



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

www.hcArc.us

August 2015

Toms River, NJ

You, Your Club, And The ARRL

The ARRL is a lot more than QST and W1AW, so we've scheduled Section Manager Skip Arey, N2EI, to be at the August 6 meeting to give a PowerPoint presentation, and to interact with us about many of the other services we can have, just for the asking.

Skip is also an enthusiastic DX-er, and can give some great operating pointers.

License Exam Scheduling Change

Our VE team still has license exam sessions at 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of most months.

But from now on, to make sure the VE's will be there, you'll need to make an appointment.

That's easy to do.

Just call Larry Puccio, 732-349-2950, or e-mail him at K2QDY@arrrl.net

Accessability and Accommodations:

Amateur radio is a popular hobby among those who are physically challenged. In fact, I've known several hams who were totally blind. Applicants with all kinds of physical disabilities can be accommodated. Even illiteracy is considered a handicap that must be included. The exams can be given orally or even at the applicant's bedside. A doctor's note may be required. For more info, contact Courage Kenny HANDI-HAM System at 3915 Golden Valley Rd. Golden Valley MN 55422; Tel 763-520-0520; Nancy.Meydell@allina.com; or web <http://handiham.org>, or Larry Puccio (above).

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday August 6 at 7:00 PM

**Bldg A, Meeting Rm. #1
Holiday City South Clubhouse
Santiago Drive at Mule Road
Toms River, NJ**

Help Wanted

Nominations for HCARC Executive Board Offices will be accepted at the August and September meetings.

The Executive Board consists of eight members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and four Executive Board Members-at-Large.

Elections are to be held at the October meeting. The term of office is one year, beginning and ending at the conclusion of the club election at the October meeting.

No organization can function for long without good officers. Nominations are open to all HCARC members.

Birthdays And Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Lawrence Loscalzo WA2VLR

Dave Ottenberg WA2DJN

Jamie Punderson W2QO



Happy Anniversary to

Carl & Jane Lee

Jamie & Sarah Punderson

Norm & Dolores Smith

Stan & Marjorie Stafiej



And a belated Happy Birthday to the Canadian Flag. Canada is still celebrating the 50th anniversary of the raising of the first official flag of Canada at a ceremony featuring Queen Elizabeth II on February 15, 1965. Amateur Radio Special Event Station CK3NOO has recently been heard, celebrating the now-familiar red & white maple leaf design, a radical departure from earlier unofficial versions which featured the British Union Jack.

Ocean County ARES® News

August, 2015

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES will be on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM. The meeting place is the Ocean County EOC, Robert J. Miller Airpark, Berkeley Township. There will be no training net that evening due to the meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

Amateur Radio operators are requested to support SNJ ARES during the Papal visit to Philadelphia on September 26 and 27. See http://www.ares-snj.org/papal_visit_2015

for signup information. All pre-event communication with operators will be via Twitter, so you will need to sign up for a Twitter account. The request for operators comes from the Cooper University Hospital, which anticipates a huge demand on medical support services during the visit, since up to 4 million people are expected to surge into the Philadelphia area and cellular phone service is sure to be overloaded. If you are interested in volunteering, follow the prompts at the above mentioned website.

Yesterday (7/19/15), K6RPT-12 showed up on the APRS map for our area. It is an unmanned weather balloon, running solar powered APRS. It was about 260 miles to the East of Toms River at an altitude of 44,000 feet and was being received directly by the BARNGT and TOMRVR APRS digipeaters along with several other home APRS stations. If you want to learn more about the project, see <http://www.cnsip-inc.com/>

Thanks to Keith, KC2OON for bringing this to my attention.

The Yaesu System Fusion polo shirts have come in for the 10 operators who donated to the project during the first of the year. They will be distributed during the August 19th ARES meeting. Very slick looking and very unique!

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

Minutes Of The July 2 Meeting

Holiday City Amateur Radio Club

Minutes - July 2, 2015 Meeting

7:07 Meeting called to order

Flag Salute

Member Introductions

The Treasurer was not present. A motion to delay the Treasurer's Report until the next meeting was passed.

The Secretary's minutes from the last meeting were presented and accepted with corrections.

