



# OLD BARNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB N2OB



2020

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

Ocean Acres Community Center

489 Nautilus Drive

Manahawkin, NJ

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

You should have received the updated OBARC constitution. So far, I have not received any additions or corrections. Later this month, I will ask you to vote on the revised OBARC constitution.

The Southern Regional High School antenna installation has been completed. Shortly, we will go over to the school to do a final test. Now the amateur radio club, under Cheryl's, (W1CLC) supervision, can operate any time the room is available.

The nomination committee, Tom N2XW and Steve WS2C, are going to work on a slate of officers and trustee to present to the membership. Additional nominations and seconds will be accepted from the floor in November. We will have elections in December 2020 for the 2021 slate of offices and trustee.

## CLUB NET

Please join us for our weekly Thursday evening Net 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. Most nets run less than ½ hour and some members stay longer to chat. We now offer a 'swap and shop' on our net. If you have any items to sell, swap, or items you are looking to purchase, please give a brief description of them during your comments. You will be limited to (5) items during the net. Anyone interested in the items may call the listing station to inquire about items once the net is over. Please make note of the station's call sign so you can contact them after the net.

**I want to thank the WU2E repeater group for allowing us to use the repeater.**

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

**CLUB PHYSICAL MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO VIRUS**

**VE TESTING (Arrangements can be made for anyone looking to take the FCC test)**

**PLEASE CONTACT RICHARD E. KENNARD AT: [N2RPQ@ARRL@NET](mailto:N2RPQ@ARRL@NET)**

## HOW TO JOIN OUR MEETING USING 'ZOOM'

Tom, N2XW, will enable you to sign in starting at 7:15 PM on 10/7/2020.

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

I will forward Tom's instructions on how to get on to our meeting.

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.

Meeting ID: 895 8251 6391

Password: 637285

## WANTED FOR THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB: 2M & 440M FM RADIO

IF YOU CAN DONATE ONE OR HAVE ONE TO SELL AT A GOOD  
PRICE PLEASE CONTACT IRA (n2waa@arrl.net)

## PRESENTATION

I'm open for recommendations for future presentations. Please send your suggestions to me (Ira) at [n2waa@arrl.net](mailto:n2waa@arrl.net).

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

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## ARRL Contest Dates – Years 2020 - 2021

Contest Name	2020 (day of month)	2021 (day of month)
<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 – October, 2020

Ocean County ARES held another VE session on September 15, 2020 and the Ocean County EOC. Congratulations to KC2ENS, KD2UIV and K2MDW who all upgraded to General. The next VE session will be November 17, 2020. All testing is by appointment only. Contact the lead VE, N2LD.

The next meeting of Ocean County ARES will be by Zoom on October 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

The SNJ 2020 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be conducted on October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday). All SNJ counties are invited to participate in the exercise. The 2020 SNJ SET will focus on a weather event referred to as a Derecho by the National Weather Service. Gusts up to 140 MPH were experienced during the 2020 derecho in Iowa in August, so this type of event is a real threat. All Ocean County ARES operators are asked to participate in this year's SET. No travel will be required due to COVID-19 concerns. All assignments will be simulated, but communications will be real.

Several Ocean County ARES operators have been meeting at Miller Airpark on the EOC lawn each Sunday morning to hone their HF skills in voice and digital NBEMS. The operators also make use of various types of NVIS antennas. Tim, NJ2N, is the contact person for the gatherings and has been instrumental in getting all SNJ counties to join in on HF QSO's.



Mike – KC2SBR and Tim – NJ2N

Photo by WX2NJ

Any operators requiring assistance with equipment setup and operation, especially with FLMSG and FLDIGI, are requested to meet with TIM for one-on-one instruction to get you on the air. Locations may change so contact Tim or look at OCARES on Groups.io for details.



