

The SKYHOOK

HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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Toms River, NJ

"September 2026 About The President"



Taken from text messages from Doug's wife, Jean:

Previous text message:

Doug came home from rehab last Saturday with the neck and back braces. He needs to wear them until at least September 1, when he sees the Orthopedic doctor. He has a hospital bed in the living room so he can watch TV in the evening. He has a lot of doctors to see in the next month or so. He appreciates anyone that steps up to assist with programming.

Last text message:

The September 1 appointment was held yesterday. The back brace is gone! For the next two weeks he has to wear only the neck brace day and night. The following two weeks, he wears the neck brace only during the day. Doctor is very pleased with his progress. When we see him in a month, he will probably take the neck brace away too!

Doug, we wish you a speedy recovery and Jean, we hope you are also holding up well.



We Say Happy birthday To:

Raymond Barton KE2CIR

Steve Jackson N2WLH

Richard "Wolf" Wallace KD2ZIW

Janice Loscalzo

Jeanne Poray

Joann Miranda-Wallace

And Happy Anniversary to:

Doug & Jeanne Poray

Mike & Candice Larkins

Richard & Joann Wallace



OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday September 3rd

at 7:00 PM

Holiday City South Clubhouse A

Santiago Drive at Mule Road

Creating Bonds At The Fortune Buffet!

A group of nine members of the Holiday City Amateur Radio Club and their significant others gathered for our bi-monthly luncheon, always held at Fortune Buffet in Toms River. These luncheons help build community and club ties, foster personal connections, and now and again can combat isolation.

Similarly, when it comes to eating with friends, research shows "those who eat socially often feel happier and are more satisfied with life, are more trusting of others, are more engaged with their local communities, and have more friends they can depend on for support".

Everyone must eat. Making food a common language that crosses all cultures and backgrounds brings people together by tapping into our basic biological and emotional need for connection.

Sharing a meal creates an atmosphere to share stories, laugh, build trust, spark conversations, and turn simple moments into shared memories that build strong communities and friendships.

And trying new foods is always an adventure! Fortune Buffet features a Hibachi grill, an open sushi bar, seafood, desserts, ice cream, fruits, and a variety of Chinese and American cuisines.

If you weren't there, consider joining us at our next gathering in October.

Submitted by Richard (Wolf) Wallace, KD2ZIW



HCARC Foxhunt September 22

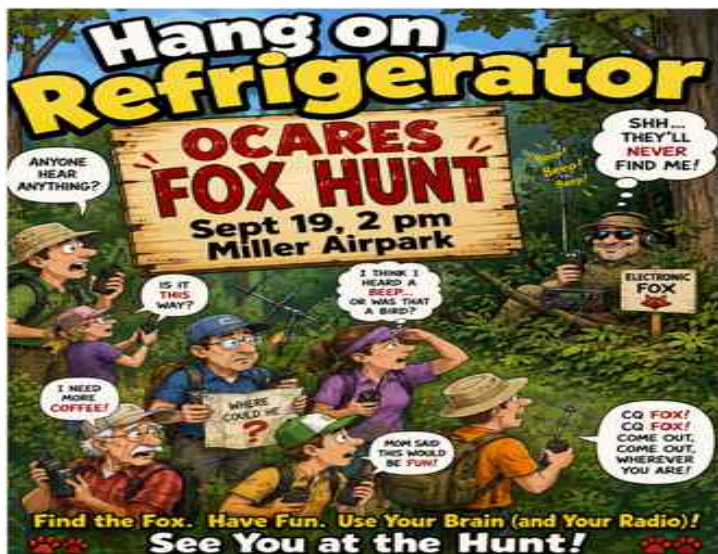


The Holiday City Amateur Radio Club will be conducting a Foxhunt on September 22nd. We have a new fox, Steve D'Onofrio, N2YLO. My understanding is he's a wily, cagey fox and should prove to a worthy prey. Come join in the fun.

Richard (Wolf) Wallace, KD2ZIW

From The OCARES Signal

OCARES is conducting their Fox Hunt on September 19, at 2:00 PM at Millar Airpark.



Parks On The Air (POTA)



Members of the Holiday City Amateur Radio Club have discussed doing some POTA activities. Our first possible "Activation" will be at Double Trouble State Park, 581 Pinewald Keswick Road, Bayville, NJ 08721.

The date for this activity has yet to be determined, and we all agreed to do this when the weather is a bit cooler. One good thing is we do not need to be connected to the internet to participate, just a way to record QSO's for uploading later to the POTA site.

So, what is POTA? POTA stands for Parks On The Air.

Parks on the Air (POTA) is an international radiosport award program for licensed amateur radio operators. It encourages participants to operate portable radio equipment in public parks and protected lands to promote emergency communications awareness and community outreach.

