

The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

www.hcarc.us

December 2016

Toms River, NJ

President's Corner

Looking back at the past year, HCARC members have done 8 of the 11 presentations at the club meetings.

I would like to thank

Lee W2PTZ, Urb W1UL, Larry K2QDY, Stan KB2PD, John KQ4WR and Paul N2QXB

for taking the time and effort for their memorable presentations.

I would like to ask other club members that have hobbies or interests that they would like to present at our monthly meetings, to contact me for help, if needed, in making their presentations.

I would also encourage club members to offer their input about future club presentations.

If the presentations are not to your liking, please offer suggestions for improvement.

This is your club and with your help we can make it enjoyable for everyone.

73,

Tony

HCARC VHF Net Update

The H.C.A.R.C. VHF Net is ongoing.

Election day we only had 2 check-ins, probably due to the interest in this election.

I would like to ask the membership for more net control operators.

Paul Hansen gave me a script in which I ran 2 nets.

I have made mistakes, but I am gaining that "on air experience," and becoming more comfortable talking over the radio.

I would like to get 2 more net control operators before we consider having an HF net sometime next year.

Any technician and above can host the net, so even if you have never hosted a net, this is your chance.

Please see Paul Hansen N2QXB if you are interested.

Info:

Net meets 7:00 PM Tuesday evenings on WA2JWR 146.655 -0.6 offset (input 146.055), 127.3 PL optional

Linked to:

146.880 -0.6 offset, PL 94.8;

445.575 -5 offset, PL 94.8;

Echo link 330923.

Our Special December Meeting



This year, we'll be meeting at Villa Amalfi, 1006 Rt 166, Toms River, NJ 08753, at 2PM instead of the Holiday South clubhouse at 7PM. Please contact Tony if you are planning to attend.

NEXT MEETING:
Holiday Special
at Villa Amalfi 2:00 PM
not at our usual place or time
Toms River, NJ

Ocean County ARES® News

December, 2016

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES will be on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 PM. This will also be the annual Holiday Party and all are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and will be located at the Ocean County EOC, Robert J. Miller Airpark in Berkeley Township. There will be plenty of food so bring your appetite and a show-and-tell item, if you wish, to discuss with the attendees.

In order to keep everyone up to speed with NBEMS (Narrow Bandwidth Emergency Message System), during the nets on 449.825 MHz on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, net control will have at least one ARRL Radiogram message transmitted during the training net. The message will be composed in FLMSG and transmitted via FLDIGI in the MT63-2000L mode. You only need a microphone on your computer to receive messages. Watch the following tutorial on installing and using it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWZ2vKWSiE>

These nets will also be held at the same time SNJ ARES holds NBEMS training nets on the K2EOC repeater, 146.895 MHz, located in Camden County. I doubt if any Ocean County operators can make the Camden net, so our local NBEMS exercise should suffice for SNJ ARES training.

I'm happy to announce that the Harvey Cedars Internet line has been installed and we will be working on getting the final programming done on the D-Star Gateway computer. Hopefully, the SCERN (Southern Counties Emergency Repeater Network) will be able to be accessed via the Harvey Cedars D-Star repeater in early 2017.

The end of November marks the end of the 2016 Hurricane Season and now the Skywarn concentration will be on snow totals during the winter months.

Remember, snowfall is measured and reported in tenths of an inch, not fractions. Now is the time to get your hands on a measuring stick graduated in tenths to measure snowfall. Also remember to report your Skywarn ID number when Skywarn nets are held. Net Control will not have all these numbers available and by you providing them, the reporting process to the NWS is speeded up.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

Ham Newsletters

These are Ham newsletters that you can subscribe to, about different aspects of Ham Radio:

[Amateur Radio Newsletter](#)

http://www.amateurradio.com/growing-6m-jt65-activity/?utm_source=amateur-radio-weekly&utm_medium=ema

(sign up is at the bottom of the page).

[Amateur Radio Weekly](#)

http://hamweekly.com/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=footer

[Calling CQ](#)

<http://tinyletter.com/ke9v>

[Solder Smoke](#)

(Learned about this gem from Carl Lee)

<http://soldersmoke.blogspot.com/>

[VA3XPR Newsletter](#)

(Good resource on DMR and UHF/VHF radio)

<http://www.va3xpr.net/newsletter/>

-Tony

Meet Jack Dougherty, K2AOW

A Meet the Members article by Doug Poray KC2TZC



Jack (John) Dougherty is an active member of our club and participates in most of the club's activities. His quiet and friendly personality is admired by the members. You can see Jack taking part in small group discussions during the informal portions of the meeting.

Jack became interested in amateur radio when he started his career as an electronic technician. He was first licensed in 1959 and holds a General Class license with a call sign K2AOW.

Even though Jack does not presently have a "rig" available, he has many memorable amateur experiences.

Jack enjoys flying and is a licensed pilot.

