



OLD BARNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB N2OB



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APRIL 2019

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 2nd, 2018 at 7:30pm

Ocean Acres Community Center

489 Nautilus Drive

Manahawkin, NJ

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have a very interesting program at our April meeting. Tom Devine, WB2ALJ, SNJ Section Emergency Coordinator, will be doing an ARES presentation. Tom has been very active in ARES, and was involved in the November search for a missing man with dementia. Tom, along with Old Barney Club member Tim, NJ2N, and many other ARES volunteers searched a large wooded area in Ocean County for the missing man. This is a very important organization that goes above and beyond in the public service field. Amateur radio becomes a vital resource at times like these.

The first big, and best, event coming up is Field Day. The dates to remember are Saturday June 22 and Sunday June 23, 2019. First, we need a band captain to organize the event. Also needed, is help with set-up on the Friday before (June 21) and take down on Sunday (June 23). Operators are needed to work the 24 hour event, as well as members to help get the antennas and equipment up and ready. Another key item is food. We have to bring enough food for both days. This event is too big for just a couple of members. This is our major event of the year. I'm counting on this great club to get involved, and show how our club shines as we work together.

I will be passing out sign-up sheets at our April meeting. Please come forward and get involved. You'll have a great time. If you can't make the meeting, please email me to let me know what you would like to help with on Field Day.

Ira Hosid, N2WAA (n2waa@arrl.net)

CLUB MEETING AND VE TESTING DATE

TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2019

MEETING TIME 7:30 PM

Refreshments served / Visitors welcome / Handicap accessible

VE TESTING AT 6:30 PM/DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM

PLEASE CONTACT RICHARD E. KENNARD AT: N2RPQ@ARRL@NET

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

TenTec Omni VII w/ATU, Filters, fan, docs and packaging as well as the factory IF mod...recent TT service and alignment

TT 715 RF Speech Processor

TT 302R Encoder (remote)

TT 777 Headset with adapter for TT and Yaesu

TT 707 Regal Mic with base

TT 705 Mic

Individual or a package.....Prices reasonable to a good home... I would rather see the stuff stay local ... give me a call if interested...

Jim, K2GMT k2gmy@arrl.net or 201-213-6179

All members of OBARC can post items for sale at no charge

April Presentation

ARES

BY Tom Devine, WB2ALJ

SNJ SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Ocean County ARES® News – April 2019

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES will be Wednesday, April 17th, at 7:00 PM, Ocean County EOC (Robert J. Miller Airpark). We will discuss the Fox Hunt from March 23rd and also plan for the MS-170 bike tour in May. Refreshments will be available, as always.

Just a reminder for anyone looking for the web address for ARES Connect. It is:

<https://arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/snj>

If you know anyone wanting to be a member of ARES, send them to this site and sign up as a new member. If you are moving to another county or state, contact your local EC and they will arrange to have your records changed to your new location. Your ID is always your callsign. If you take any training courses, such as FEMA, please update your ARES Connect information. Also any critical information, such as phone number, address and email, must be updated by the ARES operator. If you change your callsign, ARES Connect must be revised by the ARRL and cannot be modified locally.

If you are not receiving notifications via groups.io and wish to join the Ocean County ARES group, notify the EC via email of a new address or if you have changed email addresses. The contact email is admin AT wa2res DOT com

Ocean County ARES submitted a modification request for coordination for the Harvey Cedars D-Star frequency pair to the ARCC late 2017. We have not heard any feedback on the status after it was accepted and processed for coordination review. We now find out that the ARCC coordination vice president retired at the end of 2018 and a large number of coordination requests have “vanished”. We followed all the rules and our request is in Limbo. This was to change the D-Star location officially to Berkeley. When and If it is ever approved, the next step is to apply for a new frequency pair for Harvey Cedars. Both applications could not be submitted at the same time sine the new frequency is contingent on the move to Berkeley. All I can say is the ARCC is a joke and there is no agency to regulate them. They are all volunteers, like many aspects of Amateur Radio. You can't even look up a coordination on the ARCC website because the database is several years old and not updated to reflect all coordinations.

