

SPURIOUS EMISSION

ORLEANS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (OCARC)
14064 West County House Road Albion, New York 14411
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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 14, 2016 at 7:30PM.

Refreshments will be provided by NR2C, Chuck (food) & KF7ILU, Warren (Drink).

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!

Mar 1	?
Mar 8	?
Mar 15	?
Mar 21	simplex ?
Mar 22	?
Mar 29	?

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

Well, the hamfest season has already started. Several of our club members made the trip to the "Big Flats Winter Hamfest" last month. It was small, but I had a great time. The next hamfest for me will probably be the "Dayton Hamvention" in May. I am really looking forward to that one. Quite a few of our membership are going to make the 6 1/2 hour or so drive out to Dayton. As usual, I will probably spend too much money. Oh well, you can't take it with you.

I'm still chasing DX. Thank goodness for DXpeditions. Without these most of us would never have the opportunity to make contacts with many of entities out there. I now have 261 entities confirmed on the ARRL LOTW site. I still have several QSOs with DXpeditions which haven't entered my contacts yet. My most recent has been 14 contacts with 3XY1T in Guinea. I made contacts on CW, Phone and RTTY on 10 - 80 meters with the exception of 60 M. Don't forget to go to the www.dx-world.net site to get all the latest news on current and up and coming DXpeditions.

Congratulations to NR2C on a great entry in the recent CQ WPX RTTY Contest. Chuck made 1412 contacts and a total score of 2,643,766. Good job Chuck.

73 & GOOD DX de KZ2R

Orleans County Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the February 8, 2016 Meeting

Meeting : opened at 7:30 by President followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as published

Treasurer's Report: as of 1/29/16 balance of \$xxxx.xx

Bills Paid: \$129.95 to WF2S for Kenwood 570D DVR Board. Board installed and tested w/ KZ2R

Old Business:

KZ2R presented quote from K2EDW on shirts and hats. Shirts \$16.50 plus \$6.50 for name and callsign embroidered, baseball caps \$15. Discussion regarding color, etc. Decision to obtain more information and quotes. KZ2R has printout of quote info.

K2EYS the deadline for using the Orleans County annual \$600 allotment has passed and there was nothing submitted. The 2015 stipend is forfeit. Fiscal Planning is the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Secretary' Note- Roster shows 42 members, some of which are 'family category' and pay less than the individual rate. Even so, at \$15 per name provides \$630 potential dues income. Our failure to act resulted in a loss of funding about the same as our dues income for the year in a best case scenario.

Discussion on using the 2016 allotment to be held at the next meeting. Repeater, amplifier, vhf antenna , HF radio were all mentioned as possible uses to put this allotment towards

Per previous Newsletter, secretary questioned which repeater is in use and was the Yaesu digital repeater installed. No action was taken since last meeting.

Club Activities:

Field Day: Chairman - NR2C agreed to chair the event

Food Chairman: ? Discussion on what the club will furnish and 'dish to pass'. Concern expressed too many would bring the same thing. K2EYS offered his grill.

Location of Stations- NO TENT to be rented per vote of club. EOC Barn will be used if available, inside the EOC as back up location.

Computer Networking- KZ2R

Bonus Points - NR2C will arrange

LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND: KD2EFR , Chairman and K2EYS will assist. Permission to operate at Point Breeze all set per K2EYS

SUMMER PICNIC: due to poor sanitary facilities, WF2S spoke against the previous location. Alternate locations were discussed. Kiwanis Park , Batavia was suggested and WF2S to investigate and report. Marine Park, site of past picnics , Yates Park at Lake Ontario, Bullard Park in Albion were suggested as possible sites.

Ray, KD2JPB, volunteered to get the "meat and stuff"

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Owner of Hojack Grill agrees to host the dinner as in 2015, with the comment 'if I am still here'. More spacious seating arrangements to be included. Price undetermined as yet.

TWO METER NET: referencing article in the Newsletter, discussion was held regarding the direction of the net due to poor participation. It was suggested moving the time back to 8PM but this was previously , unsuccessful and summer months will draw participants to other activities. WF2S spoke that calling for 'EMERGENCY TRAFFIC' is very questionable. AN emergency always takes priority in any amateur radio communication, absence of any TRAINED traffic handlers and the abundant access to more efficient means in an emergency.

WF2S - "the net is a social vehicle and I have little incentive to check in due to absence of any purpose. Amateur radio offers a wide range of activities, some of which are appealing and others are not. Members are free to embrace those that they find enjoyable." Two spoke that because it is a club activity and you are obliged to participate if you want to be a member, to which I thoroughly disagree. "

K2EYS presented an idea for adding purpose to the weekly net, creating a "TECH NET" with a topic announce for the evening on a previous net and having someone on-air to answer questions and provide insight on the topic; such as JT-65 basic operating and setup, answering questions about a particular subject. Another idea was to have a swap net . These would be interspersed with a general net where upcoming topics could be announce, suggested or chosen.

REFRESHMENTS: sign up sheet circulated, still need someone for beverages in MAY

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45

Present per sign-up sheet KD2EFR, K2EYS, KZ2R, NR2C, KC2HZU, N5BNO, KD2PTM, KC2EZJ, WB2GLU, N8CL, KD2JPB, KA2BCE, KA2BCF, WF2S & XYL. N2OBX, WA2QAU, KF7ILU

ADDENDUM 2/9/16 1320z : Kiwanis park NOT available, per Town Clerk

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