Tampa Bay Hamfest

December 9 & 10, 2016

Plant City, FL

<http://www.tampabayhamfest.org>

Our VE Crew

Larry [K2QDY](#) (Liaison) 732-349-2950,
Urb [W1UL](#), John [KQ4WR](#), Stan [KB2PD](#), Steve [N2WLH](#),
Paul [N2QXB](#), Larry [WA2VLR](#), Tony [KD2GSO](#).

License exams are given by appointment 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 information.

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.

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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.

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 street corner.

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Dues Are Due January 1



Yes, the "Duesy" reminds us it's time to pay dues again. It's still \$25.00 a year. See Larry K2QDY our Treasurer, or send a check payable to HC Amateur Radio Club to:

Larry Puccio

22 Sabinas St.

Toms River, NJ 08757-6153

New Lunch Get-Togethers Schedule

After trying something different for the month of November, we will be going back to the Monday get together lunches with one change, the restaurant will change and it will be published on the Skyhook calendar. For the month of December we will meet at the Lisa Restaurant on the 5th and at the Holiday City Diner on the 19th. Email reminders will also go out on the Saturday before the lunch with the time and place.

Lisa's is in that mini mall just East of the Walmart.

Our November VE Test Session

On November 9th, 3 candidates took their ham license exams:

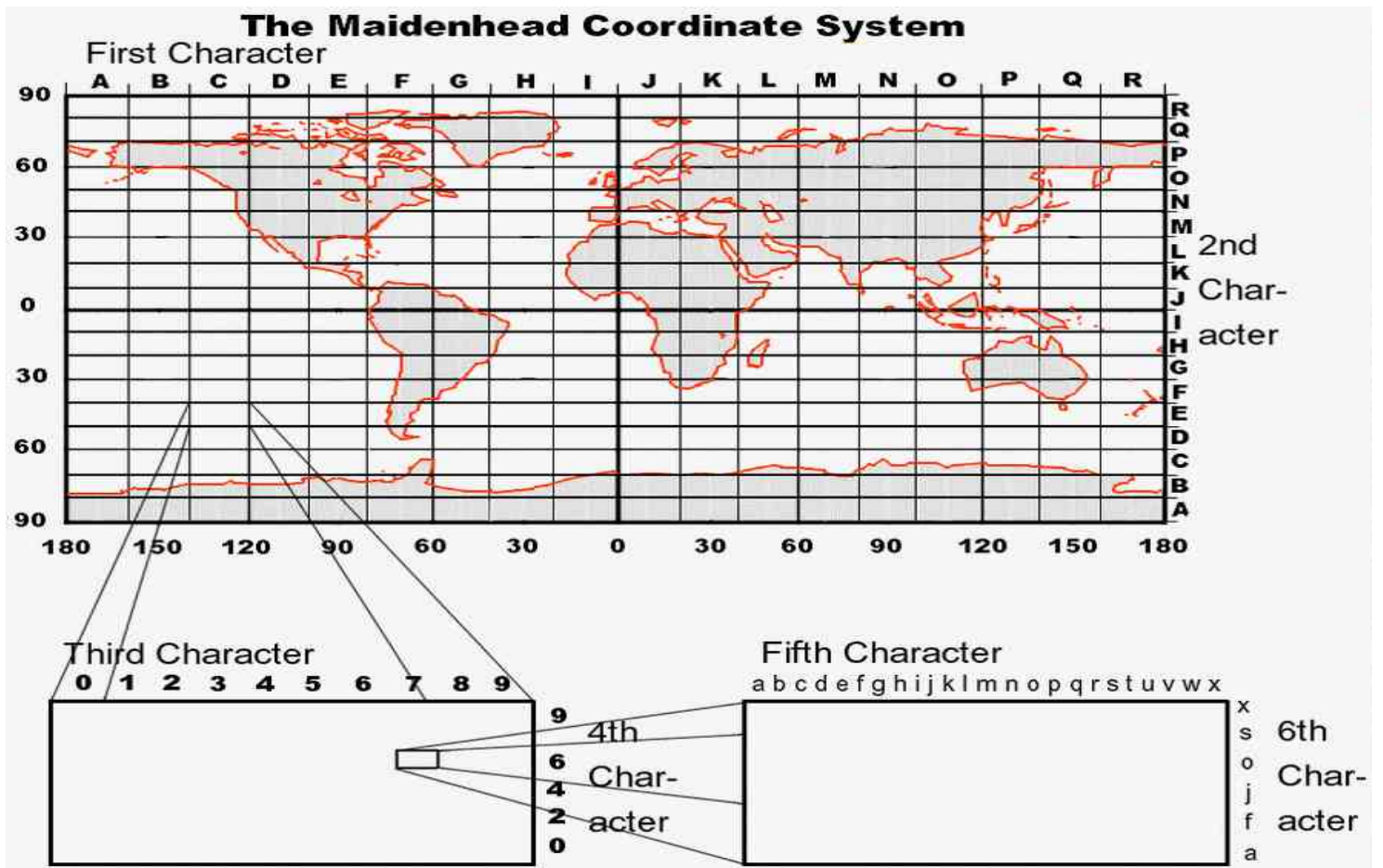
Billy Locke Passed Technician

Luke Ferrone W2LAF Passed General

Thomas Raneri Passed Technician

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Party at Villa Amalfi 2:00pm No regular meeting	2	3
4	5 Lunch at Lisa's Restaurant 12:00 Noon	6 HCARC Net 7pm 146.88 rptr	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9 Tampa Bay Hamfest (2 days)	10 ARRL 10m Contest (2 days)
11 Int'l Naval Contest 2 nd day	12	13 HCARC Net 7pm 146.88 rptr	14 VE Session by appointment; see page 3	15	16	17 RAC (Canada) contest
18 Rookie Roundup	19 Lunch at Holiday City Diner at noon.	20 HCARC Net 7pm 146.88 rptr	21 OC ARES 7pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve; Hanukkah starts
25 Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah	26	27 HCARC Net 7pm 146.88 rptr	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

Begin	End	Entity	Callsign	Grid	Miles	Dir	IOTA	QSL	Ref
Nov 09 '16	Dec 06 '16	Mauritius	3B8/DJ7RJ	LG89sq	9304	E	AF-049	DJ7RJ Dir	AA1M