Old Business:

The President brought up the motion passed in the last meeting to increase the constitutional level limit for cash-on-hand from \$50.00 to \$150.00. The President stated that the proposed constitutional change had been posted in the Skyhook. The remaining requirement to vote a second time was addressed. The motion was made and seconded. The motion was passed.

Murray Goldberg questioned why the field day was canceled at the last moment. A request was made from the floor to discuss the basis for this decision. As the only person who knew why the decision was made was not present, the discussion was delayed until the next meeting.

A discussion was held on the possibility to have future field days in coordination with ARES. No final decision was made.

A discussion on the next Chinese Fusion buffet was held. Murray Goldberg also requested that anyone planning to attend the buffet should email him to assure sufficient reservations. Further, he and his wife were donating handmade jewelry for the 50/50 drawing at the buffet.

7:40 A Break was called for refreshments and the 50/50.

8:09 The meeting was called back to order.

A presentation was made by Carl Lee. Several DVDs on solar cells and the 2008 field day were shared.

8:43 The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

John Rogers, Secretary

Local 2-meter Repeaters

Here's a list of the local coordinated repeaters for the 2-meter band. The HCARC repeater (146.655) is currently inactive, and looking for someone to give it a good home.

County / Location	Output	Input	Tx Call	Sponsor	Op Codes
Camden / Winslow	145.150	-	K2AX	JTRA	o (t=ZZ=91.5) e
Ocean / Manchester	145.170	-	WA2RES	OC ARES	o (t=3B=131.8) WX e R A O
Camden / Waterford Wks	145.210	-	W2FLY		o (t=XA=71.9) e Mixed-Mode
Burlington / Medford Twp.	145.290	-	K2AA	SJRA	o (t=ZZ=91.5) (ca) e
Camden / Cherry Hill	145.370	-	NJ2CH	CH OEM	o (t=ZZ=91.5) (ca) e O
Burlington / Chatsworth	145.470	-	KC2QVT	BurlCo OEM	o (t=3A=127.3) L e R A O
Ocean / Toms River	146.445	+1MHz	KC2GUM	O.C.R.G.	o (t=3B=131.8) WX a e A
Mercer / Lawrenceville	146.460	+	N2RE	Sarnoff RC	o (t=3B=131.8) 147.46 input
Ocean / Toms River	146.655	-	WA2JWR	HCARC	o (t=3A=127.3) RB WX
Mercer / West Trenton	146.670	-	W2ZQ	DVRA	o (t=3B=131.8) WX (ca) e R A O
Ocean / Tuckerton	146.700	-	N2NF		o (t=7A=192.8) e R A O
Camden / Camden	146.820	-	W3PHL	PARA Group	o (t=3B=131.8) e A
Ocean / Manahawkin	146.835	-	N2OO	835UserGrp	o (t=3A=127.3) (ca) e R A O
Camden / Pine Hill	146.865	-	K2UK	CCAPRA	o (t=3B=131.8) L (ca) e
Camden / Blackwood	146.895	-	K2EOC	CC OEM	o (t=7A=192.8) WX e R A O
Ocean / Toms River	146.910	-	W2DOR	JSARS	o (t=3A=127.3) e Bi
Burlington / Willingboro	146.925	-	WB2YGO	WARG Inc.	o (t=3B=131.8) (ca) e
Ocean / Lakewood	146.955	-	W2RAP	EARS	o (t=1A=103.5) e
Burlington / Robbinsville	147.075	+	KX2D	Robbinsvil	o (t=XA=71.9) L (ca) e R
Mercer / Allentown	147.105	+	K2UQ	Allentown	c (t=3Z=123.0) (ca)
Burlington / Westampton	147.150	+	KC2QVT	BurlCo OEM	o (t=3A=127.3) L WX (ca) e R A O
Camden / Runnemede	147.225	+	WA2WUN		o (t=7A=192.8) e O
Camden / Waterford Wks	147.345	+	WA3BXW	SNJ-ARES	o (t=3A=127.3) WX e R O

o=open; t=CTCSS ("PL"); L=linked system; RB=remote base; WX=Weather net/usage; a=autopatch; (ca)=closed autopatch; e=emerg pwr; Bi=bi-lingual. Affiliations: R=RACES, A=ARES, O=OEM.