Paul – KB2RUV, Tim – NJ2N, Glen – KD2FFR, Silke – KC2ENS

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

# **Southern NJ Section News – October 2020**

## **Tom Preiser N2XW Section Manager**

I would like to thank the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club for hosting the Hamfest and Southern NJ Section Convention. While current conditions have changed the way the Hamfest is done, I think it was still a success. There seemed to be a good turnout and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Many Clubs continue to meet online or via nets. I think this may continue for some time. If anyone needs to use Zoom meetings we have an account available through the Section that can be used.

Southern New Jersey Section amateur radio emergency communications operators are preparing the annual 2020 Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The purpose of the annual SET is for amateur radio operators to apply their emergency communications skills in a realistic simulation of an emergency event that could occur. The event is not a contest, rather an experiential learning event for enhancing skills and knowledge.

SNJ Section leadership in collaboration with Southern NJ County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Coordinators has selected a “Derecho” weather event for the exercise. The exercise has been designed to comply with all COVID-19 requirements. All operators will be applying their skills and knowledge independently from their homes.

The Section objectives for the event are designed to apply operating skills utilized in the constantly changing emergency communications environment. This year’s simulated event will primarily focus on serving two served agencies of Southern New Jersey Section amateur radio emergency communications, regional office of the National Weather Service and County Offices of Emergency Management.

If you are interested in participating, please contact your County Emergency Coordinator, list available on this website, or [WB2ALJ@arrl.net](mailto:WB2ALJ@arrl.net) Section Emergency Coordinator.

The tropics have been quite active the last two months. Many Hams down South have been active on the air supporting these efforts. Please make sure frequencies are clear for their use.

Contests are coming this fall season. Be sure to check out the contest list at <https://contests.arrl.org/>.

Lastly due to no one running for Section Manager, I have been re-elected by default for 2 more years. A big thank you to all those who have supported me and the leadership in the Southern NJ Section of the ARRL. If there is anything I can do to help anyone out please email me at [n2xw@arrl.net](mailto:n2xw@arrl.net). I hope to get around to various club meetings either on the air or online soon. Remember to Stay Safe and Stay on the Air.

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Hope everyone is doing well in OBARC. We are moved into our new Distribution Center and inventory is slowly coming back IN STOCK. The ICOM IC-705 has been a big hit for the last two months and just shipped the first allotment last week. Expect the ICOM ID-52 dual-band handheld around the holidays as per Will Jourdain (ICOM).

Orlando Hamcation is the next big event for me and being the 2021 ARRL National Convention Booths filled up quick and hotels are doing the same. Stay safe and with the new solar cycle starting....never know what you may work!!

73,

Steve Molo KI4KWR

GigaParts Brand Manager

[KI4KWR@GigaParts.com](mailto:KI4KWR@GigaParts.com)



**VE Coordinator: Richard E. Kennard, N2RPQ (n2rpq@arrrl.net)**



**Congratulations to Frank and Jillian on their Wedding September 2020**

### **GOOD & WELFARE UPDATE**

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

**Thanks,  
Ira, N2WAA**

The following photographs show the HF and VHF/UHF antenna installation at the Southern Regional High School.

Bob Wick, N2HM, and Ira, N2WAA, did the layout for the antennas. With the support of the school's superintendent, Craig Henry, and the maintenance crew, Gary Allegar, Sam and Nick, the installation has been completed. Old Barney covered the cost of the antennas, wire, hardware, etc.

The school's amateur radio club, under the supervision of Cheryl Conley, W1CLC, can now use the club's station without having to call for a temporary antenna.

Special 'Thank You' to Southern Regional High School for all of the help needed to complete this task.



