



The SKYHOOK



HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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November Meeting “ Special Event Stations”

Ham radio is a multi faceted hobby. Some hams love Phone while others love CW. Some love to rag chew while still others like to make DX contacts that tend to be more of the hello and goodbye type of QSO. Some are intrigued with HF contacts while others like to work repeaters on the VHF frequencies. But there is still another facet to the hobby, called the “Special Event Station.” This month our program speaker is Jim Weidner K2JXW, President of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society. The ARLHS is an international organization of ham radio operators who are interested in preserving the memory of the Light House. They have over 1500 members and features lighthouse related radio activities. Jim will fill us in on the activities of the ARLHS and how we may participate.

Dates to Remember

- November 2 Club Luncheon
- November 5 Regular Membership Meeting
- November 11 VE Session
- November 16 Club Luncheon
- November 25 Executive Board Meeting
- November 30 Club Luncheon

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- Donna Kissel 11/10
- 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



NEXT MEETING: November 5, 2009
Thursday 7:00PM
Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South
Clubhouse
Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive

The President's Corner By Dave WA2DJN



Our October 1st meeting was well attended and we nominated the club officers for the next year 2010. They are President Dave Ottenberg, Secretary Norm Smith, Treasurer Joe Militano, and our new Vice President Kevin Wagner. Carl LeFevre volunteered to take over the Refreshment Committee with Carl Lee. Ed Picciuti is going to take over the Good and Welfare job from John Hann. Thank you John Hann for you help in the past.

In doing the other jobs. Carl Lee has volunteered to take over John Hanns position on the Executive Board. The club is getting a donation of the large Ditigal Projector which we can use to show various programs on. We are also going to update our club membership list as phone numbers have changed along with E mail addresses.

Please let me know if your information has changed.

We had a guest speaker, Tim Cwik N2LTQ, from the Atlantic Division, southern section, of ARRL. He told the club members of many of the programs and activities that the ARRL is doing. He said they are also working on trying to get changes on the antenna restrictions in various communities. He mentioned that the southern section had gotten some grants for equipment and that they were equipping hospitals with VHF radios. to be used in various disasters. Cape May county has floods and therefore needs this type of equipment. Tim told us about D star, Ditigal Smart Technology for Amateur Radio. The radios operate on 2 meters and 440 and are narrow band and can send files, data, and have many advantages over other types of communications. He said he would come back to us with more details in the future.

Larry is looking for members to write articles for the Sky hook, the Yahoo groups, and the club Web site.

I hope to see you at the next meeting on November 5th.

73s

Dave Ottenberg

Can you guess who this club member is?



This handsome fellow served in the US military in the 1950s. He was a New Jersey resident and later in life became a ham radio operator. He now lives in southern New Jersey and is a fellow member of the Holiday City Amateur Radio Club. He is active on the radio on phone and repeaters. He is also a member of ARES. He likes to tinker with his equipment and to build equipment as well. He loves Field Day and has participated each year with the Holiday City ARC.

Dues are Due

Each year we ask our members to remember that our club is funded basically by contributions but mainly by dues. We do not run a Hamfest nor do we continually ask for extra monies.

Our dues, \$20.00, are reasonable and our club provides many interesting and educational programs each month. Digital Asset Management, High Speed Data transmissions, Financial Issues for the Senior, June and July are devoted to Field Day, videos on DXpeditions, PSK31, D Star and our Southern SNJ section manager talks. Please support your club and get your Dues to Treasurer Joe Militano KC2QLA early this year.

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, Jack KC2FS, Stan KB2PD Steve N2WLH, Kevin W2FA Ed WA2NDA.

CLUB COMMITTEES

Refreshments: Ray KC2GKN John K2WJH, Carl W2PTZ

www.hcarc.us Webmaster: Steve N2WLH, Kevin W2FA

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Event Food Committee: Open

Field Day: Larry K2QDY

VE Sessions: Bill AC2F, Larry K2QDY plus the 'crew'

Skyhook: Larry K2QDY

Funds Raising: Open

Membership: Bill AC2F

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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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Carl Lefevre Takes His General Class Amateur Radio Examination: 1963!

By Carl Lefevre, WA2IQE

Many major events in the world took place in 1963. This was the year the Reverend Martin Luther King made his famous “I have a dream” speech in Washington, D.C. Also, the first “hotline” communications system was established between Russia and the US. President Kennedy made his famous speech in Berlin: “Ich bin ein Berliner.” And this was also the year President Kennedy was assassinated. Yet there was one major event that has not been reported until now in the press – the trip made by Carl Lefevre to the Federal Communications Commission office in downtown Chicago to take his General Class Amateur Radio examination!

