



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

Program for the February Meeting

The program for the February meeting will surely be and interesting one. This month some of the club members have volunteered to bring in some of their favorite test gear. Each participant will tell the group about the test equipment and how it works. My guess is that there will be voltmeters, signal generators, antenna analyzers, oscilloscopes and who knows what else. It will be and interesting and educational program so make sure you get to the meeting.

Dates to Remember

February 2	Regular Membership Meeting
February 6	Club Luncheon
February 8	V.E. Session Evening at 7:00 PM
February 20	Club Luncheon
February 22	Executive Board Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

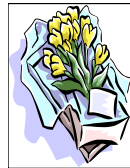
02/25 Warren Keay KB2SSQ



Anniversaries

02/03 Shirley & Murray KD2IN Goldberg

02/20 Jessie & Paul N2IFH Kaciuba



NEXT MEETING: February 2nd, 2012
Thursday 7:00 PM
Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse
Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

The President's Corner

Our January meeting was opened by Larry Puccio, K2QDY, acting as the club President. Dave Ottenberg, WA2DJN, has come down with a case of Shingles.



The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and had a moment of silent prayer for Larry Houseman, W2GIS, who became a SK the beginning of January.

Larry also advised the group that he had recently learned Ray Lauterbach, KC2GKN, wife Caroline had passed away in December of 2011.

Larry provided the Treasurers report and had Carl Lee, W2PTZ provided the minutes of the December meeting. Both reports were accepted as read.

Larry told the group that he has composed an article describing ham radio and the Holiday City ARC. The article will be published in the February edition of the community news paper. Ed Piccuti, W1EAP, will also have it published in his community paper. Both John Roberts, KQ4WR, and Andy Murin, KA2FTF, have volunteered to get it into their community papers as well. The article is aimed at stirring the interest in some non-ham residence to become hams as well as introducing the club to new residents that may not know the club exists. As we age our active membership is declining and we need to attract new members.

In addition we need to have someone step up to some vacant positions. We need a President to lead the club. We need two members to step up to become Executive Board members. Murray Goldberg has volunteered to take the refreshment committee and we thanked him for volunteering. At our January meeting we had 11 club member in attendance.

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Larry Puccio
K2QDY

Lawrence W. Housman, W2GIS, SK

Age: 95 • Berkeley Twp.

Lawrence W. Housman, 95, of the Silver Ridge Park North section of Berkeley Twp, NJ died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012 at Community Medical Center, Toms River. Lawrence was born in Staten Island, NY and lived in the Dongan Hills section of Staten Island before moving to Berkeley Twp. in 1983. He graduated from Curtis High School, Staten Island and served in the Army. Before he retired in 1979, Lawrence was an electrical inspector for New York City. He was a ham radio operator since age 14 and was the oldest ham radio operator on the east coast. Lawrence was a member of the Holiday City Amateur Radio Club, the Silver Ridge Bowling team at Ocean Lanes and the George P. Vanderveer American Legion Post 129, Toms River.

Lawrence is predeceased by his wife, Dora C. (nee Schweitzer). He is survived by his daughter, Rita D. Wangenstein and her husband Noel of Richmond Town, Staten Island and his son, Lawrence J. and his wife Marion of Brick. He is also survived by six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Larry W2GIS was one of the original members of the Holiday City Amateur Radio Club formed in June 1989. Larry had a General Class license and was active on the air with 40 & 75 meter nets. Larry operated mostly on phone and had an HF rig in the house and one base 2 Meter radio and 2 HTs, plus an amplifier. Larry was a member of: ARES, QCWA, JSARS, RACES Associations. Later when he could not drive he would get a ride from another club member to attend club meetings. He especially enjoyed meeting old friends at the club Holiday Party. Although he had trouble hearing as of late he still enjoyed listening to his rig and making contacts. Larry was truly a gentleman and never had a harsh word for anyone. He will be missed by all the club members.

Dues are Due

It's that time of year again and our club membership dues are due. This is our largest source of income and we depend on everyone. Please see Larry Puccio, K2QDY, club Treasurer with your dues money.

HCARC Official 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 \$12.50 plus \$2.00 S&H. Al Ross WA7UQE will take care of you and create an official logo and club name on your personal badge.

Our VE Crew

Murray KD2IN, Bill AC2F, John K2JWH, Ed W1EAP, Larry K2QDY, Jamie W2QO, John KQ4WR, Stan KB2PD, Steve N2WLH, Kevin W2FA, Ed WA2NDA, Walter KC2LFD.

CLUB COMMITTEES

Refreshments: Murray Goldberg KD2IN & Carl Lee W2PTZ

www.hcarc.us Webmaster: Carl W2PTZ and Kevin W2FA

Publicity: Ed W1EAP

Programs: Vacant

Sunshine: Dave Ottenberg WA2DJN

Event Food Committee: Vacant

Field Day: Larry K2QDY

VE Sessions: Bill AC2F, Larry K2QDY plus the 'crew'

Skyhook: Larry K2QDY

Funds Raising: Murray KD2IN

Membership: Murray KD2IN

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Executive Board	John Roberts	KQ4WR	732 350-1162
Executive Board	Vacant		
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Membership is open to all interested persons. Ham license is not required.