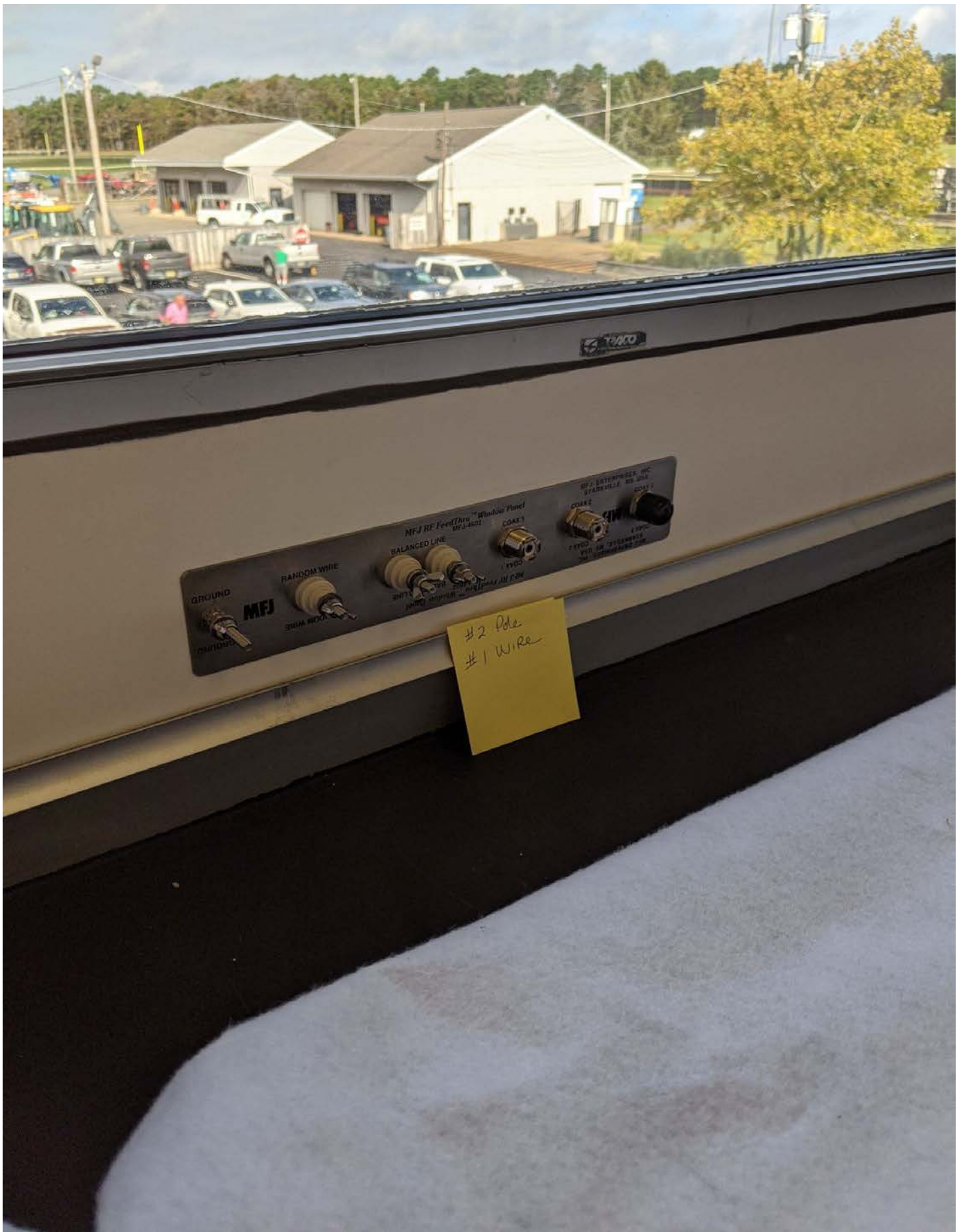
**Southern Regional High School Antenna Installation: 20/40 Meter Dipole  
Installation by Sam and Nick from the school's maintenance crew**



Classroom view of antenna installation at Southern Regional High School



View of high-low equipment for antenna installation at Southern Regional High School



