



# OLD BARNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB N2OB



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2019

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**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:30pm**

**Ocean Acres Community Center**

**489 Nautilus Drive**

**Manahawkin, NJ**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This weekend, September 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>, is the Decoy Duck Show. This is our big fund raiser for the year. **A lot of work has gone into it thus far, but we need your help!** Starting on Thursday, September 26, we are meeting at WYRS, on Murphy Road, to load the bus and truck. This should take about two hours. We have about a 5-10 minute ride to Seaman Park in Tuckerton. We will unload the vehicles, and put up our tent, tables, griddle, etc.

**At 5:30 AM, Saturday**, we will get the coffee going and heat up the griddle to start serving the other vendors. The gate opens to the public from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Sunday will be the same morning hours, but the show ends at 4:00 PM. We probably will start closing at 3:00 PM. **We need help in all of the above areas. Set-up and take down are vital time slots.** We need help during the show taking orders and passing out the food. Please take a few hours out of your day(s) to help.

Thank you!!

73,  
Ira Hosid, N2WAA ([n2waa@arrl.net](mailto:n2waa@arrl.net))

## CLUB MEETING AND VE TESTING DATE

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:N2RPQ@ARRL.NET)**

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# Ocean County ARES® News – October 2019

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On September 15, 2019, Ocean County ARES was represented at the Gloucester County Hamfest and ARRL SNJ Section Convention by having an NBEMS/NVIS demonstration exhibit. The fest was held at the Gloucester County 4-H Fairgrounds in Mullica Hill, NJ. Two mobiles were displayed with NVIS long wire antennas, including the OCARES ANA-1 Chalk line antenna. Under a display tent, two portable NBEMS stations were setup running FLDIGI and FLMSG software. Two large screen TV's were used to display the laptop PC's to make it easier for guests to see. The two stations sent digital messages and images back and forth using VHF transceivers tuned to 146.550 MHz simplex, each connected to a dummy load so we would not disturb any local communications. Thanks to the following operators who provided support of the exhibit: WX2NJ, N2XW, WB2ALJ, NJ2N, K2MDW, KD2FFR, N2QXB, N2RPQ and K2EDS.



NBEMS/NVIS Exhibit

Photo by WX2NJ

The 2019 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup>. No defined time or duration has been announced. This year's SET will include all SNJ counties and their served agencies. So far, only a handful of Ocean County operators have signed up. If you are interested in participating, please contact WX2NJ.

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES will be Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, Ocean County EOC, Robert J. Miller Airpark, Berkeley Township. We will be de-briefing the SET exercise and continue to discuss

topics in the Task Book. Refreshments will be provided. There will be no training net the evening of the meeting.

On October 19<sup>th</sup> Ocean County ARES will be participating in a road clean-up activity in Berkeley Township. We will meet at 9:00 AM at Veeder Lane in Bayville near the empty lot next to the Shop Rite. Veeder Lane is our assigned road to clean and Berkeley Township will donate \$500 to us for the effort. We need these funds to procure our annual liability insurance and this is an easy way to get the funds and help the community at the same time.



2019 Habitat Walk, Lavallette WX2NJ-KC2SBR-N2XW Photo by N. Murdock

On September 7<sup>th</sup> Ocean County ARES provided communications for the Habitat for Humanity Walk in Lavallette. The route was a three-mile loop around the Lavallette boardwalk and Route 35 sidewalk. ARES provided safety check points to ensure all were on track and no one was in distress. Thanks to the following operators who participated:

WX2NJ, N2XW, N2LD, WB2ALJ and KC2SBR.

The weather was absolutely perfect and most of us stayed after the event to walk a second loop.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

## ARRL NEWS

### ARRL Thanks Official Observers, as Volunteer Monitor Program is Set to Debut

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09/24/2019

As the September 30 date for the closing of the Official Observer program nears, ARRL has expressed deep appreciation to the hundreds of volunteers who gave their time as Official Observers (OOs) to help preserve the integrity of the Amateur Radio frequencies.

The Official Observer program has served the Amateur Radio community and assisted the FCC Enforcement Bureau for more than 85 years. The OO program is giving way to the new Volunteer Monitor (**VM**) program, established as part of a formal partnership between ARRL and the FCC. ARRL and the FCC signed a *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)* earlier this year that establishes the Volunteer Monitor program as a successor to the Official Observers. The first Volunteer Monitors should be in place and ready to begin their duties this fall.

"Thank you for your dedication and service," ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, said. "It was the good work of the OOs over many years that laid the foundation for the FCC to recommend this new agreement for enforcement." The FCC proposed the program following the closures of several FCC regional offices and a reduction in field staff.

Last February, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, who once handled Amateur Radio enforcement for the FCC, was named to oversee the development and implementation phases of the Volunteer Monitor program.

Under the new VM program, volunteers trained and vetted by ARRL will monitor the airwaves and gather evidence that could be used to correct misconduct as well as to recognize exemplary on-air operation. ARRL will refer instances of flagrant violation to the FCC for action, in accordance with FCC guidelines, and the FCC will give priority to enforcement cases developed by the VM program.

Official Observers were invited to apply to become Volunteer Monitors, and many did. The requirements for being a Volunteer Monitor include:

- + Ability to utilize state-of-the-art receiving equipment and to access no-cost remote receive sites; strong writing and communication skills
- + An understanding of the importance of thorough documentation
- + Basic word processing and data entry skills
- + The ability to send such information, including recordings, to ARRL electronically.

Applicants also must be ARRL members, have no history of FCC enforcement action, hold a Technician or higher license class, and been licensed for at least 3 years.

Applicants underwent a training and certification program administered by ARRL and were vetted by ARRL through at least one oral interview and a preliminary evaluation by ARRL staff. Volunteer Monitors will serve 3-year terms at the pleasure of ARRL.

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We had no candidates for testing at our September meeting.  
**VE Coordinator: Richard E. Kennard N2RPQ (n2rpq@arrl.net)**

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<b>October 2019</b> 21-25 <b>School Club Roundup</b> 19-20 <b>EME - 50 to 1296 MHz</b>	<b>November 2019</b> 2-4 <a href="#">Nov. Sweepstakes – CW</a> 16-18 <a href="#">Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone</a> 16-17 <b>EME - 50 to 1296 MHz</b>
<b>December 2019</b> 6-8 <a href="#">160 Meter</a> 14-15 <a href="#">10 Meter</a> 15 <a href="#">Rookie Roundup–CW</a>	

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**

Joel Dennis, KS3P, is incapacitated with a leg injury.  
Get well soon. We will miss your cooking at the Decoy Duck Show



**Old Barney Amateur Radio Club**

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**Manahawkin, NJ 08050**

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