



# OLD BARNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB N2OB



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**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:30 pm on ZOOM**

Ocean Acres Community Center

489 Nautilus Drive

Manahawkin, NJ

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Due to the continued nationwide emergency, the Coronavirus, the Executive Board has cancelled the physical May 6, 2020 meeting. We will have an Internet meeting using 'Zoom'. Please review the information in this newsletter on how to get on 'Zoom'. The executive board had our April meeting utilizing 'Zoom'. Tom Preiser, N2XW, ran the meeting, and it worked beyond expectation. The executive board made a decision to try having our general meeting using this Internet platform. If successful, we will continue to have electronic meetings until we are allowed to have our regular physical meetings.

### CLUB NET

Our weekly net has turned out to be a success! Please join us every Thursday evening at 19:30 (7:30 PM). Jim, K2GMT, is chairing the net. The following will be net control operators: Ira, N2WAA, Carl, W2PTZ, Tom, N2XW, and Jim, K2GMT.

### FIELD DAY

The ARRL issued a directive that Field Day will not be cancelled. It probably will be very different. We will not meet at WYRS but instead work alone from our homes.

Please follow all of the precautions advised by our health officials and stay safe.

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

**CLUB MEETING AND VE TESTING DATE**

**CANCELLED**

Refreshments served / Visitors welcome / Handicap accessible

**VE TESTING**

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**“Old Barney Ragchew Net”**

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

**VHF: 146.835 PL: 127.3 (WU2E 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.

# HOW TO JOIN OUR MEETING USING 'ZOOM'

Tom, N2XW, will enable you to sign in starting at 7:00 PM on 5/6/2020

This will allow everyone to get on before the meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting (type or cut and paste the website below to get on the site)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/395533591?pwd=dWJocFpPcUNOYXVTWjNrVFJYMUdjdz09>

If you are not sure how to do this or want to test it out before the meeting, please contact Tom, N2XW at: [tjpreiser@gmail.com](mailto:tjpreiser@gmail.com) any time prior to the general meeting on 5/6/2020.

Meeting ID: 881 2131 8742

Password: 361242

## WEAR OUR LOGO!

Need a T-shirt? How about a spring jacket? Maybe a hat?

I have used SOMS (**Southern Ocean Marine Sportswear**) for my hat and jackets. They do a superb job with embroidery and silkscreening. SOMS has our logo on file and their prices are reasonable. I have spoken to other club members who have used them, and they agree with me as to the quality and price. Let's support our local business.

[sales@soms4u.com](mailto:sales@soms4u.com). [www.soms4u.com](http://www.soms4u.com)

79 South Main St., St. #2, Barnegat, NJ (609-698-8868)

### CafePress

This site carries mugs, sports bottles, drinking glasses, tote bags, hats and clothing with our Old Barney logo.

<https://www.cafepress.com/oldbarneyarcnewlogo>

### GOLD MEDAL IDEAS

Another site that carries Old Barney items.

[www.goldmedalideas.com](http://www.goldmedalideas.com)

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## ARRL Contest Dates – Years 2020 - 2021

<b>Contest Name</b>	<b>2020 (day of month)</b>	<b>2021 (day of month)</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>		
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
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
School Club Roundup (Winter/Spring Term)	10-14	8-12
DX Contest – CW	15-16	20-21
<b>MARCH</b>		
DX Contest – SSB	7-8	6-7
<b>APRIL</b>		
Rookie Roundup (SSB)	19	11
<b>MAY (no ARRL events)</b>		
<b>JUNE</b>		
June VHF Contest	13-15	12-14
Kid's Day (Jan and Jun)	20	19
Field Day (always 4 <sup>th</sup> full weekend)	27-28	26-27
<b>JULY</b>		
IARU HF World Championship	11-12	10-11
<b>AUGUST</b>		
222 MHz and Up Distance Contest	1-2	7-8
10 GHz & Up – Round 1	15-16	14-15
Rookie Roundup (RTTY)	16	15

**PLEASE KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH ARRL FOR  
CANCELLED OR MODIFIED EVENTS**

# Ocean County ARES® News – May, 2020

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All Ocean County ARES meetings and VE sessions at the county EOC are suspended until further notice. No outside agencies are permitted to have meetings at the EOC. The ARRL is working on a plan for “remote” VE sessions and when a plan is released, Ocean County ARES will invoke the plan.

We will also be using Zoom to have future ARES meetings and training sessions. Zoom software is free to the user and N2XW and WX2NJ already have purchased “Host” licenses.

A new Ocean County ARES Frequency Plan has been developed and released. It can be downloaded from the OCARES Groups.io site or at the Ocean County ARES website:

<http://www.wa2res.com/ARES%20Operating%20Frequencies.pdf>

Thanks to NJ2N and KB2RUV for developing the new tactical callsigns.

