



OLD BARNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB N2OB



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2020

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:30pm

Ocean Acres Community Center

489 Nautilus Drive

Manahawkin, NJ

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DINNER REVIEW:

Last month we had our yearly dinner at Lefty's restaurant. We had a nice turn out. Those that attended said the food and service was great. We reviewed this event at our February executive board meeting, and the consensus was to have the dinner at Lefty's again next year.

I would like to thank all of the members who attended and supported our club activity. Thanks to Rich, N2RPQ and Frank, N2HWL for chairing this event.

CLUB NET:

We are going back to our weekly net. Starting this Thursday evening at 19:30 (7:30 PM), we will have our first net of the year. The net will be operated every Thursday night at the same time. Jim, K2GMT, is chairing the net. The following will be net control operators: Ira, N2WAA, Carl, W2PTZ, Tom, N2XW, and Jim, K2GMT. It is important for our members to participate on these weekly nets. Please take a few minutes to review the article on page 3 as your guide to participating on the net.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL ANTENNA PROJECT:

At this time, the weather is holding us back from installing the antennas. We will keep you posted

73, Ira Hosid, N2WAA (n2waa@arrl.net)

CLUB MEETING AND VE TESTING DATE

WEDNESDAY March 4, 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

FINAL CALL FOR DUES: 2020 DUES

We are closing the financial books at the end of March 2020. If you have not paid your dues for 2020, please send it in as soon as possible. Non paid members will be removed from the newsletter and all activities

The dues: \$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

We will have two video presentations this Wednesday. One is a short video on our club's past events that Bob, N2HM, has from his video collection. The other video is a YouTube about amateur nets. This is apropos since we are starting the net this coming Thursday. If WYRS Aircard works, it should be a good presentation.

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“Old Barney Ragchew Net”

Every Thursday night at 7:30 PM (19:30)

VHF: 146.835 PL: 127.3 (N200 Repeater System)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE ON THE NET

This will be an informal net. The net controller will start the Net by asking if there is any emergency traffic. If at any time an emergency is called, please refrain from operating unless called upon to help. Check-ins will start with mobile operators first. After the mobile check-ins, we will take all other check-ins. When checking in, call the net control operator's call sign, drop your carrier to listen for a double, and state your call sign phonetically. When acknowledged, give your call sign, name, location, and if you have any traffic, announcements, comments or queries. When it's your turn, the control operator will turn it over to you. Respond by giving your call, and proceed with your announcements, comments or question. If you have no information or questions, you can say you are checking into the Net and just listening. When done, sign with your call and say - back to net control. Remember to announce your call sign at each 10 minute interval. We will go around twice or more if needed, until the Net Control closes the Net. We will tweak this procedure as we move forward.

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 4th 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 – March, 2020

At the February 19th meeting of Ocean County ARES, Paul – KB2RUV, gave a presentation on Parks on the Air (POTA). Paul, Tim – NJ2N, Eric – K2EDS and Glen – KD2FFR, have been participating in POTA using the ARES callsign WA2RES and have worked out of Double Trouble State Park.

Some of Paul's noted accomplishments working POTA are:

- We had our first ever Europe contacts with POTA! 39 contacts in total!
- This was a huge CW weekend so the SSB section of the bands were empty and the digital portion was full of CW.
- We had 4 different Park to Park contacts which is fantastic! Being out in the field with compromised antennas and using lower power compared to the at home stations is more valuable!
- Glen and Eric both checked into the PA and NJ NBEMS 80m nets on digital before switching over to POTA operations.
- My new ATAS 120A antenna worked Europe and California with 50w SSB!

More information is at the website: <https://parksontheair.com/>

Additionally, Tim and Paul have been instrumental in NVIS antenna experimentation on the weekends for SNJ ARES. Ocean County Emergency Coordinator, WX2NJ, presented Tim and Paul with Certificates of Commendation and presented each with a 24 hour Zulu clock for their shacks.



Tim – NJ2N, Bob – WX2NJ, Paul – KB2RUV

The ARCC has finally presented Ocean County ARES with final repeater coordination approval for the Harvey Cedars C4FM/FM repeater and the Berkeley D-Star repeater. All Ocean County ARES repeaters are now coordinated under the WA2RES call sign.

The Southern New Jersey Section has scheduled the offering of the “Public Service Emergency Management for Radio Amateur” (EC-016) for three sessions on March 24, March 31, and April 7, 2020 at the Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center, 53 Academy Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060 in Classroom 4. The course format will focus on interact discussions on the same content as the online version, relating it to practical experiences. The course will include the entire pool of final assessment test questions. The course will not include the final assessment exam, which is administered online, after all required documents are sent to ARRL headquarters.

Attendees should have completed EC-001. EC-016 is the only ARRL course required for ARES-level 3 leadership positions. While the FEMA Professional Development Series courses including IS-120c, IS-230d, IS-235c, IS-240b, IS-241b, IS-242b, IS-244b, and IS-288a are required before taking the EC-016 final assessment. SNJ instructional team will arrange for Section Manager approval for individuals on completion of the course that is also necessary for taking the final assessment.

If you are interested in attending the Public Service Emergency Management for Radio Amateur” (EC-016) course classroom version, please notify Tom Devine, WB2ALJ@arrl.net by March 10th, 2020.

The next Ocean County ARES VE Session is March 17, 2020, by appointment only.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

HELP SUPPORT WYRS BROADCASTING STATION'S 25th BIRTHDAY

On March 27th, WYRS will be a quarter century old. A 25th birthday dinner celebration will be held on Friday, March 27, 2020, at 6PM, at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference.

There will be a 'donation bucket' to help keep WYRS on the air. The main entrée will be Chicken Piccata, with a possible substitution of Pasta Primavera, for dietary considerations. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Please give your name, phone number, and dietary consideration.

Please make your check out to 'WYRS'.

CONTACT INFO:

CALL: (Bob/Nancy Wick) 609-978-1678

FAX: 609-597-4146

Email: info@wyrso.org

Snail mail: WYRS Broadcasting, P.O. Box 730, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

We have been invited to use WYRS for Field Day by our gracious hosts, Bob & Nancy Wick. Please consider supporting WYRS on their 25th Birthday.

**Old Barney Amateur Radio Club wishes
WYRS a
Happy 25th Birthday!**



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

Please let me know of any club member that is hospitalized or recovering.

Also, please let me know of any good news to report to our membership.

Thanks,

Ira, N2WAA

“Old Barney Ragchew Net”

Thursdays 7:30 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.



**Old Barney Amateur Radio Club
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