



SCARA NEWSLETTER



Celebrating over 50 Years Affiliation with the ARRL

October 2009 – SCARA P.O. Box 121 Linwood, NJ 08221 – K2BR Repeater 146.745 MHz (-) PL 146.2 HZ

Meeting Notice

Our next regular club meeting will be on Thursday, October 8, 7:30 PM at the Tony Canale Training Center, 5033 English Creek Avenue, in the McKee City area of Egg Harbor Township.

Following the general meeting George Strayline, W2GSS, who is the ARRL Section Manager for southern New Jersey, will present an informative program about amateur radio in our area. Please plan to attend.

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SCARA Calendar

MS City to Shore Bike-a-thon:

Oct. 3-4

General Meeting: Thurs. Oct. 10, 7:30PM, Canale Training Center.

SCARA HF Net: Sun. Oct. 18, 10:00 AM 3.928 MHz.

RACES Net: Monday Oct. 26, 7 PM Canale Center

Board Meeting: Thurs. Oct. 29 at QTH of John, K2JGB

SKYWARN Net: Mondays 8 PM on 146.745 MHz, K2BR /R

VHF Simplex Net: Every Friday except 3rd Friday of the month, 7:30 PM 146.580 MHz.
NCS-KC2ESD, Rick

SCARA Constitution and By-laws Update

As was discussed at our last general meeting, periodically, the club Constitution and By-laws are reviewed by a committee appointed by the club president for any updates and changes that may be required. The committee met this month and has come up with recommendations. To view the present constitution and by-laws as well as the version including proposed changes, go to the club web site at www.k2br.org and click on the pdf file links in the contents window on the left side of the screen. Changes are high-lighted in red. Changes to the constitution must be voted on by members in attendance at the general meeting whereas changes to the by-laws are voted on by the board of directors. These procedures are spelled out in the above mentioned documents.

Please take the time to read these items and the proposed changes. Some hardcopy printouts will be available at the general meeting.

Meeting Report September 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Lou, KA2NTT at 7:31 PM. There were 26 members and guests present. The minutes of the August general meeting

were read by John, K2JGB. The treasurer's report was given by Bob, WA2YSA. The ending balance was \$3476.95. The petty cash balance was \$44.34. Bob reported the current membership total was 99.

Lou reported that there were no problems with the repeater. Lou stated that a work party had installed the D-Star repeater at the Canale Center using a temporary frequency of 442.0125 MHz.

Newsletter and web site editor Larry, KB2MN, reported that the club's Constitution and By-laws were posted on the website. The file is in Adobe Reader (.pdf) format.

Under special events, the possibility of running another special event station at Lucy the Elephant in Margate at the end of October was discussed. Dan, WA2ZZE, is checking into it.

Under old business, Bill, KC2AAY, reported about the by-laws committee which would be meeting at his house on September 17. Feedback and suggestions from members were solicited.

John, K2TQN, suggested having the newsletter available on-line to everyone without the month delay that is now in effect for non-members. The matter was referred to the board for further deliberation.

Dan, WA2ZZE, and Larry, KB2MN, reported that they had finished the audit of the treasury

for the club and that all was in order.

Howard, KC2TYZ, noted that the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is scheduled this year for October 17-18. Howard is trying to obtain permission to operate a JOTA station from the Shore Mall.

A Morse Code instructional computer program was discussed and explained by KC2AAY and Bob, N4XAT. Some CD's with the program were passed out. It is also available on-line from the G4FON web site (*More info in Dits 'n Dahs section of this newsletter*).

Under new business, Howard, KC2TYZ, asked if the club would have an interest in setting up a Scout Venturing Crew Program. The matter will be discussed again at the October general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM. The 50/50 was won by Nancy, N2ANG.



Be Radio-active!

