



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

Program for our June Meeting

This months program will be devoted to the upcoming Field Day exercise. We will be making final preparations and determining the actual member participation. We will be using the logging program we used last year called SQUIRL. This is a simple and easy to learn logging program. Many of the members already have had experience using the program but since Field Day is a once a year event a practice session is in order.

Additionally, our own Carl Lee, W2PTZ, will be speaking to us about Marine Radio. Carl has had extensive experience in the marine world and volunteers in sea rescues. Carl is a member of the United State Power Squadron who's charter is Safe Boating through Education.

Dates to Remember

June 3	Regular Membership Meeting
June 9	Evening VE Session
June 23	Executive Board Meeting
June 26	Field Day
June 28	Club Members Luncheon

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Mike Agostinello	06/12
Vince Genzardi	06/21
Sally Genoino	06/01
Nona Haldane	06/22
Russ Young	06/10



The President's Corner By Dave WA2DJN



The May 6th meeting was delayed about 20 minutes due to the South West Coral group meeting, which ended at 7:15. We decided to have coffee and Cake at our break time around 8pm, so John Hann and I set up the refreshments.

Thank you John for your help. We started the meeting, with our salute to the flag and introduced the officers and members, who were there. We had about 12 members at the meeting.

I announced that Bob Salisbury had passed away, this past week. Several people said they went to the service. We started to discuss Field Day, that will take place on June 26th and I had 10 people who said they would come and help set up and operate, the Field Day event.

I talked about setting up simple long wire antennas, and using two transceivers, with computers to log in contacts. One station would operate CW or SSB, and the other station would run PSK 31. Joe Militano offered to bring his Elecraft K2 transceiver, and I will bring my Yaesu FT 102. We discussed renting a generator and took a vote, which the members talked about and decided to use commercial power instead of the generator. We will start to set up around 10 AM, and possibly start to operate earlier by 12 PM. We will have cake, coffee and bagels, in the morning and later have Pizza brought in for lunch. I hope that it will be nice weather, and we should have a good time at Field Day.

Murray announced that the Chinese Buffet would take place at the MAY 2 restaurant,

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2010

Thursday 7:00PM

**Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse**

Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

On Wednesday July 14th at 12 noon, located off of route 571 in the Pathmark, Home Depot shopping center.

The Raritan Valley ARC, W2QW, will be holding their hamfest on June 19, 2010. The location is in Piscataway the same location as in the past few years. A group of us will be going so if you are interested in going please let myself or Larry know and we can make up a car pool. It is likely we will be leaving the club house around 7:30 AM that morning. Check QST for more information.

Carl Lee volunteered to speak on Maritime equipment at the at June meeting. It sounds like an interesting topic. I will be away June 3rd, but will be at the Field Day event.

73

Dave Ottenberg

Club Chinese Buffet Luncheon

We are planning a club visit to the MAY Buffet 2 on Wednesday, July 14th, at 12 noon. A private room is reserved for our Holiday City Group. The lunch cost is \$7.05 including tax and drinks.

Location: Indian Head Plaza- which is the same location as Home Depot and Pathmark. It is at the intersection of Rt. 571 and Rt. 9. Entrance on Rt. 571.

Reservations can be made at the June and July meetings. A one dollar deposit is requested when you reserve. (To be used for the group tip at the luncheon.) If you can't reserve at a meeting, call Murray at 732-505-6860 to make a phone reservation.



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

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Event Food Committee: Vacant

Field Day: Larry K2QDY

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

Skyhook: Larry K2QDY

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 \$10.00

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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Should You Use LoTW? By Urb LeJeune, W3DEC

Logbook of the World (LoTW) is an ARRL initiative attempting to alleviate the high cost of QSLing when qualifying for ARRL sponsored awards. There is a persistent rumor that LoTW contacts will soon count for Island on the Air (IOTA) awards but there has been no official announcement.

Many operators think LoTW is only for DXer and contesters only. That's not true although the majority of current LoTW participants are either DXer or contesters. We hams have one thing in common: We want to make contacts. Participation in nets permits a layback approach to making contact. However, contacts with LoTW participants can be more desirable than contacts with non-participants. It's the desirability difference between living in NJ and living in UT!

