

OBARC Newsletter

THE TUCKERTON RADIO TOWER—WHY?

By: Mark Roddy, K2MER

Why would Germany spend a small fortune constructing the second tallest man made structure on earth, disassemble it, put it on a ship, send it over to the United States, and rebuild it in the middle of nowhere? I mean, what's up with that?

Anyone associated with ham radio knows about the Tuckerton radio tower – the 820 foot structure that was built in 1914 by German engineers, substantially identical to its sister tower erected in Eilvese, Germany. But why? Were the good citizens of Tuckerton desperate to talk to their relatives in Eilvese? Was it just some type of scientific experiment? A commercial money making venture? Perhaps I might share my personal opinion on the subject.

1850s. Railroad tracks snake across the American landscape. Telegraph lines follow the railroad tracks. A new era of communication has begun, no less revolutionary than the development of the internet.

1860s. The American Civil War. General Lee is repeatedly humiliating the Union with victory after victory. There is an increasingly strong consensus in the North that continuing the war is useless and that a peace treaty should be negotiated. Ever confident, in June of 1863 Lee secretly marches up his army north, hiding behind the South Mountain on his way to Harrisburg, intending to capture the capital of Pennsylvania. But for a twist of fate he would not have become sidetracked in a little farm town called Gettysburg.

President Lincoln is no dummy. He realizes that the horrific battle could have easily been another Union defeat. He also realizes that poor intelligence and lack of communication resulted in General Lee getting his army within one day's march of Harrisburg without the Union Army ever knowing where he was. Lincoln decides to exercise a firmer hand in the manner in which the war is being conducted. For the remainder of the war he eats breakfast at the White House, walks down the street to the telegraph office located in the War Department, reads the messages from his generals, and dictates responses. The telegraph now provides the Commander and Chief with "real time" communication and the ability to coordinate the war effort on a national scale.

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2021 DUES—A GENTLE REMINDER



- ◆ Dues for full and associate members are \$20 per year.
- ◆ Dues for full and associate members are \$15 for members 65 years old and older.
- ◆ Members of the same household of a full paying member shall pay \$10 each per year.
- ◆ Full time students shall pay \$5 per year.

Dues may be paid by check or cash at every meeting. Checks may be mailed to: **OBARC, Treasurer, P.O. Box 117, Manahawkin, NJ 08050**

Dues can also be “PayPal to a friend” at: treasurer@obarc.org please include your call letters in the comment section.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 via Zoom. Details on how to join the meeting will be emailed to you.

VE CORNER

We did not conduct any VE sessions in January.

I am happy to announce that Tom Preiser, N2XW has agreed to take over the organization and administration of VE sessions. I know Tom will continue to keep our VE sessions running smoothly and efficiently.

If you are looking to upgrade your license or you know someone who needs a session please contact Tom at n2xw@arrrl.net.

FCC REDUCES PROPOSED AMATEUR RADIO APPLICATION FEE TO \$35

As Posted on the ARRL Website (www.arrrl.org) - 12/30/2020

The FCC has agreed with ARRL and other commenters that its proposed \$50 fee for certain amateur radio applications was “too high to account for the minimal staff involvement in these applications.” In a *Report and Order* ([R&O](#)), released on December 29, the FCC scaled back to \$35 the fee for a new license application, a special temporary authority (STA) request, a rule waiver request, a license renewal application, and a vanity call sign application. All fees are per application. There will be no fee for administrative updates, such as a change of mailing or email address.

This fall, ARRL filed comments in firm opposition to the FCC proposal to impose a \$50 fee on amateur radio license and application fees and [urged its members](#) to follow suit.

- As the FCC noted in its *R&O*, although some commenters supported the proposed \$50 fee as reasonable and fair, “ARRL and many individual commenters argued that there was no cost-based justification for application fees in the Amateur Radio Service.” The fee proposal was contained in a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* ([NPRM](#)) in MD Docket 20-270, which was adopted to implement portions of the “Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act” of 2018 — the so-called “[Ray Baum’s Act](#).”

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1870s. While the Americans are playing cowboys and Indians out west, the Prussian forces are engaged in a bitter war with the French. The weapons of war have now improved – long range breech loading cannons, more accurate repeating rifles, and a new entry – the machine gun. The war results in the death of thousands of European soldiers and the destruction of priceless and irreplaceable buildings. But the war resolves nothing - and a simmering anger remains.

