



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

Program for the June Meeting

Using a Voltmeter on a circuit, while troubleshooting or checking for normal levels, is second nature to most of us. We never give a thought to the possibility that there may be serious hazards in those simple measurements.

Our speaker for this program is Bob Murdock WX2NJ who will present a great program on the proper and safe way to use a meter to test circuits. How to be safe—not sorry.

Refreshments at this meeting will be coffee and cake. A generous donation of \$35 toward future pizza meetings was sent in by Vince Genzardi W2GRA. Quite a guy, for someone 102 years young. Thanks Vince.

We are still looking for Sponsors for our regular monthly meetings. Sponsorship is only \$5 per meeting.

Field Day Location & Directions

The event is in the new Toms River Park. It is located in Holiday City South's northeast end.



From Mule Rd. turn into Santiago Dr. to it's end. Turn left into Orlando Blvd. Follow Orlando, past Freeport Blvd. and continue one more block to Selkirk Ave. Turn left into the Park.

From Davenport Rd., turn into Freeport Blvd. Continue to it's intersection with Orlando Blvd. Turn right one block to the park entrance on the left.

Membership Update

Steve Jackson N2WLH is our newest member. Licensed since '92, he just went from Advanced to Extra Class license. Congratulations on the upgrade, Steve. Welcome to the HCARC.

Vince W2GRA will be 102 years old this June 21st. First licensed in 1922 at the age of 17, he will have been continuously licensed for 85 years in 2007. Perhaps he is the only living Ham with that unique record in the whole country. He was a founding member of this club and has continued to support it right up to date. We're proud to have him as a member of our club.

[Happy Birthday Vince.](#)

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 7TH
Thursday 7:00PM
Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse
Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

The President's Corner

By Larry K2QDY



Last month our program included a video of the 1994 Peter 1 Island DXpedition. Very much like the recent DXpedition to Peter 1 Island, this group risked life and limb to provide the amateur radio community an opportunity to work a country that is uninhabited. Their trip netted them many thousands of QSOs and a good time but not without mishap. One fellow almost fell into a crevasse in the ice that would have entombed him for eternity. This is but one of the hazards the group experienced. Although they went to the island during the summer months the temperature was always below freezing and snow storms covered their equipment regularly. I am not sure I would be that brave to risk life and limb for a short visit to an uninhabited piece of land. More recently another group of hams went to Scarborough Reef. This is a coral reef and barely just coral rock sticking out of the South China Sea by a few feet. Some of the operators were only four feet above the sea level and operated for a few days under extreme heat, humidity and at great risk to their lives again to give the ham radio community the opportunity to contact this uninhabited location. I hope they took pictures of the DXpedition and look forward to seeing the location and the conditions they were exposed to.

Spring is finally here and that means time for antenna parties and Ham-Fests. A few of us, Dave Ottenberg, Bill Haldane and myself, went to the Wrightstown/Bucks County Warminster ARC hamfest and had a good time. Dave picked up a number of small parts, some tube sockets for a friend as well as other goodies. Bill Haldane picked up another camera for himself and some open-wire feed line for Ed Picciuti and I found some fiber glass poles that I intend to give to my grandson to use as a center support for an inverted-vee dipole. The trip was about one hour and fifteen minutes but we had a great time and are looking forward to the next one.

Our second quarter club luncheon with the wives occurred on Friday May 11, at the new Fortune Chinese Buffet located on route 37 West near the new Ruby Tuesdays. The luncheon was attended by 19 people who all feasted on a variety of Chinese delights. The cost was very moderate and the lunch was really a dinner. There is a Mongolian Wok where you can select various foods for the chef to cook to your order and real cold ice cream to top off the desert part of the lunch. I think everyone had a real good time and many commented they would come back there again.

On the air this past month there has been a lot of good operating. This past weekend was Armed Force's day and there

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were plenty of military installation on the air working cross band from the military MARS frequencies to the ham bands. Military stations were on from many locations throughout the country.

Congratulations to Steve Jackson, N2WLH, who applied himself, studied and past the Extra Class license test. It would be nice to see other club members apply for higher grade licenses now that the CW requirement has been dropped from the testing. With lots of new frequencies added to the General Class HF bands you could expand your horizons and start to work some real nice DX.