HCARC 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 \$13.25 plus \$4 S&H. Al Ross WA7UQE will take care of you and put the official logo and club name on your personal badge.

August DX Contests

Aug 1 2pm (to 1:59am) North American QSO Party CW

<http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

Aug 15 2pm (to 1:59am) North American QSO Party SSB

<http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

Aug 22-23 Hawaii QSO Party

<http://www.higsoparty.org>

Aug 29-30 ALARA Australian YL contest,

www.alara.org.au/contests/

Aug 29-30 Kansas QSO Party,

www.ksqsoparty.org

Aug 29-30 Romanian YO DX HF contest,

www.yodx.ro/en/english

Aug 29-30 US Islands W/VE Islands QSO Party,

www.usislands.org/contest_rules.html

For a much more complete list of contests for a particular week, check out the "WA7BNM Contest Calendar" website at <http://www.hornucopia.com>.

It gives a lot of information about contests of the past, present, and near future. I especially like the 8 Day list, because it gives details like categories and exchanges, and usually links to the official rules.

Ham Broadcasts On The 49meter Band

[Broadcasting is not permitted on ham bands, except for Morse code practice and bulletins specifically for radio amateurs. The following article is about a shortwave broadcast station (not a ham station) that was purchased by a German ham club. The 49 meter band is a broadcast band, not a ham band. The article this came from did not mention the station's callsign.]

"Radio Channel 292" 6070kHz

Owned & Operated by Deutscher Amateur Radio Club e.V.

June 2015 Broadcast Schedule:

Sundays

0700Z (3:00am) SuperClan Radio

0800Z (4:00am) GoldRausch 6070

0900Z (5:00am) DARC

Mondays

1500Z (11:00am) DARC

1800Z (2:00pm) DARC

Saturdays

0600Z (2:00am) Radio MiAmigo

0700Z (3:00am) Radio MiAmigo

1600Z (Noon) DX Extra SW News

Our VE Crew

Murray [KD2IN](#), Ed [W1EAP](#), Larry [K2QDY](#),

John [KQ4WR](#), Stan [KB2PD](#), Steve [N2WLH](#),

Kevin [W2FA](#), Paul [N2QXB](#), Larry [WA2VLR](#).

License exams are now given by appointment only at 7pm 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 appointment.

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 intersection.

CLUB COMMITTEES

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Holiday City Amateur Radio Club

Toms River, New Jersey

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Executive Board	Tony Kuzinski	KD2GSO	732-930-5779
Executive Board	(vacant)		
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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.

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

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DX Reports

Russ Young, W2VQV worked:

Russ reported that conditions for May and July were not good. As Sunspot Cycle 24 continues to wane, the 10m band tends to shut down earlier in the afternoon, but 15m still survives into early evening, providing some early evening Pacific interest.

