



OLD BARNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB N2OB



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2020

NEXT MEETING: CANCELLED DUE TO CORNAVIRUS

Ocean Acres Community Center

489 Nautilus Drive

Manahawkin, NJ

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Due to the present nationwide emergency, the Coronavirus, the Executive Board has cancelled the April 2020 meeting. We will keep you posted via emails as to the May meeting.

CLUB NET

We restarted our weekly net and it has turned out to be a success! Please join us every Thursday evening at 19:30 (7:30 PM). Jim, K2GMT, is chairing the net. The following will be net control operators: Ira, N2WAA, Carl, W2PTZ, Tom, N2XW, and Jim, K2GMT. I reprinted an outline on how to join us on the net. Please review it before the net.

The ARRL has cancelled the 2020 Dayton Hamvention. From the information I received, all local hamfests have also been cancelled. Since New Jersey is on a lockdown mode, you may now have time to do repairs on your radio equipment and antennas. It also allows time to clean-up the shack and get your QSL cards and logging programs up-to-date. You will not get a virus using your radios so let's get on our radios and have some fun!!

At this time, I am going forward with plans to have our Old Barney Field Day. I asked Bob, N2OO, to chair Field Day. I'm happy to report that Bob has accepted. Please put June 27 & 28, for Field Day, on your calendars. We will also need help with set-up on Friday, June 26 along with take down on Sunday, June 28.

73, Ira Hosid,
N2WAA (n2waa@arrl.net)

CLUB MEETING AND VE TESTING DATE CANCELLED

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

FINAL CALL FOR DUES: 2020 DUES

If you have not paid your dues for 2020, please send it in as soon as possible.

Non paid members will be removed from the newsletter and all activities

The dues: \$20.00 for full membership/ \$15.00 for members 65 years old and older. Members of the same household of a full paying member shall pay \$10.00. Full time students pay \$5.00. Students from the Southern Regional High School have free membership. Please see Mike, WA2ACV, at the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting or would just like to pay directly, please use our PayPal option: You can use PayPal by sending money to a friend at: treasurer@obarc.org. You also can send a check to: Old Barney Amateur Radio Club (OBARC) @ P.O. Box 117, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Please put your call sign on all payments. If you have upgraded your license in the past several years, check with Mike to make sure our roster is up-to-date.

Thank you in advance for your help!

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“Old Barney Ragchew Net”

Every Thursday night at 7:30 PM (19:30)

VHF: 146.835 PL: 127.3 (N200 Repeater System)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE ON THE NET

This will be an informal net. The net controller will start the Net by asking if there is any emergency traffic. If at any time an emergency is called, please refrain from operating unless called upon to help. Check-ins will start with mobile operators first. After the mobile check-ins, we will take all other check-ins. When checking in, call the net control operator’s call sign, drop your carrier to listen for a double, and state your call sign phonetically. When acknowledged, give your call sign, name, location, and if you have any traffic, announcements, comments or queries. When it’s your turn, the control operator will turn it over to you. Respond by giving your call, and proceed with your announcements, comments or question. If you have no information or questions, you can say you are checking into the Net and just listening. When done, sign with your call and say - back to net control. Remember to announce your call sign at each 10 minute interval. We will go around twice or more if needed, until the Net Control closes the Net. We will tweak this procedure as we move forward.

WEAR OUR LOGO!

Need a T-shirt? How about a spring jacket? Maybe a hat?

I have used SOMS (**Southern Ocean Marine Sportswear**) for my hat and jackets. They do a superb job with embroidery and silkscreening. SOMS has our logo on file and their prices are reasonable. I have spoken to other club members who have used them and they agree with me as to the quality and price. Let’s support our local business.

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ARRL Contest Dates – Years 2020 - 2021

Contest Name	2020 (day of month)	2021 (day of month)
JANUARY		
Straight Key Night	1	1
Kid's Day (Jan and Jun)	4	2
RTTY Roundup	4-5	2-3
January VHF Contest	18-20	16-18
FEBRUARY		
School Club Roundup (Winter/Spring Term)	10-14	8-12
DX Contest – CW	15-16	20-21
MARCH		
DX Contest – SSB	7-8	6-7
APRIL		
Rookie Roundup (SSB)	19	11
MAY (no ARRL events)		
JUNE		
June VHF Contest	13-15	12-14
Kid's Day (Jan and Jun)	20	19
Field Day (always 4 th full weekend)	27-28	26-27
JULY		
IARU HF World Championship	11-12	10-11
AUGUST		
222 MHz and Up Distance Contest	1-2	7-8
10 GHz & Up – Round 1	15-16	14-15
Rookie Roundup (RTTY)	16	15

Ocean County ARES® News – April, 2020

Tim – NJ2N, Paul – KB2RUV, Glen – KD2FFR and several other ARES operators have really been logging contacts with Parks on the Air (POTA), NVIS Testing and Boy Scout activities.



