



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

Program for our August Meeting

Our program for the month of August will be both entertaining and educational. Developed by our club member John Roberts, KQ4WR, we will learn the engineers alphabet. Yes all the letters from A through Z will be defined as a particular electronic value or equation. At this meeting you will learn the alphabet like the children learn the English alphabet but after this lesson you will be better equip to discuss various electronic terms and equations.

Dates to Remember

August 5	Membership Meeting
August 9	Club Member Luncheon
August 11	Evening V.E. Session 7:00 PM
August 23	Club Member Luncheon
August 25	Executive Board meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Chris Jackson 08/03
 Dave Ottenberg 08/09
 Jamie Punderson 08/27



Anniversaries

Carl and Jane Lee 08/31
 Jamie and Sarah Punderson 08/08
 Norm and Dolores Smith 08/04
 Stan and Marjorie Stafiej 08/29



The President's Corner By Dave WA2DJN



Our July 1st meeting was called to order and we saluted the flag and then introduced the officers and members present. We had 14 members attending the meeting. The secretary Norm Smith gave his report, from the previous month, and the treasurer, Joe Militano, previously told me that we had about \$1500.00 dollars in our treasury. Murray Goldberg, announced that Norm Smith will have an 89th birthday this month. Congratulations Norm and many more.

The club web site and Yahoo group, need articles, and the Sky Hook had articles on the Parsippany ham fest and our visit with Vince Genzardi, W2GLA, who had a 105 birthday this year. He may be the oldest ham alive today.

We talked about field Day, and how we used two long wire antennas, and a G5RV antenna. Also some of the equipment problems, using PSK 31 interface. We will check out our electronic equipment better next year.

Kevin and Steve worked 10 meters with his new Elecraft K3 transceiver, and Joe Militano ended up working 20 meters and I worked 40 meters. We did not make a lot of contacts but had a nice time anyway. We had 13 members attending and ended up with about 6 members around 4:30 when we stopped operating. Thank you everyone that helped out for our field Day.

July 11 is the Sussex Ham Fest in Augusta N.J.

July 14th is the Chinese Buffet at May 2. The time will be 12 noon route 571 and the Pathmark shopping center.

After the 50/50 and a coffee break I gave a talk using an oscilloscope, and an audio oscillator. We talked about using this visual way to trouble shoot electronic circuits.

Our next meeting will be August 5th.
73 Dave Ottenberg

**NEXT MEETING: August 5, 2010
Thursday 7:00PM**

**Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse
Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive**

FOR SALE

Icom IC-730 Solid State Transceiver
 Tunes 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meters 100 watts.
 Separate DC Power Supply.
 Micronta Power, Modulation and SWR meter
 Home Brew 50 watt Dummy Load
 MFJ 941 Tuner
 Heath kit 4 Position Antenna Switch
 Total cost \$ 250.00

If interested contact Dave at E-Mail:
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Sample Test

Hello fellow club members. Urb LeJuene, W2DEC, has found a site that enables you to take the new Tech test, as well as the General and Extra tests. Easy to use, and immediately gives you the results of your test. It shows the questions with correct as well as any incorrect answers for each question. So it would be easy to retake the test knowing the answers you got wrong the first time, and do better the second time around. The site also has Morse code practice for those who need that practice. Plus more.

You can do online practice exams on the AA9PW site:

<http://aa9pw.com>

Additionally E-HAM and QRZ also have good test sites. No reason not to up-grade now.

73,
 Murray kd2in

Solar site

Everything you want to know about current sun spots activity. There has be a sharp upturn in solar flux recently and propagation conditions are reflecting that happening.

Stay tuned.

<http://www.solarcycle24.com/>

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, Walter
 KC2LFD.

CLUB COMMITTEES

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VE Sessions: Bill AC2F, Larry K2QDY plus the 'crew'
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Toms River, New Jersey

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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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Bob Salisbury W2JSF

The following was the eulogy read at Bob Salisbury's wake service.

Bob was an avid and voracious reader, sometimes devouring an interesting book in a day or two. He's read thousands of them in his lifetime, leaning especially towards history or detective stories. When he wasn't reading he was on the Ham Radio Morse coding to countries all over the world. His wall map attests to that fact with the many little red stick pins marking the countless communiqués. He had an early A.M. radio tryst with a good buddy for many years. They discussed world events, current and local topics and always "how's the weather there"? He was a member of the Holiday City Ham Radio Club, meeting once a month with other enthusiastic "coding" buffs in Holiday City South.

