



# The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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April 2012

Toms River, NJ

## Program for our April Meeting

### Field Days Around the Country

When we were doing our own June Field Day last year, did you wonder what was going on at other Field Day locations? We will have a look at some of them, from the East to the West coast via YouTube videos brought to you by Murray KD2IN. By contrast, one video is by an individual Ham setting up with friends in a park, and the others are large multi-member clubs with all the trimmings.

You will be amazed and entertained as well. Come see these videos.

### Dates to Remember

April 2	Club Luncheon
April 5	Regular Membership Meeting
April 11	Open Club Luncheon
April 11	Evening VE Session
April 16	Club Luncheon
April 25	Executive Board Meeting

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Joe Cuff 04/02  
 Audrey Murin 04/13  
 Grace Marie Puccio 04/08  
 Marjorie Stafiej 04/01



## The President's Corner



Our March 1st, meeting was attended by 10 members and guests. After a brief business meeting the group broke for coffee and cake and then enjoyed an interesting and educational presentation by John Dilks K2TQN.

John had a computer video presentation about early radio pioneer Ed Raser W2ZI. We learned that Ed who lived most of his life in Trenton NJ became interested in radio in the early 1900s and had built a high power Spark Gap radio at his home. Ed went off on various ships and in the US navy to become the ships radio operator which were knick-named "Sparkey" due to the large spark generated during the keying of the spark transmitters of that day. He is also credited with setting up the first New Jersey State Police radio system.

Ed's first call was 2RE, which were his initials written backwards, and was first licensed in 1915 as 3NG by the FCC. He was number 387 in the newly organized ARRL. Ed is most famously recognized for his Antique wireless Radio collection. This became the largest private collection of early day wireless memorabilia and artifacts in the United States and Canada. The display now resides in the American Wireless Association, Historical House in East Bloomfield NY.

We also finalized the club luncheon to be held on Wednesday, April 11 at the Fortune Buffet on route 37 west. The time is 12:00 Noon and the cost including tax and tip is \$10.00 per person. Please contact Murray and let him know your intention and if your will bring a wife or friend with you.

73 Larry  
K2QDY  
Acting President

**NEXT MEETING: April 5 2012**  
**Thursday 7:00PM**  
**Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South**  
**Clubhouse**  
**Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive**

## Our Annual Chinese Buffet Event

We again will enjoy a meal at the Fortune Buffet this month. The date is April 11th, Wednesday, at 12 noon. Already more than a dozen members and spouses, have signed up to go. At the April meeting you too can add your names to the list. The cost is a modest ten dollars (\$10) for the all-you-can-eat buffet, and that includes tax and tip as well. Need we remind ourselves of past visits when we were amazed at the almost countless dishes of food. From soup to nuts, seafood to 'land' food and so much more, will meet our gaze as we survey the mouthwatering choices. We will also have the benefit of a separate room for our group's seating.

The restaurant is located at the Orchard Mall on Rt. 37W. Please pay at the meeting to reserve you place at the lunch event. If you want to add your name(s), but can't be at this meeting, call Larry at 732 349 2950 to let him know you will meet us at the buffet on the 11th.

## It's Hamfest Season!

It appears that with spring arriving, the local Hamfest season is also starting to bloom. Please don't forget that the Sussex County Amateur Radio Club (SCARC) Hamfest will be coming up on Sunday July 15, 2012. The SCARC Hamfest is perhaps the largest in the tri-state area, with hundreds of vendors and tons of tailgate space. Don't forget the major equipment suppliers, like KJI Electronics which provides a door prize.

We hope to see all of you in July, but in the meantime, please don't forget the upcoming hamfests, below:

Warminster ARC Hamfest May 6, 2012

Raritan Valley Radio Club June 16, 2012 <http://www.w2qw.org/hamfest.htm>

SCARC Hamfest July 15, 2012

SCARC Hamfest Committee

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

### CLUB COMMITTEES

Refreshments: Murray KD2IN & Carl W2PTZ

www.hcarc.us Webmaster: Carl W2PTZ

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Event Food Committee: Murray

Field Day: Larry K2QDY

VE Sessions: Larry K2QDY plus the 'crew'

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Funds Raising: 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 additional.

