



SCARA NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating over 50 Years Affiliation with the ARRL

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Meeting Notice

Our next regular club meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 7:30 PM at the Canale Training Center.

Plenty of room, conversation and refreshments for everyone!



Monthly VE Test Sessions

On the first Thursday of each month SCARA holds a VE test session on the condition that someone has registered. 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.

SCARA 2015 Monthly Calendar

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

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 and now on ooVoo

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!

President's Note

Just an update of the events, lighthouse 1st and 3rd weekend of this month, Jersey Shore Children's Museum 1st Saturday of each month. For more info and updated pictures check club website, www.k2br.com.

QSL Cards

At our August 13th general meeting, outgoing DX QSL cards will be collected. If you are a member of SCARA and the ARRL, you may bring your outbound QSL cards for shipment. For more info, click on the link "Outgoing QSL Buro" on the "Contents" section of the club website www.k2br.com. The cards should be presorted as per instructions on the above mentioned web page. Arnie, W2OB, will collect the cards at the general meeting. This is a cost effective way to send QSL cards for DX contacts.

Special Events

SCARA presents a Fox Hunt-Morse Code-Radio Event on the first Saturday of each month (second Saturday this 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.

If you have any questions, about this or any other event, please contact Bill McCord KC2ONQ at 609-435-0598.

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.

Amateur radio enthusiast dials in to the International Space Station from his SHED



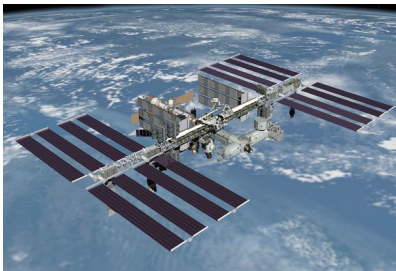
An amateur radio enthusiast contacted the International Space Station from his UK garden shed – in one giant leap for ham-kind.

Dad-of-two Adrian Lane has used his gear to talk to fellow operators from his hut over the past 20 years. But he is on Nasa's mailing list and was notified the ISS would be passing over his home in Coleford, Glos.



Adrian, 52, plotted its route and worked out the four-minute "contact window" when it would zip by 200 miles above at 18,500mph.

As it entered his permitted frequency with its signal NAISS, he sent out a call using his own unique sign 2E0SDR and to his delight a US astronaut answered back to "welcome him aboard".



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Printing Amateur Radio License – USA

In this short video we show you how to get a copy of your amateur radio license.

Copy and paste this link into your browser address bar to view the video:

<https://youtu.be/WaQ9HWgYNPI>



Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign Fee to Disappear in September

The Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee is set to disappear in the next few weeks. According to the best-available information from FCC sources, the first day that applicants will be able to file a vanity application without having to pay a fee is Thursday, September 3. In deciding earlier this year to drop the regulatory fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs and General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) applications, the FCC said it was doing so to save money and personnel resources. The Commission asserted that it costs more of both to process the regulatory fees and issue refunds than the amount of the regulatory fee payment.

"Our costs have increased over time, and now that the costs exceed the amount of the regulatory fee, the increased relative administrative cost supports eliminating this regulatory fee category," the FCC

said in its Report and Order, which appeared on July 21 in *The Federal Register*. "Once [it's] eliminated, these licensees will no longer be financially burdened with such payments, and the Commission will no longer incur these administrative costs that exceed the fee payments."

In 2014 the FCC raised the Amateur Service vanity call sign regulatory fee from \$16.10 to its current \$21.40 for the 10-year license term. The \$5.30 increase was the largest such fee hike in many years. In a typical fiscal year, the FCC collected on the order of \$250,000 in vanity call sign regulatory fees.

The FCC said the revenue it would otherwise have collected from such regulatory fees "will be proportionally assessed on other wireless fee categories." Congress has mandated that the FCC collect nearly \$340 million in regulatory fees from all services in fiscal year 2015. *From*
<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2015-07-30>

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.

World Scout Jamboree Participants Set to Speak with ISS via Amateur Radio

Scouts attending the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan are scheduled to speak via Amateur Radio on July 31 with astronaut Kjell Lindgren, KO5MOS ("cosmos"), on the ISS. Jamboree attendees are between 14 and 17 years old. This will mark the first ARISS contact from space by Lindgren, who arrived on the ISS earlier this month on the ISS with astronaut Kamiya Yui, KG5BPH, and cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko, RN3DX.

The direct Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact will take place on 2 meters between NA1SS on station and 8N23WSJ at the Nippon Boy Scout Amateur Radio Club in Bunkyo-ku, Japan. The roughly 10 minute event is set to start at approximately 1126 UTC. It's expected the contact will be conducted in English.

More than 30,000 Scouts and leaders from 161 countries around the world have converged on Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan, for the Jamboree. The theme of the 23rd World Scout Jamboree is "WA: A Spirit of Unity." The Kanji character "WA" connotes a variety of meanings, such as unity, harmony, cooperation, friendship, and peace.

Scouts attending the Jamboree will be able to enjoy a variety of activities during their free time, including an Amateur Radio workshop.

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. Bob Webb WA2YSA does a lot for SCARA and little bit of help for him really isn't too much to ask. If interested, contact Bill McCord at 609-435-0598.

HELP! "S.C.A.R.A. needs a News Letter Editor immediately." says former News Letter Editor Dave Holmes KD2AYQ

This will be my last news letter. Upon its submission I have resigned my position as News Letter Editor so that I might pursue other endeavors. I look forward to earning my Extra Amateur License and becoming a VE so that I might volunteer my time for the advancement of the club and Amateur Radio. Anyone who is interested in taking over the position of News Letter Editor is strongly encouraged to contact Bill McCord KC2ONQ at 609-435-0598.

Swap Shop

Reminder: SCARA has an online amateur radio swap shop on our website, www.k2br.com. Click on the "Online Swap Shop" link in the left column of the website homepage to see current listings. For listing items on the website swap shop, email your "Wanted" & "For Sale" items to Larry Schall, KB2MN, at kb2mn@verizon.net

Club Information 2015

Officers

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| 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

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

Committee Chairs

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| 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 |
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