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BARA Dues

Time to pay your 2017 BARA dues.

Dues are \$25 for an individual membership.

Submit to David, K2DSL at a business meeting or mail to him.

Make check payable to BARA and write your call on the memo line.



BARA Annual Auction

Sunday, March 12

At

Westwood High School
Cafeteria

Doors open for Sellers and
buyers at 12 noon.

Auction starts at 1:00 pm

Refreshments available

Member assistance is needed to help with various jobs at or before the auction. A list of jobs that need member help will be circulated at the next meeting.

NNJ Section Manager Candidate

Rob Roschewsk, KA2PBT, is running for ARRL NNJ Section Manager. He will be at the March 5th business meeting to introduce himself to BARA members.

The NNJ Section Manager ballots will be mailed the first week of April for a two year term beginning July 1, 2017.

President's Message

Hi,

The next BARA meeting will be Sunday March 5th. This was to be the date for the auction, but we had to change it to March 12th due to the fact that the school scheduled an event in the Cafeteria on the 5th.

We will have a presentation on Foxhunting by Tony K2AMI, Don W2JEK and myself.

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March Meeting Program

Fox Hunting Antennas and equipment

by

Jim, K2ZO and Tony, K2AMI

Members are encouraged to bring any related equipment.

Video on Fox Hunting Tips and Techniques starring K2ZO, K2AMI, and W2JEK is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udOh-B9CFgs&feature=youtu.be>

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:

March 24
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

Radio Garden is a web based radio receiver, overlaid on a satellite global image, allowing users to tune around the world and zoom into over 8,000 live stations, including AM/FM, police, fire and EMS. Simply click on a green dot and listen.

<http://radio.garden/>

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

Pearl River

NJ2BS Repeater

2 Meters: 146.835 MHz. (-600 kHz)

PL 151.4

Net Control: Gordon, W2TTT

BARA Meeting Minutes February, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved (Roy KD2CMS, Bill KB2OCJ).

Executive Board / Committee Reports:

2017 Budget presented by Jim K2ZO. Motion made to accept the budget by Rachel AJ4WD, seconded by Bill KB2OCJ, motion passed.

Net Reports given by Jim K2ZO for the 10-meter and 2-meter nets, and by Gordon W2TTT for the Tech Net. Gordon needs net control coverage on Thursday 2/16.

VE Team: Don W2JEK announced the **next License Test Session is Friday 2/17** at the Senior Center.

BARA Auction: Date changed to MARCH 12

The wrong date (March 5) will appear in QST, but the new date will be on the ARRL website. People needed to assist at the auction, especially at the food table.

Next BARA Business Meeting: MARCH 5

Presentation about Foxhunting by Jim K2ZO and Tony K2AMI.

Old Business & Reminders:

BCFMA Meeting is 2/19 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center. You can bring dues to meeting.

Fox Hunt – 4/23, 9/15 - Club fox is being built at kit night.

Portable Days – 5/13, 9/23 with Fair Lawn

VHF Contest – Working to get cost reduced for use of NIKE site.

Holiday Dinner – 12/3

Announcements:

Fair Lawn club presentation on Friday 2/17 – Operating in Cuba by Van W2DLT.

Gene K2KJI will be in the Bahamas using C6ABB.

LIMARC having a Hamfest on 2/26.

Presentation given by Chuck KC2SST and Gordon W2TTT about Noise Reduction.

Meeting closed 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Susan, WA2ZZ

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We would like to have more participation in the club foxhunts and that's why we are making this presentation.

We will be also having a presentation by Rob Roschewsk KA2PBT. Rob is running for the ARRL position of Section Communication Manager. We also plan to have a presentation soon by K2SO the present SCM.

We will be discussing the BARA Auction details and will be looking for people to sign up to volunteer at the auction.

Don't forget to set your clock ahead on the 12th as Daylight Saving Time starts that day.

73,
Jim, K2ZO

Great Truths from the Past

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

- **Winston Churchill**

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

- **George Bernard Shaw**

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

- **Will Rogers**

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

- **Winston Churchill**

Tnx to 2AMI

Some members have suggested that BARA have a presence on Facebook.

If you can help by creating a Facebook Page and maintaining it, please let any member of the Executive Board know.

Your assistance is appreciated.



