

The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

At Our January Meeting

I will be doing a program on the ARRL national traffic system. It goes back to the early days of ham radio and it is a part of the ARRL name.

Carl Lee W2PTZ

Happy Birthday To:

We have two January birthdays:

Dennis Aldrich KD2YKZ

Pat Aldrich



Dues Are Due



Folks

Dues are due and I will be accepting cash or check at the next meeting which is Thursday, January 5th. I have a list of the members that need to pay dues and also those that had a guest at the annual holiday luncheon. That charge is \$10.00 for the guest. So if you need to pay dues and had a guest I will be looking for a \$35.00 payment. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy healthy New Year.

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Larry Puccio K2QDY

Holiday City ARC Holiday Luncheon

The Holiday City Amateur Radio Club members, wives and Tom Roberts (our official photographer), shared a Holiday dinner at Italy's Best.

Once again it was a special afternoon. Everyone was upbeat as we looked forward to being with each other. The Club Members discussed many aspects of Ham Radio.

And the guests were happy to greet each other and have lively conversation with each other. We were offered a variety of meal selections for dinner. The staff as usual was attentive; the food was bountiful and delicious.

The warm spirit of the season could be felt in the room today. So let's remember the day well, as we begin the Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year to all.

Grace Puccio

[See photos on pages 5 & 6]

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday, September 5th.
at 7:00 PM

Holiday City South Clubhouse A
Santiago Drive at Mule Road
Toms River, NJ

Ocean County ARES® News



On December 2nd, 2022, WX2NJ, N2XW and N2RPQ installed an APRS digipeater at the Chatsworth Tower in Burlington County. The digipeater will replace the APRS digipeater removed from Barnegat to make room for the VARA FM digipeater.

The antenna on the Chatsworth tower is approximately 300 feet above sea level. The digipeater carries the ID CHATSW and is operated under callsign WA2RES with an output of 50 watts on 144.390 MHz.



*WX2NJ installing Chatsworth APRS Digipeater
Photo by N2RPQ*

Preliminary results indicate excellent APRS coverage on Route 72 west of the Parkway. APRS signals were pretty much dead down to Little Egg Harbor after the

removal of the Barnegat APRS Digipeater and the Chatsworth unit will certainly improve coverage.



Chatsworth Tower Photo by WX2NJ

The following is the 2023 schedule of meetings and VE sessions for Ocean County ARES at the Ocean County EOC (All at 7:00 PM):

Meetings: FEB 15, APR 19, JUN 21, AUG 16, OCT 18 and DEC 20.

VE Sessions: JAN 17, MAR 21, MAY 16, JUL 18, SEP 19 and NOV 21.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

73 de WX2NJ Bob Murdock

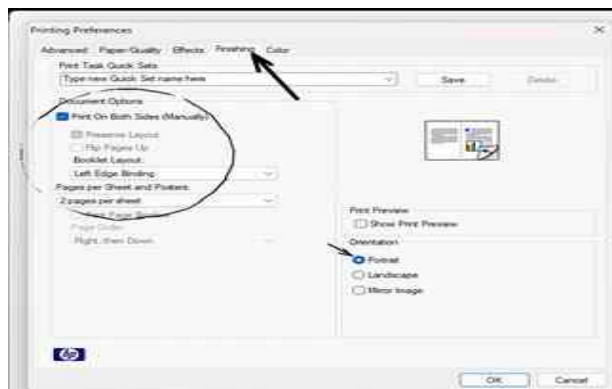
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How To Print Skyhook

How to print all 8 pages of SKYHOOK on only 2 sheets of paper

This works for HP ink-jet printers with Microsoft Edge.

1. While displaying SKYHOOK, you may be able to **skip directly to Step 4** by entering **ctrl+shift+p** . If that doesn't work, select the **print** icon in the tools menu:
(If you don't see the printer icon, click the "..."
next to the gear icon)
2. Drag the vertical bar downward to the bottom of the **Print** menu
3. Select **Print using system dialog ...**
4. Select **More settings** if needed to get to the **Printing Preferences** window
5. At **Printing Preferences** select the **Finishing** tab



6. At **Document Options**, select **Print on Both Sides Manually**
7. At **Booklet Layout**, select **Left Edge Binding**
8. At **Pages Per Sheet and Posters**, select **2 pages per sheet**
9. Verify that **Orientation** is set to **Portrait**
10. Select **OK**, then **Print**
11. When asked to re-insert paper, allow ink a minute to dry, then follow the instructions shown to print the back sides

Fold pages sharply to form a booklet
Curl back pages 1 and 3 to make room for stapler
Staple the two sheets together at the fold.