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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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## Tim Allen's QSL

The ABC Television series, "Last Man Standing" is about Mike Baxter (Tim Allen of Tim the Tool Man fame), a director of marketing for "Outdoor Man," a fictional outdoor sporting goods store in Denver, Colorado. Mike's life is dominated by women — especially at home with his wife and three daughters, one of whom is a single mother.

Mike, is a "man's man" and involved in all kinds of outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, boating. Likewise, Mike (and Tim) has a love for all the electronics that go with these activities. Among Mike's interests is Ham Radio and he has the call KA0XTT. The call is factious but is listed on QRZ.com due to being inserted by the show not by listing by the FCC. "XTT" is a bit of a private joke as Tim's character name on "Home Improvement" was Tim Taylor, therefore ex T. T.

If you would like a QSL from KA0XTT, personally signed by Tim Allen, send one of your cards to:

4024 Radford Ave.  
Bungalow 17  
Studio City, CA 91064

I sent a SASE but it's not required.

The two links below show a montage of QSL submitted to the show.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIjwNzZ-1kk&feature=channel>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0KQE7UblN8&feature=relmfu>

There is a good chance you'll see many cards from people you know.

The show airs on ABC Tuesdays at 8 PM.

73 Urb W2DEC

## Letters: Maps and GPS Fallibility

Taken from the April issue of ARRL ARES news letter.

The story [\*Hams Help Save the Life of Fellow Ham\*](#) in the December 2011 issue was interesting and heartwarming when learning of the safe rescue of the ham. The one thing that caught my eye was the misleading by the GPS in trying to lead to the motel the driver was looking for. I try to use the Internet mapping programs offered by Google and others. I print out the road and street layout of the location I am headed for when it is not a familiar location. I use my GPS to verify that I am on the roads that my map shows that I should be on, as I go along. When the GPS starts to send me to a road I know from the map is a wrong one, then I know not to trust or follow the GPS directions any longer. I then use the map and the roads shown on it to get where I need to get to.

Speaking in general, this is a good practice for any travel to an unfamiliar location such as for an assignment to an emcomm setup by an ARES member, and so on. These maps are incredible in detail, even including motels, gas stations, hospitals and so on. It is a resource that is free to anyone who has an Internet connection and a printer. Unfortunately, as we know, there is too much faith in cell phones and GPS devices, which are all too fallible, especially in an emergency. Printed maps do not depend on radio tethered devices. It is the one thing you can depend on, assuming you know how to follow a map, and it is not dependent on radio or satellites in any way. -- Murray Goldberg, KD2IN, Toms River, New Jersey

## How's DX

**From: February 15<sup>th</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup> 2012:**

Russ, WA2VQV worked:

On 30 Meters CW: EA5KY Spain, HA9RT Hungary, PJ7PT St. Maarten, VP5/K7AR Turks & Caicos.

On 20 Meters CW: C6APG Bahamas, HC2/W7SE Ecuador, PJ7PT St. Maarten, PZ5RO Suriname

On 20 Meters RTTY: 5K3W Colombia, PJ7PT St. Maarten.

On 17 Meters CW: 3DA0PW Swaziland, OK6DJ Czech Rep., VP2MOM Montserrat.

On 17 Meters SSB: HK4CZE Colombia, NP2/AA4VK U.S. Virgin Is.

On 17 Meters RTTY: IF9ZWA EU-054 Italy.

On 15 Meters CW: GB0ANT England, OA1F Peru.

On 12 Meters CW: 3DA0PW Swaziland, 5N7M Nigeria, 6Y0A Jamaica, FG5FR Guadeloupe, HR5/W9GL Honduras, PJ7PT St. Maarten, VP2MOM Montserrat.

On 12 Meters SSB: 5N7M Nigeria, TO11A Guadeloupe.

On 10 Meters CW: PV8ADI Brazil.

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