



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

Program for our September Meeting

Our September agenda will contain the nominations for the year 2013. Our club has been operating without a President for this past year and we need someone to step up to fill this position. Both Dave, Larry and Carl have held the Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary's positions for a few years and we need new people with new ideas to guide the club going forward. These positions are not very difficult to manage and the previous folks are willing to help get new people going. Please consider accepting one of these positions the club cannot function without officers.

Dates to Remember

- September 3 Club Luncheon
- September 6 Regular Membership Meeting
- September 12 VE Session
- September 17 Club Luncheon
- September 28 Executive Board Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- Shirley Goldberg 09/17
- Kathleen Baranowski 09/24

Anniversaries

- Andy and Audrey Murin 09/04



The President's Corner By Larry K2QDY



We opened our meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Larry advised the group that Dave Ottenberg had a family affair to attend and that he, Larry, would run this evening's meeting. Larry read the Treasurers report indicating the club had \$2147.42 in the savings account.

Carl Lee, W2PTZ, our Secretary, read the minutes from the July meeting. Both the Treasurers report and the Secretaries meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Larry advised the group that we need someone to step up to the Presidents position. September is the start of the nominating process and we will be looking for members to step up to any office. It is not reasonable to expect the same members to continue as officers as this leads to stale ideas. The jobs are not difficult and Larry explained that the present group of officers would help any new person to become familiar with the job.

Larry introduced our two new members Ed Baranowski and Mike Graber. Both are not hams at this time but are studying the various publications to be able to take the Technician grade test soon.

Ed Picciuti W1EAP, reported that he had visited Joe Militano and that he is doing well and coping CW at 30 words per minute.

Larry Reported that he and Ed had talked to John Hann who is in rehabilitation at this time but will be home on Saturday. John had a shoulder operation.

Carl advised the group that he will be taking over the maintenance of the YAHOO group site. He has made some corrections to incorrect data that was posted. The YAHOO site automatically sends out club meeting notices, Luncheon dates and the VE session dates. We thanked Carl for stepping up to this assignment.

The group decided we would arrange for a Fortune Buffet
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NEXT MEETING: September 6, 2012

Thursday 7:00PM

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

Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

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Club luncheon. A date will be selected in early November, likely the first Wednesday, for this group luncheon.

Murray Goldberg, KD2IN, provided survey forms, regarding members hobbies, that will be used to develop future programs based on the information provided.

A discussion followed regarding learning CW and the use of keys, bugs and IAMBIC keyers. John Roberts, KQ4WR, had his keyer at the meeting. He described its operation and how it would send automatic "C and Q" letters. Murray had asked to buy or loan a keyer. John loaned it to Murray for him to learn how to send CW.

Carl advised the group that he has accumulated a large number of publications and will start a lending library. Carl advised the group that the publications include ARRL, RSGB, QRP, Antennas and Handbooks totaling 34 in all. Carl advised the group that if anyone contacts him he will make the publication available either at a club meeting, club luncheon or via a pick-up.

Our program for the evening included some of the members talking about their first station and contacts.

Carl bought a S38D in 1955 and got his novice license in 1957 when he bought a Heathkit DX 35 that was crystal controlled. His antenna was made from house wire and he built an antenna tuner and used it with a long wire antenna. He also built the Heathkit VFO for the DX 35 when he had upgraded to the General Class license. His first contact was with a fellow in Wisconsin and he then bought a 15 meter beam to operate AM and work DX.

Paul Kaciuba, N2IFH, came into ham radio in 1982 and bought the Drake twins, T4X and T4R and the AC4 power supply. His antenna was a #14 wire cut as a dipole for 40 meters. Paul usually works 40 meters and is strictly a CW operator.

