



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Toms River, NJ

Program for our August Meeting

This month we will have a discussion by Barry Burke, Real Estate agent. This discussion is for seniors and will focus on the purchase and sale of homes specifically with information for the senior.

Club Hats and Shirts

The Executive Board is looking into a supplier of hats and shirts that would contain club information such as Holiday City ARC. We think that club members could wear these items at various functions such as hamfests and Field Day. They might instill pride in the club and possibly attract new members. We need input as to the type of shirt for example Polo or Tee and what colors would be appropriate. Please let one of the club officers know your thoughts.

Dates to Remember

- August 7 Regular Membership Meeting
- August 11 Club Luncheon
- August 25 Club Luncheon
- August 28 Executive Board meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- Elizabeth Calise 08/15
- Chris Jackson 08/03
- Dave Ottenberg 08/09
- Jamie Punderson 08/27



Anniversaries

- Carl and Jane Lee 08/31
- Jamie and Sarah Punderson 08/08
- Norm and Dolores Smith 08/04
- Stan and Marjorie Stafiej 08/29



The President's Corner By Larry K2QDY



Field Day has come and gone. The group that participated had a great time. The weather was very hot but occasionally a breeze came through the gazebo we were under and made it seem a little cooler. In addition to the natural breeze we also had two fans running and they helped keep the operators cool. We also had a few visitors who seemed interested in the event and may even stop down to a meeting. We ran two transceivers and one Get On The Air (GOTA) station. This allowed us to enter as class 2A. The GOTA station is free and also provides contacts points for our 2A operation. Bob Forshee, KC2QMZ, operated the GOTA station with his daughter Darlene, assisting was John Hann, W2JWH, and Dave Ottenberg, WA2DJN. The GOTA station operated on 80 and 160 meters. At one point in time another gentleman stopped by with an old Yaesu receiver and asked if we could get it working. He had seen the announcement of the Field Day activity in the news paper. We connected an antenna to it and sure enough we could hear signals. He said he lived in Silver Ridge but we did not get his name but told him about the club and hope that he will come to a meeting. Bob was set up about 500 feet from the gazebo we were under and had a 10' x 10' tent. He powered his radio with a little Honda generator that was whisper quiet.

At the main gazebo we had our generator placed about 60 feet away from us and shielded by a 5' x 6' piece of masonite. This provided good quieting and the generator ran for 5 hours with only one gas refill. We had two G5RV dipoles up about 35 feet and fed with open wire line. The radio's connected to these antennas operated on 40 and 20 meters. We also had stepped into the 21st century this Field Day as we ran two laptop computers with a very easy contest program that the loggers had no trouble adapting to at all. My grandson Matthew, KC2IGE, paid us a surprise visit. Matt has an extra class license and is an excellent CW operator and help make some of the 80 CW contacts logged.

After all is said and done we made 313 contacts in the 5 hours we operated and I think everyone had a good time.

NEXT MEETING: August 7, 2008

Thursday 7:00PM

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

Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

Now we need to plan for an even better event next June.

We received a thank you letter from our club member Vince Genzardi, W2GRA, who we visited at the assisted living facility in Parsippany. I don't remember if I told you that Vince has been allotted a strip of land along the back side of the building where he grows tomatoes and I think cucumbers too. In his letter he asked about the ARRL web site where he might be able to listen to code practice. In my return letter to him I suggested that he have his son-in-law contact me and I would try to explain how to get up on the ARRL web site and how to get to the cw practice and bulletins. I think Vince will be very interested in doing that. I also sent him a beginner's introduction to Echo-Link. Maybe Vince's son-in-law will be able to get him on Echo-Link.

We are thinking about a kit building night, probable one Thursday evening per month, and are wondering who would be interested in such an activity. Out thinking is to have one night a month where we could meet and work on a kit or kits. What's your thought on this idea?

Don't forget the Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM schedule, on the 146.880 repeater. 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 a HT can also access the repeater via Echo Link. Echo Link is a free download off the internet.

Well that's all for now and I am looking forward to seeing you at our August 7th general meeting.

73
Larry
K2QDY

Reprint from the Southern New Jersey Newsletter for July:

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOR JULY

SECTION MANAGER, JEAN PRIESTLEY, KA2YKN

It is with mixed feelings that I tell you that this will be my last year and term as Section Manager for the Southern New Jersey section. It has been 18 years since I first accepted Assistant Section Manager for Bruce Eichmann. When Bruce had to step down, I accepted the position as Section Manager. I was in the Assistant position for 6 years and enjoyed it so much that I stayed Section Manager for 12

years. I met many wonderful people, had numerous wonderful events and traveled hundreds of miles with my husband, Lou and sometimes we even had our dogs, Harley and Davidson with us. I felt many times over that I did make a difference in many ways. It is always better to go out at the top of you game and that is what I am doing. I want to thank my husband, Lou, N2HQL, for making much of it possible. Lou and I had many great times with all those great people I just mentioned. I also want to thank my staff for hanging in and hope that the same support will be given a new Section Manager.

Our VE Crew

John W2LKS, Murray KD2IN, Bill AC2F, John K2JWH, Ed W1EAP, Larry K2QDY, Jamie W2QO, John KQ4WR, Jack KC2FS, Stan KB2PD Steve N2WLH, Kevin W2FA Ed WA2NDA.

