

SPURIOUS EMISSION

ORLEANS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (OCARC)

14064 West County House Road Albion, New York 14411

OCARC Newsletter March 2015

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Meeting Time

The Orleans County Amateur Radio Club (OCARC) meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Orleans County Emergency Management Office at 14064 West County House Road in Albion, New York except in September when we have a dinner meeting. The next meeting will be on March 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Refreshments will be provided by K2EYS, Terry food and W2ODY, Cliff drink.

Club Officers

President: Chuck Baker NR2C

Vice President: Terry Cook K2EYS

Secy: Steve Maier KZ2R

Treas: Wayne King N2WK

Dir: Bruce Sidari WA2TMC

Net Mgr: Marion Toussaint KA2BCE

Contest Mgr: Wayne King N2WK

Programs: Bruce Sidari WA2TMC

ORLEANS CO. AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 2-METER NET

WA2DQL repeater 144.67 MHz
in/145.27 MHz out with a tone of
141.3. Every Tuesday night at 9:00PM

We will be calling for officers first
then anyone else that wishes to join in.

We also have a simplex net once a
month on the Third Monday at 9:00PM
on 145.270.

Upcoming net control stations are:

Mar 3 ?

Mar 10 ?

Mar 16 ? simplex

Mar 17 ?

Mar 24 ?

Mar 31 ?

OTHER 2-METER NETS

2 Meter Sideband Net 144.260 USB 9:00 Mondays

Lara (Lockport Amateur Radio Club)

Sunday 8 p. m. 146.820

Swapnet after regular net Sept- May

FROM THE PRES

OCARC Members,

I spent last weekend working this contest. It was the first I got to be pretty serious about and didn't have any equipment problems. I had a few distractions with the granddaughter spending the weekend, but Cindy took care of most of that. Let me start by saying that Wayne's record of 4,412,529 points in 2010 is VERY SAFE !! I set out to get 1000 contacts and 1,000,000 points I surprised myself by doing a lot better. I got a total of 1359 contacts, 651 unique prefixes, and a total score of 2,380,707 points. These are all before they check it and remove contacts that have errors in them so my real score will be somewhat lower. I did a lot less "pouncing" and a lot more calling CQ. That was the key to the big increase in my results. Having the amplifier running was also a big help, especially when someone would try to move in on my spot, calling cq. People tried that a few times, but I think with my unique prefix, people were still trying to contact ME instead of the other guy and I just kept calling cq right over them so THEY gave up and moved. Without the amp, I would have been totally covered up. Another HUGE help was the narrow filter in my rig. There could be 3 people operating in a single KHZ and without the filter, I could never have separated them.

While I know it was a busy weekend and nobody else got to spend much time, I hope others got to jump in for a bit.

Chuck
NR2C

From The Editor

As you can all guess, I am still working real hard on DXing. I have 238 confirmed entities as of today with 1028 confirmed for my ARRL Challenge award (the first challenge step is 1000 entities on different bands). I have also received my plaques for my "Triple Play" and "DXCC Challenge" awards. I am currently working on my 5-Band DXCC award, that's 100 entities on 80,40,20,15 and 10 meters. I need 20 more on 40 and 78 more on 80. There IS light at the end of the tunnel.

73 & GOOD DX
de KZ2R

ORLEANS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by president Chuck Baker, NR2C, at 7:36 PM. He led the club in the pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Terry, K2EYS and seconded by Chuck, N8CL to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter. It was passed.

The treasury balance was reported as \$ XXX.XX with no change from last month. This was held for audit.

OLD BUSINESS: Terry, K2EYS booked the same location for our 2015 Christmas party.

Lockport hamfest: A good time was had by all in attendance. Chuck, NR2C won a door prize of a hand-held radio.

CW WW WPX RTTY contest is this weekend.

Field Day: No chairperson as of yet. Chuck, NR2C volunteered to be assistant chairperson. Still looking for experienced over all chairperson. Bruce, WA2TMC will be approached on this. A motion was made by Steve, WF2S and seconded by Terry, K2EYS to order the same tent as last year if Scott, KD2SJM is unable to procure a tent. It passed.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion of our County funds allocation, \$600, followed. A motion by Steve, WF2S and seconded by Chuck, N8CL was made to check with Ten-Tec about getting our Omni VI repaired, also to check on the price of a microphone. It was passed.

A motion was made by Terry, K2EYS and seconded by Steve, WF2S to pay \$200 to Bruce, WA2TMC as payment on account. It passed.

A discussion followed on the club's Yaseu Dual-Band radio. It is not being used - what do we want to do with it? We also have a new dual-band antenna. This discussion was tabled until a later date.

NR2C will check with "Mark" about replacement antenna and jumper cables for our repeater.

Terry, K2EYS will check with Dale as to when the next tower maintenance is planned.

A motion was made by Wayne, N2WK and seconded by Chuck, N8CL to adjourn the meeting. It was passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve, KZ2R Secretary



NEWS FROM NOAA

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SKYWARN TRAINING SESSION

The Buffalo office of the National Weather Service will be conducting a SKYWARN spotter training seminar in Albion, at the Orleans County Emergency Management Office - 14064 County House Rd, on Monday April 13 at 7:00PM. The training session is sponsored by the Orleans County Emergency Management Office and will last about two hours. There is no cost for the training.

SKYWARN is a national effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies with an expanding network of trained volunteer weather spotters. SKYWARN spotters support their local community and government by providing reports of severe weather directly to the National Weather Service in Buffalo through amateur radio or by phone using the the NWS spotter hotline. The services performed by SKYWARN spotters have saved many lives.

The National Weather Service has a number of devices for detecting severe thunderstorms. Included in these are Doppler radar, satellite, and lightning detection networks. However, the most important tool for observing thunderstorms is the trained eye of the storm spotter. By providing observations, SKYWARN spotters assist National Weather Service staff in their warning decisions and enable the National Weather Service to fulfill its mission of protecting life and property. Storm spotters are, and always will be, an indispensable part of the severe local storm warning program.

The basic training session provides a brief overview of the National Weather Service organization and our responsibilities, severe weather safety, and basic severe weather meteorology including how thunderstorms, severe thunderstorms and tornadoes form.

Anyone can become a severe weather spotter for the National Weather Service. SKYWARN training is free and open to the public.

For further information, you can call the National Weather Service at (716) 565-0204 ext. 223.

More information about SKYWARN is available on the NWS Buffalo website at <http://www.weather.gov/buf/spt.htm>
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