



# The SKYHOOK



**HOLIDAY CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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A Message from Skyhook Editor Murray KD2IN  
"It's Time"

It started with a simple one page 'HCARC' Club letter in May 1989. Then it became the multi-paged Skyhook in December of 1996, when it was created via a computer publishing program. Originally every issue was mailed out to all the members and 'friends' of the club. Then came Email. From December 2005 it was distributed in PDF form via the Internet. That's when color became a regular feature of each issue.

All told I have edited and published 235 issues up to this one. As much as I could, I have tried to make the club's newsletter focused on our own club activities and members' interests, while making it entertaining and interesting. I enjoyed the effort and the creativity it offered me.

However, the time has come for me to take a rest from my labors and to turn over the Skyhook to our President Larry K2QDY. I'm sure that he will do an outstanding job as Publisher from here on out.

73, Murray

## **The December Meeting** **OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

Well it's time for the Holiday City ARC annual holiday party. This year we thought it would be a good idea to have finger food, dips and cakes rather than a sit down dinner. The group has been very generous in providing their contributions of those items mentioned above. There will also be plenty of soda, coffee and tea.

If you have a favorite music CD please bring it along as I will bring my Boom Box so we can have some background music while we socialize. I will also bring some CD's. I'm sure there will be some games and quizzes for all to enjoy. The party start time will be 7:00 PM, the usual club meeting start time, but



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**NEXT MEETING: December 6th**  
**Thursday 7:00PM**  
**Meeting Rm. #1 at Holiday City South**  
**Clubhouse**  
**Mule Rd. at Santiago Drive**

## **The President's Corner** **By Larry K2QDY**



Well this month has been very exciting for me and the club. I am happy to announce that we now have three more General Class members in the club. Ray Lauterbach KC2GKN, Fred Fanizzo K2KHH, and Andy Murin KA2FTF each passed their Technician and General Class tests to receive a General Class License. In addition to these fellows there were two young fellows that also passed the Technician Class test and will be receiving their licenses soon. All were beaming at the VE session and are looking forward to new call signs and to be able to get on to the HF and VHF bands. Congratulations to all.

In addition to the new license's I am happy to announce that Ed Picciuti and I have been interviewed by a reporter, Bobbi Seidel from the Asbury Park press regarding Ham Radio. The article entitled "Ham Universe" was published in the Saturday, November 3, 2007 addition. This was the result of Ed's continued placing of club meeting announcements in the Community Affairs section of the paper. It seems the editor and reporters had no idea what ham radio was all about and when they came to Ed's house for the interview they were amazed at what they saw and learned. We described Ed's station, QSL cards, how to become a radio amateur and all the wonderful aspects of our hobby.

As a result of the article I received many calls from friends, neighbors and club members who also saw the article. However, the more interesting calls came from hams that did not know we existed here and two gentlemen who want to learn about the hobby. Each asked about membership and coming to the next meeting.

Another exciting announcement came when the ARRL published this year's June Field Day results. There were 2334 entries in all classes and we placed 1490 on the list. This placement is not too bad when you consider that we only operated for five hours out of the 24 allowed. We improved over last year's performance and next year we should do even better.

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Well that's all for this month's column and I am looking forward to seeing you and your spouse, friends, and others at our holiday party December 6<sup>th</sup> 2007.

73,  
Larry  
K2QDY

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those who are bringing goodies should come at 6:45 PM.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

73, Larry

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

12/19 Joyce Smith (W2III)

12/26 Helen Picciuti (W1EAP)

12/05 Helen & Ed W1EAP Picciuti

12/12 Sandy & Dave WA2DJN Ottenberg



## Holiday City Diner Lunches

The December Lunch get-togethers are the 3rd, 17th and 31st of the month. Could we make the 31st an early New Years Eve celebration? We can try! C U there!

## Membership Update

We have a new member. He is Paul Kaciuba N2IFH. He is a CW operator, and lives in the Silverton area. Let's welcome him to the club at the party. He says he will be there.

Vince W2GRA Genzardi wrote from his assisted living facility and sent a check of \$35 to be added to our refreshment fund. His major complaint about his facility is that most of the activities are organized for the women. And there are not too many for the men!

He has celebrated his 101st birthday last June 21st, and is looking forward to his 102nd next June. A long time active Ham, he obtained his license in 1922. That means he has been licensed for 85 years.

He says he really looks forward every month to getting the Skyhook in the mail. He misses his on the air activity he enjoyed when he was at his home in Holiday City. He moved upstate to the nursing home/assisted living place when his wife Sophie become too ill to remain at home, in 2006. Sadly she passed away not long afterward.

Vince has always been a strong supporter of the club and we consider him as our most valued and honored member.

At the Nov. meeting Lee WA2JWR was displaying on his laptop computer a relatively new on-line Ham program. It is called CQ-100. It's on-screen appearance looks like a standard transceiver, with a band spectrum display, under the freq. readout and band in use. Clicking on any blip on the spectrum display connects you to some on-the-air station somewhere in the world. You could join the qso right from your computer screen and mike.