Ocean County ARES will continue to hold a weekly Pandemic Net on Saturday evenings at 8:00 PM on 449.825 MHz, WA2RES/R in Toms River. The purpose of the net is to announce changing pandemic information and to query operators for any questions they may have in relation to the pandemic. The regular weekly training nets are each Wednesday at 8:30 PM with an NBEMS Training Net starting at 7:30 PM. The NBEMS net will not be held the second Wednesday of each month when the 8:00 PM Skywarn net is held. Check-ins and comments for all our nets can be made via APRS by sending a message to WA2RES. This has been changed from N2XW. Please make a note of this.

I recently purchased some Morgan Systems Coaxial Lightning/EMP Suppressors for my home antenna project and found one unit dead on arrival. It is being returned to the manufacturer for testing and evaluation. This defective unit caused me considerable loss of time and confusion since new coax was also being run and I had not considered a bad suppressor out of the box. One simple test I had come up with is to attach a 50 ohm dummy load to the ANTENNA side of the suppressor and then connect an SWR bridge or other SWR device to the RADIO side of the suppressor. You should be reading close to 1:1 SWR in this configuration. With my defective suppressor, I was reading essentially infinite SWR as if the antenna was open. This simple test on new suppressors would have saved me considerable troubleshooting time and will become part of my plan in the future.

The following is from Paul, KB2RUV:

Since learning about the Parks on the Air program, Ocean County ARES has adopted it as a training exercise. The goal of the training is to practice handling traffic and dealing with stress while operating from a remote location. This is also a wonderful opportunity to test your mobile gear and setting it up in unfavorable locations not unlike what we would have to do in a real-world incident.

Since starting our operations in February using WA2RES, Ocean County Ares has completed eight Park activations including, Pinelands National Preserve, Brendan T. Byrne State Forest, Bass River State Forest, Double Trouble State Park, and Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

Some of the highlights include 295 contacts including 12 CW contacts. This includes 12 Park to Park contacts. Some of these contacts include DX such as Canada, England, Germany, Italy, and Spain. We have made contacts as far West as California and Washington State. Some of the contacts were accomplished using NVIS principles and all were made with 50 Watts or less.

Members that have contributed to our successes include: Tim – NJ2N, Glen – KD2FFR, Matt - K3MR, Silke – KC2ENS, and Paul – KB2RUV.



KD2FFR and K3MR (SK)

Matt, K3MR, made all twelve CW contacts. He was suffering from cancer, but faithfully showed up for POTA activities. It saddens us to learn that Matt became a Silent Key on April 1, 2020 after losing his fight to the corona virus. Rest in Peace, Matt.



KC2ENS, NJ2N, KB2RUV and KC2SBR

73 de WX2NJ  
Bob Murdock  
Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

## **“Old Barney Ragchew Net”**

**Thursdays 7:30 on the 146.835 PL 127.3 (WU2E) Repeater System**

**Come join us for a quick weekly ragchew on what is going on in amateur radio.**

## **GOOD & WELFARE UPDATE**

**It is with a heavy heart that we report Ken Freiwald, KD2OYW, became a silent key in February 2020. Our condolences go out to Lois Freiwald.**

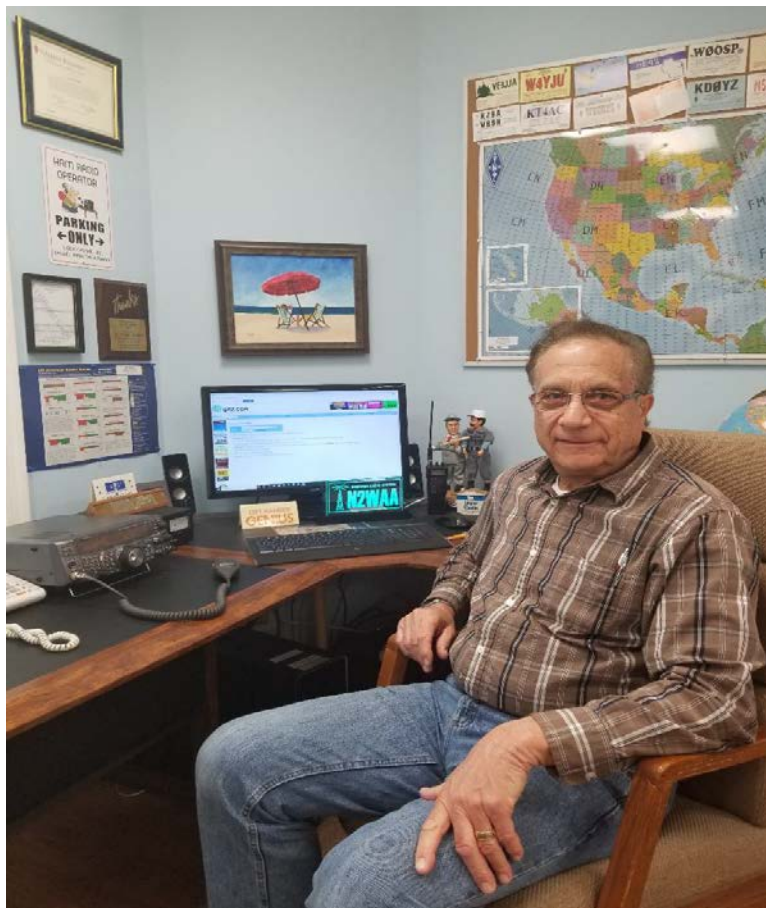
**Please let me know of any club member that is hospitalized or recovering. Also, please let me know of any good news to report to our membership.**

