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HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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November Meeting "Contesting"

Amateur Radio contesting typically is the exercise of trying to contact as many stations as possible within a certain period of time on certain bands and with specific rules. While contests often have similar objectives, each operating event has its own set of rules and its own "exchange"--the information that you exchange with the stations you work in a contest. Most weekends, at least one contest is taking place (a few contests take place during the week too). The ARRL Contest Calendar is one place to learn what events are taking place on a given weekend. So is the WA7BNM Contest Calendar.

Our video presentation will explain all the in's and out's of contesting

Dates to Remember

- November 3 Club Luncheon
- November 6 Regular Membership Meeting
- November 8 VE Session
- November 17 Club Luncheon
- November 26 Executive Board Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- Donna Kissel 11/10
- Caroline Lauterbach 11/28
- Andy Murin 11/03
- Sandy Ottenberg 11/15
- Marie Repetti 11/14
- Dolores Smith 11/19



Anniversaries

- Russ and Jean Young 11/01
- Don and Joyce Smith 11/11



The President's Corner By Larry K2QDY



This will be my last Presidents Corner letter. As of the November meeting you will have a new club President. Dave Ottenberg, WA2DJN, will succeed me as president of the Holiday City Amateur Radio Club. Dave is very active on the bands, very interested in electronic construction projects and is an avid hamfest buff. I am confident he will lead the club to even further heights. In addition to the new President we will also have a new first Lady whose name is Sandy. Sandy is very active in the community and with her nursing background frequently gives talks at nurses meetings and at other associations. I wish Dave the best of luck and I am confident in his abilities to lead the club.

At our last meeting we had a presentation by Frank Camposano regarding forth generation cellular phone service. Frank told the group that this version of Cellular service is targeted at large buildings housing large business corporations and will provide service to these companies without having to run traditional wires to individual phones. Small transmitter/receiver units, similar to the receiving and transmitting equipment at a cell site, are strategically located on various floors in the building and have sufficient range to cover the entire floor and a floor above and below the receiver transmitter units. Other units on different floors will all interconnect to provide coverage for the entire building. This system will allow communication with customers within the forth generation cell system as well as connecting to customers in the traditional telephone and other cellular systems. The band width of this system is virtually unlimited which lends itself well to video and speech circuits. The large cell tower has been replaced by a smaller tower, about the height of a telephone pole, for use when the system is installed on the street. The system is not intended for individual home use and will be introduced in New York City in 2009. The system is being marketed to the large business customer at this time. The presentation was both interesting and educational and the group agreed this was one of the better presentations we have heard.

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NEXT MEETING: November 6, 2008
Thursday 7:00PM
Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse
Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

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December will be on us soon enough and our holiday party is being planned at this time. Our original idea of a hot buffet is likely to now become a desert orgy. Each participant will need to volunteer to bring something. My wife Grace will be organizing the party and will be expecting phone calls to say what you will bring. In the past we have had about 40 members and their spouses. If you can't bring a desert you may choose to volunteer to provide some of the paper goods or soda or other needed items. We want this to be a memorable event so please call Grace and let her know how you can help or ask her what she needs.

We are anticipating starting an evening VE session to be held on the second Wednesday of every other month interspersed between our second Saturday of every other month VE sessions. We will need volunteers to be available for the evening and daytime sessions and we hope this will generate some additional candidates and maybe a new member or two.

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 chewing and technical discussion.

Well that's all for this month's column and I am looking forward to seeing you at our November 6th, 2008 meeting.

73
Larry
K2QDY

From the ARRL Education Section

ARRL GENERAL LICENSE COURSE ON CD-ROM
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Now there is even more help for upgrading to a General class Amateur Radio license – the new "ARRL General Class License Course" <<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=1387>>. The course includes the popular "ARRL General Class License Manual" with an all new instructional CD-ROM. This package has everything you need to upgrade. The CD-ROM includes topics divided into "bite-sized" sessions, allowing you to learn at your own pace. The visual animations, along with colorful illustrations and audio, make your learning experience exciting and fun. The CD-ROM also includes quizzes and practice exams based on official exam questions to help reinforce your learning. The complete "General Class License Manual" is on the CD, giving you the freedom to have the entire book at your fingertips. The "ARRL General Class License Course" with CD-ROM is available from the ARRL for only \$74.95 <<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=1387>>. This course is

valid for exams given until June 30, 2011.