In 1963 I was 16 years old, a high school junior at the Charles P. Steinmetz High School in northwestern Chicago. I became licensed at the Novice Class level through a mail-in examination which was administered by a local ham radio operator whom I knew at the time. Once licensed at the Novice level, I had one year to upgrade to General Class. The Novice class license could not be renewed at that time, unlike today.

I made an appointment to go downtown and meet with the FCC examiner. I remember feeling very intimidated by the entire experience. The FCC office was in a huge, formal office building. The examiner was wearing a suit and a tie. He was formal as I vaguely remember. He took me in a large conference room. He brought out a telegraph key and a headset, and sent Morse code to me. I was given a sheet of paper and a pencil. I copied the coded message he had sent me. He graded it on the spot and said I had passed. He then went and got the theory section of the exam, which was in the form of a printed test booklet. He left me alone in the room to complete the booklet. I did so in what seemed like an hour. Maybe it was less. The examiner graded the exam right there and told me I had passed. I was elated.

In another article I’ll talk about what my ham radio station consisted of back then, 46 years ago.

The Lunch Report By Carl Lefevre, WA2IQE

The bi-weekly Holiday City Amateur Radio Club luncheon took place today. One of the things I like about the lunch-

eon get-togethers is that we talk about a wide range of topics. One week we might talk about health concerns and issues in general. Another week we might talk about the new smaller laptop computers, known as netbooks. Computer software is another topic I like. Ham radio topics may be discussed, but not always. It’s this opportunity for a group of club members to sit down and talk over a meal that’s so great.

Today the topics varied, and as always a great amount of good conversation and friendship was exchanged. We talked about the ARRL presentation at the last Club meeting a lot. Some of the newer technologies were discussed. I mentioned that there were so many new areas of ham radio that it was hard to keep current. Murray (KD2IN) mentioned that we don’t have to be experts on every aspect of ham radio. After all, it is a hobby, and whatever aspect of the hobby we like is what we should do. Murray shared some of his experience repairing and servicing a wide variety of electronic equipment, from systems to run church bells to equipment used in hospitals near the operating rooms to sterilize surgical instruments. Carl (W2PTZ) explained some of the newer technologies that were discussed at the Club meeting in a little more detail. These included two technologies associated with K1JT, a retired Princeton professor and computer genius (His callsign is K1JT – his name escapes me right now). He has developed at least two of the newer modalities: “JT35,” which involves using low power and moon bounce of the emitted signal. The other modality mentioned was a form of PSK31 known as “WHISPER.” Carl also mentioned how wide the hobby of ham radio is, and that we should explore areas we’re most interested in. No one can really keep up in great detail with all the technological changes we’re seeing, but we can at least be aware of them in general. Norm (W2PXE) mentioned getting licensed just a few days before Pearl Harbor was attacked. Bill (AC2F) talked about taking technical measurements as part of his work for the government.

This led me to comment that I am doing what I like to do in ham radio more and more – just getting on the air, preferably on 40 or 20 meter CW. I started out in ham radio as a Novice Class license holder on 40 meter CW in 1963. I was 16 years old and to this day I still remember fondly my first radio contacts way back then.

As you can see, the topics vary greatly. All are welcome. The luncheons are held on a bi-weekly basis, and all are welcome. Please join us!

How's DX September—October

By Russ Young WA2VQV

Russ, WA2VQV worked:

On 30 Meters CW: EI6IZ Ireland, LZ9ROJ Bulgaria, SO70A Poland, T2G Tuvalu, TA3AX Turkey.

On 20 Meters CW: 6W/OK1FZM Senegal, 8P6JD Barbados, EW8O Belarus, TM2NN France, IY0GMN Italy, LX/PA6Z, LX/DL6WT Luxembourg, OL16BND Czech Republic, HF6HPW, 3Z40KP, Poland, Z30V Macedonia.

On 20 Meters SSB: CN2DX Morocco, E77DX Bosnia, LX/PA6Z Luxembourg, RU3EG Euro Russia.

On 20 Meters PSK31: CX4ACH Uruguay, DH2PAW Germany, F5PRK France, OK2BPU, OK2SFB Czech Republic.

On 17 Meters CW: TM2NN France, YT1E Serbia.

Larry, K2QDY worked:

On 30 Meters CW:
NP3CW P Puerto Rico,

On 40 Meters SSB:
I2VRN Italy, DL0DX Germany, HG1S Hungary, LX7I Luxembourg

On 40 Meters CW:
HF65PPW Poland, OV5A Denmark, SK7DX Sweden, KH7Y Hawaii, DJ6ZM Germany, EA5GTQ Spain, P29CW New Guinea, J39 BS Grenada, UR7VA Russia, LZ7VU Bulgaria, EI9JF Ireland, IY3XX Italy.

On 17 Meters CW:
KL7J Alaska XE1XR Mexico, 4U1UN United Nations NY

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