



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

Program for our October Meeting

This month we will be viewing the 2009 DXpedition to Guinea Bissau located on the west coast of Africa. DXpeditions are fun but also very grueling for both the members of the DXpedition and also to those trying to work the group. Most recently there were two DXpeditions one to Lord Howe Island and the new country South Sudan. My friend Les Kalmus, W2LK, was a participant at the Lord Howe Island DXpedition. Lord Howe Island is located in the South Pacific about 1000 miles east of Brisbane Australia. He had a good time but the pressure was on and the work was grueling.

Dates to Remember

October 3	Club Luncheon
October 6	Regular Membership Meeting
October 12	Evening VE Session
October 17	Club Luncheon
October 26	Executive Board Meeting
October 31	Club Luncheon

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Bill Haldane 10/09
 Charlotte Militano 10/27
 Larry Puccio 10/09
 Don Smith 10/01
 Kathy Wagner 10/13



Anniversaries

Lee and Donna Kissel 10/23
 Joe and Charlotte Militano 10/04



The President's Corner By Steve N2WLH



Following last month's general membership meeting and refreshments, Dave WA2DJN demonstrated how he uses his grid dip meter in finding the resonant frequency of coils in conjunction with tuned circuits. He also gave the members a peak into the use of a MFJ analyzer and its multitude of uses when setting up you antenna system. This device also proves to be handy when trimming any antenna to a resonant frequency and troubleshooting antenna feed issues. Dave's demonstration was very informative which lead into discussions with other members in how they could use such devices around their own radio station. Dave also tells me that he has a QRP transceiver kit under construction that will surely interest the members at an upcoming meeting.

In recent weeks the eastern US was ravaged by hurricane "Irene" and the New Jersey shore area wasn't spared given all the wind and the flooding that took place. Talking to many Hams in the local area from Manahawkin up to the Eatontown area we were very fortunate to escape with only minor damage. Some of the northern portions of the state weren't as lucky. Many towns are still flooded and with the ongoing rain we've been having the drying out process may take some time. From what I've been told the American Red Cross is still working strong at the Tinton Falls facility and I would imagine many shelters are still open further north. Our wishes and prayers go out to them for a speedy and safe recovery.

As usual Larry K2QDY and I N2WLH are always looking for articles to be entered either in the Skyhook or the club's website. I have heard of some of you building antennas, transceivers or test equipment so now would be a great time to submit an article for others to read and enjoy. Naturally articles don't have to be just on construction projects, they can be about anything you are doing around your "shack" or maybe something you have an interest in that you would like to share with the other members. Your article doesn't have to be long if you don't want it to be. It could be about you first contact on the air or maybe a project you worked on when you first started in amateur radio. Maybe your first flub or cold feet at the microphone or key would be interesting. interesting to our members.

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NEXT MEETING: October 6, 2011
Thursday 7:00PM
Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse
Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

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Maybe your first flub or cold feet at the microphone or key would be interesting. Stories like these are always interesting to our members.

Keep in mind that the upcoming meeting we will be asking for nominees from our members that are interested in running for office. Anyone who is interested in being nominated for an office should contact Dave WA2DJN.

The very best 73,
Steve Jackson N2WLH

CW Practice

Hi all,

If you're learning code or just want a little practice here is an interesting website. This site translates CNN breaking news into Morse code. There are many different speeds to choose from. Seems like it has something for everyone. Here is the link to check it <http://cw.dimebank.com:8080> You must put the ":8080" at the end of the URL

Urb W2DEC

Call Book

I have created new free hamradio callbook - <http://www.hamqth.com>.

You can also register to our server, edit or add your own address, write some biography details, put photos here etc. What is unique, you can choose to hide your address or other contact details as they will be shown to unregistered users. It is your choice. I won't hide your address or any details. Only you can do that.

The callbook includes only data widely available on the Internet for free. I've imported whole USA FCC database, Italian, T7, OK and VE callbook.

To see an example how it looks like, here is my profile: <http://hamqth.com/search.php?callsign=ok2cqr>

I hope you like The HamQTH.com callbook and use it very often.

73 Petr, OK2CQR

Ham Radio Auction Site

I have launched a new Ham Radio Auction site. The site is www.HamRadioHQ.Com, it opened it's doors on Sat. Sept17th. We desperately need new listing to bring in the traffic. If there is anything you can do to help support and promote this web site, it would be greatly appreciated.