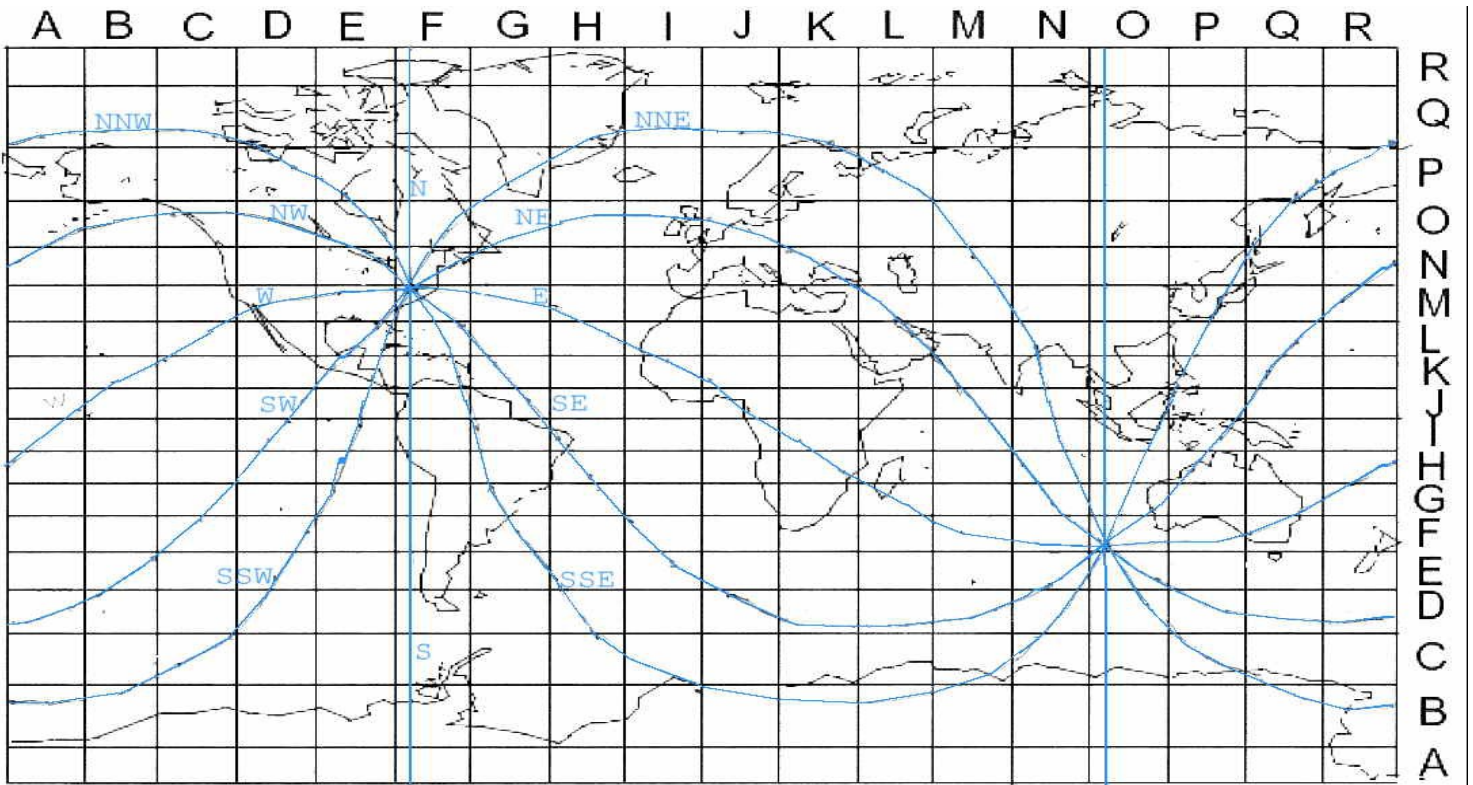
CALLSIGN	DATE	TIME	MODE	BAND	ENTITY	IOTA	GRID	DIST	DIR
OJOB	15-Jun-15	2053Z	RTTY	20M	MARKET REEF	EU-053	JP90mh	4248	NNE
FS5PL	19-Jun-15	0000Z	CW	15M	ST. MARTIN	NA-105	FK88lb	1617	SSE
JA3YBK	20-Jun-15	2043Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-117	PM74mq	6837	NNW
JS3CTQ	20-Jun-15	2056Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-007	PM74un	6987	NNW
JE1CKA	20-Jun-15	2058Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-007	PM96oa	6812	NNW
JA1ZGP	20-Jun-15	2101Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-007	PM95sp	6837	NNW
JK1YMM	20-Jun-15	2106Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-007	QM06gc	~6800	NNW
JA7NVF	20-Jun-15	2107Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-007	QN00qu	6462	NNW
JA1ZWT	20-Jun-15	2109Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-007	[PM95]	~6800	NNW
JA6GCE	20-Jun-15	2113Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-077	PM52it	6837	NNW
JR4OZR	20-Jun-15	2131Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-007	PM75bb	6990	NNW
JM1LPN	20-Jun-15	2142Z	CW	15M	JAPAN	AS-007	PM95vq	6837	NNW
V44KAI	24-Jun-15	2045Z	CW	17M	ST. KITTS & NEVIS	NA-104	FK87ph	1676	SSE
OD5ZZ	1-Jul-15	2131Z	SSB	17M	LEBANON		KM74wk	5734	NE
EA8BLV	1-Jul-15	2146Z	CW	17M	CANARY ISLANDS	AF-004	IL18ri	3405	E
YT9M	9-Jul-15	2126Z	CW	17M	SERBIA		KN03cx	4671	NE

Some Opportunities For August

Thanks to NG3K for compiling the list, and to QRZ.com and Wikipedia for the latitudes and longitudes.

