



# The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

## Program for our June Meeting

At this meeting we will be finalizing plans for Field day. We will be running three radio's and operating with a generator. We have sent letters to the news paper and the Mayors office. Hopefully we will have some visitors.

## Club Net

Thursday evenings we have our club net at 7:00 PM on the 146.880 repeater. No PL tone is required just program in the - 600 KHZ offset and off you go. Additionally, club members access the repeater each day at 10:00 AM for some good rag chew and technical discussion. Those of you that don't have HTs can also access the repeater by using Echo Link. Echo Link is a free down load off the internet.

## Dates to Remember

June 2	Club Luncheon
June 5	Regular Membership Meeting
June 16	Club Luncheon
June 21	Raritan Valley Hamfest in Piscataway
June 25	Executive Board Meeting
June 28	Field Day
June 30	Club Luncheon

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Mike Agostinello	06/12
Sharon Forshee	06/19
Vince Genzardi	06/21
Sally Genoio	06/01
Nona Haldane	06/22
Russ Young	06/10



## The President's Corner

By Larry K2QDY



At our May meeting we saw a video about the Dayton Hamvention. This was an interesting video and quite entertaining. It described the various events that take place at the Dayton Hamvention. There were many talks, vendors, private tables and some hotel hospitality rooms sponsored by various organizations. Well two of our members Jamie Punderson and Steve Jackson went to the Hamvention 2008 and I am anxious to hear about their adventure, what they purchased and their thoughts in general.

Steve Jackson and I had an interesting day May 9<sup>th</sup> when we visited the Lakehurst Elementary School. We were to speak to five classes of children grades 4 and 6. A total of 125 children attended out presentation. We recorded a tape message that read "Hello my name is Mr. Puccio and my associate is Mr. Jackson and you are listening to Morse code. As the tape was running I was at the white board writing out the message for the children to read.

After the tape finished we asked the children if they had ever heard the Morse code and explained that it was 140 years old and had been invented by Samuel Morse.

We also had a slide presentation that was running on my laptop computer and being projected on a large screen TV. We had the children read each bullet item. When the slide addressed QSL cards we had each of the children take a QSL card, come up to the front of the class, and read the call sign, the name, and the country it came from and then point to the country on the world map. The children got a big kick out of that.

The program continued and we came to another slide that talked about Text Messaging and Morse code. We asked the children if they knew how to text message, all of them said they could Text Message. We then asked if we had a contest between Text Messaging and Morse code who would win. Well it was interesting to hear some suggest the Morse code but most said the Text Messaging would beat the Morse code.

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**NEXT MEETING: June 5, 2008**

**Thursday 7:00PM**

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

**Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive**

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Having previously set up a schedule with one of the teachers who had a cell phone we had a contest to send a message. The message read: "This is a speed test of 140 year old Morse code and text messaging. Who will win?" Well one of the children held the message up for the teacher to read and I had the message in front of me on a desk where we had an MFJ keyer and Bencher paddle. 1, 2, 3 go and the test was on. There I was sending dots and dashes while the teacher was typing the letters into the cell phone. A few seconds later I announced I was finished. The teacher said "I only got five words typed in." Steve then read the message and the children were amazed. One of the children said "I can do it much faster" so we ran the test again, this time the young lady got to the sixth word before I said I had completed the message. We did this with each class with the same results and each time the children had a good time.

After the speed test we had the children listen to a few letters, A, N, D, G, and O. This practice took about five minutes and they memorized each letter. We had one child come up to the board and write the letters as the other children shouted them out. We spelled the word And, Dog, Good, Nod. This really amazed them and me as well. After that we had them come up to the desk and showed them an old straight key, a bug and the paddles. The children pushed the paddles and made some letters.

The entire day, from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM, went very fast and we all had a good time. The children wrote us thank you letters that I will read to you at the meeting. This was a very rewarding adventure for Steve and me. All of the children asked if we could come back next year and teach them more about Ham Radio and the Morris code.

Field Day is coming up quickly, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The club will be setting up at 9:00 AM at the park with operation commencing at 2:00 PM. Ed Picciuti has been busy sending announcements to the media and also to Mayor Jason Verano's office. There will be three transmitters operating and the antennas will be G5RV dipoles. Bob Forshee will be operating from his pickup truck while the other two transmitters will be placed under the gazebo as in the past. We will be operating as Class 3A and will be generator powered. We will be using a software logging program that Steve Jackson has suggested. The program is very simple to use and only requires the station contacted call sign and their location to be entered. The program will identify dupes and will alert the operator before it is entered. It also has provision for putting up a picture of the US and Canada and as contacts are entered into the program a mark is placed on the map as to where the station contacted is located. This program should

make the logging job much easier.

Well that's all for this month's column and I am looking forward to seeing you at our June 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 meeting.

73  
Larry  
K2QDY

### Our VE 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

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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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## Hows DX By Russ Young WA2VQV

Here's the DX worked from April 14th to May 13th, 2008:

Russ WA2VQV worked the following:

ON 30 METERS CW: F5CWU France, GB6MD (Marconi Day) England, HB2008CT Switzerland, OE2008BZL Austria, OM3PA Slovakia, TF/LA9SN Iceland, XE83IARU Mexico, YO8OU Romania, ZB2FK Gibraltar.

