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Next Business Meeting
October 6, 2016

Meeting Program

A slideshow review of 2016 activities .



BARA Awards and Recognition Dinner

Sunday, December 4

**5 pm
at**

The Crow's Nest

309 Vincent Ave.

Hackensack, NJ

www.crowsnest.com

Members - \$30 each

Guests - \$35 each

Make reservations at the November business meeting, at kit night, or mail to the Treasurer.

Make check payable to BARA.

Hello All,

Well we had a great BARA Hamfest and Fox hunt. Congratulations to the team of Steve WI2W, Tony K2AMI and Larry WA2ALY for winning the fox hunt.

The BARA Hamfest was a great success. Thanks to all of the members who volunteered at the Hamfest.

We will have nominations and the election of officers at the November meeting. If you are interested in running for any position please let us know.

The BARA Holiday dinner is Sunday December 4th. The cost for members is \$30 and \$35 for non members. Please pay for your ticket at the November meeting.

We are presently making plans for the BARA auction on Sunday March 5th.

73,
Jim, K2ZO



PUBLIC SERVICE**BC RACES NET**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
 7:45 PM on the W2AKR Repeater
 146.790 MHz; PL 141.3 Hz.
 Net control is NJ2BC
 Directed training net for all authorized
 Bergen County RACES stations and
 authorized liaison stations.

BC RACES**Communications Unit**

Any licensed ham operator in Bergen County, if not already a member, is asked to join the BCRACES team by sending an e-mail to:

bcraces@bcoem.org

with your name, callsign, e-mail, and municipality.

New HF Digital Net**Focused on EMCOMM**

The New Jersey Narrow Band Emergency Messaging System (NJ-NBEMS) Net meets every Sunday Morning at 9:30 AM on 7.073 MHz using OLIVIA-8-500. This net is NOT affiliated with RACES or ARES, so any Radio Amateur with appropriate operating privileges may participate.

FLDIGI is the preferred sound card software because FLAMP and FLMSG are used for message handling. This is a training net for new users, so operator error is expected and well tolerated.

For additional information contact Bill, KC2VUT at arrl.net, Rick, N2PHI at comcast.net or Karl, W2KBF at arrl.net.

VE EXAM SCHEDULE

The next Ham License test session is scheduled for:

November 18
at
Township of Washington
Senior Center
7 pm

The FCC has imposed a Testing fee of \$15.00 per exam/retest.

Required documents:

- Two forms of ID required for all transactions.
- Social Security Number if unlicensed or **FRN** Number if licensed.
- Original CSCE if prior test credit is claimed.
- If license upgrade, a signed copy of current FCC license

Calculators are permitted, iPhones and iPads are not permitted.

Questions may be directed to:

Don Younger, W2JEK
 201-265-6583

Question Pool Revision:

The Extra exam question pool was revised on July 1, 2016.

Current Question Pool:

Technician, Element 2-July 1, 2014
 General, Element 3 - July 1, 2015
 Extra, Element 4 - July 1, 2016

Practice tests and study guides available at QRZ.COM.

www.qrz.com/hamtest

Link of the Month

Ham radio beyond our wildest dreams!!

Super Contest station K3LR.

www.k3lr.com

Tnx to K2RRV

K2BAR NETS**SSB Net:**

Mondays 9:00 pm

10 Meters – 28.375 MHz

Net Control: Jim, K2ZO

FM Nets:

Wednesdays 9:00 pm

2 Meters: 146.79 MHz.

PL 141.3

Net Control: Dan, WA2CLP

Thursdays 8:30 pm

70 cm: 444.100

PL 141.3

Net Control: Marco, KC2ZMA

Thursdays 9:00 pm

Technical Net

2 Meters: 146.955 MHz.

PL 141.3

EchoLink is available to Chestnut Ridge repeater members.

Net Control: Gordon, W2TTT

The FM Nets use the BCFMA repeater.

BARA BULLETIN

The BARA Bulletin is published monthly by the Bergen Amateur Radio Association. Subscriptions are included in the annual membership dues. Membership is open to anyone interested in radio communication.

BARA RESOURCES

QSL Bureau:

Warren Hager, K2UFM

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Jim Joyce, K2ZO

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wm'at'bara.org

Tony Izzo, K2AMI

David Levine, K2DSL

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Interested in learning more about amateur radio and meeting new people? Then join the Bergen Amateur Radio Association (BARA). Dues are \$25 per year. Send your application request to:

David Levine, K2DSL

11 Mackay Ave.

Waldwick, NJ 07463

e-mail to k2dsl'at'arrl.net.

Please include your name, address, town, zip, call sign, license class, and phone number.

