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MARCH 2018

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 at 7:30pm

Ocean Acres Community Center

489 Nautilus Drive

Manahawkin, NJ

President's Corner

Steve Molo, KI4KWR

Hello OBARC Membership and Friends.....February was all around a good month for ham radio. 2018 Orlando HAMCATION was attended by several OBARC members and saw the newest "toys" on the market and caught up with friends from down South. Overall a great trip...next year we fly!! So watch for us planning next year's Orlando HAMCATION trip and think about it....alternate Dayton HAMVENTION.

The March Meeting will have a Presentation from Flex Radio which make great SDR radios and the Bouvet Island DXpedition was going to be the first to use pure SDR radios on a large DXpedition but was aborted due to issues beyond the Teams control, maybe the dream of Bouvet will happen soon...let us hope.

Lastly...next month we have an open Presentation slot...got something you would like to show us...let me know. Could be a Meeting that we make a kit...never know. Alrighty get on the air...make some contacts and Field Day is around the corner.

73,

Steve KI4KWR

OBARC President



NA2R and his "Mickey Waffles"....pictured to the left

The 2018 Orlando HamCation Official Attendance: 22,300

Quoted by several stopping by the Apache Labs Booth
"Give it 5 years and this is the new "HAMVENTION" "
"HamCation is a great warm getaway for the family too..."

OBARC Members will definitely be going in 2019 for sure and flying down...save the \$\$\$ for there and not on gas/tolls.
Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando is where we stay and the Buffet for both breakfast and dinner is worth every cent spent.

Planning for 2019 will start around November so keep it in your mind!!

March Presentation



FlexRadio will be giving us a look at their SDR radio product line via a webinar. Come join us for a wonderful presentation and bring a friend...ham or not.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

ICOM IC-765 Good condition HF 160-10. Refurbished and aligned recently. Includes an SM-8 Desk Microphone (built in power supply). Manual on CD. Original box. \$695.00

ICOM IC-7000 Just back from Icom. They replaced the driver board and checked the radio out. All good. Been in my truck so a little scuffed up, but not bad 160-2 plus 440mhz. Includes hand microphone, new power cord, manual, remote head extension cable and mobile mount for head. \$575.00

OM-2000HF Legal Limit Amplifier. Manual tune. GU84b Ceramic Tetrode final. 160-10 meters. Will send manual (PDF) if you would like to see the details. Includes factory tune up chart. Very clean. Used little. Was on FT5ZM DXpedition, and then used minimally here at my house. 220/230 v only. Includes original box and wooden crate. Originally sold for \$6995.00 Sell for \$4995.00 FIRM. No shipping. Pick up only.

Contact N200 if Interested....

ICOM IC-7300 New in the Box \$1100

ICOM IC-706 orig with Signalink Digital Interface for FT8, JT65, PSK, RTTY etc \$550

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Please call to discuss and come see! Ross W2TT 609-467-4670

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>

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February Report

-Nothing to Report-

Urb W1UL



2018 Dayton HAMVENTION

May 18-20th Xenia, OH

<http://hamvention.org/>

Antenna Making Calculator

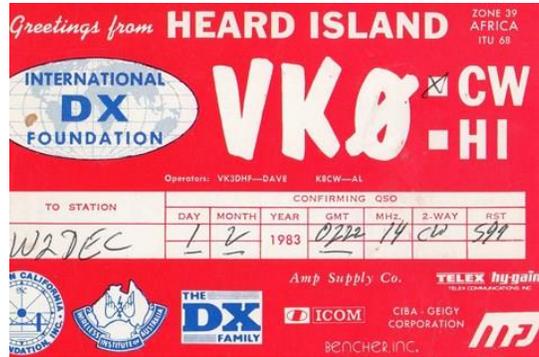
Here is a cool antenna calculator that gives you the length for a dipole versus an inverted v.

Of course, what's nice about an inverted v is that trimming the ends are much easier than with a dipole since they are relatively closer to the ground. So always make it longer first and always trim exact same amount from each end as you tune it.

<http://w3pie.org/antenna.htm>

Never Give Up on a QSL Card

By Urb LeJeune W1UL



At a recent club meeting one of the members was complaining that he had sent a QSL card with some green stamps and it was six months and he had not received a QSL card. After I stopped laughing I tried to explain that hams today are spoiled with instant confirmation. Using LoTW it is frequently possible to receive credit for a contact with a DXpedition while the operation is still active.

VP8BK South Georgia:

To make my point I pointed out that in the "good old days" it was not unusual to wait years to get a QSL from a rare station. In the fall of 1956 I worked VP8BK on South Georgia. The operator was Einar LA1RC and he had recently arrived for a one year tour on the frozen wasteland. There would be no QSL cards until he returned home at the end of 1957. I dutifully sent my QSL, along with a green stamp. In late 1958 I received the VP8BK card, however, there was a problem, Einar had interposed my call sign, it read W2DCE and I was W2DEC at the time. The facts that the QSL said thanks Urb and there was no W2DCE at the time did not sway the ARRL DXCC desk. Another QSL, green stamp and a restart of the patience stop watch. In due course I receive a new QSL with a correct corrected call. After almost three years after the QSO I finally had South Georgia confirmed. This was not the longest wait, hold onto your seat. First a little background.