Bob also was a singer and belonged to the choir in his summer church in upstate New York. It was located right on the St. Lawrence River where he and Doris boated, fished and swam summer after summer. Their children, David and Geneen, grew up around campfires and guitar music at night and water skiing during the day behind their Dad's boat. Eventually, Bob let them take the wheel on occasion and that became more exhilarating than being in back of the boat on skis. The 1000 Islands challenged their skill but often the boat seemed to know the way to favorite coves where the anchor was thrown out and the cool water beckoned all to jump in.

Bob loved to relax on the porch hammock with a good book and an unobstructed view of it all. Large freighters were identified by their flags and were from many different countries of the world. Queen Elizabeth's luxury yacht sailed into view one morning, an event talked about excitedly amongst river dwellers. Occasionally a Chinese Junk owned by an American couple wound its way slowly through the waters.

Bob and Doris liked walking across the long high bridge between the U.S. and Canada. Taller than the San Francisco Bridge, it provided an unequalled view of the scene below. The walk was a half hour long each way but they drank it all in and called it the best hike ever. Back at the ranch, Bob sat down at the Ham

station he'd set up there and coded the "news of the day" to Islander Hams and everyone he connected with, even receiving an invitation for lunch at some of the beautiful Island hideaways.

So in a way Bob brought Doris along on his journeys via his connections with the world and it was an interesting 62 years.

Construction Articles

For all of you that want to keep up on the latest postings to your radio club's website, Dave Ottenburg has submitted another fine construction article. You can find it by going to the HCARC's website and scrolling down the left side of the home page and clicking on "Articles by Club Members. Once there left click on "Half Wave End Fed Tuner" and you will be magically transported through the miracle of modern electronics to Dave's new article.

Have fun...
Steve N2WHL

Ham Look-up Map

Folks, in reviewing old sent messages on my email, I ran across this old one. I just clicked on the site and was again impressed with what a treasure trove of information and search capabilities this site gives access to. I looked up the feature for finding hams in any zip code, and using my zip of 08757 found over 70 + hams listed. By clicking on any of the pins on the map, I was shown the name and address of each one! And that included club license holders, etc. But in addition there is a license quick study link, Vanity call application and call availability feature, SK listing and research feature, as well as quick access to the FCC ULS site. In addition you can print out a copy of your FCC issued license, and a wall certificate for your call and license, all free. There is also ham radio history, etc.

The WEB site is :<http://www.vanityhq.com:80/>) with a few comments about what the site provides.

73
Murray KD2IN

How's DX

Russ WA2VQV Worked :

On 20 Meters CW: FM5WD Martinique, IV3UHL/P EU-131 Italy, LZ3ZZ Bulgaria, OL50KRASOV Czech Republic, R7AA European Russia, SV1CQN Greece.

On 20 Meters SSB: MS0INT EU-118 Scotland, J48S EU-072 Greece, PX8L SA-016 Brazil, VY2/DL1FDH NA-029 Canada, XR200R Chile.

On 20 Meters PSK31: J48S EU-072 Greece, J73WA Dominica, LY10EPC Lithuania, TI2GBY Costa Rica, XE1UYS, XE1XSJ Mexico, YT7TU Serbia.

On 17 Meters SSB: CT9/DJ6QT Madeira.

Joe KC2QLA Worked:

On 20 Meters SSB: EA2KB, Spain G5O England

Larry K2QDY Worked:

On 40 Meters CW: UR3IFY RZ3QZ Russia, 6Y5WJ Jamaica, LZ2VU Bulgaria, TF2M Iceland, CT1ZQ Portugal.

On 20 Meters CW:

C6AMS Bahamas, EA6UN Balearic Islands, TI2KWN Costa Rico, HA3FTA Hungary, IK0VVG IK6SIO Italy, US4LGW RA3UT UA6G US8IB Russia.

On 30 Meters CW:

F6ARC France OX3XR Greenland, TF3Y Iceland OZ3FD Denmark, OK6DJ Czech Republic.

73 & Good Hunting,
Russ

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