ON 20 METERS CW: 4M5M Venezuela, 7X4AN Algeria, E73TW Bosnia, EA1DR Spain, EA8/DL5MW Canary Islands, FJ/DJ2VO St. Barthelemy, FM5BH, FM5LD Martinique, FS/K9EL French St. Martin, G6PZ England, MD0CCE Isle of Man, GW0UIZ Wales, HA7GN Hungary, HB0/DL2SBY Liechtenstein, IR3HST Italy, IR9GI Sicily, IS0HQJ Sardinia, P43E Aruba, SF0F Sweden, SV2HRT Greece, XE83IARU Mexico, YN4SU Nicaragua, YU5RA Serbia. .

ON 20 METERS PSK31: CO8LY Cuba, HR2/LU1DY Honduras.

ON 17 METERS CW: FJ/DJ2VO St.Barthelemy, XE83IARU Mexico,

Bill, AC2F, worked the following:

ON 20 METERS SSB: 5N8NDP Nigeria, 5P5DX Denmark, 8R1K GUYANA, BA4RF China, D44AC Cape Verde, E74EBL Bosnia, EA8CDI Canary Islands, ES7FQ Estonia, FY5FY French Guiana, G6PZ England, HQ2W Honduras, J37K Grenada, KP2TM U.S. Virgin Islands, LA5MIA Norway, AY8A, LT1F, LU1NDC, LU3CT, LU5H, LV6D Argentina, LY2ZZ Lithuania, MD/K3PLV Isle of Man, OM3RM Slovenia, OS8A Belgium, PJ2T Curacao, RA0QD Asiatic Russia, S56P, S57AL Slovenia, TO5A Martinique, TI8M Costa Rica, TO5RZ St. Barthelemy, TX5C Clipperton Island, PP5JD, PR7AA, PR8ZX, PS2T, PW2D, PX2E, PX2T, PY2YU, ZX5D Brazil, V48M St.Kitts & Nevis & ZP2R Paraguay.

Joe, KC2QLA

Joe's radio was out of commission for three weeks this time.

5/14 LU1FDU 14.250 SSB ARGENTINA.

Larry, K2QDY, worked the following:

ON 40 METERS CW: SP3LPG Poland.

ON 30 METERS CW: CM6CAC Cuba, E73TW Bosnia,

FM/I2GPT Martinique, G3SWH England, VK6HD Australia, VP9KF Bermuda.

ON 20 METERS CW: 7X4AN Algeria, IM0/IK0FMB Sardinia, SV2DFA Greece, ZP6CW Paraguay.

ON 20 METERS SSB: 6V7K Senegal, CN8ZG Morocco, EI0CL Ireland, HH4/AF4Z Haiti, IW6DRG Italy, OK1CF Czech Republic.

Not bad considering the low sun spots (or absence of them)  
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73 es gud DX de Russ, WA2VQV

The following is from the ARRL DX bulletin Letter

For those members interested in DX there is plenty of opportunity. Although the sun spot cycle is still in the depths of despair there is still plenty of DX to be had. As you can see from Russ's column some of the club members have been able to work some interesting stations. The following is also available. Just listen!

EAST MALAYSIA, 9M6. Lee, DS4NMJ is QRV as 9M6/KE5CNK from Kota Kinabalu, IOTA OC-088, for three months while on a short business trip. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters during his spare time. QSL to home call.

SARDINIA, IS0. Rolf, DL6ZFG will be QRV as IS0/DL6ZFG from May 26 to June 10. Activity is mostly on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK when time is available. QSL to home call.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as T32XG from May 27 to June 3. Activity will be on 40 to 15 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

UGANDA, 5X. Franz, DC7NF is QRV as 5X7FN until the end of June. Activity is mainly on 40 and 20 meters using SSB and generally around 1700 to 2100z. QSL to home call.

CHINA, BY. Look for special event stations BT1OB, BT1OJ, BT1OH, BT1OY and BT1ON to be QRV from May 18 to September 17 in celebration of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The last letter of each call sign corresponds to the color in Chinese of each of the rings of the Olympic flag. QSL via BA4EG.

MOZAMBIQUE, C9. Rodrigo, C91R is QRV until August 1. QSL via CT1BXT.

## ARES News

The following is compliments of the ARRL News Letter.

### American Red Cross Responds to ARRL Concerns Regarding Background Checks

In November 2007, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote to the American Red Cross (ARC) regarding concerns voiced by ARRL volunteers. In 2006, the Red Cross stated it would implement background checks that included, among other things, a credit check and a "mode of living" check for its staff and volunteers, including ARES volunteers providing services to the Red Cross during disasters. ARRL saw these portions of the background check as unneeded and inappropriate for ARES service.

In a letter dated May 8 of this year, Armond T. Mascelli, ARC Vice President for Disaster Response Services replied to President Harrison: "I can now report back to you that [these] actions have been completed and changes have been instituted which I trust resolves the concerns detailed in your letter. This effort took considerably more time and attention than originally envisioned, but I believe the results will now benefit our respective organizations.

A new background consent form [is] to be used by all Red Cross Chapters for ARRL members and other partner organizations. The form and related process is limited to the name and social security number verification of the individual, and a criminal background check. References and suggestions to other related investigative possibilities have been stricken."

ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD, announced the resolution at the ARRL ARES forum at the Dayton Hamvention® and received hearty applause.

"We are very pleased that the American Red Cross has addressed some of the issues that we raised regarding their background investigations and that we can move forward in a relationship that has existed for a long, long time, Harrison said. The American Red Cross and the ARRL have shared a productive relationship for many years which has been of benefit to both the organizations and to the public. We are glad that throughout the past months we have been able to negotiate the issues that we had and have finally come to a resolution."

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