Stan Stefiej, KB2PD, purchased a Zenith all band receiver and listened to broadcast stations. One day he heard a station from the Solomon Islands. They asked for a signal report which he sent in a letter. Two or three weeks Stan received his first SWL card. While tuning around he came across the ham bands and heard the hams talking and thought this was very interesting. He studied with a co-worker got his license with the call WA1YQY. His first rig was a surplus BC 454 that he modified for use on 15 meters. He built a converter from 15 meters to 80 meters for receive but he still had no BFO to receive CW. His first contact was with Puerto Rico.

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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.

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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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General Class License Class Urb LeJuene W1UL

The following is an introduction to a General Class License class that will be provided by the Old Barney ARC. Although many of our members are General Class licensees you may be interested in learning more about radio theory. Surely it would be a good refresher course and for those that are already a Technician Grade licensees this is the way to go for your General Class test. Instructor lead by individuals who are experienced hams.

OBARC is again sponsoring a General Licensing class in conjunction with Southern Regional High School.

John, KB3JG, will be leading the charge and Urb, W1UL, (of W2DEC fame) will assist. If anyone else would be willing to teach a topic please contact Urb at urb@w2dec.com.

This course is designed for people who already hold a Technician License who would be interested in upgrading to General Class.

The classes are held in room 5-0 which contains a fully function ham station. The classes run on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and begin on September 26, 2012. The courses consist of 8 sessions beginning on September 26, 2012. Class dates are 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5. Please note there are several gaps for holidays and school closings. Start of the new DX season with a General License.

The classes are being held a Southern Regional High School. The room is John's classroom complete with a working ham station.

The directions from north would be:

South on Garden State Parkway. Exit 63 East on route 72. About a mile and a half exit for Route 9 North. School is about 2 miles north on the left. About a quarter mile north of the Wa-Wa store.

The Adult school course descriptions and registrations are at:

<http://www.srsd.net/communityEducation/Default.aspx>

Contact Urb at 609 296-5856, (urb@w2dec.com) if you're interested in attending or taking part as an instructor.

Please circulate this information to anyone you know who might be interested.

73 Urb W1UL

I Hate Contests By Jack Burks K4CNW@bellsouth.net

With blinding speed
The Morse is keyed.
The bands are such a mess!
All you hear is CQ test.

The chaos makes me frown
So I think I'll just shut down.
But wait, what's this I find?
A BY in China, a true S9!

That's one I need, you see
To help me make DXCC.
I send my call with trembling hand
And receive a reply from BY land!

We exchange numbers, that wasn't bad
I think I'll tune around a tad.
Oh my, whats this I spy?
A 3B8, I'll give him a try.

Across the bands I search and pounce
As the DX their calls announce.
I work them slowly, one by one
And come realize I'm having fun!

Maybe contests aren't really a mess.
Maybe next time I'll send CQ test
Maybe I'll even be able to have run
The receiving end of the pile might be lots of fun!

Hows DX

From: JULY 15TH through AUG 14TH, 2012:

Russ, WA2VQV worked:

On 20 Meters CW: 5B/RV1AW Cyprus, AN8AFM Canary Islands, CY9M St. Paul Island, EJ0PL Ireland, GJ2A Jersey, HA3FTA Hungary, HC13KD Ecuador, OH0/YL2GN Aland Islands, OV1CDX Denmark, R6AF/P. RU6DX/P EU-185 European Russia, US4EX EU-179, UT/UA3EDO Ukraine.

On 20 Meters SSB: CY9M St. Paul Island, OK4RQ Czech Republic.

On 17 Meters CW: 2O12L London Olympics, CE2/VE7SV Chile, F5NTV France, GO3UJE England, HC13IG Ecuador, HT9H Nicaragua, OG3077F Finland,

RI0K (AS-061 Big Diomedes Island) Asiatic Russia, S51DX Slovenia.

On 17 Meters SSB: CY9M St. Paul Island.

On 15 Meters CW: J49A Crete.

On 12 Meters RTTY: PJ5/K3TRM Saba & St. Eustatius.

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