Regards Steve K2HQ

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

Refreshments: Carl WA2IQE, Carl W2PTZ
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VE Sessions: Bill AC2F, Larry K2QDY plus the 'crew'
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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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Call Letter Look-up Murray KD2IN and John WQ4WR

Another way to look up calls, address and a map of the hams' street location is the following website:

<http://hams.mapmash.com/mapByZip.php>

You can also see (on a local street map) the call of every ham in a Zip code, such as your own neighborhood by simply putting your zip code into the box for it. This is very useful. Unfortunately the FCC database has many SKs still listed in it so don't count on all the hams in a particular zip code area being still alive. The information on this site is up to date from the FCC database. You can also look up any call one at a time. (Free.)

Still another way to find the name and address of a licensee of a station or to find the callsign of a licensee is the improved FCC website. You may want to bookmark these as "Favorites":

1. http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/General_Menu_Reports/license_search.cfm?accessible=YES&wild_select=on
2. http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/General_Menu_Reports/callsign.cfm

73 Murray Goldberg KD2IN and John Roberts WQ4WR

Hamfests/ Special Events By Kevin Wagner W2FA

10/02/2011 | Hamarama
Location: Newtown, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Mt. Airy VHF Club
Web-site: <http://www.packratvhf.com/latest.htm#Hamarama>

10/16/2011 | RF Hill ARC Hamfest
Location: Sellersville, PA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: RF Hill ARC
Website: <http://www.rfhill.ampr.org>

10/23/2011 | Mason-Dixon Hamfest
Location: Westminster, MD
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Carroll County Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://qis.net/~k3pzn>

Special Event Stations:

10/10/2011 | NAQCC 7th Anniversary
Oct 10-Oct 16, 0000Z-1800Z, N3AQC, Kittanning, PA.
North American QRP CW Club. 14.060 10.120 7.040
3.060. Certificate & QSL. Tom Mitchell, WY3H, 210
Garretts Run Rd, Kittanning, PA
16201. www.naqcc.info

10/22/2011 | USCoast Guard Auxiliary 72nd Anniversary
Oct 22, 1400Z-2200Z, K3G, Media, PA. US Coast
Guard Auxiliary District 5 NR. 28.485 21.400 14.320
7.270. QSL. Daniel F. Amoroso, 196 Dam View Dr,
Media, PA
19063.a0530407.uscgaux.info/2011SED.htm

10/22/2011 | US Coast Guard Auxiliary 72nd Anniversary
Oct 22, 1200Z-2300Z, N3G, Aston, PA. US Coast
Guard Auxiliary. 144.223 14.070 7.032 1.810. QSL.
William G. Begley, 3 Pancoast Ave, Aston, PA 19014.
We will activate Old Reedy Island light USA-568; also
Air Mobile station flying over the Delaware Bay.

73
Kevin
W2FA

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.

How's DX

Russ, WA2VQV Worked:

On 20 Meters CW: 4O3A Montenegro, CT9/RW9JZ Madeira, DH2MS/P Germany, EM0BSCC Ukraine, HA8UT Hungary, J28AA Djibouti, LX/ON7PQ/P Luxembourg, LY37LY Lithuania, UA9OPU Asiatic Russia, Z330A Macedonia.

On 20 Meters SSB: 7Z1CQ Saudi Arabia, 9K2MU Kuwait, E77A Bosnia-Herzegovina, GB2ELH Shetland Islands, LX/PA3JO Luxembourg, LY37LY Lithuania, OJ0UR Market Reef, ON4OS/LH Belgium, S550ACP Slovenia, YO9HP Romania.

On 20 Meters RTTY: 5N6/YL2SW Nigeria, 9A/OK1FDY/P Croatia, CO6LP Cuba, EA7IPP Spain.

On 20 Meters PSK31: CT2FPY Portugal, EM0BSCC Ukraine, F5NMQ France, FO5QJ French Polynesia, IR2ITA, IZ0MQN Italy, OZ8QI Denmark, R2EAA European Russia, S58WW Slovenia, TF2MSN Iceland.

On 17 Meters CW: EF5AR Spain, F5NBX France.

On 17 Meters SSB: F5VKT France, IW3IBK, IW1GGR Italy.

On 17 Meters RTTY: CO8LY Cuba, I12LOM Italy, PZ5RA Suriname, SV7CFC Greece.

On 15 Meters CW: E73W Bosnia-Herzegovina.

On 12 Meters CW: FM5AA Martinique, XE1RZL Mexico.

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