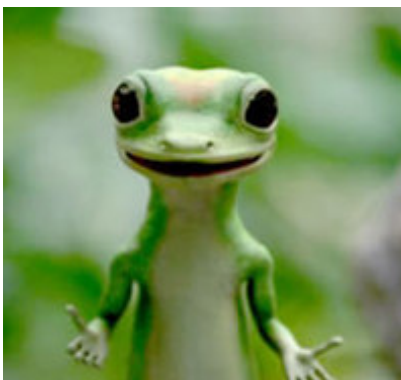
Dits 'n Dahs

Choosing a Ham Radio: Available on-line at the ARRL website for members only is a new Adobe pdf file explaining how to choose a radio suitable for your needs. It is 24 pages long and is informative for new and old hams. It is also being included in some of the new ARRL training manuals. If you are not yet a member of the ARRL,

check with one of our board members and arrange to have a copy of the file put onto a CD.

Tnx Bob, W2ARP

SCARA HF Net (September): Thanks go out to Bill, KC2AAY, for stepping up to the plate and running the September 20 HF net. Other members, especially those who check into the net regularly, are encouraged to volunteer to be the Net Control Station (NCS). Materials including the net pre- and post-amble can be obtained from Larry, KB2MN.



It's so easy a caveman could do it!

Museum of Radio and Television, Huntington, WV: Follow the link below to this very interesting web site. Looks like it would be a great place to visit!

<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/MRT/>

Tnx. KB3FRA & N3ALW

Morse Code Program: Follow the link below to the website of Ray Goff, G4FON. This is where you can download the training (or retraining) Morse code program that was discussed at the September general meeting.

Ray's program uses the Koch teaching method. From Ray's web site here is a quick explanation of this method.

"Unlike the Farnsworth method which seeks to reduce the

gap between the letters as you become more efficient, Koch came up with the idea that you should start off just learning two letters at full speed and add an additional letter once you reach 90% proficiency until you have mastered them all. Since you are only learning one new letter or figure at a time, your frustration is significantly reduced."

The program has a number of useful features including the ability to add background noise, QRM (man-made interference) and QSB (signal fading) which you will need to be able to cope with to make real-world contacts on the HF bands. Here is the link: www.g4fon.net/Opener.html

Tnx Bob, N4XAT

Jamboree on the Air: Everything is set for the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) for the Scouts. We will be at the Shore Mall in Egg Harbor Township on Sat. and Sun. Oct. 17-18. We will be setting up the antennas on Friday Oct. 16th. All ham operators are invited to come out and work the event. This is not a contest! The object is to get the Scouts (Boy and Girl Scouts) on the air to make contacts with other Scouts. This is an international event. We will be setting up in the old bank storefront across from the info booth in the rear portion of the mall. This is at the same mall entrance where we were in Feb. for the Scout Show. We hope to spark interest in radio with the youngsters. I am certified by the Boy Scouts as a Merit Badge Advisor and we hope to get some of the scouts interested in a class.

If you know any scouts, bring them out to the event. I will forward more details as to times

and other details when we get closer to the event.

73's
KC2TYZ Howard

Membership News

The club web site will soon be updated to include a printable form to join SCARA or renew current membership. Payment may be mailed to the club at our P.O. box or brought to one of our general meetings. Single membership is \$20 for the calendar year, Family membership is \$25/year and youth membership is \$10/year. Dues are prorated on a quarterly basis for new members joining during the year. Brand new hams receive one year free membership with newsletter by e-mail only.

Swap Shop

Available: If you need any window sash weights (Maybe to balance out the ends of an antenna?) contact Ron Schreiber, KC2LNB. Ron has come across a limited supply of these.
capthook234@verizon.net

For Sale: The following items are for sale from Jim, W2BUZ. Icom IC-735 HF XCVR + mic with PS-55 Power supply \$350, SG-239 HF Smart Tuner \$150, Samlex SEC-1223 23/25 Amp Switching Power Supply \$65, Elenco LP525K Logic probe kit \$5. *Please contact Larry, KB2MN (609) 287-5340 if you are interested in any of these items.*

For Sale or Wanted: List your items here. Just send them to Larry, kb2mn@verizon.net about 14 days before the next general meeting and they will added to the newsletter. Something you no longer need or use could be just the item someone else is looking for!

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