

# The NewsFuse

The NY Hall of Science Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

## May 2004

Next meeting Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 8pm

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### Club News

Please check the 2004 roster to see if the information we have listed for you is accurate. Send any updates or corrections to Steve Greenbaum [WB2KDG@arrl.net](mailto:WB2KDG@arrl.net)

If you have not received the new roster please come to this month's meeting and pick one up.

We are planning our second annual HOSARC fishing trip. If you are interested in attending, details will be posted on the club website. Anticipated date will be after the June hamfest and before Field Day.

The hamfest dates this year are Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2004. Keep your calendar open! There will be a VE session during the hamfests. Steve needs a list of volunteers for the June hamfest. If you volunteer you will receive free admission and food. Contact Steve Greenbaum at 718-898-5599 (evenings) or via e-mail [WB2KDG@arrl.net](mailto:WB2KDG@arrl.net). You can download the June hamfest flyer at: [www.qsl.net/hosarc/hamfestoct04.pdf](http://www.qsl.net/hosarc/hamfestoct04.pdf)

The phone line to the repeater room has been replaced with an automated phone switch on the club station phone line. The elimination of this second phone line will save the club over \$300 per year. Thanks to Marc Eidelberg WR2I for doing the phone wiring, installation, and troubleshooting.

Sidney Ko KC2GEC has pictures of the second annual kit building night online at: [www.pbase.com/sko580/kit\\_building](http://www.pbase.com/sko580/kit_building)

Art Breen WA2YQV has pictures of the Timonium hamfest trip online at: [www.qsl.net/wa2yqv/HOSARC/Timonium](http://www.qsl.net/wa2yqv/HOSARC/Timonium)

I need help installing an outdoor antenna for my physically challenged friend Vinny. He is currently using a scanner with a "rubber duck". Installing an outdoor antenna on the roof will open up the world of amateur radio to him even more. Vinny lives in Roslyn Heights Long Island. I would like to install an antenna for him on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you can help out. Contact Ted Bicking at 718-460-1733 or via e-mail [KC2HEV@arrl.net](mailto:KC2HEV@arrl.net).

### President's Corner

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Hello to all

The club held its second annual kit building night at our April meeting. The turnout was not as large as last year, however all those in attendance couldn't believe that the two plus hours past so quickly. My son built my kit the "Tiny Tracker II" an APRS interface. Dave WA2KWP was the first to complete his kit at the meeting. Special thanks go out to Ted KC2HEV, and Marc WR2I for providing on the spot elmering to those less experienced kit builders.



At the April meeting news was passed on of Howie Weissman pending surgery. I'm pleased to announce that Howie is recovering and doing fine. I'm sure he would appreciate some e-mail from the members, wishing him a speedy recovery.

On Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> I visited Nelson N2CKK at the Silvercrest extended care facility. Nelson was unable to speak but used hand gestures to communicate with me. Nelson is still recovering from some traumatic health issues and probably will be at the facility for some time. He is allowed to have visitors and I encourage anyone who has the time to visit with him.

The Silvercrest Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation  
144-45 87th Ave. Briarwood, New York 11435  
718-480-4000  
Nelson is in Room 590

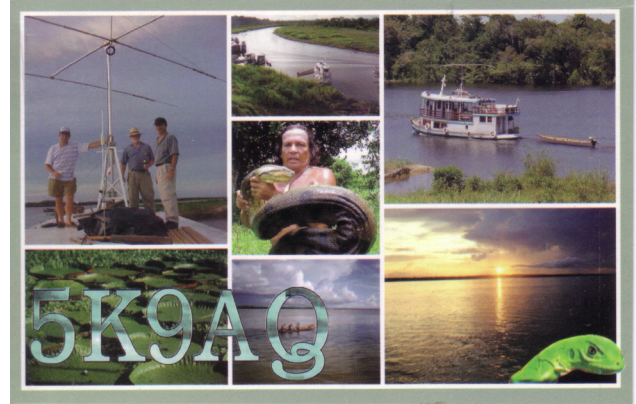
## DX at the shack

Phase I of our station restoration project is nearly completed. The club has installed all of the replacement cables. We need to put connectors on the cables and test them. The last stage of phase I will be to remove the old cables. So far participation in this work project has been outstanding. I would like to thank Jim Ruben KC2LMH, Peter W2IRT, Art WA2YQV, Jim Schneider WA2UTR, Al Levine KB2SDX, Jim Shannon N2BAL, Ted KC2HEV, Charlie Gallo KC2IXE, and Steve WB2KDG for helping out with phase I. I apologize in advance if I left anyone off the list.

Field Day is almost upon us and we have lots of work to do to get ready. The next Field Day meeting will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am at the station. At our May general meeting I need firm commitments for Field Day volunteers.

The Timonium Hamfest trip held in March was a success in spite of the rainy weather, which for a second year in a row threatened to put a damper on things. 14 members from the club made the trip with 10 of us driving down together in a 3 car convoy. All 3 cars left from different locations and times, but we managed to regroup on the other side of the Holland Tunnel. I had a shopping list of goodies but unfortunately I did not find a single item on the list. I enlisted Art WA2YQV to help me hunt for items but all we turned up was a kidney dialysis machine, 2 titanium hip replacement joints, and the entire contents of a high school chemistry lab. However Marc WR2I did find the connectors we need for our heliax cable and Bernie AB2GG bought a frequency counter, which we all played with in the parking lot. John N2STX bought a garbage bag size of wire connectors, which should last him 2 lifetimes. We ended the day with a visit to our favorite all you eat buffet "The Golden Coral" and you can believe they lost money on us!

73's Tom Golero KC2CBA



This month's selection for DX at the shack is from a contact with 5K9AQ operator Phil Gonzalez HK3SA. Every amateur radio operator has a particular contact that stands out for him or her. Well this is my contact. On a cold day in March of 2000 Ken Newman and I were manning the station when Ken heard the call "5K9AQ River Mobile" immediately we put out the WB2JSM call and the station came back on the first try. The shack was full of visitors, and Ken and I informed the operator that we were a club station, doing a demonstration for visitors to the museum. Phil told all stations to "stand by" while he answered all of the visitors questions. It turns out that 5K9AQ was on a mission to acquaint river villages and Indians with ham radio and to remind ham operators and school children throughout the world of the importance of the Amazon river basin and it's rain forests.

It's contacts like this one, which make a great introduction to ham radio for the public. I sent our card in April of 2000 and I received via the bureau 5K9AQ card in April 2004.

By Tom Golero KC2CBA