Begin	End	Entity	Callsign	C/IOTA	Bands	Modes*	Grid	Direction	Miles
Jul 24	Aug 01	Monaco	3A/IK5WWA	EU	80-6	?	JN33rr	ENE	4038
Aug 07	Aug 15	Monaco	3A/IZ8EGM	EU	40-6	?	JN33rr	ENE	4038
Aug 15	Sep 01	Gambia	C5WP	AF	80-10	?	IK28jr	E	3773
Jul 06	Aug 03	South Cook Is	E51AGY	OC-013	80-10	C	BG08cs	WSW	6927
Jul 05	Aug 21	Ethiopia	ET3AA	AF	?	?	KJ99ia	ENE	6999
Aug 03	Aug 24	Guayaquil	HC2/LU9EFO	SA-034	80-10	S	FI07bt	S	2935
Aug 03	Aug 24	Galapagos	HC8/LU9EFO	SA-004	80-10	S	E49sm	SSW	2977
Jul 15	Sep 15	Djibouti	J20JM	AF	80-10	QC,QJ	LK11ht	ENE	7086
Aug 06	Aug 09	Ogasaw ara	JO1LVZ/JD1	AS-031	160-6	C,D	QL07mm	NNW	7256
Aug 07	Aug 10	Luxembourg	LX9YL	EU	160-6	C,S,P,R	JN39cq	NE	3810
Aug 08	Aug 13	Mariana Is (Tinian I)	NH0J	OC-086	80-6m	C,S,R	QK24tx	NW	7862
Aug 07	Aug 10	Faroe Is	OY/DL2JRM	EU-018	80-10m	C	IP60oa	NE	3133
Aug 26	Aug 31	Fernando de Noronha	PY0F/PP1CZ	SA-003	80-6	C,S,R	HI36sd	SE	4024
Aug 09	Aug 23	Seychelles	S79DPX	AF-024	40-6	S	LI75ri	ENE	8482
Aug 12	Aug 19	Dodecanese	SV5/DL1ZB	EU-001	20-6	S,R,P,V	JO40ic	NE	3901
Jul 19	Aug 01	Crete: Chrysi	SW9AA	EU-187	?	?	KM24uu	ENE	5186
Aug 10	Aug 15	Iceland	TF/F4GGQ	EU-021	?	S	IQ14ej	NNE	2969
Aug 31	Sep 07	Iceland	TF/K2HVN	EU-021	30-10	C,S	IQ14ej	NNE	2969
Aug 24	Aug 29	Corsica	TK/IZ1FRM	EU-014	?	?	JN42jn	ENE	4135
Jul 28	Aug 08	Antigua & Barbuda	V29SH	NA-100	(17m)	(C,S)	FK97cd	SSE	1745
Jul 19	Aug 02	Anguilla	VP2ERM	NA-022	80-10(20)	S,C,R(D)	FK88lg	SSE	1644
Jul 10	Aug 05	USA (Maine)	W2IY	NA-055	?	?	FK54ug	SSE	1812
Aug 07	Aug 08	Cayman Is	ZF2EE	NA-016	?	C	EK99hi	SSW	1486

*Modes: C = CW, D=Digital, J=JT65, P=PSK31, Q=QRP, R=RTTY, S=SSB, V=Video/SSTV



August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NA QSO Party -CW
2	3 HC Diner noon get-together	4	5 OC ARES Net 8:30pm every Wednesday*	6 HCARC Mtg. 7:00pm	7	8
9	10	11	12 Lic Exams by appointment 7:00pm	13	14	15 NA QSO Party -SSB
16	17 HC Diner noon get-together	18	19 ARES Meeting 7pm @ Miller Air Park	20	21	22 HI QSO Party
23	24	25	26 HCARC Board Meets 10am	27	28	29
30	31 HC Diner noon get-together		*No ARES net Aug 19			
					Updated on	7/31/2015