Our Volunteer Examiner Crew

Larry [K2QDY](#) (Liaison) 732-349-2950,
John [KQ4WR](#), Stan [KB2P](#), Kevin [W2FA](#),
Steve [N2WLH](#), Michael [WA2CWX](#)

License exams are given by appointment at 7:00pm on the first Wednesday after each HCARC meeting 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 an appointment.

Directions: From either Route 37 W or Davenport Road, take Mule Road to Santiago Drive. Clubhouse A is the building nearest the street corner.

Holiday City Amateur Radio Club

Toms River, New Jersey

Web Site www.hcsrc.us

President	Doug Poray	KC2TZC	732-928-2316
Vice President	Steve Jackson	N2WLH	732-255-7916
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Executive Board	John Roberts	KQ4WR	732-966 4665
W2HC Trustee	Larry Puccio	K2QDY	732-349-2950

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 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 and 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 John Roberts, [KQ4WR](#), 732-350-1162.

Our Holiday Luncheon Photos



Larry Puccio, John Roberts, Kieron Pillion, Carl Lee, Carl LeFevre, Doug Poray, Stan Stafiej, Steve Jackson, Carl Grabala, Ray Kozakiewski, Mike Larson



Grace Puccio, Rose La Luna, Harriet LeFevre, Jeanne Poray, Marjorie Stefiej, Pam Pillion, Christine Jackson



I Have For Sale One TYT MD-390 DMR HT With GPS Radio.



UHF MD-390 Specifications

Frequency Range - UHF 400-480MHz.

Battery - Li-Ion 2200mAh Standard.

Dimension - 131 x 61 x 36 mm.

Weight - 258g.

Transmitter - Low Power 1 Watt / High Power 5 Watts.

1000 Channels

Built-in CTCSS/DCS

Repeater Capable

AMBE+2™ Digital Vocoder

Includes Charger

Emergency Alarm

VOX

Encryption (Digital Mode Only)

Private Call/Group Call/All Call

Cloning Capable

Text Messaging

Talk Around

Channel Scan

Priority Scan

Lone Worker Mode

LED Status Light

Color LCD Display

Lighted DTMF Keypad

Hi/Low Power Selectable

Signal Strength Indicator

Battery Meter

Low Battery Alert

Battery Saver

Programmable Multifunction Key

PC Programmable (Optional Software and Cable Required)

Timeout Timer

Keypad Lock

Audible Button Beeps

Clock

Drop-In Charge Capable

IP67 Waterproof

Submersible

Audio Accessory Connector

DMR

GPS

Stun/Kill/Activate

It comes with the following:

TYT MD-390 UHF-DMR-GPS with a standard belt clip and programming cable.

Standard desktop charger and stand.

TYT external hand microphone. (Additional Accessory)

TYT earphone with keying button. (Additional Accessory)

Extra 7.4V/2200mAh battery. (Additional Accessory)

User's Manual

The asking price is \$80.00 or best offer.

Contact Steve Jackson at n2wlh@yahoo.com

Some DX Opportunities

Italics if DX > 6000mi

Callsigns shown in alphanumeric order

Mode codes: 8 = JT8, C = CW, D = Digital, J = JP4, P = PSK31, R = RTTY, S = SSB, T = SSTV.

Bands: "Low" usually means 160, 80 & 40m.

Many thanks to Bill Feidt NG3K, Wikipedia, Google Maps, the ARRL, the RSGB, DXW, TDX & QRZ.com for the data.

Table with columns: START, FINISH, ENTITY & Ranking, PFX, CALLSIGN, IOTA, BANDS, MODES, QSL via, LOC, MILES DIR, INFO by. Contains multiple rows of event data.

Larry Puccio K2QDY Worked:

Table with columns: DATE, TIME, FREQ, MODE, CALLSIGN, ENTITY, IOTA, LOC, MILES, DIR. Lists specific worked stations and times.

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Straight Key Night (All Day)	2	3	4 7:30 ARES Dig net 145.170, 8:30 ARES Voice 449.825	5 HCARC Meeting 7:00PM	6	7 Kids Day; 1PM RTTY Roundup
8 Roundup continues 'till 7 PM	9	10 License Exams 6:30 Tomorrow by appoint. See Page 3	11 7:30 ARES Dig net 449.825, 8:30 ARES Voice 145.170	12	13	14
15	16 King Day	17 License exams at OC EOC 7:00 PM See page 2	18 7:30 ARES Dig net 145.170, 8:30 ARES Voice 449.825	19	20	21 VHF Contest starts at 2:00 PM
22 VHF Contest ends at 11:59 PM	23	24	25 7:30 ARES Dig net 449.825, 8:30 ARES Voice 145.170	26	27	28
29	30	31				

RARE DX ALERT

Bouvet Island 3Y0J and Crozet FT8WW Dxpeditons are scheduled for this month. Dates may be approximate. Check the Internet for latest news.

Happy New Year

And Thank You to all those who helped with this newsletter.