Nov 07 '16	Dec 02 '16	Tanzania	5H3MB	KI93sa	7787	E	AF-032	LotW	DXNews
Nov 20 '16	Dec 03 '16	Maldives	8Q7SP	MJ64qj	8752	NE	AS-013	LotW	DXNews
Nov 15 '16	Dec 09 '16	Malta	9H3AP	JM75gv	4634	ENE	EU-023	G8GNI	TDDX
Nov 20 '16	Dec 25 '16	Dem Rep Congo	9Q0HQ/3	JI75pq	6389	E	AF-100	Club Log	TDDX
Nov 15 '16	Dec 14 '16	Trinidad & Tobago	9Y4/K4NHW	FK81sa	2127	SSE	SA-009	LotW	DXW.Net
Dec 08 '16	Dec 12 '16	Palestine	E44QX	KM71gm	5724	NE		LotW	TDDX
Dec 01 '16	Dec 11 '16	St Martin	FS/	FK88ma	1660	SSE	NA-105	Home Call	TDDX
Dec 31 '16	Jan 06 '17	Nicaragua	H74/	EK72aa	2060	SSW	NA-013	EA3BT	DXNews
Nov 30 '16	Dec 08 '16	Grenada	J3/VE7ACN	FK92gm	2051	SSE	NA-147	LotW	DXNews
Dec 17 '16	Jan 02 '17	St Lucia	J68HZ	FK94ma	1966	SSE	NA-108	LotW	TDDX
Dec 03 '16	Dec 15 '16	Bonaire	PJ4/	FK52ne	1949	S	SA-006	Home Call	DXNews
Nov 13 '16	Dec 15 '16	St Kitts & Nevis	V47JA	FK87qh	1713	SSE	NA-104	LotW	W5JON
Nov 22 '16	Dec 03 '16	Norfolk I	VK9NF	RG30xx	8893	W	OC-005	LotW	TDDX
Dec 10 '16	Dec 19 '16	Turks & Caicos	VP5/VE7ACN	FL41kl	1291	S	NA-003	LotW	DXNews
Nov 16 '16	Dec 05 '16	Cambodia	XU7AEZ	OK21mm	8885	N	AS-133	LotW	OPDX
Nov 21 '16	Dec 01 '16	Ascension I	ZD8V	II32aa	5068	ESE	AF-003	LotW	TDDX
Nov 24 '16	Dec 01 '16	Chatham Is	ZL7/JA1XGI	AE26aa	8567	WSW	OC-038	LotW	OPDX



DL30EUDXF

Federal Republic of Germany; Members of the European DX Foundation are on the air with special event call sign DL30EUDXF until December 31 to celebrate their 30th anniversary. (news via DJ6SI)

Some DX Jargon

AGB	Belarus Radio Club
ARRL	American Radio Relay League
AWA	Antique Wireless Association
CQ	Calling anyone. ("Seek you")
CQ	CQ Magazine
CQ	An International Amateur Radio DX association
CQC	CQ Colorado Contest
CW	"Continuous wave" (normal radio Morse as opposed to spark)
CWOPS	CW Operators Contest
CWT	Abbreviation for the above
DARC	Germany Amateur Radio Club

DX	Any foreign country
DX	Any distant station (from the traditional math symbol for Distance)
NAQCC	North American QRP Club
NCCC	Northern California Contest Club
OKDX	Czech Republic (callsign prefix "OK")
QRP	Q-code for "Reduce power"; usually 5W or less.
QSL	Q-code for a written proof of contact
QSO	Q-code for a conversation or contact
RAC	Radio Club of Canada
RAEM	Russian Amateur Radio Union
SARL	South African Radio League
SKCC	Straight Key Century Club
Spartan	Hikers using very lightweight transceivers
TARA	Troy (NY) Amateur Radio Association
Test	Short for "Contest"
TOPS	Romanian Amateur Radio Operators