More information and registration (joining) options are available from this site: [www.qsonet.com](http://www.qsonet.com)

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### Our VE Crew

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

### CLUB COMMITTEES

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VE Sessions: Bill ac2f, Larry k2qdy plus the 'crew'

Skyhook: Murray kd2in

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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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## Ocean County ARES® News - December, 2007

The Pine Barons Express Road Rally took place on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. A total of fifteen hams participated handling communications for the event. Bill, KC2CNB, coordinated all communications for the event and did an excellent job! Thanks to the following operators for volunteering for the event: KC2CNB, N3IE, KC2CRI, N2GEG, N0YMV, AB2IO, WX2NJ, WA2MHA, W2KWI, KC2MTR, KC2LMW, W2BCR, N2RPN, W2KP and WB2GOT.

Four repeaters were used for coverage, Primary – 145.470, KC2QVT/R Chatsworth, Secondary – 147.345, WA3BXW/R Waterford Works, Secondary – 146.700, N2NF/R Tuckerton, and Talk-In/HT Coverage – 145.170, N2IFP/R Manchester. Tactical call signs were used as much as possible to streamline communications and Net Control was rotated between N3IE, KC2CNB and WA2MHA. The Lakehurst Firehouse served as home base for the event with a total of 16 check points being manned by radio operators and scoring teams. Many of the operators played dual roles and served as navigators and



scoring.

The majority of the rally is spent on dirt roads, winding through the woods and cranberry bogs of Ocean and Burlington Counties. Some roads are single lane, requiring four wheel drive for safe passage. It's always a challenge to operate ham radio gear in pitch blackness, especially when you have the wrong PL loaded or a cable becomes disconnected and you attempt repairs just as a stream of rally vehicles are approaching your check point.

Once again, thanks Bill, for coordinating a fine event for Ocean County and bringing together a group of hams from several states to work the event. If you're interested in viewing the rally results, you can see them at [www.rvsc.com](http://www.rvsc.com)

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES



will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This is our annual Holiday Party and all are welcome! The meeting place is the Ocean County EOC, Robert J. Miller Airpark, Berkeley Township. Bring your favorite amateur radio item for show and tell and your appetite for the party goodies. As has been done in the past, cold and hot food will be served along with salads and deserts.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

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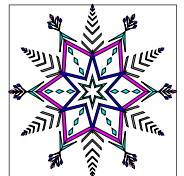
Ocean County Skywarn Assistant Coordinator

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Only FCC licensed Hams are eligible to participate in CQ-100. Take a look at this site. It lists member stations all over the world. Fascinating – and new. (At least new to your editor.) There is a modest annual charge after a trial period of use. It's all done over the Internet.

### Holidays for December

- 12/4-5 Hanukkah
- 12/6 HCARC Party
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/22 Winter begins officially
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/26 Kwanza begins
- 12/31 New Years Eve



### HCARC Member License Anniversaries

Years licensed	Name
85	Vince Genzardi W2GRA
65	Norm Smith W2PXE
56	John Roberts KQ4WR
50	Lee Kissel WA2JWR
50	Don Smith W2III
40	Joe Savarese WB2FXE
35	Ed Genoino WA2NDA
16	Martin Wiegler N2MRC
15	Steve Jackson N2WHL
15	George Waked KB2OQM

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR YEARS  
OF INVOLVEMENT IN HAM RADIO**





## The ARRL Newsletter

### AARP Endorses Amateur Radio:

Amateur Radio and the ARRL received a significant public relations boost from the AARP this week. Promoting life-long learning for their members, Susan Ayers Walker wrote "Finding Your Hobby Online" for the AARP Web site. What's the first and most prominent activity listed to keep the mind active and functional? Amateur Radio! Here's what the article had to say: "Long before the internet was created, the Amateur Radio network was the way people from all over the world could connect. Amateur, or ham, Radio operators created vast social networks by talking long distances to other radio enthusiasts, making distant friends and exchanging calling cards.

It is this linkage of radio enthusiasts that is ready to help communication flow in case of a disaster or weather emergency. The ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio, has an informative website with lots of news and information, plus info on getting started or

finding a chapter in your area." You can read more at [http://www.aarp.org/learntech/computers/life\\_online/finding\\_your\\_hobby\\_online.html](http://www.aarp.org/learntech/computers/life_online/finding_your_hobby_online.html)

### 2007 ARRL Field Day Results Now Online:

The results from this year's Field Day are now available online. ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, said, "I was most pleased to see the all-time record number of participants and reporting stations. Refarming of the bands and the elimination of the code requirements have helped renew on the air activity. Now the challenge for all of us in Amateur Radio is to keep the growth and momentum going." You can find the results in the Members Only section of the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/contests/results/2007/FD/>



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