Field day will soon be here and I am looking forward to another great fun time. We will be operating two HF stations using dipoles and one GOTO station operating on 2 and 6 meters. The operation will take place from the Toms River Park. We need some help to set up at 10:00 AM on Saturday June 23. Please let me know if you can help. Lunch will be provided for those workers that help to set-up. The remainder of the day will be a bring-your-own picnic with the wives and friends. The club will provide soda.

Well that's all for now and I look forward to seeing you at our June 7th meeting.

Best 73s

Larry Puccio K2QDY

(Larry's phone # for letting him know you are available to help on Field Day: 732-349-2950. Or Email: lpuccio1@comcast.net)

Holiday City Diner Dates

The next dates for lunch get-togethers are **June 4th** and **June 18th**. 12 noon seating. Be there earlier if possible. Recently there have been between 9 and 12 guys around the table. Needless to say, you'd be hard put to 'get a word in edgewise' in the lively conversation. Good Food and Good Talk .Can't improve on that! HC Diner is at the junction of Mule Rd. and Davenport. Rd.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6/1 Sally Genoio (WA2NDA)
 6/10 Russ Young WA2VQV
 6/12 Mike Agostinello KC2MTT
 6/19 Sharon Forshee (KC2QMZ)
 6/21 **Vince Genzardi W2GRA 102nd Birthday**
 6/22 Nona Haldane (AC2F)
- 6/25 Dorothy & Joe WB2FXE Savarese



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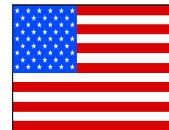


Note: The Skyhook will now have a place to list your equipment for sale. Just send an Email or landline call with details of the items for sale to the editor. Please list only Ham related equipment or related electronics. 5 items maximum. If an item of substantial value is sold via the Skyhook, a donation to the club would be appreciated.

Email kd2in@arrl.net or 732-505-6860. The Skyhook reserves the right to edit entries for brevity or clarification, if required.

June Holidays & Events

- 6/7 HCARC Club Meeting
 6/14 Flag Day
 6/17 Father's Day
 6/21 Summer begins
 6/23-24 Our Field Day at Toms River Park.



- 6/9 - 11 ARRL VHF QSO Party. See May QST P. 102.
 6/16 Kids Day Operating Event
 6/17 Spanish Islands Contest

See page 97 of the June 07 QST for further details. And for many more contests and Special Events Stations on the air in June.

Our VE Crew

John W2LKS, Murray KD2IN, Bill AC2F, John K2JWH, Ed W1EAP, Larry K2QDY, Jamie W2QO, John KQ4WR, Jack KC2FS, Stan KB2PD, Kevin KC2NYQ .

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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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The ARES Newsletter

Ocean County ARES® News - June, 2007

May 15th at approximately 1550 hours, my Ocean County OEM pager alerts me that there is a 100+ acre wildfire in the vicinity of Warren Grove. Temperatures were soaring that day into the upper 80's and 90's and winds out of the West South-West were hitting 30 MPH. This was a formula for disaster. I released a message to the OCARES Yahoo Group to give everyone on the reflector a heads-up on the fire. The message did not go through. After some frustrating troubleshooting, I found the OCARES Group locked because of a spam message posted several hours before the fire. The spam was cleared and the fire message re-posted. This is why most of you received it twice.

After monitoring several Ocean County municipal frequencies, I realized that this was going to be fire not soon to be forgotten. That evening I packed two complete UHF/VHF portable stations for potential Red Cross shelters, including dual band antennas on 20 foot masts, backup power batteries and all the forms to support operations for several days. Two vehicles were loaded with the stations – one for each shelter.

That evening I continued to monitor municipal radio frequencies and the situation continued to grow worse. The rest is history. Despite reports of having three Red Cross shelters open and having up to 6000 residents evacuated, no calls ever came to provide amateur communications support. On May 16th I was able to contact the Red Cross radio liaison, that I would normally make contact with and he confirmed that our services were not requested. I can only assume that the Red Cross was able to maintain communications with the chapter via cell phone and since there was no interruption in commercial power in the vicinity of the shelters, Amateur radio was not requested. So much for all our prep work of having Red Cross background checks completed!