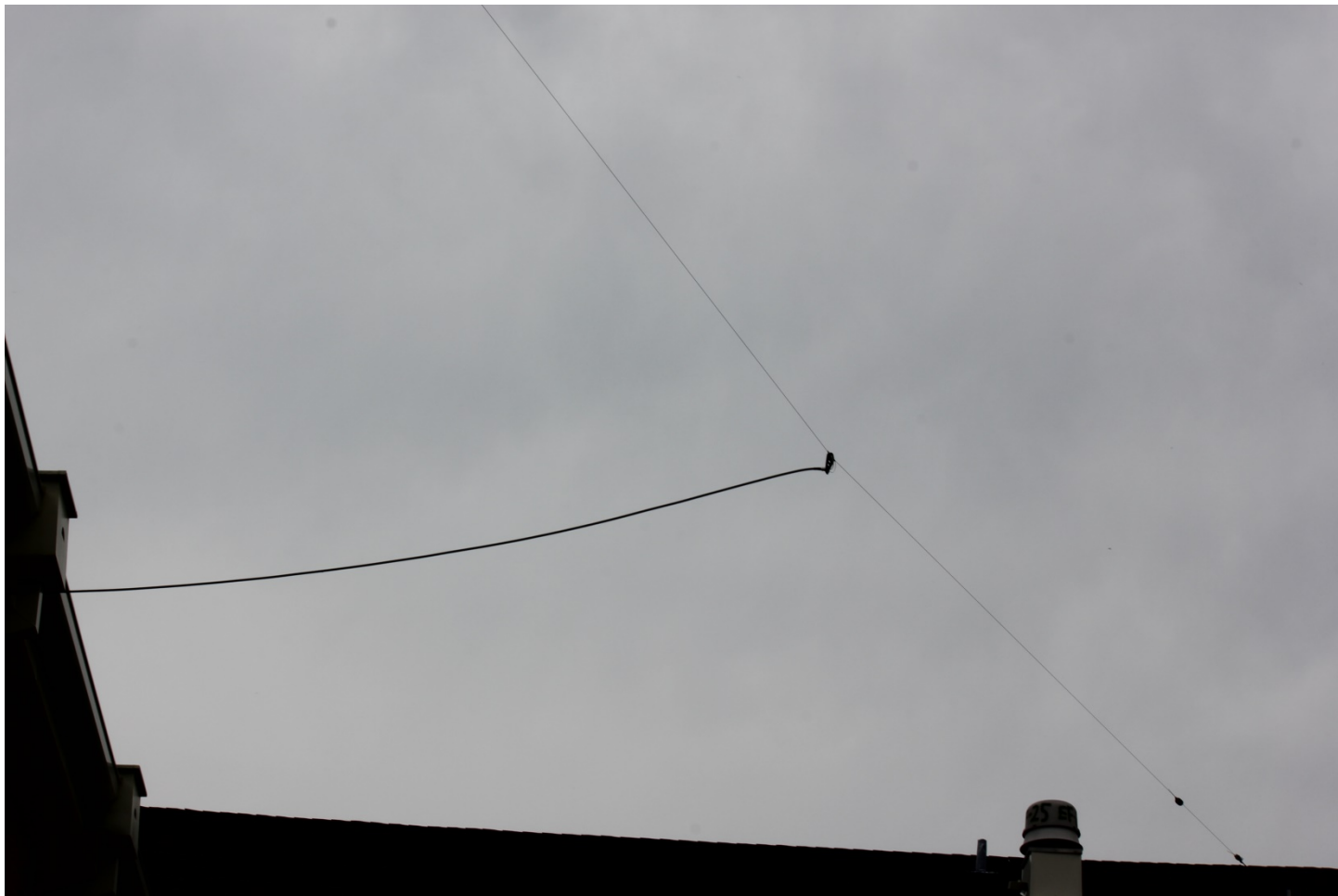
Feed through connections for Southern Regional High School antenna project



**VHF/UHF antenna for Southern Regional High School antenna project**



**Mounting bracket for the HF dipole antenna at Southern Regional High School**



**20/40 meter dipole antenna at Southern Regional High School**



**Coax and ground wire for the classroom antennas at Southern Regional High School**



**Old Barney Amateur Radio Club**  
**P.O. Box 117**  
**Manahawkin, NJ 08050**

<b>Club President:</b>	<b>Club Vice President:</b>	<b>Club Secretary:</b>	<b>Club Treasurer:</b>
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