1880s. Great Britain is successfully uniting all of its territories around the world with multiple undersea (submarine) telegraph cables. They are in a unique position to do this – as an island nation they can send cables west to the Americas, and south around the coast of Africa, to India, and the Far East. By 1890 they have substantially connected the entire "Commonwealth" with their "All Red Line."

1890s. A new arms race in Europe begins with Germany's decision build a Navy of such size and strength as to challenge England's supremacy on the high seas. England responds in a like manner. Germany's efforts ultimately include a new entry, the unterseeboot (U-boat). America is paying very little attention. It is not an American problem.

1900s. Enter the Wireless. In what must have seemed like a miracle, Marconi and other scientists develop a way to send an invisible message through the sky, delivering it to the intended recipient hundreds of miles away. For ships at sea, the wireless is like an angel from heaven. The April 1912 Titanic disaster ". . . ITS A CQD OM . . . SINKING . . . CQD SOS CQD . . ." made it clear to the world that the wireless was here to stay.

England was not the only nation laying down submarine telegraph cables. So was the United States. So was Germany. But with no direct access to the Atlantic Ocean, the German cables had to begin in the North Sea, proceed southwest through the "English" channel, down to the Azores and then across the Atlantic. The Germans were well aware that if a major conflict broke out the English would try to find their cables and cut them, depriving them of telegraphic communication with the outside world - especially the United States.

Is there a back up plan? There is. The Wireless. Build two powerful radio transmitters combined with two monster radio towers on United States side of the Atlantic Ocean and make the cable problem a non-issue.

Why choose Tuckerton, New Jersey as one of the two locations? At that time it was one of the least populated areas on the Mid-Atlantic coast, and least likely to be monitored by prying eyes. Although the town had a small train station and telegraph office, it was literally "the end of the line." However New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington were all within 150 miles. The United States was a neutral country, and would have no desire to become involved in a war in Europe if one erupted. Should that occur there was a good chance that the tower would be left alone.

The power plant, transmitter, and 820 foot tower were completed and operational by June of 1914. It was by any standard an engineering marvel, and functioned as designed - direct communication to its sister station in Eilvese - (and anyone else within a 4,000 mile radius that might have the equipment and desire to listen). The German engineers operate their radio station without interference and with the assistance of local residents - many of whom become their new neighbors and friends.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to have to stay home everyday, it can be very frustrating.

The good news is we are part of a hobby that lets us use radios to communicate and be with the rest of the club members.

I encourage everyone to get on the air. Use the repeater to have conversations that others could join in.

Yes we have our weekly net on Thursdays but that doesn't mean we can't just be listening to say hi to someone when they hit the air.

We have a group of members who meet everyday on the in the HF band to just rag chew. That's great! Let's keep it up.

Take some time to try something new. Our hobby is so full of many different aspects we can learn and help each other with.

Most important let's just keep positive. I really believe better days are coming.

Until next month...

N2RPQ

2021 ARRL CONTESTS

Straight Key Night	Jan 1
Kid's Day—Jan	Jan 2
RTTY Roundup	Jan 2-3
Jan VHF Contest	Jan 16-18
School Club Roundup	
	Feb 8-12
DX Contest—CW	Feb 20-21
DX Contest—SSB	Mar 6-7
Rookie Roundup	Apr 11
June VHF Contest	Jun 12-14
Kid's Day—June	Jun 19
Field Day	Jun 26-27
IARU HF World Championship	
	Jul 10-11
222MHz & Up Distance Contest	
	Aug 7-8
10 GHz & Up—Round 1	
	Aug 14-15
Rookie Roundup (RTTY)	
	Aug 15
Sept VHF Contest	Sep 11-1
10 GHz & Up—Round 2	
	Sep 18-19
EME 2.3GHz & Up—Wknd 1	
	TBD
School Club Roundup	
	Oct 18-22
EME 50 to 1296 MHz—Wknd 2	
	TBD
Nov Sweepstakes—CW	
	Nov 6-8
Nov Sweepstakes—Phone	
	Nov 20-21
EME 50 to 1296 MHz—Wknd 3	
	TBD
160 Meter	
	Dec 3-5
10 Meter	Dec 11-12
Rookie Roundup—CW	
	Dec 19

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August 4, 1914. England declares war on Germany. In the early morning hours of the following day, the English locate and cut the German cables passing through the English Channel - with the exception of one cable which they wiretap. The United States, still neutral, allows the Germans to continue to operate the Tuckerton station under the watchful eye of the United States Navy.