Minimum System Requirements for CD-ROM -- Microsoft Windows Vista/XP/2000/NT/98/95 or Apple OS X; 200 MHz processor; 32 MB RAM; sound card and speakers; 4-speed CD-ROM drive or higher.

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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

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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How's DX

Here's the DX worked from September 15th through October 14th, 2008:

Russ, WA2VQV:

30 METERS CW: 9L1X Sierra Leone, CN2IPA Morocco, CK7IG/1, CY2ZT/2 Canada, ZF1DX Cayman Islands.

20 METERS CW: 9K2MU Kuwait, CN2IPA Morocco, DR0X Germany, EE5BM Spain, H40MY Temotu Province, Solomon Islands, J28JA Djibouti, J88DR St. Vincent, LZ5F Bulgaria, ON1708M Belgium, VK9DWX Willis Island.

20 METERS PSK31: CO3LC Cuba, GI0KOW Northern Ireland, NP3CW Puerto Rico, LZ5F Bulgaria, PD0DK Netherlands.

17 METERS CW: 9L1X Sierra Leone, HV0A Vatican, KP2/NY6X U.S. Virgin Islands, OZ1GML Denmark TG9ADM Guatemala.

Larry K2QDY:

80 METERS CW: FG5FR Guadeloupe, 4O3A Montenegro

40 METERS CW: EA8CAC Spain, F6IWD France, DK3FW Germany

40 METERS SSB: OK1RI Czech Republic, KG4SS Guantanamo Bay,

30 METERS CW: PT2ZHA Brazil, Oj0 J Market Reef, EI6UN Ireland, CO8LY Cuba, E71A Bosnia-Herzegovina, 4Z5LA Israel, HA80IAD Hungary

20 METERS CW: EA1DR EA8IF Spain, F2QH F5RRS France, PJ4LS Netherlands Antilles,

20 METERS SSB: MM0BQN England, CO6LC Cuba, ON64POL Belgium, DL2DX Germany, RA3EG Russia.

Jamie W2QO:

160 METERS CW: GW3JXN Wales, OJ0 B Market Reef, RU3DX Russia.

80 METERS SSB: XL1AIX New Zealand, ZS1OLI South Africa, 4L4WW Georgia.

80 METERS RTTY: HA8IE HG8C Hungary, P49X Aruba, FG5LA Guadeloupe, F5OAM France, E73M Bosnia-Herzegovina, LZ9W Bulgaria, CS1CRE Portugal, CN3A Morocco, KH7U Hawaii, GI5K Northern Ireland, CT9L Madeira Is, 3V8BB Tunisia, EA8AH Canary Is, KG4SS Guantanamo Bay.

80 METERS PSK31: EA8BGO Canary Islands

80 METERS CW: OE2BZL Austria, A25/DL7DF Botswana.

40 METERS RTTY: EK8PL Armenia, 3V8BB Tunisia, E73M

Bosnia-Herzegovina, P49X Aruba, FG5LA Guadeloupe, HC2GF Ecuador, CO2GL Cuba, LX7I Luxembourg, EA6BH Balearic Is, CX1CCC CX3CCC Uruguay, CO8LY Cuba, E79D Bosnia-Herzegovina, CN3A Morocco, KH6FI Hawaii, CM2KY Cuba, EK0B Armenia, EV1R Belarus, GD0TEP Isle Of Man, EW1AR EU8RZ Belarus, GI5K Northern Ireland.