What do I need to do for POTA?

To participate in Parks on the Air (POTA),

1. You need a valid amateur radio license (Technician is sufficient for VHF/UHF, but General class is recommended for HF, where most activity occurs),
2. A portable radio setup (transceiver, antenna, power source, etc.)
3. A logging method (i.e., HAMRS, N3FJP ACLog, N1MM Logger+, and Ham2K Portable Logger, manual

entry via the POTA website, etc.). Or, do it the old-fashioned way: log it on a piece of paper, then enter the information in digital format to an ADIF file.

4. Access to a registered POTA park.

Essential Requirements

1. License & Account: You must hold an amateur radio license and register an account on the POTA website (pota.app) to log contacts and track activations.
2. Equipment: A minimum setup includes a radio, a power source (like a battery pack), an antenna, and a logging method (software or paper). For HF operations, lightweight antennas like the Buddistick Pro or Packtenna are popular.
3. Location: You must operate from a park listed on the POTA map. The activator and all equipment must be within the public boundaries of the designated park.

Activation Process

1. Find a Park: Use the pota.app map to locate a registered park near you.
2. Setup & Spot: Set up your station, tune to a frequency, and "Spot" yourself on the POTA website by entering your frequency and park reference.
3. Make Contacts: Exchange callsigns, signal reports, and park references with hunters (other operators). A standard activation requires a minimum of 10 QSOs within a single UTC day to be valid.
4. Log & Submit: Record all contacts and submit an ADIF log via the POTA website to receive credit for the activation.

Submitted by Richard (Wolf) Wallace KD2ZIW



"QSO PARTIES"

An easy and friendly way to "work" a US state to achieve Worked All States is to "work" the state's QSO Party. The best guide on the internet to upcoming QSO Parties is WA7BNM Contest Calendar.

Tennessee, 1700Z, Sep 6 to 0300Z, Sep 7, 2026
 New Jersey, 1400Z Sep 12 to 0200Z, Sep 13,
 Colorado 1400Z, Sep 12 to 0359Z, Sep 13, 2026
 Texas 1400Z, Sep 19 to 0200Z, Sep 20, 2026 and
 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 20

At WA7BNM Contest Calendar,
 just "Click" on the ones that interest you
 to get more information.

"Classified Section"

1. NAME: Jeff Pennel KA2DHE
 - a) Contact Info: 609-668-3070
 - b) Equipment wanted: Small vertical TV antenna rotor for small Yagi. SWR Meter.