**Thanks,  
Ira, N2WAA**

## CLUB STATION PHOTOS



TOM SOKOL



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OBARC Membership, hope all is well in Southern NJ. With Dayton HamVention cancelled I won't get to see anyone until either Huntsville Hamfest or W4DXCC in Pigeon Forge, TN. Trust me when I say amateur radio is alive and well and my daily routine here has spiked up which is always good.

80/40/20 and even 15m in Alabama has been alive and well daily with 10m openings too. Don't think cause the solar cycle is at the low that the bands are horrible cause that is not true one bit. Stay safe and if looking for some new Shack Toys....contact me!!

73,

Steve Molo KI4KWR

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PHOTO OF A PERFECT FIELD DAY ANTENNA LAUNCHER

Photo sent by Mark Roddy K2MER,



## ARRL Southern NJ News Tom Preiser N2XW Section Manager

I hope everyone is holding up well during this pandemic. I would like to take the time to remember those Silent Keys who have recently lost their lives due to the Corona Virus. Please remember them in your prayers.

I have received a lot of questions about Field Day. I have even sent some recommendations from some clubs to the Headquarters. So far there is no change in any procedures or rules. They are still considering all of the suggestions that have been sent in. As it stands now I would consider using club member's home stations and having a schedule. If more information becomes available I will be sure to pass it on.

Another big question is VE Testing. I have received information that the ARRL is in the process of developing an online testing procedure. I hope to have more information on that soon. "Many of our VEs and VE Teams have been working on remotely proctored exam session ideas, employing both video and in-person components — following social distancing protocols," ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, said. "We have been receiving interesting and innovative suggestions, and we appreciate the dedication and ingenuity our examiners have shown." With pressure continuing to build to provide testing compatible with COVID-19 guidelines and stay-home orders, ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, has asked the amateur radio community to be patient. "Please remember that with the introduction of significant new processes such as these, that there should be proof of concept, establishment of protocols and procedures, and beta testing, before expanding to a larger audience," she said this week. Somma said video-supervised exam sessions require a different skillset than in-person exam administration, and not all teams will be equipped to deliver video exams right away.

I know many clubs have been active with meetings on the air. I encourage everyone to get on the air and operate. I have found it can make an afternoon pass in no time. To top it off there have been some good band openings which helps.

### ARRL Announces New Benefits for Members

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ARRL members will now receive digital access to four ARRL magazines beginning with their latest issues. Joining *QST* and *On the Air* magazines on a digital platform will be the bimonthly editions of **QEX** — *The Forum for Communications Experimenters* and **NCJ** — *National Contest Journal*. *QEX* includes articles, columns, and other features ranging from construction projects to more advanced technical information in radio theory and practice. *NCJ*, published since 1973, targets radio amateurs active in radiosport. *NCJ* includes scores, technical articles, contributions from top contesters, and advice for beginners and seasoned radiosport enthusiasts alike. "Feedback from ARRL members and our readership surveys has shown that our magazines are one of the most valued member benefits," said ARRL Publications

Manager Steve Ford, WB8IMY. "Our investment in digital access provides another channel through which we can deliver content to our members across the expanse of interests and activities in amateur radio. All members can enjoy specialized content and a high-quality reading experience whether at their desk or on the go. Offering this suite of digital magazines is an opportunity for us to give members more of what they want while adding value to ARRL membership."

ARRL's digital magazine editions provide replicas of the printed editions with added functionality, allowing users to fully search issues, enlarge pages, share articles, and more. The free *ARRL Magazines* app also supports downloading complete issues onto your mobile device or tablet for offline reading.

Members who have elected to receive a printed *QST* or *On the Air* as part of their membership benefits will continue to have this service. Members may not substitute a print subscription of *QEX* or *NCJ* as their delivered magazine member benefit. Print subscriptions of *QEX* and *NCJ* will continue to be available at additional cost for those who want to receive them.

All four magazines are easily accessed through any web browser from **members-only links**. The free *ARRL Magazines* app is available for iOS and Android in the Apple App Store and Google Play. If you're already an ARRL member and previously created an **arrrl.org** website account, your username and password will provide you access to the digital editions, whether online or in the app. Members who have not previously registered will need to **create a new account**. If you've forgotten your password, visit **www.arrrl.org/forgot-password**, or email **circulation@arrrl.org** for assistance. Previous and prospective members can **join ARRL** and take advantage of this and other membership benefits.

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.



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