There are many people working on the ARRL Triple Play Award which requires SSB, CW and Digital contacts with all 50 states. The kicker is that all 150 contacts must be confirmed on LoTW, no paper QSLs need apply.

All ARRL awards can now be earned with LoTW contacts, including WAS and its derivations such as 5BWAS and endorsements for different bands and modes. If you participate in the LoTW program a QSO with you becomes much more desirable. Most modern logging software support LoTW uploads. I use DX Keeper by DX Labs.

<http://dxlabsuite.com/>

It's one of a suite of 5 free programs. The program allows uploading to LoTW with two mouse clicks.

If you like to receive QSL there is no reason not to continue even if you're using LoTW.

To paraphrase an old commercial, "you don't have to be a DXer or contestester to enjoy LoTW!"

Urb, W2DEC

How to Request Military Service Records or Prove Military Service Provided by Ed Picciuti, W1EAP

Do you want copies of your service records?

Here is a way to obtain copies of most of your military records. Military personnel records can be used for proving military service, or as a valuable tool in genealogical research. Most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain **free** copies of their **DD Form 214 (Report of Separation)** *and other military and medical records several ways:*

Access to a computer is needed. It can be at home or even one in your library. I'll describe the steps.

1. Enter the web site in to the address box.

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html>

2. Review all the choices on the left hand column and choose all that are are interest.

3. Complete the questionnaire with as much information as you have available

4. They will supply you with a REF: number keep a copy. Print out the REQUIRED signature sheet and mail or fax it in to the supplied address or number. Important keep copies of what ever you fill out or send back to VA.

I entered the Form on Thursday and faxed the signature form in the same day. I received a email receipt on the following Monday.

It is an example of the government doing a good job for us. Thank you for submitting a request to the National Personnel Records Center.

We have received your signature authorization for request number 1-7665383801.

The average response time on the majority of these types of requests is six weeks or less, however, on occasion, a greater response time may be experienced. We service approximately 20,000 requests each week and are working earnestly and successfully at reducing our response time. Our goal is to reduce our response time on these types of requests to ten days or less.

Ed W1EAP

Hows DX By Russ Young WA2VQV

Russ worked WA2VQV:

ON 30 METERS CW: E74WN Bosnia-Herzegovina, F5APZ France, IS0R Sardinia, OE5FIN Austria, OP4K Belgium, OV1CDX Denmark, SM4IED Sweden, UX0ZA Ukraine, YN4SU Nicaragua, ZB2FK Gibraltar.

ON 20 METERS CW: 4B2MX Mexico, 4Z5AD Israel, HA9RT Hungary, IS0R Sardinia, OL80OK Czech Republic, LZ6HP Bulgaria, S51WO Slovenia, T77C San Marino, VP9KX Bermuda, YO4HGX/MM Bahamas, YU40DW Serbia.

ON 20 METERS SSB: 4Z1UF 4X4FR Israel, A61BK United Arab Emirates, C31PP C35CA Andorra, EH1ARD Spain, EM65E Ukraine, EW8A Belarus, F6IGS France, IS0R Sardinia, SP7VC Poland, SV3AQR Greece, YV200ARV Venezuela.
CROSSBAND MILITARY/AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TEST - CELEBRATING ARMED FORCES DAY: AIR (USAF) Andrews AFB, MD

13985.1/14315 KHz WUG231 (US ARMY) Memphis, TN
14486/14306 KHz
NAJ (US NAVY/USMC) Great Lakes, IL 14467/14339
KHz

ON 20 METERS PSK31: GI7OMY Northern Ireland, I2FQM IW5AUD Italy, MM3YIO Scotland, SA0BDK Sweden, Z36W Macedonia.

ON 17 METERS CW: 9Y4VU Trinidad & Tobago, HK1KYR Colombia, HR9/WQ7R Honduras, RP3AF European Russia.

Joe KC2QLA Worked:

40 Meters SSB: VE32F Canada

20 Meters SSB: GS2MP Scotland, IK6CW Italy, S58FA Slovenia, OZ8IE Denmark, PA9JO Netherlands, DD7QJ Germany, HA4FTA Hungary, UW5ZM Ukraine, OE1QM Austria, 4O9TT Serbia, HB4FE Switzerland, IS0R Sardinia, 4L4CR Georgia

17Meters SSB: LZ2010KM Bulgaria, SV2CXI Greece,

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