Background:

In the annual DXCC listing in the December 1964 issue of QST I was one country off the top of the honor roll, as W2DEC. There were only 149 people worldwide who were on the honor roll and I was number 25 on that list. My missing country was VK0 Heard Island.

I started drifting away from active DXing for a few different reasons; the main cause was the rapid emergence of lists. You had to cozy up to a list manager and get a number. Contacts required no operating skill. I took up other challenges including making Five Band WAS with only 50 operators with 1 X 2 calls, No special endorsement.

VK0CW Heard Island:

In early February 1983 I was visiting my very dear friend Phil W2LNB who is now a SK. Phil casually mentioned he finally worked VK0CW on 80 meters to which I replied, "Heard Island?" Phil said they were easy to work on 20 meters. I headed home and fired up my rig and loaded my antenna and everything seemed to be working just fine. That evening there they were with an honest S9+ signal and I worked them on the third call. Several new countries were added to the ARRL list during my extended DX hibernation so a card from VK0CW would no longer put me on the top of the honor roll and put off sending for a card.

Fast forward to 2009 and I have a new job, new wife, new QTH and antique radio gear. I was then 46 countries off the bottom of the honor roll. I sent a VK0CW card to Dan N2DT who was the QSL manager for North American and a few

days later Dan sent a note informing me that half of the VK0CW the paper logs and QSL card were destroyed due to flooding in his basement.

Dan was very friendly with North Jersey DX Association (NJDXA) NJDXA member Elliot W2DIE. At a NJDXA I was telling Elliot about Dan's letter. Elliot told me he would go to Dan's basement and rummage around looking for logs and QSL cards.

On December 22, 2010 I received a letter from Dan as follows:

Merry Christmas:

As you know about half of the paper logs were ruined about 10 years ago due to flooding in my basement. In addition, I didn't recall having any more VK0CWQSLs.

But because of my affection for Elliot and the NJDXA Elliot and I dug through the water-distended packages and found an entry for you. Elliot and I then tore apart my store room and came upon three blank QSLs!

Enjoy.

73 Dan N2DT

So there you have it. VK0CW QSO on February 1, 1983

VK0CW QSL received on December 24, 2010, almost 28 years later. Keep this in mind the next time you're tempted to complain that it took you a year to get a new country confirmed.

73 Urb W1UL

OBARC 2018 Contest Status

INTERNATIONAL GRID CHASE		WAS	WAZ	WAC	DXCC
NA2R	779	KI4KWR - 50	KZ2I - 29	KZ2I - 5	KZ2I - 102
K2RET	738	NA2R - 50	KI4KWR - 22	KI4KWR - 5	KI4KWR - 93
KI4KWR	587	KZ2I - 49			
W2TT	288	N2XW - 17			
KZ2I	281				
N1IBM	263				
N2OO	146				

Ocean County ARES® News – March, 2018

A note from Keith - KC2OON, Ocean County Skywarn Coordinator:

February isn't over yet, but it's been a pretty typical one for the record books so far. Pretty average for rain and snow as well. Tuesday March 20th is the first day of spring and usually the start of rainier months until the middle of April. Then comes thunderstorm season, one of my favorite weather phenomena.

We are going to be looking into getting a Skywarn training session in Ocean County this year so people in our general area don't have to travel so far if they would like to join the Skywarn crew. It's free and you get your Skywarn number to be able to participate in officially gathering weather data for the NWS (National Weather Service). We would like to have a good turnout since the presenter from the NWS usually travels pretty far to do the class for us. More to follow as we get the information.

If you haven't noticed already or you were unaware, the Ocean County Skywarn Yahoo Group migrated to "groups.io" It's a better service and Yahoo was seriously lacking in a support structure for the older service. If you are a member of Ocean County Skywarn and have not joined the group yet, log on to your email service and shoot us an email at OceanCountySkywarn+subscribe@groups.io We will get you on the group. That is where all the official information, reminders and severe weather Skywarn activations will be posted.

Keep your eyes to the sky....

Keith, KC2OON

SNJ ARES ASEC, Severe Weather Coordinator

Ocean County ARES Asst. EC

Ocean County Skywarn Coordinator

As most of you are aware, there is no ARES meeting for February, usually because attendance is low due to the weather. This year we will have temperatures in the 70's around meeting time, but with the flu outbreak it is still prudent not to be bringing large groups of people together. The next ARES meeting will be April 18th at 7:00 PM at the Ocean County EOC.

As Keith mentioned above, Skywarn has migrated over to groups.io and so has Ocean County ARES (ocares@groups.io). Yahoo was just out of control with file management and it was taking days to get a message distributed. Ocean County ARES also has a backup discussion group using qth.net

(ocares@mailman.qth.net) should groups.io have a problem. In all cases, groups.io will be the priority discussion group and contains almost all the pictures and files that were once part of the Yahoo group.

This year's MS tour will take place on May 19 and 20. The tour will be radically different this year because the tour will only be going to Island Beach State Park the first day, then turn around and stay in Point Pleasant Beach that evening. The next day the tour returns to Monmouth University. As soon as I get definitive routes and instructions, I'll be making recommendations to MS for communications assignments in Ocean County.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

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Normal membership meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM at:

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489 Nautilus Drive
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