



# The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

## Program for our July Meeting

Our program for July will be a review of the clubs Field Day activities. We hope to have all the video and digital shots ready for the club to enjoy and laugh at. At this time it is our intention to be running two transmitter with dipole antennas. We anticipate a group of club members to be helping with the installation of the equipment Saturday morning at 10:00 AM and then operating from 2:00 PM through to 7:00 PM.

## Dates to Remember

July 1	Regular Membership Meeting
July 7	VE Evening Session
July 11	Sussex Hamfest
July 12	Club Luncheon
July 14	MAY 2 Buffet Luncheon with wives
July 26	Club Luncheon
July 28	Executive Board Meeting

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Stan Stafiej 07/05  
 Norm Smith 07/09  
 Paul Kaciuba 07/10  
 Carl Lee 07/12  
 John Hann 07/14  
 Lucille Hann 07/21  
 Jean Young 07/30



### Anniversaries

Larry and Grace Puccio 07/04  
 John and Lucille Hann 07/20



## The President's Corner By Dave WA2DJN



I was not able to attend the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting as I went on a trip to Atlanta Ga. Several months ago I went to a 60<sup>th</sup> High School Class reunion, and I found a friend who now lives in Virginia, who I had not seen in 40 years, and actually thought he had passed away. I contacted him and found that he was not well, so I thought I would stop in Virginia, on the way to visit my family in Ga. They sent me a different route to get there, instead of route 95 it was 301, thru Delaware, Maryland, and into Virginia. This route had a lot less traffic, but there is a very tall four mile bridge which my wife who was driving at the time had to drive over. I will not live down this fact, and had to drive the rest of the way that day. We spent several hours visiting with my friend and had supper there with him and his wife. We stayed in a local hotel and then left to continue the trip to Atlanta. We stayed at my daughters' house and I saw her, my son in law and my grand daughter. My wife attended a convention there for several days, and had a great time. We left Atlanta and the next day headed for route 495, around Washington, and then 95, toward Baltimore, and then 95, toward N.J. and back home. This was a disaster. The traffic around Washington and Baltimore was very heavy and took more than two hours to get to the other side of Baltimore. We said that we are not going this way again. If you have to travel this route try to find another way.

Car Lee took over the meeting for me, and I was told that we had 13 members who attended. He also gave a very good talk on the Coast Guard Power Squadron Digital Radios. He talked about the GPS equipment to find boats who are in trouble. I am sure that the new radio equipment will save many lives. The new equipment has many better features than the older radio equipment.

Thank you Carl for helping me out, by running the meeting.

At the July meeting I plan on discussing the results of our June Field Day and also talk about using an oscilloscope in building projects and doing repairs on equipment.

73s Dave Ottenberg

**NEXT MEETING: July 1, 2010**  
**Thursday 7:00PM**  
**Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South**  
**Clubhouse**  
**Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive**

## Our Visit with Vince Genzardi 2AEH/W2GRA

On Saturday June 19th a group of club members, Bill Haldane, John Hann, Dave Ottenberg, and myself, traveled to Parsippany New Jersey to visit with our long time club member Vince Genzardi. This was to celebrate his 105th birthday. Vince was very happy to see us and a table was set in the main dining room where we had lunch with Vince. Two of his dining companions Sam Berger, 92, and Tom Roune, 90, joined us.



Sam was a warehouse manager for NBC broadcasting and maintained a stock of electronic parts while Tom worked at Western Electric as a Product Inspector and at GE as a Product Packing Supervisor. Vince worked in the Fur Business in New York City and lived in the Pelham section of the Bronx.

Vince was first licensed in 1922 as 2AEH. Two years later the FCC converted all amateur station call letters and he received the W2GRA call that he still has. He told us that he operated 10 and 20 meters, on both AM and CW, and had a big rack mounted transmitter with "800" type tubes in the finals. He still tries to practice with a code practice oscillator and is able to copy at 15 WPM.

Vince enjoyed experimenting with wire antennas and had good success with large loop type antennas. He told us that his best DX was a contact with a Chinese station. He related how the signal was very faint and he just made the contact when it faded out completely. Vince told us about how the FCC shut down all Amateur Radio operation during the war.

He and his wife moved to Fairlawn NJ with his two daughters. There he had a 30 foot tower with a 3 element mini beam and again began to work DX. AM had gone by the way side and he concentrated on SSB operation. He had Heathkit equipment that he built and then a Drake receiver and transmitter combination.

I later learned that on Monday of the following week there was another party for Vince at which the Mayor and town officials were present and the chorus sang songs to the group in attendance.

We are looking forward to being with Vince next year for the 106th Birthday.



### 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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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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## Hamfests can be fun By Dave Ottenberg

Recently Larry Puccio and I went to the North American DX association Ham fest, which was held in Tinton Falls New Jersey, at the parking lot of the Maecom building on Shafto Road. We left Toms River about 7:30, on a cloudy Sunday morning and arrived around about 8:30 AM via the Garden State Parkway. We paid our entrance fee of \$5.00 each and parked the car and walked over to the ham fest area. There were around 12 tables set up with people selling various electronic items. On one of the tables the man had several receivers and an old Heath Kit DX 100 AM transmitter which he had restored and painted the cabinet red and the front panel white with blue letters. It was pretty but not like the original green color of the standard Heath kit equipment. We saw small transceivers, antennas and another table, where they sold various Radio Shack parts in two large boxes, for a dollar each. I purchased several of the parts for future projects to be made.