December 7, 1917. The United States declares war on Germany. The Tuckerton station is seized and the German operators are arrested.

Did the Germans use the Tuckerton station for war related communications during the first 3 years of the war? If Lincoln had been the leader of the Imperial German Empire in 1914 - would he have utilized the Tuckerton station to assist the war effort in some way? I would think so. It should be noted that the other tower - located on long island - had already been caught sending coded messages to ships at sea - by a local ham no less!

Now to the ultimate question: did the Tuckerton tower send a message to "Get Lucy" immediately prior to the sinking of the Lusitania on May 7, 1915? Highly doubtful. An order like that would have had to come from the Naval high command in Germany. The Germans already had an established communications system to "talk" to their ships and U-boats. Messages of that sensitivity were transmitted by using numerical codes and code books, not by stupid expressions. If that message was actually sent, it would be more reasonable to believe that the Germans were intending to invade Margate, steal Lucy the Elephant, and take her back to Germany as a war prize.

What is more likely is this: Germany must have been made aware that

the Lusitania had been loaded with war supplies as it was preparing to leave New York and return to England - in violation of the United States pledge of neutrality. How would they have known that in advance unless spies working in the New York harbor transferred that information down to the Tuckerton Station? There had to be a darn good reason to sink a world class passenger liner filled with civilians other than the fact that it was in the "war zone" off the coast of Ireland at the time it was torpedoed. Chances are that the Lusitania's fate was sealed before it ever left Manhattan.

Before concluding my personal take on this subject, I would also suggest that this type of fascinating local history be taught in our school system. Does any High School student in Ocean County have any idea how "Radio Road" in Mystic Islands got its name? Highly doubtful - unless they had the common sense to join the Old Barney Amateur Radio Club!

About the author: Mark Roddy Esq. is a practicing criminal trial attorney with his office located in Pleasantville, NJ. Primarily a "morse code" guy, he operates a modest 100 watt set up on a multi-band long wire. He and his wife Denise have two adult sons, one who works in the fiber optics division of Atlantic City Electric and the other who works in the "secret squirrel" division at the Patuxent Naval Air Station in Maryland.

JOIN US ON THE AIR

Join us for our club net. The net is held every Thursday night at 7:30pm (except holidays and special occasions) on the WU2E repeater.

Every week we host a random topic of discussion.

Find us at: 146.835 (-600) PL 127.3

We look forward to sharing time with you!

For any comments or questions regarding the weekly net please contact Jim Neufell, K2GMT at jvneufell@comcast.net.



“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.” – Nelson Mandela



URB LEJEUNE, W1UL—SILENT KEY

It is with deep sorrow that I have to announce to everyone that Urb LeJeune, W1UL became a silent key on Friday, January 22nd.



Urb served the club for many years and enjoyed helping anyone who needed it. Urb was also a charter member of NJDXA. He held the call sign of W2DEC for most of his life prior to W1UL.

Urb was fundamental in getting many operators licensed through his online training website and his participation in VE testing for several organizations.

Urb's wife, Pat Vogel W2PKV, said that there would be no funeral or service at this time but the family is planning a "Celebration of Life"

sometime later this year.

Urb's presence will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE			
K5XYZ			
Joe Ham 129 Main Street Anywhere USA			
FCC Registration Number (PRS): 000000000			
Special Conditions / Endorsements			
NONE			
Grant Date	Effective Date	Print Date	Expiration Date
01/01/2000	01/01/2013	01/01/2000	01/01/2013
File Number	Operator Privileges	Station Privileges	
000000000	General	PRIMARY	
THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE			
 (Licensee's Signature)			
FCC 609 - May 2007			

FCC FEES—CONTINUED

“After reviewing the record, including the extensive comments filed by amateur radio licensees and based on our revised analysis of the cost of processing mostly automated processes discussed in our methodology section, we adopt a \$35 application fee, a lower application fee than the Commission proposed in the *NPRM* for personal licenses, in recognition of the fact that the application process is mostly automated,” the FCC said in the *R&O*. “We adopt the proposal from the *NPRM* to assess no additional application fee for minor modifications or administrative updates, which also are highly automated.”

