

SOUTHERN COUNTIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC

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Amateur of the Year 2016

The Amateur of the Year Award was originated by John Struckell, Chief Engineer and General Manager of radio station WFPG. In his memory, Southern Counties Amateur Radio Association has continued the presentation of this award, now in its 55th year. The person selected is recognized as outstanding for their efforts and contributions resulting in the furtherance of Amateur Radio and anticipated continued activity. Each year's honoree is selected by a panel of past recipients based on their personal knowledge of the candidate's radio activities and recommendations from the amateur radio community.

This year's honoree has been licensed continuously since he became a Novice with call sign WN2RGY at the age of 12. He upgraded through General and Advanced to Extra Class. His amateur affiliations include Mount Airy VHF Radio Club (The "Pack Rats"), and life member of the ARRL, SJRA, QCWA, and Jersey Devil Repeater Association. He is also a member of the Camden County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service.

He holds the FCC Second Class Radiotelephone Operators License and is a member of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, and the National Association of Tower Erectors.

Climbing towers to install and maintain antenna systems has endeared him to the amateur radio community throughout southern New Jersey and elsewhere. Over the years, he has graciously assisted numerous amateurs and clubs.

He operates CW and SSB on all amateur bands from 1.8 MHz through 5.7 GHz. He especially enjoys building equipment and antennas for use on the VHF, UHF, and SHF bands. His operating awards include WAC and DXCC on HF and 6M; WAS on HF, 6M, and 2M; and VUCC.

Our honoree resides in Tabernacle, NJ with his devoted wife Janice, who has faithfully supported his exuberant participation in the hobby, including radio chatter from speakers throughout their home, and, hosting multi-operator contesting for ten years.

It is with great pleasure that SCARA presents the 55th Amateur of the Year Award to,

Richard E. Connor, Jr. WC2K