

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

A look at the 2015 RTTY RU Club participation. Below are small clubs that submitted scores for 2015. Not all of these clubs meet the Local criteria of 35 miles from their club center. Of the listed clubs OCARC has 3rd highest score. The CTRI and the Orca Clubs were in the Medium Class in 2014. If that pans out to be the same again in 2015 then we (OCARC) have a good chance at placing 1st again. You can examine the data and see how other clubs fared and how we match up again the competition. Each club has their strong and not so strong entries. But it's matter of pooling scores together to reach the goal the clubs are looking for. Some are very competitive and others "simply want to have their club listed in the final results each year. Again, the data listed is not every club but the smaller" clubs with 10 or less logs submitted. Observe the wide area of clubs from across the US and VE land.

"73, Wayne N2WK"

Call Sign	Section	Club	Claimed Score	Call Sign	Section	Club	Claimed Score
K1IG	RI	CT RI Contest Group	367496	K7OX	EWA	Spokane DX Assoc	74958
K1JSM	RI	CTRI Contest Group	13938	AD7XG	EWA	Spokane DX Association	21910
K1SD	RI	CTRI Contest Group	86576	K6MW	EWA	Spokane DX Association	10419
K3IU	RI	CTRI Contest Group	42669	K7GS	EWA	Spokane DX Association	37341
KS1J	RI	CTRI Contest Group	15038	K7TQ	ID	Spokane DX Association	97782
W1AN	CT	CTRI Contest Group	47684	KF7PBM	EWA	Spokane DX Association	43885
			573401	W7MEM	ID	Spokane DX association	1014
N7BT	WWA	Orca DX and Contest Club	86953	WA0WWW	EWA	Spokane DX Association	20160
VA7AM	BC	Orca DX and Contest Club	53516	WX7B	EWA	Spokane DX Association	2664
VA7BWG	BC	Orca DX and Contest Club	4836				310133
VA7KO	BC	Orca DX and Contest Club	127008	K2AMI	NNJ	Bergen ARA	1595
VA7RY	BC	ORCA DX and Contest Club	48107	K2DSL	NNJ	Bergen ARA	95545
VA7ST	BC	Orca DX and Contest Club	60408	K2ZC	NNJ	Bergen ARA	59895
VE7AX	BC	Orca DX and Contest Club	12992	NO2T	NNJ	Bergen ARA	56454
VE7KW	BC	ORCA dx and contest club	36102	WA2LXE	NNJ	Bergen ARA	39984
VE7SZ	BC	Orca DX and Contest Club	122670	WA2PNI	NNJ	BERGEN ARA	4416
W7KKC	WWA	ORCA DX and Contest Club	15540				257889
			568132	K7BTW	WWA	Weston Washington DX Club	144057
AC2NB	WNY	Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	5474	AB7R	WWA	Western Washington DX Club	35003
K2EYS	WNY	Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	46002	K7EG	WWA	Western Washington DX Club	588
KZ2R	WNY	Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	84148	KX7L	WWA	Western Washington DX Club	6624
N2OBX	WNY	Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	3690	NW7D	WWA	Western Washington DX Club	70401
N2WK	WNY	Orleans County Amateur Radio club	139216				256673
N8CL	WNY	Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	104785	AA4CF	GA	South East Contest Club	48690
NR2C	WNY	Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	40656	AA4LR	GA	South East Contest Club	32850
WA2TMC	WNY	Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	130570	AE4O	GA	South East Contest Club	1484
			554541	K4BLL	GA	South East Contest Club	3458
VA2UP	QC	Contest Group du Quebec	134925	K4WSW	GA	South East Contest Club	5472
VE2AXO	QC	Contest Group du Quebec	54145	W1BO	AL	South East Contest Club	35646
VE2EBK	QC	Contest group du Quebec	86320	W4UK	SC	South East Contest Club	57970
VE2FFE	QC	Contest Group du Quebec	4128	WB2RHM/4	NC	South East Contest Club	64168
VE2FK	QC	Contest Group du Quebec	56430				249738
VE2FU	QC	CONTEST GROUP DU QUEBEC	77418	K7OM	SC	Swamp Fox Contest Group	40040
VE2NMB	QC	Contest group du Quebec	23947	KG4IGC	SC	Swamp Fox Contest Group	25585
			437313	KM4RK	SC	Swamp Fox Contest Group	10458
K5EK	NC	Carolina DX Association	145034	KS4YX	SC	Swamp Fox Contest Group	38930
K7BV	NC	Carolina DX Association	106704	N4IQ	SC	Swamp Fox Contest Group	52360
K8ARY	SC	Carolina DX Association	55008	NJ4F	SC	Swamp Fox Contest Group	49590
KS4S	NC	Carolina DX Association	35028				216963
W3SA	NC	Carolina DX Association	26796	AA4DD	TN	Bristol (TN) ARC	49049
			368570	K4EDI	TN	Bristol (TN) ARC	960
				K4FJW	VA	Bristol (TN) ARC	15370
				N4DW	TN	Bristol (TN) ARC	16926
				N4KZS	TN	Bristol (TN) ARC	4756
				W4TTM	TN	Bristol (TN) ARC	30552
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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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