On another note, please review the wording of bill #A4146 to prohibit text messaging while driving. This bill has the potential to suppress all Amateur radio mobile communications with a vehicle in motion. This past week I wrote letters to District 9 Senator Leonard T. Conners, Jr., Assemblyman Christopher J. Conners and Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf, expressing my concern as Ocean County ARES Emergency Coordinator of the impact this bill could have on Amateur radio communications during times of disaster and emergencies. We all need to let the state legislature hear our voices on this proposal. You can read the bill and submit letters at www.njleg.state.nj.us

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1st. Weather experts predict an active hurricane season for 2007. Maybe the Red Cross will examine their communications policy before it is too late.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

Ocean County Skywarn Assistant Coordinator

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UPBEAT 2007 HAMVENTION

Enthusiasm was the order of the day at the 56th Dayton Hamvention® <<http://www.hamvention.org>>, May 18-20, near Dayton, Ohio. Business was brisk among the hundreds of vendors in the indoor areas, despite generally excellent weather outside, which tends to draw hordes to the outdoor flea market area. At ARRL EXPO, the sales staff was kept hopping as visitors from around the US and around the world stopped by to join the ARRL, purchase publications or just say hello.

On the ARRL Stage, the lineup of 15-minute presentations proved to be popular again this year. Highlights were presentations by NASA astronaut and ISS Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR. He packed them in for a talk about his ham radio experiences from space.

Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth also attracted an SRO crowd with his commentary on the state of the Amateur Radio Service.

McArthur, the ARRL's Guest of Honor at Hamvention 2007, also gave an animated and informative talk at the annual Donor Recognition Reception Thursday evening. The variety of questions he was asked following his talk reflected the enthusiasm that greeted his presentation. About 120 donors to various ARRL programs and scholarships attended the dinner, which was sponsored by the ARRL Development Office.

Despite an Internet outage that affected the entire Hara Arena, QST Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY, uploaded his personal Dayton musings, including his entertaining "alt" observations, photos and videos. Internet access was never restored, so Steve was forced to leave the Arena premises to find WiFi hotspots for uploading to the ARRL Web. His Hamvention blog remains available <<http://www.arrl.org/blog/Dayton%20and%20ARRL%20Expo>>.

The ARRL EXPO area in the Ballarena featured exhibits that again this year drew many thousands of Hamvention attendees. They included the US Power Squadrons, Section Managers and other section officials, the International Amateur Radio Union, Regulatory Information, National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers (NARTE), TravelPlus for Repeaters software demos, Media and Public Relations, Education Services, the ARRL Development Office and ARRL Foundation, Great Lakes Division officials, the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator and QST/NCJ/QEX – in short, something of practical value to just about every ham.

But wait -- there's more. Other ARRL EXPO booths featured DXCC card checking, Youth Activities and commercial license exams sponsored by NARTE. In addition, ARRL staff members and officers took part in nine different Hamvention forums throughout the weekend.

At the awards dinner Saturday night, ARRL President Emeritus Jim Haynie, W5JBP, was honored as Ham of the Year, while ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, received the Special Achievement Award. The Technical Excellence Award went to

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David Cameron, VE7LTD.

Perhaps it was partly due to the uncharacteristically pleasant weather, but for whatever reason, visitors to this year's Hamvention seemed as enthusiastic, upbeat and just plain glad to be there, as any Hamvention in recent memory. Hamvention officials have not yet released an official head count.

LEGISLATIVE END RUN NETS WIN FOR OKLAHOMA AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA BILL

An Amateur Radio antenna bill has made it through the Oklahoma legislature and now awaits the signature of Gov. Brad Henry. Securing passage of the essence of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/PRB-1_Pkg/prb-1.pdf> was no mean feat, however. Proponents of the legislation had to switch to Plan B after House Bill 1037 (HB 1037) failed to make the House calendar for a vote after getting a "do pass" recommendation in the General Government and Transportation Committee. Supporters of the measure were successful, however, in getting the language of HB 1037 attached to Senate Bill 426, which involves municipal annexations. SB 426 passed the Senate 45-2 and the House 90-5. "We expect Gov Henry to sign the bill soon and are networking with his office to ensure his approval," said ARRL Oklahoma Section

Manager John Thomason, WB5SYT. "The Oklahoma Section members really rose to the task to communicate our need to legislators, key community members including emergency managers and the general public who benefit from Amateur Radio emergency communications." Thomason said the bill's supporters reminded lawmakers that some Oklahoma Section members have been among those supporting emergency communication in Kansas in the wake of the tornado that recently devastated the town of Greensburg.

To date, 23 states have adopted PRB-1 legislation. While PRB-1 requires municipalities to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio communication, it does not specify a minimum height below which local governments may not regulate. Four states -- Alaska, Wyoming, Virginia and Oregon -- have legislation in place that specifies antenna support structure heights, below which municipalities may not regulate.

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