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HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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January Program

This month program is entitled **Digital Asset Management**. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia Digital Asset Management consists of tasks and decisions surrounding ingesting, annotating, cataloguing, storage and retrieval of digital assets, such as digital photographs, animations, videos and music. Digital asset management systems are computer software and/or hardware systems that aid in the process of digital asset management.

The term "Digital Asset Management" (DAM) also refers to the protocol for downloading, renaming, backing up, rating, grouping, archiving, optimizing, maintaining, thinning, and exporting files.

At this meeting we will learn first hand how Digital Asset Management is a big business today.

Dates to Remember

January 10	VE Session
January 12	Club Luncheon
January 26	Club Luncheon
January 28	Executive Board Meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to all:

01/17	Murray Goldberg
01/26	Lee Kissel
01/26	Jane Lee
01/18	Ed Picciuti
01/18	Dan Repetti



The President's Corner By Dave WA2DJN



On December 4 we had our desert social, and it was a very successful event. We had about 42 people attending. I would like to thank all the people who set up tables, chairs, table cloths and decorations, as well as those who donated the food for the event. I hope that next year we can have as nice a social event. Thank you again to those who helped clean up after the social.

We had our 50-50 and separate door prizes for the women. Thank you to all who donated the gifts. We gave the officers and trustees certificates and a special award to Larry Puccio for his dedication to the club during his presidency. I would be remiss if I did not thank Murray Goldberg for making the officers certificates.

December is upon us and soon the new year 2009 will be here. I look forward to some new programs and wish to thank Bob Forshee for his past work as program manager. He had some interesting speakers and we hope to have more of the same.

On this note please let me know if you have any ideas for club meetings, as we could use some more speakers or events. I think that we should have more of the show and tell type of programs, such as equipment or how to set up and use Echolink or PSK 31 modes of communication which are fun and interesting to the members.

We need to get more members to come join us on the 2 meter repeater, 146.880 on Thursday nights, we discuss ham radio and other topics.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on January 8, 2009. Keep well.

73
Dave, WA2DJN

NEXT MEETING January 8th, 2009
Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse
Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

FREQUENCY CHANGE FOR CANADIAN TIME TRANSMISSION STATION CHU

After 70 years of broadcasting Canada's official time, the National Research Council's short-wave station CHU http://inms-ienm.nrcnrc.gc.ca/time_services/shortwave_broadcasts_e.html will move the transmission frequency for the 7335 kHz transmitter to 7850 kHz. The change goes into effect at 0000 UTC on January 1, 2009.

Broadcasting 24 hours a day, CHU is a part of NRC's system for disseminating official time throughout Canada. Listeners hear tones to mark the seconds, a voice to announce the time in French and English and digital data to set computers. The atomic clocks at CHU are part of the ensemble of clocks in the time and frequency research laboratories at the National Research Council Canada in Ottawa. The NRC clocks are used in conjunction with clocks in the time laboratories of other countries to construct the internationally accepted scale of time, UTC (Coordinated Universal Time). Time transmissions on 3330 and 14670 kHz are not affected and will continue as before.

In April 2007, the ITU reallocated the 7300-7350 kHz band from the fixed service to the broadcasting service. Since then, the NRC said there has been a lot of interference on the 7335 kHz frequency from many information broadcasters around the world. "CHU listeners in Canada and around the world who have for so long considered the 7335 kHz frequency exclusively for time signals, are very vocal about this interference," said Raymond Pelletier, Technical Officer at the NRC-Institute for National Measurement Standards, who oversees the CHU facility. "We have heard from Amateur Radio operators, watchmakers, astronomers and navigators who use the tones and voice signals. We also received comments from those who use the carrier as a calibration source at a distance for their equipment."

Dues

It's time for our yearly dues again. Please remember that our club does not host hamfests or other fund raisers. With the help of those members that have contributed to the coffee, cake and pizza and other donations we are able to maintain the club checking account. However, without the full membership dues we would be in serious trouble. The club insurance bill is equal to the dues of 15 members and our donation for the use of the meeting room equates to the dues of 6 members.

Please get your \$20.00 dues to Joe Militano soon.

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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Skyhook: Larry K2QDY
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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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Letters to the editor

At the party certificates of appreciation for their work as previous officers of the club were awarded. President, Dave Ottenberg WA2DJN, presented to all the members who served during the terms of office from 2007 to 2008 the attractive awards. They included V.P. Ed Picciuti W1EAP, Sect. Norm Smith W2PXE, Treas. Joe Militano KC2QLA, and E.B. members Bill Haldane AC2F, Don Smith W2III, and Lee Kissel WA2JWR. A separate award was given Don Smith W2III for his service as Club Station W2HC Trustee for past years. Murray Goldberg KD2IN designed and produced all the certificates.

