



The Unofficial Call Sign of the Sussex County Amateur Radio Club

## March 2014

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS** -

Please refer to the club website for up to the minute changes and details. [www.scarcnj.org](http://www.scarcnj.org)

#### **March**

- 21 SCARC Club meeting - 7:30pm VE session, 8:00pm meeting - 20 Yates Ave, Andover, NJ - Presentation by Kelly - KB2SYD on Linux and Ham Radio.
- 29-30 CQ WPX SSB Contest - see [www.cqwp.com](http://www.cqwp.com) for details

#### **April**

- 4-6 Vintage Computer Festival East "9.1" - InfoAge Science Center, Wall, NJ - see [www.vintage.org/2014/east](http://www.vintage.org/2014/east) for details
- 7 Central States VHF Spring Sprints - 144 MHz - for details see <https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2014-information>
- 12 North Jersey Hamfest (Splitrock Amateur Radio Association) - Succasunna NJ - see [www.splitrockara.org](http://www.splitrockara.org) for details
- 12 HVDFAs "Fox Hunt" - Orange County NY - contact [n2ki@arrl.net](mailto:n2ki@arrl.net) if you wish to sign up
- 15 Central States VHF Spring Sprints - 222 MHz - for details see <https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2014-information>
- 20 ARRL Rookie Roundup - Phone
- 23 Central States VHF Spring Sprints - 432 MHz - for details see <https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2014-information>
- 26 International Marconi Day - Special Event Stations on Air - for details see [www.arrl.org/news/special-event-stations-to-mark-international-marconi-day](http://www.arrl.org/news/special-event-stations-to-mark-international-marconi-day)
- 26-27 Empire State Performance Car Rally - Sullivan County, NY - see article
- 27 Orange County ARC Hamfest - Middletown, NY - for details see [www.ocarc-ny.org/hamfest13.shtml](http://www.ocarc-ny.org/hamfest13.shtml)

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## **WEEKLY ON-AIR MEETINGS**

There is a weekly SCARC VHF rag-chew activity hour, and Dx'ing net on the W2LV repeater frequency 147.300 MHz EVERY Tuesday at 8:00 pm. Thanks goes to Frank, W2FDB, for volunteering as net control and keeping topics fresh and current. Newcomers? New to a certain aspect of radio? Experienced operator willing to share in the growth of the hobby? All are welcome and encouraged. Seasoned operators are also encouraged to attend and update us on current trends and projects you are working on!

There is great interest in continuing our 75 meter net on 3.963MHz +/- QRM on Thursday nights. It's fun getting off the repeater for a change and getting on to HF. This net allows us to experiment with different equipment, antennas and modes of operation to determine what works and doesn't work at our home station. Please contact John, N2HMM if you can assist at [u1004467@warwick.net](mailto:u1004467@warwick.net).

## **SWAP 'N SHOP**

Frank W2FDB has set up a Swap-and-Shop on our website ([www.scarcnj.org/clubinformation/swap-N-shop.php](http://www.scarcnj.org/clubinformation/swap-N-shop.php)) . If you have anything you want to sell, buy or give away please contact them.

## **FROM THE "OFFICE" OF THE PRESIDENT- N2HMM John Santillo**

1. Our new board was finalized at the meeting on the 21st of February. The Board will be as follows:

- President – John Santillo [N2HMM](#)
- Immediate Past President– Jack Rueckel [N2NHN](#)
- Vice President – Dan Carter [N2ERH](#)
- Treasurer – Walter Murphy [N2WM](#)
- Secretary – Brian Brunsch [KC2YON](#)
- Member at Large – Frank D. Brunke [W2FDB](#)

2. The first Executive Committee meeting was held on February 28 at Lion Technologies.

Below are some quick notes.

