

# **SOUTHERN COUNTIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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## **Amateur of the Year 2020**

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 59<sup>th</sup> 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 is active on the air at most club events. He is technically proficient in computer technology as well as radio theory. He has used many of the bands including HF, VHF/UHF and modes of operation such as SSB, FM, D-Star, C4FM, DMR, AllStar, FT8, and APRS, just to name a few. Likewise, he is known for his innovative thinking, perseverance, and communication skills. His enthusiasm for our hobby is unequalled. He has also shown a willingness to take on leadership positions.

Originally licensed in 2016, he jumped in head first and has become a valuable asset to amateur radio and the community at large. Early on, he took a special interest in the setup and maintenance of the AuxComm communications pod. Because of this, it has been said that he is one of the "Pod Fathers."

Our honoree proactively started the afternoon Covid-19 net. He also started the Monday Morning Net to replace the Monday morning breakfast gathering at Sal's restaurant in Somers Point; however, that net quickly evolved into the daily "Breakfast Net." It has become hugely popular as a gathering place for "hams" every morning. He is the producer of "Hamateur Hour" podcasts with the purpose of helping newly licensed hams to answer the question, "What do I do now?"

For a ham who has been licensed for only a few years, he already has quite a track record, with lots of potential for more in the future. He has done an excellent job during this pandemic keeping our club running smoothly.

One of his other talents is serving as a DJ and emcee for various events including the annual dinner for the Atlantic Coast United Radio Association.

Our honoree resides in Galloway with his wife, Michelle KD2PUY, and family.

It is with great pleasure that SCARA presents the 59<sup>th</sup> Amateur of the Year Award to

**David A. Larcombe Sr, KD2KVZ**