Commissioned by the Executive Board, a specially designed and engraved handsome standalone desk award was presented to Larry Puccio K2QDY, for his "Outstanding Leadership as President" for his previous three terms.

Bob Forshee KC2QMZ who has served as Program Director for the past year and a half had to relinquish the position due to pressing family obligations. Former Program Director Murray Goldberg KD2IN volunteered to resume his previous activity in the post. The January program will be the last one developed by Bob Forshee. For February and beyond Murray has already planned several programs to follow.

Murray Goldberg KD2IN

Thanks go out to all the people that provided the various items of Finger Food or Deserts that made our holiday party that much nicer. The contributions made for a very bountiful snack party.

Additionally, I want to thank Shirley Goldberg, Charlotte Militano and Sandy Ottenberg for the gift prizes for the woman. Finally thank you to Ed Picciuti for the Lottery tickets that were also used for prizes.

I thanks all the ladies and hams that helped setting up the room, the tables, decorations and the placement of the food items.

Without the team work that was displayed we would not have had such a wonderful party. Any new party ideas are always welcomed!!

Grace Marie Puccio

SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN

It is with mixed emotions that I step down as Section Manager. I will miss the visits and the time spent with so many

wonderful people and dedicated hams. Before I was Section Manager, I was an Assistant Section Manager for Bruce Eichmann. When Bruce stepped down, I took over and it has been enlightening and rewarding. I also wish to express a big thanks to my OM, Lou, N2HQL, for traveling with me so many times. These activities range from representing the ARRL at the Gloucester County ARC Hamfest in a wheel chair when I broke my ankle to having my luggage lost for 5 days on the trip back from a Conference.

I wish George Strayline, N3GZ good luck and hope the section will support his efforts as so many supported me when I was first elected.

New Section Manager George Strayline N3GZ

New Section Manager of the Southern New Jersey Section George Strayline, N3GZ, is a founding member of the Jersey Cape D-Star User Group (JCDUG). He is also a member of the Cape May County Amateur Radio Club and an active ARRL Accredited Volunteer Examiner and Official Observer. He enjoys high speed CW, DX and home brewing.

We wish George the best of luck in the new position and look forward to him visiting us at club meetings.

On Line Ham Tests

Hi Lawrence

I just saw the Holiday City ARC on the www.arrl.org web site and I noticed that you offer help for newcomers. I just created a set of free online exam practice tests that I hope hams will find useful.

Within the practice tests, online study resources, (Wikipedia, NASA, ARRL, etc...), are provided for many of the questions. The list of resources available for each question is constantly growing because users can add their own favorite links to the study materials. Users can also track their test scores over time and see which sub-elements are giving them the most trouble. You can see all the practice tests at:

<http://copaseticflow.blogspot.com/>

Please let me know if you find it handy, or if you think of any ways to make it better. Also, if you think it's useful, please feel free to add a link to the practice exams at your site. Thanks!

73 de Hamilton Carter, KD0FNR

Old Barney Relit

From N2OO

Please Pass Along! (Forward from our ARRL SNJ ASM
Bob Schenck, N2OO)

Members of The Old Barney ARC, www.obarc.org, will be operating as N2OB/150 (or N2OB/LH) Starting At 0000 UTC Dec 27, 2008 Through 2359 UTC Jan 4, 2009. Operation will be on all bands and modes available. This will be to celebrate the relighting and the 150th anniversary of the Barnegat Lighthouse (nicknamed "Old Barney"). Yes, "Old Barney" will officially be relit on January 1, 2009 which is the 150th anniversary of its original lighting (January 1, 1859).

The lighthouse was officially shut down in 1944 and became a state park in 1957. Since that time, only a 250 watt light was lit for aesthetics only. On Jan1, a new light with a new Fresnel lens will be lighted and old Barney will once again be an official (Private) navigational aid.

See <http://www.southjersey.com/articles/?articleid=19695> for information on the relighting.

N2OB/150 stations will be operating from various locations around "Ocean County." Some operations from the Lighthouse property may be possible and will use N2OB/LH which will count for working the lighthouse and IOTA NA-111. A nice color photo QSL is being planned showing the relighting of the lighthouse.