I met several hams who I knew from several different radio clubs. Larry also met some hams he knew including one of the sellers. I found a BNC type of coax relay in one of the tables and purchased it for a few dollars, a good deal. While walking past one of the tables I spied an old analog meter, which read voltage, current and ohms, and purchased it. The Ham who was selling the meter turned out to be Bernie Shreibman, an old friend who I have not seen in a long time. We talked for a while and then I turned around and saw Kevin Wagner and Steve Jackson from our club. They had come later than Larry and I and were going to check out the various tables at the Ham fest. We all walked around again and found one table that had a plastic cover over it and he had a lot of older audio type of equipment, which he was selling.

We stayed till around 10:30 and then took our purchased items got into the car and headed back to Toms River, and home. I am planning on going to the Piscataway ham fest on June 19<sup>th</sup> to have more fun and hope some of you will join me.

73

Dave  
WA2DJN

## Raratan Valley Hamfest By Dave Ottenberg

On Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Larry Puccio, Dave Ottenberg, John Hann, and Bill Haldane, left Toms River, N.J. and traveled to the W2QW Hamfest which was held in Piscataway N.J. at the Piscataway High school parking lot located on Hoes Lane and Behmer road just off of route 287.

The trip was about an hours driving time from Toms River going North on the Garden State Parkway. We arrived at the Hamfest around 8:30 AM and found that the parking lot was quite full. There were seven rows of tables containing various electronic items. We spit up and began walking around the selling area. There were people selling small parts, receivers, transmitters, transceivers, military surplus equipment and a variety of other non ham related stuff. Larry and I both met some old ham friends from different clubs, who we knew, and stopped to say hello and spend a few minutes catching up and talking with them. I found a few venders who I knew and purchased some parts and talked with them as well.

We also found Kevin Wagner and Steve Jackson there as Kevin had a sellers table and was selling some of his treasured ham gear, which was very nice. We stopped by and talked with them for a while. We stayed at the Hamfest till around 10:30 AM and then left to have lunch with Vince Genzardi, a long time member of the Holiday City ARC, at the assisted living facility in Parsippany N.J. where he now resides. This was his 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday and we had lunch with him, took some photos, talked with him and some of his friends, his daughters, Son in Laws and some of the people at the assisted living home.

We had a great time, and this year the weather was warm and not rainy as last year. We left around 1:30 PM and went down route 280, onto the Garden State Parkway, into some traffic, and eventually arrived back home in Toms River.

73s  
Dave WA2DJN

## How's DX

### Russ WA2VQV Worked:

**On 30 Meters CW:** EA8BMG Canary Islands, OV1CDX Denmark, SM4DDE Sweden.

**On 20 Meters CW:** CQ7OA EU-040 Portugal, HA3FTA Hungary, KP2/K3TEJ U.S. Virgin Islands, OL80OK Czech Republic, PJ4/K4BAI Bonaire & Curacao, TA2/OK1TN Turkey, VP5/PY2WAZ Turks & Caicos, VE1FO/9 NA-014 Canada.

**On 20 Meters SSB:** 4J3M Azerbaijan, 9A4KW Croatia, C31PP Andorra, ER0WW Moldova, LY2FN Lithuania.

**On 20 Meters PSK31:** CT2FPY/P Portugal, E75A Bosnia-Herzegovina, EA2DGF Spain, ER1RY Moldova, I0GQR Italy, OM7OM Slovakia, PD2LEO Netherlands, TM0B EU-074 France.

**On 17 Meters CW:** 4B2S Mexico, PJ2/WI9WI Bonaire & Curacao.

**On 17 Meters SSB:** YV5AMH Venezuela.

2010 CW WPX contest 233 QSOs on 20/15/10 Meters.

### Joe KC2QLA Worked:

**On 20m SSB:** CT1JOP Portugal, IK4GRO Italy, TI8II Costa Rica, YV2BYT Venezuela, VEFO/9 Canada, RK1B Russia,

**On 17Meters SSB:** CO8LY Cuba, K3PIN British Virgin Islands.

### Larry K2QDY Worked:

**On 30 Meters CW:** ER65V Moldova, OK1AVG Czech Rep, TA3AX Turkey, HK3Q Colombia, OE5KE Austria, YN4SU Nicaragua, FM5LD Martinique..

**On 20 Meters CW:** EA6UN Balearic Islands, YU6DX Serbia, DL0GL Germany, HG4F Hungary, PA3GEG Netherlands.

**On 15 Meters CW:** LP2F LS2D Argentina, HK1KyR Columbia, DL0GL Germany.

### On 12 Meters CW and SSB:

E4X Palestine.

### On 10 Meters SSB:

NP2KW WP4WN Puerto Rico

73 & good Hunting!

Russ, WA2VQV

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