- The budget will be held fixed for the most part with some cost savings from a new meeting location and reduced capital investments.
- KC2VWI, KB2SYD and W2FDB to look into a Google Phone Number for the Hamfest.
- KB2SYD authorized to purchase UPS batteries for Field Day.
- N2WM and KB2SYD to come up with a food list for Field Day.
- WV2V to add or modify power extension cable from generator to Field Day tent for better power distribution.
- Looking for a date for another tower climb to try to eliminate noise coming from the repeater tower.
- KB2SYD and N2NHN to devise a new SCARC-L mail listing service that will be under our direct control.
- KC2YON to do a recruiting effort on behalf of SCARC.

- KC2YON authorized to purchase Kenwood TM-D710GA radio for W2LV APRS / Weather node for the repeater site.
- KB2SYD to purchase Kantronics TNC from SCARC
- There will be no repeater linking, IRLP or Echo Link for this year.
- Ask the SCARC membership if we should maintain the packet system at the repeater site.
- New meeting location starting April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Training Center across from county library.
- Inter-SCARC 10M contest coming soon.
- W2FDB new Sussex County SKYWARN Coordinator - Congrats Frank!!!!!!
- Hamfest Planning meeting April 11<sup>th</sup>.

3. We completed the Technician Class starting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. We have 6 new Technician's in the area.

4. We have been asked to participate in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party representing NJ as W1AW/2 starting Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 0000UTC and lasting one full week. We do not have to operate the entire time but they are asking for convenient operating times and dates of our operation. This event is open to anyone in SCARC. More details at the club meeting.

I hope to see everyone Friday.

### **HUDSON DIVISION MEETING March 1, 2014- Attended by Jack N2NHN**

SCARC Team,

I did, in fact, make myself semi-useful and attended the ARRL Hudson Division meeting with the Director, Mike Lisenco, N2YBB. I will happily discuss these with both the SCARC Board and membership as needed. A couple of the issues:

- Mike appears to be a good advocate for the membership. Mike has offered to attend a meeting - I think we should take him up on this offer. Mike feels that there is an opportunity for the ARRL to evolve in the soon-to-be next generation.
- There are financial benefits to the club for ARRL renewal - we should avail ourselves.
- The upcoming convention in Hartford (July 17 - 19) seems interesting - we may want to suggest attending.
- The Hudson Division web page, as well as the ARRL website have lots of info. See the notes on my pages.
- Mike wants to fund rebates for the EC-01 training, which many at the meeting seem to think was worthwhile.

Thanks to my friend Kath for attending with me - though it did cost me lunch and drinks at the County Seat (good company, food and drink)! Tnx, Jack N2NHN

### **LOCAL REPEATERS - Frank W2FDB**

Ask that I pass on this repeater information for the newsletter.

- Dingmans Ferry Repeater 145.33 - pl 141.3
- Hamburg by WSUS 446.325 - pl 151.4

## **STATE AND PROVINCE QSO CALENDAR - thanks to Frank W2FDB**

Thanks to Frank for passing this along. Its is sometimes difficult to get that one state or area that you need. Tune in for these QSO parties and you probably will get someone. The list is organized by calendar date. Good Luck to all.