QSL via N2OB (SASE required) or via the Bureau is ok.

Be aware that there are no operations planned anywhere specific. Most operating will be from member's homes.

See ya' in the pileups!

73!
Bob Schenck, N2OO

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How's DX By Russ Young WA2VQV

Russ, WA2VQV:

On 20 meters CW: 3V8BB Tunisia, 4O3A Montenegro, 5K0T Bajo Nuevo 8P5A Barbados, 9A1P, Croatia, C6AKX Bahamas, CJ6XDX, Canada, CN2M Morocco, CT1JLZ Portugal, CT3NT, Madeira, D4C Cape Verde, DL3YM, Germany, E73M, Bosnia-Herzegovina, EA6UP Balearic Islands, EA8ZS, Canary Islands, EE2W Spain, F6KNB France, FG/F6AUS Guadeloupe, G1A, England, GW3YDX Wales, HC8N Galapagos, HG1S, HG550REX Hungary, HI3A Dominican Republic, HK0T San Andres, IO4T, Italy, LZ5K Bulgaria, OA4BHY/2 Peru, OL1C Czech Republic, OM7M Slovakia, OR2T Belgium, P40Q, Aruba, PA1AW Netherlands, PJ2T Bonaire/Curacao, S50K Slovenia, S19AM Sweden, TG9/IV3IYH Guatemala, UW5Q Ukraine, VP5W Turks & Caicos, YL90BJ Latvia, YN2Z Nicaragua, YT1BB Serbia, ZF2AM Cayman Islands.

On 20 Meters SSB: 9A9A, Croatia, CT1HHP Portugal, E71A, Bosnia-Herzegovina, EA6UN Balearic Islands, EG0VRB Spain, EI6JP, Ireland, EL2AR Liberia, ES5GP Estonia, G0DBE England, HK0/HK3JJH San Andres, HK4CYR Colombia, HP3BS Panama, IK2YCW Italy, KP2/WA2TTI U.S. Virgin Islands, KP4BME Puerto Rico, LA0HK Norway, LY2T, Lithuania, LZ1RAY Bulgaria, MW0JRX Wales, ON4CDX Belgium, PA5F Netherlands, PJ2/K6JSV/MM Curacao, TG9/IV3IYH Guatemala, TI8II Costa Rica, UR5HAC, UT0EA Ukraine, VP9NH Bermuda, YN1BB Nicaragua, YU5RA Serbia.

On 15 Meters CW: 3X5A Guinea, 8P5A Barbados, D4C Cape Verde, HC8N Galapagos, J68V St. Lucia, P40W Aruba, PJ4A Bonaire/Curacao, XE1V Mexico, ZY7C Brazil.

Larry K2QDY:

On 160M CW: CK3CUI Cuba, VE3EJ VE3OSJ Canada.

On 80 Meters SSB: LX1UN LZ1ZD Luxemburg, OZ2HT Norway, KP2YL St Croix, E77U Bosnia-Herzegovina, F6ECS France, G4ATA England, VP2V/SP7VC Virgin Islands, SP1PEA Poland.

On 30 Meters CW: S58N Slovenia,

On 40 Meters CW: CO6RD Cuba

On 10 Meters SSB: HI3CCP Dominican Republic, P40K Aruba, LR2F LU1HF Argentina,

Jamie W2QO

On 160M CW: C6ARR Bahamas, E77DX Bosnia-Herzegovina, VE2XAA/2 Canada, EF8M Canary Is, OZ1LO Denmark, ES1QD Estonia, RA1AOB European Russia, DJ0MDR DL8QS Fed Rep of Germany, OH3SR Finland, F5VHY France, HC8N Galapagos, 3X5A Guinea, KH7C Hawaii, KH7X Hawaii, HA3OV Hungary, EL2DX Liberia, TO5X Martinique, ER4ER Moldova, SN3R SP5EWY SP5EWY Poland, TO4X Saint Martin, 5K0T San Andres Island, OM3PC OM2XW OM3BH OM3GI Slovak Republic, S50U S50A Slovenia, EA5BM Spain, PZ5TT Suriname.

On 160MSSB: HK3JJH/HK0B San Andres Island.