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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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A Visit with Stan Stafiej KB2PD

By Murray Goldberg KD2IN

Stan has been an active part of this club since he joined in 1994. He acted as Club President for 3 years, from October 1999 to October 2002. What else do we know about Stan? We have been kept up-to-date about his annual 3 month stay in the Ft. Myers area in Florida and his radio activities there. His various experiments with 'hidden' indoor antennas and grounding methods were always of interest to us back home in Toms River.

Year after year, he reported back to us the DX results of his CW and SSB activities with his 'make do' setup. Sadly, this past winter Stan didn't even bring his rig down with him. 'No sunspots' band conditions convinced him it was futile to make the effort considering his limited antenna setup in Florida.

DXing is not Stan's only hobby. He is an avid golfer and when Spring comes each year he is busy getting his sailboat ready for the season's sailing in Barnegat Bay. When he finds a minute to spare, he does the gardening maintenance at his lovely house in the Brookside Heights section of Toms River.

So, how did he get started in Ham Radio? 'In the beginning' there was SWLing. In 1958 he bought a Zenith Transoceanic receiver. Listening across the band he heard Radio Honiara in the Solomon Islands playing music during the night. He sent for an SWL-QSL card and received one! That was the year of high sunspot levels permitting him to hear stations from all over. He also listened to lots of Hams.

While living in Stamford, CT in 1961 he learned the local radio club offered Ham licensing classes. That led to his Novice license as KN1RQY, followed shortly by his upgrade to General as K1RQY. Later, in 1968, while living in Rhode Island, he went to Boston and acquired his Advanced Grade. He upgraded to Extra and his current call KB2PD while here in Toms River.

His wife Marjory is very supportive of his Ham activities and joins him in his sailing too.

Another interest of his, genealogy, had an exciting tie-in to Ham Radio. He made a contact with a station in Poland and through this new Ham friend's help was able to add much to the history of his family in 'the old country'. His station is comprised of a Yaesu FT 990 and a Ken-

wood TS 830S used mostly for 80M. When needed, he uses a 500 W linear amplifier. For UHF he has an ICOM 706 6M-2M-440 unit.

His backyard is a veritable antenna farm, as small as it is. In it he has crammed a tower topped with a Mosley Tri-bander for 10-15 and 20M. To cover 12 & 17M he has a rotatable trap dipole. Hanging off the tower is a ¼ wave sloper which covers 160-30M. For UHF he has a chimney mounted ground plane vertical.

To complete his shack's modes of operation, he uses a computer to run PSK31 as well as Echolink and CQ100.

Active on his radios early mornings and late evenings, he is an avid DXer. He can be heard to do some rag-chewing now and then as well. He earned a DXCC award a few years back, but in spite of adding many, many more DX countries to his logs, hasn't pursued the certificate upgrades.

Earning a PHD in Chemistry from Columbia U. he went on to a career in industry in chemistry R&D. He also taught a graduate chemistry course for 3 years.

After living in RI he then moved to Toms River in 1975.



Photo by Murray Goldberg KD2IN

Sky Warn

The following site was found by Murray Goldberg KD2IN and may be interesting and helpful for you to look at. For those of us in the ARES program it might prove invaluable.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/phi/skywarn/index.html>

How's DX

Russ WA2VQV worked the following:

ON 30 METERS CW: AO5FX Spain, TA3D Turkey.

ON 20 METERS CW: 4O3A Montenegro, 5B/AB2ZB Cyprus, 9A4KW Croatia, CY0X Sable Island, DA0HQ, Germany, E74JE Bosnia-Herzegovina, EF8U Canary Islands, HC8N Galapagos Islands, JA3YBK Japan, LX0HQ Luxembourg, LZ1RGM Bulgaria, IR8PS Italy, YL3FT Latvia, OL4HQ Czech Republic, UE3FFF/3 European Russia, SX24VIO Greece, TM0HQ France, UR3HC Ukraine, V31UB Belize, VE2008VQ Canada, VP9/K9ZO Bermuda, XE1LM Mexico, YN2KDJ Nicaragua, YV5AJ Venezuela, ZF1DX Cayman Islands.

Larry, K2QDY, worked the following:

ON 80 METERS CW: M3TKO England, M3TGO England, G4GDH England, G0EVY England.

ON 20 METERS CW: 9A4KW Slovenia, FM5LD Martinique, LX8DL Luxemburg, YO/IK2XNW Romania, CP4BT Bolivia.

ON 20 METERS SSB: HA8FF Hungary, RN6BY Russia,

SX24TSL Greece, G0FWX England, UA3QNS Russia, UR5ZZK Russia, VP5/WB2REM Turks and Caicos, CP6AA Bolivia.

Murray, KD2IN worked the following:

ON 20 METERS SSB: DA0HQ Germany, PH6Q Netherlands, VA2RAC, VE9CEH Canada, VP5/WB2REM Turks & Caicos Islands.

Kevin, W2FA, worked the following:

ON 6 METERS SSB: CY0X Sable Island.

Joe, KC2QLA worked the following:

ON 40 METERS SSB: I5REA Italy, OH0JFP Aland Islands.

ON 20 METERS SSB: 4O3A Montenegro, 9A0HQ Croatia, 9Y4LDK Trinidad & Tobago, CO6LC Cuba, CE1KR Chile, EA7AIN Spain, GB7HQ England, KH7T Hawaii, OE2008R Austria, OL4HQ Czech Republic, P40HQ Aruba, S57RTH Slovenia, TI8II Costa Rica, UA3TCJ European Russia, VE7SV Canada, VP2MRM Montserrat, VP5/WB2REM Turks & Caicos Islands, ZX5J Brazil.

73 es gud DX de Russ, WA2VQV

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