Upcoming Events

Nov 5-6 - ARRL Sweepstakes - CW

Nov 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 6 - BARA Business Meeting

Nov 8 - Kit Night at Senior Center

Nov 15 - Kit Night at Senior Center

Nov 18 - FCC License Exam Session

Nov 19, 20 - ARRL Sweepstakes - SSB

Nov 22 - Kit Night at Senior Center

Nov 25-27 - CQ WW DX Contest - CW

Nov 29 - Kit Night at Senior Center

Dec 2-4 - ARRL 160 Meter Contest

Dec 4 - BARA Dinner

Dec 6 - Kit Night at Senior Center

BARA KIT NIGHT

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Township of Washington Senior Center
350 Hudson Ave., Township of Washington, 07676

- ◆ Build a kit related to Amateur Radio (partial BARA funding available)
- ◆ Diagnose/repair a defective piece of equipment
- ◆ Discuss radio and computer problems
- ◆ Technical assistance available
- ◆ Seek/give technical opinions

Welcome New Members:

Justin M. Perez, KD2LXN - Hasbrouck Heights

Harold D. Malave, KC2HCL - East Rutherford

Richard F. Muller, KD2MBX - Hackensack

Uisik Yoo, KD2MBY - Nutley

John P. Plavier, KD2MBZ - Oakland

Max Strauss KB2NTD - New City, NY

Kathleen L. Fitzpatrick, KD2MCA - Westwood

BARA Meeting Minutes October 2, 2016

7:30pm	Meeting called to order by President Joyce, K2ZO		(Swim Club / Pavilion) There was lots of fun experienced by all. The 20M band was very active. There were about 8 stations set-up and operating.
7:31pm	President Joyce lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence for all those who have passed.	7:49pm	Please sign up to help with the BARA Hamfest; two lists – one to help with the food and the other to help with set-up / take-down / collecting entrance fee / Parking Directors for Vendors / Parking Directors for Buyers / etc. The Hamfest will be held this coming weekend – provided Hurricane Matthew cooperates – Hurricane Date is the following weekend.
7:32pm	The president then welcomed guests; no guests present. No New Members present. No License Upgrades to report.	7:50pm	BARA Officer elections are coming up in November with Installation of new officers at the BARA Dinner in December.
7:33pm	Minutes from the September meeting were accepted as printed in the BARA Bulletin. First: Jim, KC2VRY – Second: Warren Hager, K2UFM	7:51pm	BARA Dinner will be held on December 4 th at the Crow's Nest. Cost will be \$30 per member and \$35 for non-member / guest.
7:34pm	Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Dave Levine, K2DSL.	7:52pm	ARRL Hudson Division Awards Banquet is again being hosted by the Orange County Radio Club in Newberg, NY; Cost is \$37 per person. President Joyce requested a motion to purchase a \$100 Advertisement to congratulate the winners and show support of the ARRL PAC. Jim, K2FJ made the motion and Warren, K2UFM seconded the motion. All in favor – motion passed.
7:40pm	President Joyce then presented the results from his discussion with the School Superintendent 1) The \$480 invoice for 2015 VE Test Sessions – the school will void this bill 2) The Invoice associated with the BARA Auction was discussed. The current invoice is for \$422; the invoice from previous years was about \$150. They agreed to reduce the charge to be in line with previous years.	7:54pm	Vice President Izzo reminded everyone about the Radio Foxhunt on October 16 th . Alternate Fox might be required or a date change since the Fox is not available on this new date. Please check your EMAIL and the Website for updates. President Joyce will invite Fair Lawn Radio Club to participate. Meet at the Westwood Regional High School Parking lot at 12:00 Noon.
7:42pm	Net Reports: 10M Net doing well – lots of check-ins; not good band conditions for distant check-ins. Report presented by Jim Joyce, K2ZO VHF Net on Wednesday; 7 to 8 check-ins. Net is doing well as reported by Dan Levine, WA2CLP. UHF Net doing well - DMR Net is gaining in popularity 19:30 to 20:30 and Analog Net 20:30 to 21:00 at 444.100 MHz, PL. 141.3. Report presented by Marco Iapicca, KC2ZMA VHF TechNET on Thursday; Very lively net. There is lots of follow-up conversations. 146.955 MHz PL 141.3 at 21:00 Thursdays. Report presented by Gordon Beattie, W2TTT.	7:56pm	Vice President Izzo announced that the Photograph Year-in-Review presentation will be our program in the November meeting. Please send you photographs to
7:46pm	President Joyce thanked everyone who participated in the Joint Portable Day with Fair Lawn on September 24 th at Fair Lawn Memorial Park		

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K2AMI or K2ZO as soon as possible.

7:58pm Refreshments served.

8:14pm Meeting was resumed with the raffle of two BARA Boxes. Box one won by Bruce and box two won by Brian.

8:21pm Happy Birthday wishes to Warren.

8:22pm Meeting continued with various members providing "Show and Tell" of projects they constructed / equipment they repaired at Kit Night this past year.

9:30PM Motion to close the meeting by Bill WA2JKY; 2nd by Dick K2ZB. All in favor.

9:31pm Meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Montague, KB2OCJ

From the ARRL ...

