



The Unofficial Q Signal Calling all Sussex County Amateur Radio Operators

January 2015

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Upcoming Events - Please refer to the club website for up to the minute changes and details. www.scarcnj.org

January

- 16 Club Meeting - Sussex Training Center - CW class @ 7pm, VE session at 7:30pm and meeting at 8pm.
- 17 North American QSO Party - 1800Z - see www.ncjweb.com/nagrules.php for details
- 23 CQ WW 160-meter contest - 2200Z - see www.cq160.com for details.
- 24 ARRL January VHF Contest - 1900Z - see www.arrl.org/contests for details.
- 24 Winter Field DAY - 1700Z - see www.spar-harms.org for details

Additional updates, meetings, contests and nets can be found on the website at: www.scarcnj.org/calendar .

Follow us on Facebook - <http://facebook.com/scarcnj>

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 being 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 3.862MHz +/- QRM on Thursday nights, hosted by Niel - N2IEL. 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.

Swap n Shop

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

CW classes to resume

CW Classes, hosted by Joe - WR2B, will resume at 7PM just before our meeting on Friday, January 16th. All are welcome even if they missed classes or would like to start, we'll be doing a review and finishing up the alphabet, and starting next month will be both going over actual QSO's. If anyone is interested, Joe would be willing begin the classes over again as well.

******DUES ARE DUE******

Happy New Year and welcome to 2015. Lets all hope it's a good one. Its that time of year again, club dues are due :). If you have not done so, please mail in your payment for this year. As of January 10th, 79 of 117 members have paid. A copy of the membership form is included at the end of the newsletter or you can access via the website at www.scarcnj.org/Downloads/SCARCMembershipForm.pdf. Thanks.

2014 Holiday Party - Lorianne Brunsch, KD2CVR

I wanted to thank everyone who assisted with set up of the holiday party - your help was greatly appreciated. It made it possible for me to relax and enjoy the party. I also wanted to thank all those that attended the holiday party in December - fun was had by those young and old, with even a visit by Santa. I look forward to working on next years party with a possible new location, as we are slowly filling the legion hall. If anyone has any suggestions for next year, please feel free to contact me directly at brilorphoto@mac.com. Thanks.

January Exec Board Meeting

Our first Executive board meeting was held at Lion Technologies on January 2nd. Many items were covered including Hamfest 2014 and 2015, Club roster set-up, Club By-laws and purchases. Some of those purchases include a new line launcher and coax cable for Field Day. The board also approved funds for the balloon launch effort. Our next Executive meeting will be held on April 3rd.

Some Dates to Remember

VHF Contest – June 12th, 13 and 14th
Field Day – June 26th, 27th and 28th
Hamfest - see below
VHF Contest – September 11th, 12th and 13th
Sweep Stakes – November 21st and 22nd

HAMFEST 2015 - "SAVE THE DATE"

We have a signed agreement from the Fairgrounds!!!! **Hamfest will be July 12th, 2015.** Of course they have also increased the fees for our efforts. There will be more to come about our Hamfest in the near future.

January Balloon Launch Planning Meeting

There will be a balloon launch planning meeting in the Riker Room of the Jefferson public library for January 18th and 25th, from 2 - 3 p.m. This is a Sunday. The address is:

1031 Weldon Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

If you are interested in the balloon launch effort please contact Alex KD2FTA at pilotlex@optonline.net

Updates and New 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) at brilorphoto@mac.com.

SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

Membership Application/Renewal Form

Date of Application: _____

Please answer all questions and/or update your data on this form and return it to the attention of Club Secretary, P.O. Box 312, Augusta, NJ 07822

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED: (please circle one)

- FULL:** A Full Membership entitles you to voting privileges, to hold office, to receive the newsletter and other privileges extended to the membership. Dues are \$30.00 per year or \$15.00 per year if a member works at the SCARC Hamfest the previous year.
- FAMILY:** A Family Membership is only for immediate family members of a Full Member who resides under the same roof. The individual has the same privileges as a Full Member but does not receive the newsletter. Dues are \$5.00 per year.
- ASSOCIATE:** An Associate Member has no voting privileges, cannot hold office, but receives the newsletter. Dues are \$20.00 per year.

NAME: _____ CALL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Are you? (Please circle correct response)

An ARRL Member Yes No

A RACES/ARES Member Yes No

A Current VE Yes No VEC _____

License Class: _____

License Expiration Date: _____

Year Obtained First License: _____

If elected to membership, I agree to abide by the Constitution and by-laws of the SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.

Signature: _____ Date: _____