



SCARA NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating over 50 Years Affiliation with the ARRL

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SCARA 2015 Monthly Calendar

AUXCOMM RACES Net: Every Monday at 7 PM on 146.745 MHz, K2BR /R

SKYWARN NET: Immediately following the AUXCOMM RACES Net

SCARA VHF KISS Net: Every Thursday at 7:00 PM on K2BR Repeater. Net Control will be Bill Paulus Jr. KD2EOY except on the third Thursday of each month Net Control will be Larry Schall KB2MN

SCARA HF Net: Third Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM 3.928 MHz +/- QRM

Board Meeting: Last Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Canale Training Center

VE Test Session: 1st Thursday of each month. Doors open at 6:30 PM, testing begins at 7:00 PM at the Canale Training Center. Pre-registration is required!

Meeting Notice

Our next regular club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12th, 7:30 PM at the Canale Training Center. Our scheduled guest speaker for this month, Jeff Doran has had to postpone until a later date.

Plenty of room, conversation and refreshments for everyone!



Annual Club Dinner Report January 9th, 2014

The dinner started at 6:30 PM with hors d'oeuvres and beverages and by 6:45 PM the second round of Clams Casino had been served (They go fast because they're that good). The service and food were once again of the highest caliber as we have grown to expect at the Crab Trap. Kudos to the staff and management on another job well done.

A PowerPoint presentation of the DXpedition to Amsterdam Island was given by this year's guest speaker, Bob Scheak N2OO. Bob did a wonderful job portraying

the experience of being on the DXpedition as well as what life on the island is like for their hosts. The presentation was followed by the introduction of the SCARA officers for the 2015 calendar year and the presentation of the Amateur Of The Year Award to Bob Nicotera KB2ERL.

2014 & 53rd Annual Amateur of the Year

The recipient of this prestigious award this year goes to Bob Nicotera KB2ERL. Bob received the award for his dedication to the promotion of amateur radio. Bob is a past president of the Phil-Mont Radio Club. Bob has been Net Control for the MS 150 Net for the past 25 years and has also been actively involved with the MS Walk-A-Thon for 25 years. Bob had been a member of SCARA since February 2013 and currently sits on our Board of Directors.

President's Note

I appreciate all the membership participation and help that I received for last year's events and I hope to receive your continued and increased support in the coming months to accommodate our ever increasing event schedule.

Monthly VE Test Sessions

On the first Thursday of each month SCARA holds a VE test session. For information call Larry Schall KB2MN at 609-287-5340. The test location is the Canale Training Center, 5033 English Creek Ave. Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234. The doors open at 6:30 PM and testing begins at 7:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. Be sure to bring your photo I.D. and current license if you are upgrading to a higher license class. The current testing fee is \$15.

2015 Contests

All ARRL contests for 2015 can be found on the ARRL Contest page of their website at : <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>.

A generic ARRL contest calendar is provided that gives the weekends for all our events, to assist with long-term planning of your contest operations. The Contest Corral files include non-ARRL events.

Special Events

The Boy Scouts Show will be held on Saturday February 7th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Hamilton Mall in Mays Landing. SCARA will have a VHF communications table set up on the first floor near the entrance to Sears, for the Scouts to experience some hands on two-way radio communications.

Starting on February 7th, from 1 PM to 4 PM, SCARA will be presenting a Fox Hunt-Morse Code-Radio Event on the first Saturday of each month at the

Jersey Shore Children's Museum located on the upper level of the Hamilton Mall near Sears.

Children visiting the museum can participate in:

- talking to operators around the world
- play FOXHUNT
- learn about Morse Code and more!

With enough participation there is the possibility of expanding this to a weekly event.

On Saturday February 14th the Boy Scout Merit Badge class will be held at Stockton College in Galloway. The time and exact location at the college have yet to be determined.

If you have any questions, about any of these events, please contact Bill McCord KC2ONQ at 609-435-0598.

FCC "Paperless" Amateur Radio License Policy Goes into Effect on February 17

From ARRL News 01/28/2015
Starting on February 17, the FCC no longer will routinely issue paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System ([ULS](#)), although the FCC has routinely continued to print and mail hard copy licenses. That will stop next month.

To read the complete article go to: <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-paperless-amateur-radio-license-policy-goes-into-effect-on-february-17>

ARRL Amateur Radio Operator Survey

The ARRL has asked an independent research company specializing in survey research to conduct a survey of Amateur Radio operators in the US. Readex Research -- headquartered in Stillwater, Minnesota -- has conducted similar studies for ARRL in the past, including QST readership studies and other large national surveys. This most recent survey is being conducted by mail and e-mail, and includes representative populations of Amateur Radio operators from among ARRL members, as well as non-member FCC licensees. While not every member will receive a survey, participation from those individuals who are selected is critical for the success of this project. Responses will be kept confidential and only used in tabulation with others; no data about survey participants -- including contact information -- will be shared with anyone. Please contact ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, if you have any questions about the survey. See <http://www.arrl.org/contact-arrl>.

Membership Recruitment Incentive

New for 2015 is the SCARA Membership Recruitment Incentive Program. For every new member joining SCARA for the first time, who presents a SCARA business card with your name and call-sign on the back, you will receive a one dollar credit towards your next year's membership.

Swap Shop

For Sale: CW filter YK-455C-1,
500 Hz, for older Kenwood
radios. \$75 Contact Larry
KB2MN at kb2mn@verizon.net
or 609-287-5340.

Reminder: SCARA has an online
amateur radio swap shop. Go to
our website to see current listings.
E-mail your "For Sale" and
"Wanted" items to Larry KB2MN
kb2mn@verizon.net

Assistant Treasurer Position Available

This position entails aiding the
treasurer with the sale and
distribution of club merchandise
including, but not limited to,
mugs, lapel pins, decals and bags.
If interested, contact Bill McCord
at 609-435-0598.

Club Information 2014

Officers

President:	Bill McCord	KC2ONQ	(609) 435-0598
Vice Pres:	Bill Paulus, Jr.	KD2EOY	(609) 694-7976
Treasurer:	Bob Webb	WA2YSA	(609) 646-6843
Secretary:	Mandy McCord	KC2QOG	(609) 435-0598

Board of Directors

Stan Friedman	WA3JMV	Bob Nicotera	KB2ERL
William Paulus	W2MWI	Donnamarie Adams	KD2ERC
Tim Adams	KD2EGR		

Committee Chairs

VE Coordinator	Larry Schall KB2MN	ARRL QSL Card Mgr	Arnie Oberson W2OB
Sunshine	Bob Webb WA2YSA	Dinner Chair:	Harry Cohen KD2AYT
Refreshments	KC2ONQ	Field Day	Bill Schwoer KC2AAY
ARLHS Coordinator	Ed Clark W2KP	Repeater	Ed Clark W2KP
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