Dues are \$20.00 per year, payable Jan. 1st. Members joining during the year will have the dues prorated. Family membership \$30.00

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: Go to Mule Rd. and to the corner of Santiago Drive. Turn into Santiago Dr., then into the parking lot in front of the pool. Enter bldg. on right.

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William R. Haldane AC2F (SK)

William R. Haldane 91 of Toms River. Beloved husband and father, passed away Monday January 9, 2012. He was born in Huntington, West Virginia and attended Marshall University and William and Mary. He served in WWII and Korea as an electronics officer. He was a member of the RCA Sarnoff Laboratory in Princeton.

He is survived by his wife Nona and children, Suzanne, of Peterborough, New Hampshire, William Jr. of Toms River, Cynthia of Trenton and Scott of Boston. Memorial services were held on Friday January 13th at the Quinn Hopping Funeral Home, 26 Mule Road. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Holiday City at Berkeley First Aid Squad. 100 Port Royal Dr. Toms River NJ 08757.

Bill was a member of the Holiday City Amateur Radio Club since June of 2000. Bill was first licensed in 1946 as W8YDF and subsequently held an Extra Class license. Bill enjoyed operating both HF and VHF rigs and was a avid experimenter. He enjoyed tinkering with various modes including Amateur TV. Bills station included a 40 foot crank up tower with a three element beam and a vertical for low band work. He enjoyed DXing and rag chewing as well. At club meetings Bill was an authority on many ham related subjects and could be counted on for technical advise and presentations. He shared his technical expertise at club meetings and told the group about his experiments with under water transmissions for the military submarine service. Bill was always present at Field Days and he enjoyed watching and advising the others who were assembling the antennas and rigs. He particularly enjoyed going to Hamfests where he always picked up some obscure piece of equipment and always a digital camera or two. On the way home we always heard the same story "I have to sneak this camera past Nona." I bet he had 100s of cameras.

Bill was truly a gentleman and never had a harsh word for anyone. He will be missed by all the club members.

Hamfests/Conventions By Kevin Wagner W2FA

02/25/2012 | [ARAST Winterfest](#)

Location: Horseheads, NY

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Association of the Southern Tier

Website: <http://www.arast.org>

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02/26/2012 | [WashFest 2012](#)

Location: Castle Shannon, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: The Wireless Association of South Hills

Website: <http://n3sh.org>

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Special Events:

02/02/2012 | Washington County PA Sportsman Show
Feb 2-Feb 5, 1200Z-1800Z, W3C, Washington, PA. Washington Amateur Communications Inc.. 21.250 18.130 14.260 7.210. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI, 60 Carl Ave B2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. Event is held at a shopping mall Washington Crown Center in Washington PA. This is our 12th year. We show that amateur radio is alive and well in today's electronic world. We also show we are ready to communicate in times of emergency. Over the years we have helped lots of people get into this hobby with this public event. www.wacomarc.org.



What was your first contact like? Were you shaky? Maybe you could write an article about how you got started, who was your Elmer and what did your first station consist of.

How's DX From: December 15TH - January 14TH

Russ, WA2VQV worked:

On 30 Meters CW: FM/F6AUS Martinique.

On 20 Meters CW: IT9MUO Sicily, OA1F Peru, OX3XR Greenland.

On 20 Meters SSB: 9Y4D Trinidad & Tobago, TI2CDA Costa Rica.

On 17 Meters CW: CX2AQ Uruguay, HH2/HB9AMO Haiti, HK3TU Colombia, LU6EF Argentina, PJ4C Bonaire, V25RV Antigua/Barbuda.

On 17 Meters SSB: TI8II Costa Rica, YV8AD Venezuela.

On 17 Meters RTTY: KH2L Guam, PJ4C Bonaire.

On 12 Meters CW: CX2AQ Uruguay, FM/F6AUS Martinique, GI4DOH Northern Ireland, KH2L Guam, PY1MX Brazil.

On 12 Meters SSB: V31NB Belize, V51YJ Namibia.

On 12 Meters RTTY: PJ4C Bonaire.

Larry K2ODY Worked:

On 30 Meters CW: EA8ZS Canary Islands

On 80 Meters CW: 7x4AN Algiers, UA6AF UA6GR Russia

On 40 Meters CW: EU1A EW7LO Belarus, OA1F Peru, OK2SK Czech Rep, SM4OIT Sweden, UR4NWG Ukraine, LZ1QI Bulgaria..

On 20 Meters CW: EA3AR Spain, OK1KW Czech Rep, ON6MH Belgium.

On 17 Meters CW: LX1DA Luxembourg, Z33Z Macedonia

On 15 Meters CW: DL5FCZ Germany, EA8NC Canary Islands.

On 12 Meters CW: EZ3A Turkmenistan, PA1CC Netherlands, JA1LZR Japan, OL60DG Czech Rep, SK5A Sweden, XE2X Mexico

On 10 Meters CW: OE3GCU Austria, ON4ALY Belgium, DL9CM Germany, F5JVP France, IK3VZO Italy.

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