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February 2012

### NEXT MEETING Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:30 PM

#### Presidents Corner

The program for the February meeting is from Norm W2NRS on the French Trans-Atlantic Cable from 1864 to 1957. This will be a very interesting program.

The officers and members of OBARC wish to send a warm welcome to our newest member Ron Portz, KD2AZJ.

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Members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter ideas, comments and concerns are welcome. Please send to my email address. Normal membership meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Ocean Acres Community Center on Nautilus Drive in Manahawkin. Refreshments served. Visitors Welcome!  
Handicap accessible.

**HAMFESTS**  
By: Kevin, W2FA

**02/25/2012**  
**ARAST Winterfest**

**Location:** Horseheads, NY  
**Sponsor:** Amateur Radio Association of the Southern Tier  
**Website:** <http://www.arast.org>

**02/26/2012**  
**WashFest 2012**

**Location:** Castle Shannon, PA  
**Sponsor:** The Wireless Association of South Hills  
**Website:** <http://n3sh.org>

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
By: Kevin, W2FA

#### 02/02/2012 | Washington County PA Sportsman Show

Feb 2-Feb 5, 1200Z-1800Z, W3C, Washington, PA. Washington Amateur Communications Inc.. 21.250 18.130 14.260 7.210. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI, 60 Carl Ave B2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. Event is held at a shopping mall Washington Crown Center in Washington PA. This is our 12th year. We show that amateur radio is alive and well in today's electronic world. We also show we are ready to communicate in times of emergency. Over the years we have helped lots of people get into this hobby with this public event. [www.wacomarc.org](http://www.wacomarc.org)

#### MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

There was no drawing at the January meeting. Remember you must be present to win. The prize for February is a beautiful trivet.

**ON THE AIR - By: Skip Maze, N1IBM**

**February 1 to February 7, St Barthelemy, TO3J** By JA1MZL JJ1LIB; 80-10m; CW SSB RTTY

**February 1 to February 8, Belize, V31YN/p** By DJ4KW from Southwater Caye, IOTA NA-180, QSL LOTW also OK via DJ4KW, Buro or direct

February 1 to February 9, Grenada J3, By W6HFP W3FF W7ZT WG0AT KC4VG N7UN KB9AVO K8EAB Call unknown at this time. 100w; Buddipoles; QSL also OK via home\_call direct or eQSL

**February 2 to February 12, Jamaica, 6Y5** By OE3GEA as OE3GEA/6Y5 from IOTA NA-097, CW; 50w; Outbacker + dipole; QSL OK via OE Buro or direct

**February 2 to May 6, Honduras HR5,** By F2JD as HR5/F2JD from Copan; all bands; all modes

**February 3 to February 17, Niue ZK2C** By DK1MA DM2AYO DL7VEE DL7JAN DK1AX DF1AL DJ9RR DL2HWA DJ9HX; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY, Direct QSL from: Jan Foerderer, Alte Poststr. 34, 69254 Malsch, Germany

**February 4 to February 11, Cayman Island ZF2,** By W3GQ as ZF2GQ and W3HGT as ZF2GT

**February 4 to February 18, Guantanamo,** By KG4KL; SSTV RTTY SSB

**February 5 to February 13, St Martin FS,** By F8PDR as FS/F8PDR from IOTA NA-105 80-10m; CW RTTY; 100w; dipoles, verticals; QSL LOTW also OK via F8PDR, Buro or direct; also planning side trip to PJ7

**February 9 to February 15, Palau T88WG** By JH1WGP fm Koror I (OC-009, PJ77fi); 80-10m; CW SSB + digital By JS6RRR as KH2/JS6RRR from IOTA OC-026, 160-6m; CW SSB FM RTTY PSK31

**February 10 to February 14, Guam KH2** By JS6RRR as KH2/JS6RRR from IOTA OC-026, 160-6m; CW SSB FM RTTY PSK31

**February 10 to February 15, South Cook Island, E51BKV** By F4BKV from Mangaia Island, IOTA OC-159, 40-10m; SSB + digital; 500w; verticals; also briefly from Rarotonga Island IOTA OC-013, during transit, QSL also OK via F4BKV