The FCC said it received more than 197,000 personal license applications in 2019, which includes not only ham radio license applications but commercial radio operator licenses and General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) licenses.

The FCC turned away the arguments of some commenters that the FCC should exempt amateur radio licensees. The FCC stated that it has no authority to create an exemption “where none presently exists.”

The FCC also disagreed with those who argued that amateur radio licensees should be exempt from fees because of their public service contribution during emergencies and disasters.

“We are very much aware of these laudable and important services amateur radio licensees provide to the American public,” the FCC said, but noted that specific exemptions provided under Section 8 of the so-called “Ray Baum’s Act” requiring the FCC to assess the fees do not apply to amateur radio personal licenses. “Emergency communications, for example, are voluntary and are not required by our rules,” the FCC noted. “As we have noted previously, while the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications, is one of the underlying principles of the amateur service, the amateur service is not an emergency radio service.”

The Act requires that the FCC switch from a Congressionally-mandated fee structure to a cost-based system of assessment. The FCC proposed application fees for a broad range of services that use the FCC’s Universal Licensing System (ULS), including the Amateur Radio Service, which had been excluded previously. The 2018 statute excludes the Amateur Service from annual *regulatory* fees, but not from *application* fees.

“While the Ray Baum’s Act amended Section 9 and retained the regulatory fee exemption for amateur radio station licensees, Congress did not include a comparable exemption among the amendments it made to Section 8 of the Act,” the FCC *R&O* explained.

IRA HONORED FOR HIS TERM

Ira Hosid, N2WAA, was honored at the January 2021 meeting and presented a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as our president for the years of 2019 & 2020.

Ira worked hard and committed himself to the club.

He always thought of the club and its members when making decisions. He managed us through the tough year of the 2020 pandemic and found ways to keep us involved.

Thank you Ira!



SOUTHERN REGIONAL HS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SISTERS BECOME LICENSED OPERATORS

Isabella and Olivia Lee from the Southern Regional High School Amateur Radio Club met with our VE team at A. Paul King Park in Manahawkin to take their Technician test and become licensed amateur radio operators on October 28, 2020.



Above -Isabella Lee (left) and Olivia Lee (right) taking their test at A. Paul King Park. Both sisters became licensed Technicians at this session.—Photo by Cheryl Conoly, W1CLC. Left—Isabella and Olivia after they passed their Tech test attempting the General exam.—Photo by Cheryl Conoly,

At the conclusion of their test both girls earned their Technician licenses.

Isabella, KD2UYW, and Olivia, KD2UYX, have also become members of OBARC. Please join me in welcoming Isabella and Olivia.

The session was held outdoors due to the current pandemic restrictions. The VE team was happy to be part of this exciting time for the sisters as they earned their licenses!

NEW MEMBERS SECTION FOR THE OBARC WEBSITE



As our website continues to expand a new section has been built to provide our membership with new tools and information resources.

Any active club member is welcome to sign up for access. Just click on the “Members Only” link from our main page and you will find a tool to request access.

Any questions regarding the website can be addressed to webmaster@obarc.org.

SWAP & SHOP

The new Swap & Shop section is now available in the Members area of the website. In the very near future you will also be able to control your listings and keep them available for the members or have them listed on the public website.

We will also be happy to list any items you would like here in the newsletter. Just send your listings to n2rpq@arrl.net and I will make sure that they are added here.

OUR MEMBERS

- Happy belated birthday to Robert Hayner—Jan 14th
- Happy belated birthday to Norman Stackhouse—Jan 18th
- Congratulations to Valerie Doeren on a successful license upgrade to General Class.

NEWS FROM AROUND OUR SECTION...



OCEAN COUNTY ARES® - FEB 2021

On January 19th, 2021 Ocean County ARES VE Team held a session at the Ocean County EOC. We had 10 people taking exams. Six people earned their Technician license and a seventh earned a Technician and General Class license. One Technician operator upgraded to Extra class and another Technician upgraded to General Class. Finally, one Technician operator failed to upgrade to General.

Thanks to VE examiners N2XW, KD2FFR and WB2ALJ and Lead VE, N2LD. Finally, thank you to K2PSG for securing the area of the EOC for our testing. Congratulations to all who earned a new license and supported our VE program.

