

SPURIOUS EMISSION

ORLEANS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (OCARC)

14064 West County House Road Albion, New York 14411
OCARC Newsletter November 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 November 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM. Refreshments are Ray, N2VDR and Steve, KZ2R.

Club Officers

President: Chuck Baker NR2C
Vice President: Terry Cook K2EYS
Secy: Steve Licht WF2S
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: If you cannot make your schedule time please let Marion know!

Nov 3	Ray	N2VDR
Nov 10	Terry	K2EYS
Nov 16	simplex Terry	K2EYS
Nov 17	Marion	KA2BCE
Nov 24	Bruce	WA2TMC

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

Genesee County RACES net.
147.285 PL 141.3

7:15 Tuesday nights. Testing emergency preparedness digital mode.

From The Editor

Visit To ARRL Headquarters - W1AW

On a last minute whim, Terry, K2EYS and I made a two day trip to the Newington, CT area. The first day we visited a "Lock Museum" and a "Clock and Watch Museum". Both of these were great. On our second day we visited the ARRL headquarters. We took a tour of the facilities and ended our tour with operating from the W1AW station. I think I called out CQ only once and it was all she wrote from there. I have never worked as the center of a pile-up before and it was a bit intimidating. The station is only available for operation certain hours of the day. We had the first time slot of 10AM to 12PM. By the time we were set up and given instructions on the station I think we operated a little less than a hour. I was on 15 meters and made 27 contacts, while Terry was on 17 meters and made 26 contacts. Terry and I both came away from that experience with a profound appreciation of what the operators on a DXpedition go through. The one thing that sticks in my mind is that all the code practice sessions are generated on a OLD Compaq computer running windows 98. They said, "If it ain't broke.....". They ARE looking for someone to volunteer time to redesign the code program to run on windows 7 and eventually windows 10.

I would highly recommend every ham to take the opportunity to make a trip like this. Really you could spend a lot more time there than we did. There is SOooo much history and things to do in the area.

73 & GOOD DX de KZ2R

ORLEANS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by president Chuck Baker, NR2C, at 7:35 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.

Wayne, N2WK, gave a treasurer's report reporting \$xxx in deposits, \$xxx.xx in expenses resulting in a balance of \$ x,xxx.xx as of 10/11/2015. This was held for audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bruce, WA2TMC, talked about the new repeater on order. Our members from Lockport brought their new repeater for a show and tell. This is the same one we have on order for WA2DQL/R. Bruce will be checking the repeater duplexer on this Saturday and performing any adjustments as needed.

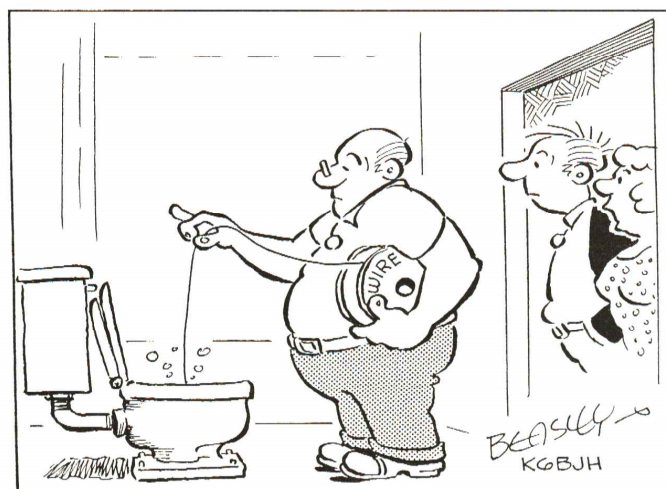
NEW BUSINESS:

Terry, K2EYS, reported that W2ORC will be on the air this Saturday for the NYS QSO Party from our club station. Terry passed around a sign up sheet for people to operate.

Gary, WB2GLU, reported that Rich Wertman of the RWAntenna Store of Lockport is holding a mini ham-fest at his business on Crosby Road. This will be held October 23-25. Old and new ham radio equipment will be available.

