



The Unofficial Q Signal Calling all Sussex County Amateur Radio Operators

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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)

**September**

19 Monthly Meeting & VE Session - Meeting topic = "What's the Plan!!!"

**October**

4 New Jersey QSO Party

11 Pennsylvania QSO Party

17 Monthly Meeting & VE Session - Presentation by Alex, KD2FTA on Astronomy & Telescopes

18 New York QSO Party

25-26 CQ Worldwide SSB Contest

**November**

1-3 CW Sweepstakes

15-17 Phone Sweepstakes

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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. Frank, W2FDB, is net control and keeps topics fresh and current. New to a certain aspect of radio? Experienced operator willing to share in the growth of the hobby? All are welcome. Seasoned operators are also encouraged to attend and update us on current trends and projects you are working on!

Our 75 meter net is on 3.862MHz +/- QRM on Thursday nights at 8pm. 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 GRAND PUBA - John Santillo, N2HMM**

Hello SCARC,

Welcome to the second half of 2014.

This Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>, is our first club meeting since June. It will be at the Fire Training Academy starting at 8pm local time. A VE session will be held starting at 7:30pm. This club meeting we'll just go over what has happened and what's going to happen in the next few months. At the October meeting we'll have a presentation by Alex KD2FTA about Astronomy and Telescopes.

Since the June meeting we've had the June VHF Contest, Field Day, Hamfest, a club picnic and the September VHF Contest. For the June VHF Contest propagation was pretty good and we introduced a new 1KW 432 power amplifier. For the September VHF Contest I wish I could have said the same thing. Conditions were awful for the most part but we did break 100K points. For Field Day we were down about 900 total points and down about 100 QSO's from last year. About a third of the points lost were due to missed bonus points such as Solar and high level visiting dignitaries. We almost tripled our QSO totals on 80M but our 20M phone contacts were down by 75%. Adjustments will be made for 2015. I just hope we getting some decent propagation as the solar cycle will begin to drop off by next summer. Our Hamfest was once again a huge success and the weather cooperated. The numbers were down a bit but nothing to be concerned about. The cook tent was devoid of most food items by the end of the day. More details about all these events will be discussed at the meeting.

The next major club events will be Sweep Stakes on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Party. For SS we'll hopefully operate from Lion Technology and schedule one hour operating blocks for the 24 hour contest. The date of the Christmas Party is still TBD.

That's it for now. Hope to see you Friday.

73,

John - N2HMM, SCARC President

## **UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

If you have something you would like to contribute to the newsletter please do not hesitate to forward to Brian (KC2YON) and Lorianne (KD2CVR) at [brilorphoto@mac.com](mailto:brilorphoto@mac.com)

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