From K1CE:

I discovered and have been experimenting with [GoVerticalUSA](#) products. The Pennsylvania-based company sells new, used and surplus heavy duty mast sections, tripod/base components, guy rings, cable, accessories, etc. I discovered their products at a recent emergency communications exercise, but I also saw their outdoor booth at Orlando Hamcation® a few years ago.

These products would serve ARES operators well when quick set-up of masts and antennas are indicated in the field: at disaster areas and public event checkpoints, etc. - *K1CE*

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

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April Report

There were no candidates for testing.

VE Coordinator: Richard E. Kennard N2RPQ (n2rpq@arrl.net)

ARRL 2019 CONTESTS

April 2019 14 Rookie Roundup – Phone	
June 2019 8-10 June VHF 15 Kids Day 22-23 Field Day	July 2019 13-14 IARU HF World Championship
August 2019 3-4 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest 17-18 10 GHz & Up – Round 1 18 Rookie Roundup – RTTY	
September 2019 14-16 September VHF 21-22 10 GHz & Up - Round 2 21-22 EME - 2.3 GHz & Up	
October 2019 21-25 School Club Roundup 19-20 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz	November 2019 2-4 Nov. Sweepstakes – CW 16-18 Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone 16-17 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz
December 2019 6-8 160 Meter 14-15 10 Meter 15 Rookie Roundup–CW	

OBARC Members,

If you know of any member who is not subscribed to the OBARC discussion list, please pass this link along to them. This will get them subscribed. Just fill in the appropriate info.

Note: to post to the list, the email must originate from the same email account that you subscribe.

<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/obarc>

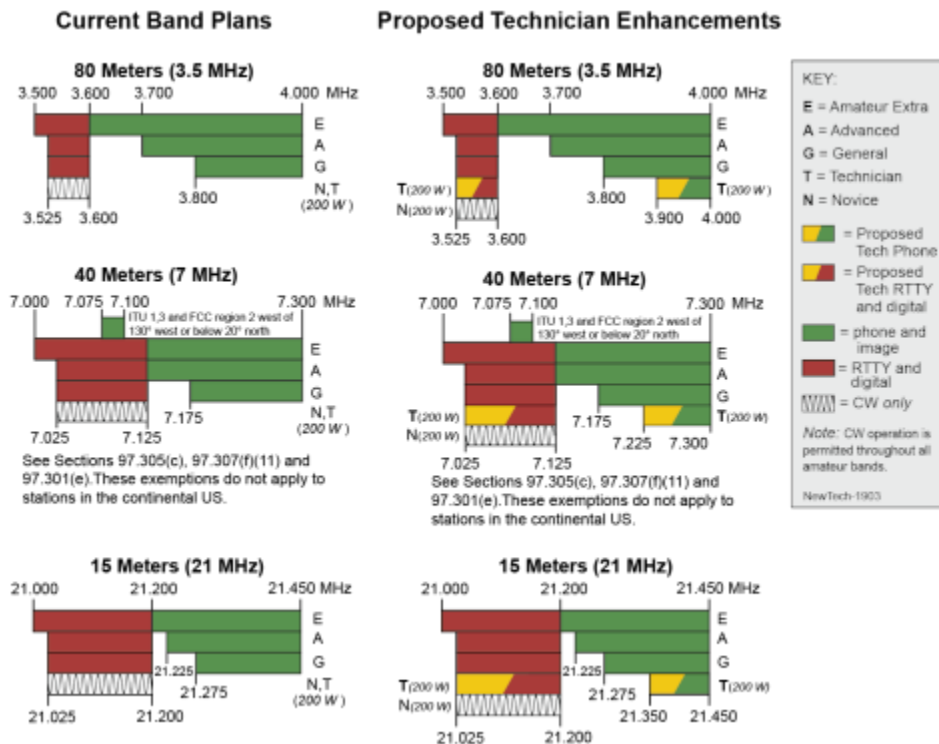
The Southern New Jersey Section of the ARRL has launched a brand-new website. Visit us at <http://snj.arrl.org> The site is still under construction so new information is being added weekly. Check back often to find out news and events in the Southern NJ Section.

