5GL	GD18pg	6418	S	ARLD020



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:30 pm ARES 70cm Net*	3 HCARC MEETING 7:00 pm see page 3	4	5
6	7	8	9 7:30 pm ARES 2m Net*	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 7:30 pm ARES 70cm Net	17	18	19 North American RTTY QSO Party
20	21	22	23 7:30 pm ARES 2m Net*	24	25	26 Alabama & MARAC QSO Parties
27	28	29 July 30 Noon HCARC Board Meeting >>>>	30 7:30 pm ARES 70cm Net	31		
					Updated on	6/26/2025

July QSO Parties

North American QSO Party July 19 1800- July 20 0559
(NAQP) RTTY only <http://www.ncjweb.com/>

MARAC QSO Party- July 26 0000 -July 27 2359
(work many US counties) <https://www.marac.org/>

Alabama QSO Party -July 26--1500 July 27 0300
<https://alabamacontestgroup.org/aqp/>

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