KD2FFR and KB2RUV, Barnegat High School, University of Scouting, March 7, 2020

It has become very apparent that the COVID-19 pandemic is going to interrupt amateur radio meetings and VE sessions for some time to come. No municipal support has been requested so far of Amateur Radio, but operators may be called upon to provide reports to MARS of the status of infrastructure. Now is a good time to ensure your gear is in good working order, should our services be needed. I would expect more participation on weekly nets with so many operators shut in.

One item, recently been brought to my attention, is the Ocean County ARES Operating Frequency plan. Some operators are not too happy with the OCTACXX designations because they do not lend a clue to location in the county without a hard copy chart. One suggestion I can make is to save the pdf image off the Ocean County ARES website to your phone and save it under FILES or NOTES for reference. <http://www.wa2res.com/ARES%20Operating%20Frequencies.pdf>

Another suggestion is to use the frequency in your radio and not a tactical call sign. The tactical call sign provided as an aid to the operator, should they require it. If you only program the tactical number with no cross reference, you are essentially flying blind. The biggest advantage of amateur radio or municipal communications is that we can operate on any frequency within our license class. Municipal communications are limited to one or two frequencies assigned by the FCC. A final option is to just drop the tactical call signs all together and let operators decide their own method. We tried to make things easier and just made it harder.

The frequency plan also list two 2 meter simplex frequencies. The primary is 146.550 MHz and there is always a lot of traffic on this frequency for ARES purposes. The secondary of 145.555 is not in the voice band plan. Both these frequencies are to be evaluated and most likely replaced in the near future. Additionally, there are no 70 cm simplex frequencies listed and they will be added along with 10 meter digital/voice frequencies, 40 meter digital/voice frequencies and 80 meter digital/voice frequencies

73 de WX2NJ
Bob Murdock
Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

“Old Barney Ragchew Net”

Thursdays 7:30 on the 146.835 PL 127.3 (N200) Repeater System

Come join us for a quick weekly ragchew on what is going on in amateur radio.

GOOD & WELFARE UPDATE

**Please let me know of any club member that is hospitalized or recovering.
Also, please let me know of any good news to report to our membership.**

**Thanks,
Ira, N2WAA**

DXPEDITIONS (Cancellations)

Over the last few weeks there have been many present and upcoming cancellations of DXpeditions due to the coronavirus or travel restrictions caused by it. Many of the DXpedition have postponed, rescheduled for later in the year or planned to be active next year in 2021. The current list of cancellations is as follows (as of print time):

3B8XF	Mauritius (cut short)	T30ET	West Kiribati
4V5H	Haiti	T88HS	Palau
9A1A	Croatia	T88SM	Palau
9K2F	Failaka Island (AS-118)	T88UW	Palau
CE0Y/VE7ACN	Easter Island	TG9BBV	Guatemala
CP6/R7AL	Bolivia	TO7BP	Martinique
CP6/RW9JZ	Bolivia	TU2R	Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
CP6/RK8A	Bolivia	V62P	Polap Atoll (OC-155), Micronesia
CP6/RZ3K	Bolivia	V62S	Satawal Atoll (OC-299), Micronesia
CQ3W	Madeira Island	VP2V/KB9DPF	British Virgin Islands
CT9/DF7EE	Madeira Island	VP2V/K0NR	British Virgin Islands
D4C	Cape Verde	VP5/AF3K	Turks and Caicos Islands
DU2/SP5APW	Calayan Island (OC-092)	VP5/W2TT	Turks and Caicos Islands
FK/C	Chesterfield Island	VP5P	Turks and Caicos Islands
HS0ZME	(cut short)	W8S	Swains Island
JW/DF3TS	Svalbard	XR8RRC/p	Riesco Island (SA-091)
JW/DC8TM	Svalbard	XW4XR	Laos
KH7M	Hawaii	ZA/HG2DX	Albania
NH7A	Hawaii	ZC4MK	U.K. Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus
PJ2/DK5ON	Curacao	ZD7VJ	St. Helena Island
PJ7AA	Sint Maarten (cut short)	ZF2PG	Cayman Islands
PZ5G	Papegaaian Island (NA-092)		

TNX OPDX for this info.

Regards,
Bob Schenck, N200



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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>



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