On 80M CW: RG9A Asiatic Russia, C6ATA Bahamas, PJ2/K8ND Bonaire, Curacao, 5B/AJ2O Cyprus, ES1WN ES1RA Estonia, UA3TCJ European Russia, DR1A DF0HQ Fed Rep of Germany, OH4A Finland, ZB2FK Gibraltar, TO2HI Guadeloupe, TG9/IV3IYH Guatemala, 3X5A Guinea, HA5DE HA3FTA HG3R HG0A HA8BE HA6OA Hungary, EL2DX Liberia, 8Q7DV Maldives, ER0WW Moldova, TO3R Reunion, J6/W0SA J68V Saint Lucia, 5K0T San Andres Island, YT3M Serbia, OM3GI OM7DX Slovak Republic, TA3/LZ1ZF Turkey, ZC4VJ U K Bases on Cyprus.

On 80M SSB: OX3KQ Greenland, HK3JJH/HK0B San Andres Island.

On 40M CW: C31CT Andorra, 8J1RL Antarctica, T31DX Central Kiribati, CE3BFZ Chile, TK5EP Corsica, HC5WW Ecuador, R1ANR European Russia, 9G5ZZ Ghana, TG0AA Guatemala, TO3R Reunion, H44MY Solomon Islands, TA4ZA YM3A Turkey, A61Q United Arab Emirates, CW7T Uruguay.

On 40M RTTY: T31DX Central Kiribati, TO2HI Guadeloupe.

On 40M SSB: TO3R Reunion.

On 30M CW: VP2ETN Anguilla, HI3TEJ Dominican Republic, HC/SM7BUA HC5WW Ecuador, 9G5ZZ Ghana, TG9/IV3IYH Guatemala, 5Z4LS Kenya, 7P8BA Lesotho, LY2GV Lithuania, TO3R Reunion, J6/W0SA Saint Lucia, H44MY Solomon Islands, PZ5TT Suriname.

On 30M RTTY: XW1B Laos, ZS2EZ Republic of South Africa.

On 20M CW: A5100A Bhutan, TT8JT Chad, CE0Y/SM6CUK Easter Is, 4L/UU4JMG Georgia, OX5AA Greenland, KG6DX Guam, TG9/IV3IYH Guatemala,

RW2F Kaliningrad, UP2L Kazakhstan, 7P8BA Lesotho, Z35T Macedonia, 8Q7DV Maldives, ER1LW ER0FEO Moldova, T88CJ Palau, TO3R Reunion, H44MY Solomon Islands, TA3KZ YM3A Turkey, 9J2FM 9J3A Zambia.

On 20M RTTY: C31CT Andorra, 9G5ZZ Ghana.

On 20M SSB: A5100A Bhutan, E77A Bosnia-Herzegovina, D44TD Cape Verde, TK5EP Corsica, ZB2/DL5KX Gibraltar, VU2PEP India, 7P8BA Lesotho, 8Q7DV Maldives, J68HZ Saint Lucia, HK3JJH/HK0B San Andres Island, H44TO Solomon Islands, 3DA0VM Swaziland.

On 17M CW: KH8/KK6H American Samoa, VP2ETN Anguilla, YS4/K9GY El Salvador, 3D2YA Fiji, 9G5ZZ Ghana, 5Z4LS Kenya, 7P8BA Lesotho, 3B8/SM6GOR Mauritius Is, OA4/DL5YWM Peru, J6/W0SA Saint Lucia, H44MY Solomon Islands, 5X1NH Uganda.

On 17M RTTY: VP2ETN Anguilla, PZ5TT Suriname, Z29KM Zimbabwe.

On 17M SSB: EU7SA Belarus, GI7AXB Northern Ireland, HK3JJH/HK0B San Andres Island.

On 15M CW: D4C Cape Verde, TK5EP Corsica, CE0Y/N6NO Easter Is, C91LW Mozambique, A71BX Qatar, TO3R Reunion, 6V7N Senegal, EE2 Spain, 5H3E Tanzania, 9J3A Zambia.

On 12M SSB: MW0ZZK Wales.

On 10M CW: OH3SR/VP9 Bermuda, D4C Cape Verde, 3X5A Guinea, OA4SS Peru, ZS4U ZS4TX Republic of South Africa, 9J3A Zambia.

On 10M SSB: LR2F LS2D LU5CAB LU8EOT LU9DA LS1D LT0H AY8A Argentina, P40K Aruba, PY3MHZ PY3DX PY2LSM Brazil, VY2OX Canada, CE4ETZ Chile, HI3CCP Dominican Republic, TG9ANF Guatemala, HQ2W Honduras, FM5AN Martinique, VP5JM Turks & Caicos Is, CV5K CW5W Uruguay.

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Best DX
Russ