Terry, K2EYS made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wayne, N2WK. It passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve, KZ2R substitute Secretary



HE'S HOPING THAT IF HE FEEDS ENOUGH OF THAT DOWN THERE, HE'LL HAVE A GOOD GROUND FOR HIS SHACK!

Winter Hamfest

NO PRE TICKETS Only \$5 at door

Winter Hamfest

February 27th 2016

Big Flats American Legion

45 Olcott Rd S, Big Flats, NY 14814

5\$ Admission

10\$ for a flea market table - First come, first served

Food Available

VE Testing

50/50 drawing

\$100 Grand Prize (Drawing at 12 noon)

Doors open to public at 8:00 a.m.

Venders welcome at 6:30 a.m.

Contact phone number: 607-739-7305

<http://www.ka2lim.com/7.html>

Shake off the winter blues and come out and have a cup of coffee and a conversation with friends and maybe find a new toy in the inside flea market.

Rt. 86 Exit 49 Big Flats, NY

OCARC Christmas Party

The Annual Club Christmas Dinner Meeting / Party will be held this year, Monday, December 14 (our regular meeting night) at the Hojack Inn. It is located on Route 98, NORTH of Route 104, a couple miles in CARLTON. The bar will be open for our private party at 5:30pm. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm.

Our dinner will be buffet style at \$20 per person- no dish to pass, no cleanup ! The menu will have beef, chicken, seafood alfredo and pasta; accompanied with salads, rolls & butter, coffee or tea.

As has been our custom, each of us are encouraged to bring a dessert to share, and YES,

Bruce..Melissa will make her oatmeal-craisin cookies !

Lets continue the annual gift exchange, trying to keep the presents in the \$10 range, marked for "MAN , WOMAN or EITHER"

Based on the response at the September meeting, we have given the restaurant a tentative count of 25 to 30 persons for dinner. We would appreciate a more accurate number by our November club meeting. The restaurant can accommodate our group comfortably. It is fully handicapped accessible. Having dined here numerous times, I have always been pleasantly surprised with Chef Dan's cooking.

If you need further directions or questions, please feel free to contact K2EYS , KZ2R or WF2S.

OCARC OPERATING ACTIVITIES

OCARC NYQP 2015 Results:

Band	CW	PH	Mults
80M	65	38	9
40M	108	238	67
20M	8	0	4
15M	6	8	4
Totals	187	284	84

Total QSO = 471 Final Score = 55,272

Good job folks, and we picked up DE for state #40 on PH during the weekend.

Thank you Terry for organizing this event. The log has been uploaded to NYQP and LOTW.

Operators:

K2EYS
KA2BCE
KD2PTM
KD2RPJ
KB1JAE
KZ2R
N2WK
N8CL
WA2TMC

OCARC 2015 Field Day Results:

We made the top 10 in the 2F class. Not bad for being shut down for 2-3 hours.

1	KY4KY	8,114	2F	2,056	2	W4KBR	KY	44	Bullitt ARS
2	W4MLB	6,634	2F	1,967	2	AF4Z	SFL	22	Platinum Coast ARS
3	VE1FO	5,884	2F	1,262	2	VE1QD	MAR	73	Halifax ARC
4	K9WM	5,186	2F	1,465	2		IL	45	GRVARS
5	K4EG	5,168	2F	1,358	2	W4VGZ	NC	30	Alamance ARC
6	W9YRC	4,620	2F	1,321	2	N9ZE	IL	25	York RC
7	K4TG	3,780	2F	791	2	KY4LAW	KY	20	Anderson RC - KY
8	W2ORC	3,664	2F	824	2	WA2DQL	WNY	15	Orleans Cty ARC
9	W1NRG	3,580	2F	700	2		CT	25	Meriden ARC
10	W0KEM	3,462	2F	765	2	W0MTL	MO	10	Hannibal ARC

St Lucia - An Adventure Continues, Part I

Last Springtime, I worked some Germans operating from J6, St Lucia. Having visited the island a few times as a tourist and as a Ham, I looked them up on QRZ.COM . The QTH the operated from was called the Bay Guesthouse, in Gros Islet, a small fishing village near the capital of Castries. I went to the web site for the property and found it interesting and very ham friendly. Mostly, it was cheap, a prime requirement for hams !. I contacted my old travelling buddy, K1ZZI and he jumped on the bandwagon.