40 METERS CW: TY6A Benin, ZK3MW Tokelau Is, OY1CT Faroe Is, H40MY Temotu Province.

30 METERS RTTY: HR9/WQ7R Honduras, KG4SS Guantanamo Bay

30 METERS PSK31: 5R8IM Madagascar, A25/DL7DF Botswana

30 Meters CW: SV5/OM5AW Dodecanese, HI8A Dominican Republic, H40MY Temotu Province, A25/DL7DF Botswana, Z30U Macedonia, 5N/LZ1QK Nigeria, 9L1X Sierra Leone

20 METERS SSB: TK/OK1LX Corsica, OJ0B Market Reef, OH8A Finland, TF8GX Iceland, A25/DL7DF Botswana, JW5X Svalbard Is, FO/DJ7RJ Marquesas Is, OD5ET Lebanon, E79D Bosnia-Herzegovina, TK/IW5ELA Corsica, ST2EB Sudan, 3DA0TM Swaziland, KL7HRN Alaska, V31BG Belize, CE3PG Chile, CP6AA Bolivia, VK6WC Australia, 9L1X Sierra Leone, VK9DWX Willis Is, 9L1X Sierra Leone

20 METERS RTTY: UA2FFW Kaliningrad, 9L1BTB Sierra Leone, YBOECT Indonesia, EK0B Armenia, 9M2CNC 9M2CCO West Malaysia, 3V8BB Tunisia, P49X Aruba, GI5K Northern Ireland, KL8DX Alaska, ZF2DF Cayman Islands, SV9CVY Crete, ER0FEO Moldova, EY8MM Tajikistan, EM9F Ukraine, HC5WW Ecuador, D2NX Angola, LT0H Argentina, 9L1X Sierra Leone.

20 METERS CW: 4K9W Azerbaijan, A25/DL7DF Botswana, 7Q7BJ Malawi, 5Z4/RW1AU Kenya, Kenya, 9L1BTB Sierra Leone, 5N/LZ1QK Nigeria, 9L1X Sierra Leone.

17 METERS RTTY: KG4SS Guantanamo Bay.

17 METERS SSB: HR2JGG Honduras, YU8HI Serbia, ZB3B Gibraltar, Z21BC Zimbabwe, FO/DJ7RJ Marquesas Is, YO9HP Romania, T77C San Marino.

17 METERS CW: OJ0J Market Reef, 5H3AP/3 Tanzania, FO/DJ7RJ Marquesas Is, HV0A Vatican, A71BX Qatar, 3V8SS Tunisia, A25/DL7DF Botswana, VK9DWX Willis Is, 5N/LZ1QK Nigeria, 9L1X Sierra Leone.

15 METERS SSB: 5Z4/RW1AU Kenya, CX2CC Uruguay, E76AQ Bosnia-Herzegovina, JY5CC Jordan, 9Z4FZ Trinidad & Tobago, FO/DJ7RJ Marquesas Is, VK9DWX Willis Is.

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15 METERS RTTY: P49X Aruba, 3V8BB Tunisia, Z29KM Zimbabwe.

15 METERS CW: A25/DL7DF Botswana, FO/DJ7RJ Marquesas Is, 5N/LZ1QK Nigeria, VK9DWX Willis Is, 9L1X Sierra Leone.

12 METERS SSB: 5U5U Niger.

12 METERS CW: A25/DL7DF Botswana, D2NX Angola, J88DR Saint Vincent.

10 METERS SSB: HR1/K2LCT Honduras.

There is no question in my mind Jamie wins the prize this month.

73 & Good Hunting, de Russ, WA2VQV

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joy Amateur Radio in ways that hams have pioneered and fostered for generations. These new privileges are well worth the effort. By earning your General class license, you will gain access to nearly all amateur frequencies. Remember: There are no bands on which a General class licensee can't transmit! As a more experienced ham, your wider knowledge will allow you to experiment with, modify and build equipment and antennas to improve your communications abilities. There are many reasons to upgrade your license, including: * More frequencies -- The General class licensee has access to more bands. Your new skills are also valuable to your emergency team or club. * New technical opportunities With your new General class privileges, you now have many more ways of assembling and operating a station. The effects of the ionosphere and solar conditions will become second nature. Your improved technical understanding of how radio works will make you a more knowledgeable and skilled operator. * More fun -- The traditional activities of rag chewing, DXing and contesting continue to attract hams as they have for decades. You'll find that even familiar activities take on new and interesting aspects on the HF bands

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