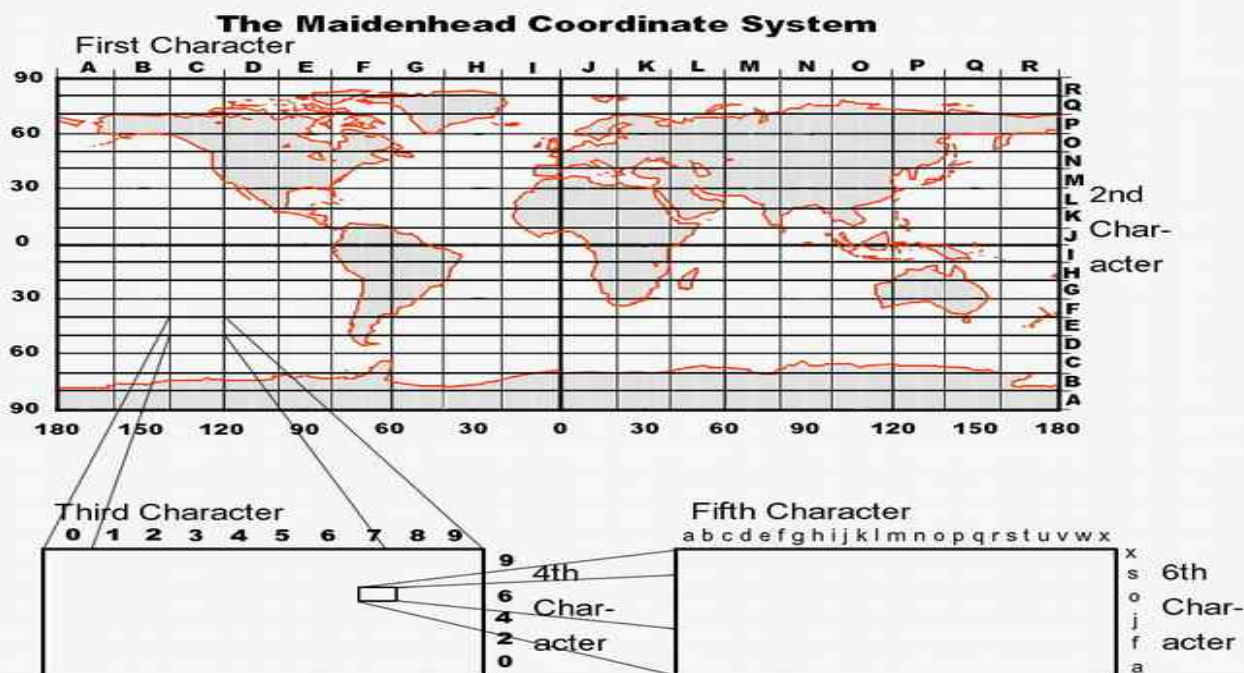
Some DX Opportunities

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 = Pix

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
2026 Sep04	2026 Sep12	Vietnam	3W	3W9C	AS-128	20-6m		LoTW	OK43gi	8749	N	DXW.Net
2026 Sep21	2026 Oct12	Samoa	5W	5W0AF		40-10m	S	LoTW	AH36sg	7255	W	OPDX
2026 Sep20	2026 Oct10	Maldives	8Q	8Q7JH	AS-013	20-10m	C S 8	LoTW	MJ64me	8748	NE	DL3JH
2026 Sep30	2026 Oct11	Dem Rep Congo	9T	9T0MD		160-6m	S C 8 R	LoTW	J175ss	6395	E	OPDX
2026 Aug31	2026 Sep06	Madeira	CT9	CT9/LX1MDA	AF-014	40-10m	S 8	LoTW	IM12np	3179	E	LX1MDA
2026 Sep01	2026 Sep12	Grenada	J3	J38DX	NA-024	80-6m	S 8 4	LoTW	FK92ca	2074	SSE	OPDX
2026 Sep01	2026 Sep12	Grenada	J3	J38LD	NA-024	80-6m	S 8 4	LoTW	FK92ca	2074	SSE	OPDX
2026 Sep12	2026 Sep19	Ogasawara	JD1	JD1/JG1PFR	AS-031	80-10m	C	DK7PE	QL17cc	7244	NNW	DK7PE
2026 Sep24	2026 Oct06	Ogasawara	JD1	JD1BON	AS-031	160-6m	S 8 4	LoTW	QL17cb	7247	NNW	J11LET
2026 Sep24	2026 Oct06	Ogasawara	JD1	JD1BOK	AS-031	160-6m	S 8 4	LoTW	QL17cb	7247	NNW	J11LET
2026 Sep24	2026 Oct06	Ogasawara	JD1	JE1NVD/JD1	AS-031	160-6m	S 8 4	LoTW	QL17cb	7247	NNW	J11LET
2026 Sep24	2026 Oct06	Ogasawara	JD1	J11CRM/JD1	AS-031	160-6m	S 8 4	LoTW	QL17cb	7247	NNW	J11LET
2026 Sep09	2026 Sep25	Franz Josef Land	RI1	RI1FJL	EU-190	80-10m	C S 8	LoTW	LR30us	3823	N	RA1ZZ
2026 Sep04	2026 Sep07	Palau	T8	T88PB	OC-009	80-10m	C S	LoTW	PJ77fi	8690	NW	OPDX
2026 Aug20	2026 Aug26	Iceland	TF	TF5SS	EU-021	80-10m	S c	TF5SS	IP05wp	2793	NNE	OPDX
2026 Aug24	2026 Aug31	St Kitts & Nevis	V4	V47JA	NA-104	160-6m	S 8	W5JON LoTW	FK87pg	1713	SSE	W5JON
2026 Aug25	2026 Oct10	Namibia	V5	V51WH		160-6m	R	DK2WH	JG88ap	7167	ESE	DXW.Net
2025 Apr	2027 Apr	Marshall Is	V7	V73HW	OC-028	80-10m	S 8	KX4QD	RJ39re	7244	WNW	ARLD
2026 Sep23	2026 Sep29	Bermuda	VP9	VP9I	NA-005	80-10m	S C R D	LoTW	FM72pi	0747	SE	TDDX
2026 Sep04	2026 Sep11	Kosovo	Z6	Z68PX		60-6m	S 8 4	LoTW	KN02oq	4667	NE	DXW.Net



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 HCARC MEETING 7:00 PM	4	5
6	7	8	9 VE Session? 6:30pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 HCARC Fox 9:00 AM. HCS Parking Lot	23	24 Holiday City Diner – Board Meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30			
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Thank You To All Who Contributed!

Many Thanks To :

John Roberts KQ4WR,

Tom Preiser N2XW



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Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required. Dues are \$40.00 per year, payable January 1st. Members joining during the year will have the dues prorated. Family membership \$50.00 per family.

Meetings are held at 7:00pm 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 Richard "Wolf" Wallace, KD2ZIW, 732-575-6429. kd2ziw@comcast.net