

The NewsFuse

The NY Hall of Science Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

October 2005

Next meeting Tuesday October 11th 8pm

Club News:

The fall HoSARC hamfest is this Sunday, October 2nd. We still need a few more volunteers to help out. Contact Steve Greenbaum wb2kdg@arrl.net

Congratulations to Felix Lam K2KHV and his wife on the birth of their new baby girl Faith.

It's never too early to renew your HOSARC membership. Forms can be downloaded from our website or picked up at a meeting and either mailed to our PO Box or brought to one of our monthly meetings. Don't wait for the deadline to renew!

Elections are just around the corner so please let the nomination committee know your intentions as soon as possible. The following members are on the nomination committee: Vinny Clonney, Mitch Groth KC2FFF and Paul Dofornia W2WWW. Per our recently passed amendment to the club constitution, all the officers elected will serve a term of two years. Additionally four out of the twelve board members will be up for election and their terms will run for three years. Nominations from the floor will be taken at our October meeting and close at our November meeting. Ballots will go out after the November meeting. They will be counted at the January Board meeting and results will be announced at the January general meeting.

We now have club merchandise for sale courtesy of Lenny W2LJM .Club hats, jackets ,patches and shirts are available club nights for sale. We hope to have order forms on the website shortly for your convenience. All items will be available for order at the October 2nd hamfest.

Club badges are available thru The Sign Man of Baton Rouge by going to his website - www.thesignman.com and clicking on clubs and organizations. Badges are just \$ 9.00 ,with of host of attachment devices available for a nominal charge.

The club is in dire need of VE Examiners .To obtain an ARRL VE study guide please call 1-800-927-7583.Remember anyone licenced can become a VE. The club gives exams once a month and only when

individuals register in advance so your commitment will not very be time consuming. See Lenny W2LJM our VE director for more information.

Please bring your badges ,ID cards and whatever else you have if you plan on entering the Museum during business hours. The museum has a staff of new security personnel and they might know your face, especially if you haven't been down in a while

The new Micor UHF repeater was picked up last week and will be installed in the repeater room this weekend. The coax run from the repeater room to the antenna has been replaced with new low loss coax cable. Jim Shannon N2BAL will be installing new "N" connectors on the cable this weekend. "WB2ZZO/R" should be back on-the-air again very soon! Stay tuned...



HoSARC goes to HamVention. Thanks to Tom Tumino N2YTF for the photo...

The Hall of Science and the HoSARC shack looks better than ever. If you haven't been down to the Hall recently, then be sure to stop by and see the new exhibits and the shack.

Chairman of the Board: Tom Golero KC2CBA
President: Allan Koenigsberg AE2J
Vice President: Peter Dougherty W2IRT

Secretary: Ted Bicking KC2HEV
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Chairman's Report:

Hello to all,

I hope everyone had a good summer and you are all well rested and ready to get back into the swing of things. At our September meeting it was a bit disappointing to see such few members in attendance but I know that this will all change at our October meeting.

Over the summer I sent out email calling for suggestions which I am including in this column, sadly I received only one response in more than two months. The last three lines of my mail say it all. Remember the club is what you make it out to be, so I expect that after this newsfuse my email box will be overloaded with your mail.

This years field day was a success despite all the gloom & doom we put out over the Billy Graham event. There were virtual no traffic jams near the park and maybe a half dozen cars used the hall's parking lot. The turnout was low again but those in attendance had fun, with first time field day participants Vinny Clooney and Sidney Ko KOSID making Q's for the club. I'm sure Sidney will be back next year he missed two stations out west after knocking out every other station on the band. Also, the club made its first field day Satellite contact thanks to Tom Tumino N2YTF and his portable satellite station. Lets all start planning for next field day now so we have the biggest turnout ever.

I will be sending out email for various work parties during the next two months, you don't have to volunteers for every project. It would be nice for those haven't volunteered before to come down and pitch in.

Lastly we have on our website a button labeled message board, and the last time I looked only two members have logged onto the board. The message board can be used for a wide variety of things such as selling equipment, asking for tech help, arranging shack time, posting personal messages and what I hope a place to send your comments, praises, criticisms or anything else you want to say to us. You can log in anonymously if you wish and no one will think less of you. The important thing is that you let us know what's on your mind.

Tom Golero
KC2CBA

DX at the shack: By Tom Golero



I'm happy to report even though there was little activity at the shack over the summer we have reached the point where we have worked 231 DX entities and have 216 confirmed. The breakdown of Q's are as follows...

98 on 10 meters
124 on 15 meters
103 on 20 meters
40 on 40 meters
30 on 80 meters

In July we received our ARRL DXCC Award for working and confirming 200 entities along with a DXCC for 15 meters. We are awaiting the arrival of some QSL cards and then we will be eligible for another DXCC Award for 20 and hopefully more of you will come down and work the station towards our award for 10 meters. I was going to have the awards framed and hung in the shack but at our September meeting Allan AE2J noticed that the ARRL misspelled amateur on the certificates- imagine that! The award has been sent back in order for new ones to be issued.

We are also very close to receiving a Worked All Zones award, not bad for a club station which is always under repair, all we need is zone 17 to be confirmed.

Interested in helping with the DX at the shack? Start by working a rare station for the club, come down and try to work K7C Kure Atoll, The Northern most Hawaiian Atoll. K7C will be on the air from 9/24- 10/6. Please visit their website www.cordell.org/htdocs/KURE for more information. On the site check out the new ICOM program/software DXA- a real time DX program which shows what stations the DX is working along with host of other DX tools, its hard to describe this software you have to check it out yourself.