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES will be a Zoom meeting on February 17th at 7:00 PM. Meeting info will be sent out on groups.io a day or two before the meeting. All ARES operators are urged to try and attend.

I was recently asked about essential tools for the ARES operator and which is most important. While all of our tools in Emcomm are important, I urge operators, especially if you are new, to learn the phonetic alphabet and use it when on the air. The alphabet is most commonly misused on HF when you hear JAPAN instead of JULIETT and many others.

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Youth/Phonetic%20Alphabet.pdf>

Another important physical tool for the ARES operator is the simple dummy load. How many times have you heard operators keying up a repeater for no other reason to test their transceiver? If you listen on HF you will hear operators calling a repeated HELLO to test their audio and ALC response. It makes Amateur Radio sound like the abused CB frequencies. A simple 50 ohm dummy load allows an operator to check his gear and also monitor their output on a nearby HT or transceiver and not cause interference on the active bands. When testing an NBEMS setup, a dummy load allows you to monitor your signal before going live on a repeater or simplex frequency. Something to consider the next time you are making a wish list.

Before the end of January, the 145.170 MHz, WA2RES/R, will be located back at a permanent home after a long displacement due to painting of the Manchester Water Tank. No promises on how well it will perform, but the duplexer has been completely reworked, new coax cables, new hardline and new antenna. The repeater will be a Yaesu Fusion DR2X operating in the AUTO mode so you can use FM or C4FM. There is no link to WIRES and never will be. If you want to work the world via ham radio and Internet, pick another club.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC



Southern NJ Section News February 2021

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As many of you may have heard the FCC has issued a statement regarding the use of Amateur Radio to commit crimes. Here is a synopsis of what they said:

The Bureau has become aware of discussions on social media platforms suggesting that certain radio services regulated by the Commission may be an alternative to social media platforms for groups to communicate and coordinate future activities. The Bureau recognizes that these services can be used for a wide range of permitted purposes, including speech that is protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. **Amateur and Personal Radio Services, however, may not be used to commit or facilitate crimes.**

At the same time the ARRL has issued a statement on the purpose of Amateur Radio:

ARRL on the Purpose of Amateur Radio

For over 100 years amateur radio and ARRL — the National Association for Amateur Radio® — have stood for the development of the science and art of communications, public service, and the enhancement of international goodwill. Amateur Radio's long history and service to the public has solidified the well-earned reputation that "Amateur Radio saves lives."

Amateur Radio Operators, due to their history of public service, their training, and the requirement that they be licensed by the FCC have earned their status as a component of critical communications infrastructure and as a reliable resource "when all else fails."

Amateur Radio is about development of communications and responsible public service. Its misuse is inconsistent with its history of service and its statutory charter. ARRL does not support its misuse for purposes inconsistent with these values and purposes.

These statements were in response to the incidents that occurred in the Capital on January 6th.

HamCation QSO Party Set

Orlando HamCation has announced it will sponsor the HamCation QSO Party over the February 13-14 weekend (UTC), "to create a fun way for amateurs to celebrate the Orlando HamCation experience over the air." The HamCation QSO Party will be a 12-hour event on HamCation weekend. HamCation 2021 was to host the ARRL National Convention, which now will take place in 2022.

"The QSO party will replicate the camaraderie and social experience of attending HamCation and provide a way to have fun on the radio, since HamCation 2021 will not be held due to COVID-19," the HamCation QSO Party Committee said. The HamCation QSO Party will run from 1500 UTC on February 13 until 0300 UTC on February 14. It will be a CW and SSB operating event on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Any station may work any other station. Check <http://www.arrl.org/news/hamcation-qso-party-set> for more information.

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QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo Returning in March

The QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo will return March 13 - 14 for a full 48 hours, QSO Today host Eric Guth, 4Z1UG/WA6IGR, announced. Guth said the inaugural QSO Today Expo last August attracted more than 16,000 attendees, and he anticipates that the March 2021 event will be even more successful. Check out <http://www.arrl.org/news/qso-today-virtual-ham-expo-returning-in-march> for more information.

Remember to support the SNJ Traffic Net every night at 8:00 PM on the Waterford Works Repeater 147.345 PL. 127.3. Anyone interested in helping out Steve KB2RTZ on the net please contact him during the net.

The "7235 Friendly Net" Congratulations to all the Friendlies that made this Net a success over the past 5 years. This net as a place for All Licensed Amateurs to have a place to stop by every morning grab a Cup of Coffee and QSO with their fellow Amateurs.