Trending News from the ARRL 3/25/19

A New Petition Now Accepting Comments

The FCC recently invited public comment on ARRL's 2018 Technician Enhancement Petition for Rule Making (RM-11828). It asks the FCC to expand HF privileges for Technician licensees to include limited phone privileges on 75, 40, and 15 meters, plus RTTY and digital mode privileges on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters. It does not seek to create a new Amateur Radio license class.

Specifically, ARRL proposes to provide present and future Technicians with phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz, and with RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters



Interested parties have 30 days to comment on both proposals.

Random Acts of Kindness
 By Urb LeJeune W1UL urb@ham-cram.com

Prologue:

About 15 years ago, during a trip to Florida on an oppressively hot August day, I was dispatched to the local super market to get an ingredient for dinner. As I approached the entrance an older gentleman was heading toward his car. He was using his shopping cart more like a walker than a transporter of grocery items.

I noticed his car had a Purple Heart license plates I walked over to him and said, "Thank your for your sacrifice and service." He literally started to cry, commenting that he had the plates for about 10 years and I was the first one ever to comment on them. In the ensuing conversation he disclosed he was wounded during the invasion of Guadalcanal and was also awarded the Bronze Star.

Starting on that eventful day I approached every veteran I could identify by sticking out my hand and saying, "Thanks for your service." In the ensuing years everyone recipient would say, "thank you," and frequently a nice conversation would follow.

When Viet Nam vets returned home they were treated with disdain. They didn't dare wear their uniforms in public because people would curse at them and frequently they were spit upon.

I am of the opinion that irrespective of our personal opinions of the military and wars we owe a debt of thanks to those who severed, especially those who put their lives on the line. If I can identify a Viet Nam veteran I shake their hand and say, "Welcome home and thank you for your service."

What is a Random Act of Kindness?

A random act of kindness is simply a deed we do to give pleasure to someone else with no expectation of anything in return. Thanking a vet is just one example, however, the kindness universe is infinite.

We humans tend to complain frequently and give accolades rarely. Have you ever complained to the manager of a restaurant that the meat was overcooked and the server was impolite? Thinking positively rather than negatively the comment could be, both your food and service was great.

The pervasiveness of a lack of positive feedback was driven home during my master's graduation at Monmouth University. The then New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean was the keynote speaker. He started his presentation with the

question, “How many of you know this is the year of the teacher?” Many people, especially students, raised their hand. He then asked, “For everyone, not just graduates, how many of you have had a teacher who made a meaningful impact or change in your life?” Almost everyone raised their hand. Next question from Governor Kean was, ‘How many of you ever took the time to thank teachers who had a meaningful impact on your life?’ Almost no one raised their hand.

There is an important point here, just because someone is doing an outstanding job doesn't mean they wouldn't appreciate a pat on the back.

What Does This Have to do with Ham Radio?

Nothing and everything. Courtesy doesn't have starting and ending boundaries. Have you ever thanked anyone who helped you with a difficult point when you were preparing for your license? How about a speaker at a meeting? Almost everyone applauds the speaker but there is nothing like going up to the speaker and saying, “Great presentation, I learned a lot.” How about thanking the outgoing officers of your club, the publisher of your club's newsletter or the person who makes the snacks at meetings?

Epilogue:

My father's mantra was, “The measure of a person is how they interact with someone who can do nothing for them in return. I think he was talking about random acts of kindness.

Thanking or complementing someone will make you happy and possibly make the recipient's day. It's a win-win deal.



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FINAL CALL

DUES ARE DUE

Dues (Good for Year)
\$20 Full Membership / \$15 - 65 years old and older

You can bring your dues to the April meeting

OR

Mail it to:
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