I decided on 12 days - the most clean clothes I wanted to carry! Melissa nodded and went along with the plans. K1ZZI and his girlfriend rented a studio apartment below us and we had a two bedroom suite, with all the comforts required by hams- air conditioned bedrooms, complete kitchen with a freezer and fridge, bathroom and a large, comfortable livingroom. Our accommodations opened to a huge covered veranda, complete with two tables and plenty of chairs, and electrical outlet.

J69 DS, Frans, obtained licenses for us with no problems. We just had to fill out the forms and email them to him. Customs clearance was the same for my radio , antennas and computers. When Melissa and I arrived after out 4 1/2 hour flight from JFK, the St Lucian authorities sent us to the immigration / customs officer handling CARICOM nationals, apparently we were recognized as frequent visitors. The officer asked what was in the long bag. I responded“ just some aluminum tubes and antenna supplies, it is for ham radio”. She smiled and said OK and off we went.

Hauling our bags around the corner and outside, , Melissa immediately saw our good friends, the Laurencin family. My pal, 'Jungle', operates a water taxi and took time off to stop and have a cold drink and visit with us. Of course, his wife, Majella was with him and the two children (who got the afternoon off school). After a cold local beer, PITON, I spotted Ralph, K1ZZI and his YL rounding the corner with bags in tow. They had spotted our ride to the North and introduced us to Polly, the driver.

You need to envision an island, 26 miles long and 15 miles at its widest, with mountains in the middle. The airport is in the south, at Vieux Fort (as is the medical school and brewery). We were staying on the northeast coast, not far as the crow flies. ONE and One Half Hours later we arrived at the Bay Guesthouse. Imagine ribbon candy in a box.. the roads twisted and turned so we met ourselves coming and going.. up steep inclines with a sheer drop on one side and a cliff rising on the other. There were pot holes large enough to swallow a Cooper mini ! we only had to travel a little over 30 Km but we never could go faster than km/hr. None of us complained one bit about Polly's driving. Besides they drive on the left, thanks to the British. In the island's history, it changed hands 14 times between the French and British - outstanding pastries, lousy driving.

We arrived in one piece and J69DS was there to immediately set up antennas at the water's edge. A 17 meter vertical went up along with the Buddipole 20m.dipole- more on them later. Frans drove a steel post in the ground and secured a 10meter fiberglass pole to it. This held the 40 meter vertical, just wire and some electrical tape. Connected to an SO-239 at the base with three radials. two of which were floating on the salt water most of the time. This was a 'killer antenna', it loaded on 80-10 meters with the Elecraft K3.

If there was propagation, we made QSOs on this antennas reliably.

Hunger overtook us as the last meal was back in the USA and it was nightfall. Our hosts, Will and Stephanie, had prepared a welcome guide and the Night watchman, jack of all trades, DYSON, had a recommendation for supper. Out the front gate, a three minute walk and we were at “Flavors of the Grill”. In the meantime, J69MV, TOT, a retired Inspector of Police, called me on 2 FM. With my sketchy directions he managed to find us as we went in for dinner. It was at an open air restaurant/bar. No, chicken wings and pizza were not on the menus but fresh , grilled fish, chicken and good old cheeseburgers were there. The five of us dined on selection that could not be easily had in Western NY. Everything was tasty, so much so, that we went back several times during our stay. I have several receipts from our dinners and was surprised about cost - pleasantly surprised !

This ended our first evening on J6. Two ham friends were there to meet us and be certain we were off to a good start on our adventure. We left the restaurant and walked back to our villa. We were all pretty well whipped but somehow K1ZZI and I managed to unpack the gear and set up the station . Let the fun begin.

MORE in PART II
by WF2S