



OLD BARNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB N2OB



Webpage: <http://www.OBARC.org>

E-Mail: N2OB@arrl.net

ARRL AFFILIATED



2020

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:30pm
Ocean Acres Community Center 489 Nautilus Drive Manahawkin, NJ

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Looking at the ARRL Contest Dates (see listing enclosed) winter is much quieter than spring, summer, and fall. Soon, I will be starting to get organized for Field Day and the Lighthouse events. At this time, we are in the process of having our annual lunch/dinner. As soon as everything is in place, you will be getting all of the information for great food and comradery. I would like to have our members play a part in our club's activities. To start, I need someone to work on presentations for our monthly meetings. I also need someone to provide articles for our newsletter. Another important job I need filled is to put articles in the local newspapers. Aside from making our presence known, it could bring in new members.

I am always open for new ideas that will benefit Old Barney. We could participate in VHF contests. Does anyone know about Fox Hunting? How about kit building? Anyone up for a hamfest? I just threw out some quick thoughts-what are your thoughts?

Remember, we cannot succeed in any project without help from our membership.
Stay warm and get on the air!

73,

Ira Hosid, N2WAA (n2waa@arrl.net)

MEETING DATE REMINDER

Our next meeting is this Wednesday, February 5, 2020

CLUB MEETING AND VE TESTING DATE

WEDNESDAY February 5, 2020

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

REMINDER: 2020 DUES

I would like to close the financial books by the end of February. If you have not paid your dues for 2020, please send it in as soon as possible.

The dues remain the same as the past years: \$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!

PRESENTATION FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

ARRL Video on 'A History of Ham Radio in the 20th Century'. We have seen (2) parts of this excellent video which brings back great memories. We have a few more that I know you will enjoy.

Discount Prices - Great Service - 24 x 7 x 365



For a **GREAT PRICE** and **FAST DELIVERY** on many product lines including Alinco, ARRL, Arrow Antennas, Comet, Daiwa, GRE, Heil, Jetstream, LDG, W2IHY, W5YI/Gordon West, West Mountain Radio and More

www.CheapHam.com

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 – February, 2020

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES will be on Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 PM at the Ocean County EOC, Robert J. Miller Airpark, Berkeley Township. Refreshments will be available. There will be no training nets that evening due to the meeting.

The ARRL has a new magazine especially tailored for new amateur radio operators. It can be found at: <http://www.arrl.org/read-on-the-air>

You have to be an ARRL member to view “On the Air” magazine, however non-members can view a sample issue.

Tim, NJ2N, has been conducting NBEMS training nets at 8:00 PM on each Wednesday, just before each ARES Voice training net. FLDIGI and FLMSG is the mode used on a PC or AndFlmsg on an Android device. The MT63-2KL mode is normally used between 500 and 2500 Hertz. You can use a connection as simple as the acoustic coupling method of just holding your device mic up to your transceiver speaker to decode or holding your mic up to your device speaker to encode. The only Wednesday that the NBEMS net will not be conducted is the second Wednesday of the month when we have a Skywarn net at 8:00 PM. Until further notice, NBEMS training nets will be on the WA2RES/R in Toms River, 449.825 MHz, PL of 131.8.



Ocean County ARES NBEMS demo at the Gloucester County Hamfest in 2019

Keith, KC2OON, will be relocating to another state and has resigned as an Ocean County ARES Assistant EC and as Skywarn Coordinator. We all wish Keith luck with his new challenge.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC



ARRL Southern New Jersey News Update

Tom Preiser N2XW Section Manager

There is a lot going on in Amateur Radio in the beginning of 2020. Congratulations to the Delaware Valley Radio Association for being an Affiliated Club for 90 years as of April. They are being officially recognized by a resolution from the ARRL.

Also congratulations to the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club for being an Affiliated Club for 60 years as of February. They will be recognized at their March meeting.

Lastly, congratulations to Dave Larcombe KD2KVZ who has been appointed as Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator. Dave will assist the section with weather information.

News from ARRL Headquarters:

At its meeting in January, the ARRL Board of Directors did not elect Howard Michel, WB2ITX, as the ARRL Chief Executive Officer. Beginning Monday, January 20, Barry Shelley, N1VXY, will become interim CEO. Mr. Shelley was ARRL's Chief Financial Officer for 28 years and CEO during 2018 before his retirement. The board has created a search committee to select the next CEO. More details on this will be released in the near future.

The ARRL Emergency Communication Manager has not been selected yet. A committee is in place to pick someone from the resumes that have been submitted.

ARRL's new Publication "On the Air" is out. Members who receive "QST" by mail can download the new publication digitally at no additional cost.

There are some upcoming changes for members. If you are under age 26 you are eligible for reduced dues. The previous age was 21. There will be a 10% discount for members if you choose to receive all of your magazines digitally. The magazines, "NCJ" and "QEX" will be available to everyone for free digitally soon.

There is a proposal to change Life Membership. The proposal states that members over age 70 who have been ARRL members for 25 years will be able purchase Life Membership for \$750.

The Current ARRL strategic plan was last drafted in 2014. A committee was put together to update the plan.

Lastly keep an eye on the ARRL website for changes. The look and functionality of the site will be changing. Also look for a new Life Long Learning website later this year. There will be videos and training for all areas of Amateur Radio.



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

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>

GOOD & WELFARE UPDATE

Let's give Frank, N2HWL, and his girlfriend, Jillian Stucy, our warmest wishes on their recent engagement. Frank's fiancée, Jillian, has been a tremendous help at our Decoy Duck show. Congratulations!!

On another note, we want to wish Jillian's mother a quick recovery from an accident on New Year's Day. Our prayers are with Jillian and her mother.



**Old Barney Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 117
Manahawkin, NJ 08050**

Club President: Rick Kennard N2RPQ Club Vice President: Bob Wick N2HM Club Secretary: Mike Libonati WA2ACV Club Treasurer: Ira Hosid N2WAA

TRUSTEES

Tom Preiser N2XW Frank Piccolo N2HWL Jim Neufell K2GMT

OBARC FORUM

<http://oldbarney.boardhost.com/index.php>