**February 10 to February 20, St Pierre & Miquelon FP,** By W6HGF as FP/W6HGF; QRV for CQWW WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW contests

**February 11 to February 15, Bhutan A52JF** By G4SGX; 40-10m; CW SSB PSK

**February 11 to February 24, Temotu H40FN** By DK9FN from Nendo IOTA OC-100, CW; also DG1FK using H40FK in digital modes (QSL via DF1FK)

**February 13 to February 23, Bahamas C6,** By N2RFA as C6ABB, K2KJI as C6ALC, KC4PX as C6APX from Nassau, New Providence I IOTA NA-001, 80-10m; SSB PSK31 RTTY SSTV JT65; QSL also OK via home call direct or eQSL

**February 14 to February 21, Rodrigues Island 3B9,** By OE4AAC as 3B9/OE4AAC; 40-10m; CW; QSL OK via OE Buro or direct

**February 15 to March 15, Annonbon Island 3C0** By EA5BYP EA5KM from IOTA AF-039, 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY; also from Fernando Poo (Bioko Island, IOTA AF-010) using 3C6A; QSL LOTW also OK via EA5BYP direct; exact dates unclear

**February 16 to February 26, Belize V31RR,** By AA4NC; 160-10m; RTTY CW SSB; QSL LOTW also OK via AI4U direct; QRV for ARRL DX CW and NAQP RTTY contests

**February 18 to February 25, New Caledonia FK,** By F4BKV from Ouvea Island, IOTA OC-033, 40-10m; SSB + digital; 500w; verticals; also briefly from Noumea, IOTA OC-032, during transit, QSL LOTW also OK via F4BKV

**February 21 to February 29, Swaziland 3DA0PW,** By G3SWH EA5ARC; 80-10m; CW; 2 stations; QSL LOTW also OK via OQRS (preferred) or G3SWH, Buro or direct

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**ON THE AIR** By Skip Maze, N1IBM

Stations Listed are to be active in the ARRL  
**CW DX Contest February 18 and 19**

- 5Z4EE** Kenya
- 8P5Y** Barbados
- C6ANM** Bahamas
- CR3A** Madeira
- CT9/OM7JG** Madeira
- EF8USA** Canary Is
- FP/W6HGF** St Pierre & Miquelon
- FW0NAR** Wallis & Futuna
- KP2MM** Virgin Is
- M5E** England
- PZ5RO** Surinam
- TF3CW** Iceland
- V31RR** Belize
- V31SG** Belize
- V31YN** Belize
- VP5OU** Turks & Caicos
- VP9/W6PH** Bermuda
- WP3C** Puerto Rico
- ZF2AM** Cayman Is

**FYI**

**Contributed by: John Dilks, K2TQN**  
**Written by: Stan Avery, WM3D**

If you were in the market for a watch in the late 1800's, where would you buy one? You would go to a store, right?

Well, of course you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station!

Sound a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found.

Why were the best watches found at the train station? The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, not at all.

The telegraph operator was. Most of the time the telegraph operator was located in the railroad station, because most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators, and that was the primary way they communicated with the railroad. And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches. As a matter of fact, the telegraph operators sold more watches than most stores, combined, for a period 9 years. This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself.

He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station when, one day, a load of watches arrived from the east. It was a huge crate of pocket watches. No one ever came to claim them. so Richard sent a telegram to the manufacturer and asked them what they wanted to do with the watches. The manufacturer didn't want to pay the freight back, so they wired Richard to see if he could sell them.

So, Richard did..

He sent a wire to every agent in the system asking them if they wanted a cheap, but good, pocket watch. He sold the entire case in less than two days at a handsome profit. That started it all.

He ordered more watches from the watch company, and encouraged the telegraph operators to set up a display case in the station offering high quality watches for a cheap price. Travelers loved them.

It didn't take long for the word to spread and before long, many travelers came into the station to buy watches.

Richard became so busy that he had to hire a professional watch maker to help him with the orders. That was Alvah Roebuck. And they moved to Chicago and sold many watches and much more dry goods, using the railroads to ship their mail-order goods by RR freight.. Their company became Sears and Roebuck. It all started with a telegraph operator, Richard Sears, and his partner, Alvah Roebuck.

