



# OLD BARNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB N2OB



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**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at 7:30pm**  
**Ocean Acres Community Center      489 Nautilus Drive      Manahawkin, NJ**

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## President's Corner

Bob Schenck, N200

Greetings OBARC members!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

The holiday season fast approaches. Winter is around the corner! I hate winter! But it is good for one thing; Ham Radio. It is my favorite time of year to be QRV warm inside my house chasing DX, or operating in a contest. And, with some slight rearranging of the shack here, I should be on FT8 in the next few weeks as well. So, another addiction is about to be put upon me? We'll see.

This will be my last President's Corner as my term will expire this month. We will be holding our annual elections at the December meeting and it looks like we will have a couple of new faces with some fresh ideas for OBARC! The slate thus far is: President KI4KWR, Vice President N2WAA, Secretary N2HM and Treasurer WA2ACV. Also, one director position is opening and K2MER has been nominated. Final nominations will be accepted just prior to the final vote at the December meeting. In any event, it is always good to have fresh ideas from fresh people. I am looking forward to assisting the future officers as needed. But my time has come to step aside. I do look forward to continuing as the Field Day chairman if so desired.

Speaking of Field Day! A hearty CoNgRaTuLaTiOnS to the entire 2017 Field Day team! Out of a total of 133 entries in the 4A class, Old Barney ARC - N2OB came in 6<sup>th</sup> place nationwide! The full 2017 Field Day Results can be found in the December issue of QST! What an awesome job you all did!

We have a couple of good programs coming up soon. One is a live event with Flex Radio that will be held via Skype I believe. Questions and answers! This will be the first such event that we ever held "online" this way! Awesome!

Beth and I would like to wish all of you a happy holiday season, and a great 2018 with Mucho DX!!

See ya' in the Pileups!

73

Bob Schenck, N200

President and Field Day Chairman

Old Barney Amateur Radio Club (N2OB)

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GO OBARC!

# December Presentation

## DMR Radio

Come learn from our great Ross W2TT on the newest digital mode used today in Ham Radio.



## 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- OM2000HF 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...

An advertisement for CheapHam.com. At the top, a yellow banner with black text reads "Discount Prices - Great Service - 24 x 7 x 365". Below the banner are four images: a radio unit, a microphone, a headset, and a scope. Below the images, black text reads: "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". At the bottom, the website address "www.CheapHam.com" is displayed in a large, bold, black font.

### 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>

## UPCOMING ARRL CONTESTS

December 2017

1-3 **160 Meter**

9-10 **10 Meter**

17 **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>

## VE REPORT



### November VE Report

November 14th marked the date of the OBARC VE session.

We had four candidates and administered seven exams.

- OBARC Member Paul Della'Zanna K2PDZ passed his Extra
- Art Eromenok passed the Technician, General and Extra exams without a single incorrect answer. He was previously WA2SOQ but the license lapsed.
- OBARC Member Bill Canfield KD2MAG passed his General
- Bernie Pietrucha passed his Technician

### VE Team

Urb W1UL Coordinator

Joe N1EZO

Norm W2NRS

Tim W2TET

# *OBARC Club Dinner*



Sunday January 14th.

We will have a private room and can arrive after 2 PM, you must be seated and your order taken by 4 PM. We can stay until 5 PM. If they don't have another party book after us we can stay until closing time.

The venue is the Villaggio at 100 McKinley Ave. Manahawkin, NJ. McKinley Ave runs parallel to Route 72 behind the Mall.

We will partake of the Early Bird Special which is \$24.95 for two people plus a 20% tip.

The meal includes a shared appetizer, choice of two entrees, soup or salad and dessert as well as coffee or hot tea.

Villaggio is a BYOB so bring wine if you like.

We will need a final count and entree order by January 5th. There will be only on check so I'll give you the payment details and entrees shortly.

Urb, W1UL

## Ocean County ARES® News – December, 2017

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES will be Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 PM, Ocean County EOC, Robert J. Miller Airpark. This will also be the annual Holiday Party/Dinner. Come out and help us celebrate another successful year. All food and refreshments will be provided. Bring your appetite. I will also have ARES shirts for those who ordered and have not yet picked up.

For those operators who want to display your ham callsign on your New Jersey license plate, this is the link to the pdf application:

<http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/SP-23.pdf>

The instruction sheet for the application is here:

[http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/info\\_sheet\\_org\\_plates.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/info_sheet_org_plates.pdf)

The cost is a one-time fee of \$15.00

### ***SKYWARN Recognition Day***

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, is Skywarn Recognition Day and takes place from 0000Z to 2400Z. Skywarn recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN™ radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day, SKYWARN™ operators can visit NWS offices or contact other NWS offices via radio. More info is available at:

<http://www.arrl.org/skywarn-recognition-day>

### ***WA2RES D-STAR Update***

Last month I displayed some pictures of where the Berkeley D-Star antenna would be located on the Berkeley Municipal Tower. I have good news. The antenna will now be close to the top on the Southern leg of the tower with the tip of the antenna at 120 feet above ground elevation. The antenna should be in-place before the end of the year. All other electronics and cables have already been installed and a modification application has been submitted to ARCC for the new location.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

### **“Old Barney Ragchew Net”**

Thursdays 8pm 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