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

Public Service:

Club Contesting:

Phil Barber, WA2LXE

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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

March 3-5 - ARRL DX Contest - SSB

Mar 5 - BARA Business Meeting

Mar 7 - Kit Night

Mar 12 - Daylight Savings Time Starts

Mar 12 - BARA Auction

Mar 17-19 - BARTG HF RTTY Contest

March 14 - Kit Night

March 21 - Kit Night

March 24 - FCC License Exam Session

March 24, 25 - CQ WW WPX Contest - SSB

March 28 - Kit Night

April 2 - Business Meeting

April 4 - Kit Night

April 23 - Fox Hunt

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 Member;

Aly Badawy, N2SHO - Wayne

Charles Lopez - Metuchen

Bartholomew Carlevaro - Montvale



N2DXT/R

Shawn Zupp, N2DXT, operating Rover Class in the ARRL January VHF Contest.

Shawn operated through rain and snow from 7 grids from New Jersey to Vermont.



BARA at K2US in 1968

The following link is to an archive of some editions of *73 Magazine*.

<https://archive.org/details/73-magazine>

Take a look at the September 1968 edition, Page 48 which describes possibly the largest “ham” event in Northern New Jersey, if not the Northeast.

On page 51, which describes BARA involvement, note the picture of a youthful WB2MME.

Tnx to Jim, K2ZO



Jim Joyce, WB2MEE, holds ticket-stub box for IMRA's Brother Carman in drawing for Halli-crafters code sets at BARA booth.



Tnx to K2ZO

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

January VHF Contest

	Power	QSOs	Points	Grids	Score
N2DXT/R	Low	233	305	37	11,285
K2BAR*	High	228	297	35	10,395
W2JEK	Low	40	41	9	369

*K2BAR operated as a Limited Multiop with operators K2AMI, WI2W, KO2OK and W2SE from K2AMI QTH.

CQ WPX Contest - RTTY

	Power	QSOs	Points	WPX	Score
K2AMI	Low	129	305	99	30,195

ARRL DX Contest - CW

	Power	QSOs	Points	DXCC	Score
K2TWI	Low	428	1284	192	246,528
W2AW*	Low	503	1509	87	131,283
K2ZC	Low	254	762	107	81,534
WA2ALY	Low	108			20,502
W2JEK	QRP	34	102	29	2,958

*Operated by N2GM in Single Band Category, 15 Meters

CQ WW 160 Meter Contest - SSB

	Power	QSOs	Points	Mults	Score
W2JEK	Low	20	43	9	387
WA2ALY	Low	61			5,216

**K1IW Amateur Repeater and Broadcast
Transmitters Database Websearch**

Use the form on this website to generate a list of amateur repeaters and broadcast transmitters to your specifications. The database covers the fifty U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the ten Canadian provinces. The distance from a specified town/state or longitude/latitude may be input for the search.

The search will cover ham bands from 10 meters to 23 cm. AM, FM and TV stations may be included as an option.

<http://rprr.amateur-radio.net/>

DX Insights

DUCIE ISLAND VP6/D

#31 on the DXCC MOST WANTED LIST

Ducie Island is an atoll in the Pitcairn Island group in the South Pacific Ocean. The atoll is uninhabited and was annexed by the United Kingdom in 1902. It lies 332 mi. east of Pitcairn Island and 220 mi east of Henderson Is. It has a total area 1.5 sq.mi. a lagoon is located in the center. Even though the atoll has limited vegetation it is known as a breeding ground for many species of sea birds.

Ducie became a DXCC entity on November 16th 2001. The first operation was led by JA1BK in March of 2002 using the call sign VP6DI. The last DXpedition to Ducie was in 2008 with a multi national team of 13 DXers using the call sign of VP6DX. The initiator and team leader was Carsten, DL6LAU. The operation was very successful making 183,686 QSO's.

See you on the bands!
73 Harry W2FT

WA2ALY Earns 5BWAZ Award

Larry, WA2ALY, has received the CQ 5BWAZ award certificate # 1946 for 150 Zones. CQ reports their QSL checking verified QSOs with 187 Zones across the five bands.

The CQ Worked ALL Zones (WAZ) Program is one of the longest running in Ham Radio, having its start prior to WWII.

Larry is on his way to earn the 200 Zone 5BWAZ, but as he says it "only took 42 years" to earn this award.

**Congratulations Larry,
and on to 200.**

Next Business Meeting
Sunday, April 2nd
at the
Twp. Of Washington
Senior Center

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