And now you know the rest of the story.

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## ARES REPORT

By: Bob Murdock,

The next Ocean County ARES Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Ocean County EOC, Robert J. Miller Airpark, Berkeley Township. There will be no training net that evening in order to accommodate the meeting.

, K2HES, has been kind enough to have his company sponsor a web domain for Ocean County ARES under WA2RES.COM and WA2RES.ORG

The Ocean County ARES website can now be found at [www.wa2res.com](http://www.wa2res.com)

The qsy.to redirector is in the process of being revised to direct to the new site. Holger has also offered a free email service to any Ocean County ARES members under the wa2res.com domain. Your [callsign@wa2res.com](mailto:callsign@wa2res.com) would be your email address. This is a POP3 service and is easily added into Outlook as a primary or additional address. Those interested in obtaining such an address, please send a request to [admin@wa2res.com](mailto:admin@wa2res.com) including the password you would like to use. Please note that the email address for Paypal donations to Ocean County ARES has also been changed to [admin@wa2res.com](mailto:admin@wa2res.com)

When I was 7 years old, I saw my first operational ham radio shack in Colonia (Woodbridge Township), NJ. It was at the home of a friend of my Mom, who she shared a maternity hospital room with her in 1940 at Perth Amboy General Hospital (during the birth of my older brother and the woman's daughter). The woman's husband was a ham, but was frequently away on the high seas. I was so impressed by all the equipment and antennas – I can still visualize them today.

I mention this now because the station was W2ZXM and belonged to Captain Kurt Carlsen, a Danish born sea captain, who was world famous in January of 1952 when he stayed on the sinking freighter, the *Flying Enterprise* for 13 days before it finally sunk. Captain Carlsen and his family received a ticker-tape parade in New York City on January 17, 1952 and he passed up all sorts of Hollywood offers to remain a sea captain and just a regular guy. Captain Carlsen's wife Agnes and Daughter Sonja stayed in touch with my Mom for almost 30 years and were great friends. Now almost 60 years to the day, we have another ship disaster with the Italian cruise ship Costa Concordia. This Captain is so far opposite of Captain Carlsen and his bravery in 1952 that it boggles one's mind. I did not recall seeing one tribute to Captain Carlsen on the anniversary of the parade, so I wanted to list it here. W2ZXM did become a silent key in October of 1989.

73 de WX2NJ

Bob Murdock

Ocean County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® EC

Ocean County Skywarn Assistant Coordinator

## VE TEST SESSIONS

**OBARC:** VE sessions will take place before the regular meeting at 6:30pm. Sessions are limited to 1 hour. Walk ins are welcome. Contact Kevin Wagner, W2FA, by email at: [w2fa.kgw@gmail.com](mailto:w2fa.kgw@gmail.com). Directions to test site are available at <http://www.obarc.org>.

**JSARS:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: Edward Egenoino WA2NDA (609)693-3729 or cell 609-713-4057 Email: [WA2NDA@VERIZON.NET](mailto:WA2NDA@VERIZON.NET) Location: Riverwood Recreation Park-bldg#2 Riverwood Drive & Whitesville Rd (527) Toms River jsars rpt 146.910 mhz., pl 127.3 Toms River, NJ 08755 legal photo ID, original and a photocopy of your current Amateur Radio license and any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) Social Security Number (SSN) or your FCC issued Federal Registration Number (FRN). VEC's are required by FCC to submit either your SSN or your FRN number

**HCARC (Holiday City ARC) VE Sessions** – The next session is 9, 2012 at 7 pm. Place: Holiday City South Clubhouse area, Meeting Rm. #1. Mule Rd. at the corner of Santiago Dr., Toms River, NJ. Directions: Rt. 37W to Mule Rd. jug-handle, then on Mule Rd. to Santiago Drive, about ½ mile. Turn left into Santiago Dr. to parking lot entrance. Contact: Larry Puccio, K2QDY at: [lpuccio1@comcast.net](mailto:lpuccio1@comcast.net) . Pre-registration is requested but not required.

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