FCC Calls for Comments on Vanity Call Sign Rule Changes

The FCC is inviting comments on a Petition for Rule Making from a Nevada radio amateur that seeks changes to the rules governing the Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Program.

Christopher LaRue, W4ADL, of North Las Vegas, is proposing that any licensee obtaining a vanity call sign be required to keep it for the full license term. LaRue contends in his petition that excessive and frequent vanity call sign filings are hampering the ability of other qualified licensees to obtain vanity call signs in one of the more desirable 1 x 2 or 2 x 1 formats. LaRue said that since the FCC dropped the fee to file for a vanity call sign, some applicants are taking advantage by regularly ob-

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FOR SALE

I'm selling my house and the following Items are available for sale:

HDX-555 heavy duty, motorized tower located in Tucker-ton, NJ . Max. height for the tower is 55 feet; can be lowered to about 22 feet. The motor transfer switch will be included. Tower & Cable were all well maintained and in excellent condition. Also, I will provide the engineering report verifying that the tower will withstand high wind conditions in a coastal area. (useful when applying for a permit).

20 foot Chromalloy mast

Heavy Duty tilt over fixture, with manual crank

TOTAL PRICE: \$4100 or B.O.

I also have a C-19XR Force 12 tri-band, 6M5X M2 6 meter, 2M12 M2 2 meter and 432-9WL M2 antennas and OR2800 PX Rotor & Controller. I planned to sell the tri-band for \$450 and OR2800 for \$1300. I am open to Best Offers, please call me.

Jim Dicso, K2SZ

973-906-6115

dicso123@hotmail.com



**MEMBER REPORTED CONTEST SCORES
SUBMITTED
FOR AGGREGATE CLUB SCORE**

CQ WW RTTY Contest

	Power	QSOs	Zones	DXCC	States	Score
K2TWI	Low	315	34	93	49	136,928
WA2PNI	Low	159	26	66	40	46,728

Stew Perry 160 Meter Contest

	Power	QSOs	Score
WA2ALY	Low	70	191

CQ WW DX Contest - SSB

	Power	QSOs	Pts.	Zones	DXCC	Score
W2AW*	Low	461	1259	23	94	147,303
WA2ALY	Low	128				7,548

* Contest call for N2GM; Operated single band, 20 meters.

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taining new call signs, thereby keeping them out of circulation.

"Some are changing call signs almost monthly, just to keep the newer code-free Extra class operators from obtaining a shorter call sign," he said in his petition. "I even saw an older operator that said he does it all the time and has not even owned a radio in over 6 years. When I looked him up, he has had 16 different [call signs] in 18 months." He said this would "alleviate a lot of the stress on the ULS system and manpower requirements" at the FCC. "It will also keep inactive amateurs from changing call signs regularly, thereby tying up call signs for 2 years after dismissal of said call."

Interested parties may comment using the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at:

<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/> .

Comments are due within 30 days of the October 26 posting date.

DX Insights

**SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS, VP8
Now #23 on the DXCC
MOST WANTED LIST**

The South Orkney Islands are a group of islands in the Southern Ocean 375 mi. Northeast of the Antarctic Peninsula. They have a total area of approx. 240 sq. mi.

Both Great Britain and Argentina claim the islands and both maintain bases on the islands. Apart from the personnel on the bases, there are no inhabitants on the islands. There are four main islands in the group with the highest point of 4,153 ft on Mount Nivea which is on Coronation Island. The climate is cold, wet and windy with temperatures averaging from 38 degrees F in the summer to 9 degrees F in the winter. The islands have tundra vegetation and support sea birds, penguins and seals.

In January 2011 the Microlite Penguins DXpedition Team put VP8ORK on the air with a impressive DXpedition to South Orkney with 7 stations on all HF bands 160-10 meters using SSB,CW and RTTY.

By the time you read this column the CQ World Wide SSB contest will have come and gone. Even if you did not take part in the contest working stations during contests it is a great way to work countries you need for a new entity as you work your way up the DXCC ladder. If band conditions are good many stations are on in distant places that are not normally on the air.

73 and Good Hunting,
Harry, W2FT

T30 - Western Kiribati

JF1OCQ, Hiro, tells the Daily DX four of his friends are heading to Tarawa next month. JA1KJW, JA3MCA, JA8VA and JA1JQY will be operating as T30KJ, T30MA, T39VE and T39JY respectively from November 10 to 16. Activity will be on SSB, CW and RTTY on 1.8 through 28 MHz. QSL via their home calls.

Tnx to WA2PNI



**BARA Fox Hunt
October 2016**

FIRST PLACE:
Tony, K2AMI
Larry, WA2ALY
Steve, W12W

THE FOXES:
Jim, K2ZO
Rich, K2ZB
With Larry, WA2ALY



SECOND PLACE:
Thom, W2XTZ
Karl, W2KBF
Skip, KD2BRV



The Fox Box built by Charlie, N3CRT

Next Business Meeting
Sunday, November 6th
at the
Twp. Of Washington
Senior Center

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