<b>State/Province</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b><u>Group Running "Party"</u></b>
Oklahoma	03/22/2014	03/23/2014	<a href="#">Oklahoma DX Association</a>
Louisiana	03/22/2014	03/23/2014	<a href="#">Louisiana Contest Club</a>
Montana	04/05/2014	04/06/2014	<a href="#">Flathead Valley Amateur Radio Club</a>
Missouri	04/05/2014	04/06/2014	<a href="#">Boeing Employees' Amateur Radio Society – St. Louis</a>
Mississippi	04/05/2014	04/06/2014	<a href="#">ARRL Mississippi Section</a>
New Mexico	04/12/2014	04/13/2014	<a href="#">Amateur Radio Caravan Club</a>
Georgia	04/12/2014	04/13/2014	<a href="#">Georgia QSO Party</a>
Ontario	04/19/2014	04/20/2014	<a href="#">Contest Club Ontario</a>
North Dakota	04/19/2014	04/20/2014	<a href="#">North Dakota Radio Association</a>
Nebraska	04/19/2014	04/20/2014	<a href="#">QCWA Nebraska Chapter 25</a>
Michigan	04/19/2014	04/20/2014	<a href="#">Michigan QSO Party</a>
Florida	04/26/2014	04/27/2014	<a href="#">Florida QSO Party</a>
Wyoming	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">Central Oregon DX Club</a>
Washington	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">Central Oregon DX Club</a>
Vermont	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">New England QSO Party</a>
Utah	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">Central Oregon DX Club</a>
Rhode Island	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">New England QSO Party</a>
Oregon	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">Central Oregon DX Club</a>
New Hampshire	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">New England QSO Party</a>
Nevada	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">Central Oregon DX Club</a>
Montana	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">Central Oregon DX Club</a>
Massachusetts	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">New England QSO Party</a>
Maine	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">New England QSO Party</a>
Indiana	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">Hoosier DX and Contest Club</a>
Idaho	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">Central Oregon DX Club</a>
Connecticut	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">New England QSO Party</a>
Arizona	05/03/2014	05/04/2014	<a href="#">Central Oregon DX Club</a>
Nevada	05/10/2014	05/11/2014	<a href="#">Nevada Mustang Roundup</a>

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Maritimes	06/07/2014	06/07/2014	<a href="#">Maritime Contest Club</a>
Alabama	06/07/2014	06/08/2014	<a href="#">Alabama QSO Party</a>
West Virginia	06/14/2014	06/15/2014	<a href="#">West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council</a>
USA	07/26/2014	07/27/2014	<a href="#">MARAC U.S. Counties QSO Party</a>
New Jersey	07/26/2014	07/27/2014	<a href="#">New Jersey QSO Party</a>
Maryland-DC	08/9/2014	08/10/2014	<a href="#">Anne Arundel Radio Club</a>
Ohio	08/23/2014	08/24/2014	<a href="#">Ohio QSO Party</a>
Kansas	08/23/2014	08/24/2014	<a href="#">Kansas QSO Party</a>
Hawaii	08/23/2014	08/25/2014	<a href="#">Hawaii QSO Party</a>
Colorado	08/30/2014	08/31/2014	<a href="#">Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association</a>
Tennessee	09/07/2014	09/08/2014	<a href="#">Tennessee QSO Party</a>
Arkansas	09/13/2014	09/14/2014	<a href="#">Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest</a>
Washington	09/20/2014	09/21/2014	<a href="#">Western Washington DX Club</a>
South Carolina	09/20/2014	09/21/2014	<a href="#">Columbia Amateur Radio Club</a>
Texas	09/27/2014	09/28/2014	<a href="#">Texas QSO Party</a>
Maine	09/28/2014	09/28/2014	<a href="#">Wireless Society of Southern Maine</a>
California	10/04/2014	10/05/2014	<a href="#">California QSO Party</a>
Pennsylvania	10/11/2014	10/12/2014	<a href="#">Nittany Amateur Radio Club</a>
Arizona	10/11/2014	10/12/2014	<a href="#">ARRL Arizona Section &amp; Catalina Radio Club</a>
South Dakota	10/18/2014	10/19/2014	<a href="#">South Dakota QSO Party</a>
New York	10/18/2014	10/19/2014	<a href="#">Rochester DX Association</a>
Iowa	10/18/2014	10/18/2014	<a href="#">Ottumwa ARC</a>
Illinois	10/19/2014	10/19/2014	<a href="#">Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club</a>
Kentucky	11/08/2014	11/09/2014	<a href="#">Western KY DX Association</a>

## **UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

If you have something you would like to contribute to the newsletter including a personal story, technical information, general information or swap 'n shop, please do not hesitate to forward to Brian (KC2YON) and Lorianne (KD2CVR) at [brilorphoto@mac.com](mailto:brilorphoto@mac.com).