The Friendly Net has been a tremendous success with many Hams joining in from all over the Eastern USA and Canada. Thanks to all the Stations that keep it rolling! Please continue to enjoy this Great Net!

Congratulations to all of the winners of the SJRA awards this year!

Al, N3AVT—VE Team Member Appreciation Award

Frank, AA2AW—Harry W. Densham Award

Bob, KE2D—E. Miles Brown Award

Art, N2CPR—Gordon Kressel Award

Logan & Elle—SJRA Youth Award

Holden, KD2JPV—Webmaster Award

For additional information regarding SJRA Awards please see their website www.sjra.org

THE OLD BARNEY RADIO CLUB IS ARRL AFFILIATED





RAM RADIO RECORD

By Olivia Lee, KD2UYX & Isabella Lee, KD2UYW

Southern Regional's Amateur Radio Club (KC2RZI) started all the way back in the 1980's when Walkmans were on belt loops and Trapper Keepers were in backpacks. At first it was a very small club. It was started informally by Mr. Jim Smith, an industrial arts teacher, and later in the 1990s, it was eventually taken over by Mr. John Tichy (KB3JG), a history teacher.

According to Mr. Tichy, the club was "small and informal" but administration and the maintenance department always helped by approving and installing antennas and other equipment. Eventually in 2009, Ms. Cheryl Conley (W1CLC), an English teacher, started to get involved in the club to support her ten year old son, and began attending various OBARC events. They both attended OBARC'S Ham Cram course and got their licenses.

Soon, Mr. Tichy retired and asked Ms. Conley to take over the club. She thought nervously, "It's not in my wheelhouse", but agreed because she would "never say no to John". Now in 2021, the club has about 20 interested members along with officers. The club has also received a generous grant of \$500 from the Southern Regional Home and School Association along with donations from OBARC for the installation of two new antennas in the 11/12 building location.

Old Barney has also helped to evaluate the current radio equipment and generous members have also donated new radios. The club offers the students opportunities to earn volunteer hours as well since many of them are interested in applying for National Honor Society.

Before the pandemic, students offered assistance at the Duck Decoy Show, the Lighthouse Day, and the Field Day events and will continue to do so post-virus. Over the past two years, we've hosted guest speakers and offered workshops. Students practiced Morse code using keys, soldered light kits, and watched a demonstration in robotics. Even though Covid has changed the way the radio club meets, it has been having virtual meetings on google meet in order to keep students informed.

We hope that KC2RZI will continue to be strong for many years to come!

OCEAN COUNTY SKYWARN®

By Mike White, K2MDW—Coordinator

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Michael White, K2MDW, I have been appointed the Ocean County Skywarn Coordinator at the beginning of this year, it is my hope to attempt to fill my predecessor shoes N2RPQ. Congratulations to your new position Mr President!



I would like to invite any and all who are interested to join the Ocean County Skywarn group page at oceancountyskywarn@groups.io. I will be posting weather related and Skywarn Net information through that group.

I am looking forward to meeting with the Old Barney Club when conditions permit. Until then stay safe stay well. 73 K2MDW

WHO IS OLD BARNEY?

The Old Barney Amateur Radio Club (OBARC) was established in 1975 by a diverse group of individuals with a common goal of promoting Amateur Radio.

Today the group continues towards making the amateur radio hobby rewarding through participation in several events throughout the year, training sessions, VE testing and monthly meetings.

Our meetings are held at the [Ocean Acres Community Center](#), 489 Nauticus Blvd, Manahawkin, NJ 08050*, beginning at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except holidays). We welcome anyone (licensed or not) to come and meet with us to learn more about amateur radio.

*** DUE TO COVID-19 MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD VIA ZOOM.**

CONTEST ENTRIES

We have received the following entries for the new name of our newsletter. At the February meeting we will vote for a winner.

- The Old Barney Beacon
- Barney's Beacon
- Spark's CQ News
- The Beacon
- Old Barney Continuous Wave
- Old Barney Strobe Beacon



**VOTING WILL
TAKE PLACE
AT THE FEB
MEETING!**

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New Logo Items: <https://www.cafepress.com/oldbarneyarcnewlogo>

Old Logo Items: <https://www.cafepress.com/obarc>

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