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ORLEANS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (OCARC)

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OCARC Newsletter June 2008

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Meeting Time

The Orleans County Amateur Radio Club (OCARC) meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Orleans County Emergency Management Office at 14064 West County House Road in Albion, New York except in August when we have our meeting at the Picnic and September when we have a dinner meeting. The next meeting will be **June 9, 2008**

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June Meeting

We will be discussing this years Field Day . Bruce (WA2TMC) and Wayne (N2WK) well show us how to run the software and the set up for the radios for field day this year. Everybody interested in helping out please try and make the meeting

OCARC BEST WISHES

Birthdays

Garry Torriere K2ZI June 28
Howard Flint KC2EZJ June 1
Dick Fizette WA2HNA June 7
David Sanford N2VPF June 15

Wedding Anniversary

Don Goodwin KE2VA and XYL June 12, 1942

Hamfest

June 14

PROS Hamfester

Pioneer Radio Operators Society

Chaffee, NY Manion Park Grove Street

July 19

Genesee Radio Amateurs

Alexander (Batavia), NY
Alexander Firemens Grounds
10708 Route 98

Thiing About The International Light House Contest in August

ORLEANS CO. AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

2-METER NET

WA2DQL repeater 144.67 MHz in/145.27 MHz out with a tone of 141.3. Every Tuesday night at 9:00PM We will be calling for officers first then anyone else that wishes to join in. We also have a simplex net once a month on the Third Monday at 9:00PM on 145.270.

June 10	KA2BCF	Dick
June 16	KC2JKU Simplex	Terry
June 17	N2LVW	Liz
June 24	KA2BCE	Marion
July 1	KC2JKU	Terry
July 8	KB2LXD	Ted

Local Nets

Gram (Genesee Radio Amateurs) Tuesday 7:30 p.m. 147.285 Tone 141.3 Cw Code Practice every night (except Tue.) at 8:30 pm. Voice bulletins from ARRL Head quarters every Tuesday night after the net at 8:30 pm. 10 Meter Net 28.323.00 Friday 9:00

2 Meter Sideband Net 144.260 USP 9:00 Mondays

Lara (Lockport Amateur Radio Club)
Sunday 8 p. m. 146.820
Swapnet after regular net Sept- May

Stars (Southtown Amateur Radio Society)
Saturday 10:00 a.m. 3.925 HF Net
Tuesday 7 p.m. 147.090 Swap Net
Wednesday 7 p.m.

It Seems To Us: Can We Talk?

A question we are asked sometimes by non-hams is, "When you're on the radio, what do you talk about?" It's a good question with many possible answers.

Sometimes we talk with friends about the sorts of things that anyone might talk about in a public place. Sometimes we don't talk about anything at all -- we just make contacts. And sometimes we make a contact that grows into a genuine conversation, and possibly even into a friendship.

For many of us, being able to talk to people in other places and to learn something about them is what first attracted us to Amateur Radio and is still the most rewarding part. There was a time when we enjoyed a virtual monopoly on such communication.

International telephone calls were prohibitively expensive and you would never meet a stranger that way, anyway. You could be matched up with a "pen pal," but it would take weeks to exchange thoughts by mail. Few people could afford the time and money to travel to distant points on the globe, and some places were essentially off limits -- but radio amateurs could and did regularly breach the Iron Curtain.

Today the Internet extends a similar opportunity to billions of people, but -- even putting the magic of radio aside -- there is still something special about being able to do it without paying for a connection and without having to wade through the spam, false identities, and many other afflictions of the online world. Amateur Radio certainly has its own problems, but when we encounter another radio amateur on the air or in person we can be reasonably confident that we hold in common some interests, experiences and values.

Yet, we miss many opportunities to go beyond just "making a contact." From listening to the ham bands, either on phone or CW, the casual observer might conclude that there isn't much content to our communication. You may think that this is a recent development brought about by the 21st Century's frenetic pace, short attention spans, the demands of multitasking, and so on. But it isn't. Digging into past issues of QST uncovers the following gem, by Editor-in-Chief Kenneth B. Warner, at the top of this very page in March 1936: "One of the saddest objects in the radio world is an amateur who can't make conversation." The theme recurs in various forms through the ensuing decades.

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From the President

Bruce and Wayne are working very hard on Field Day this year and we need to help them out as much as we can so please take the time to sign up for a hour or so and operate. It takes a lot of work and effort to set thing up and we all need to be there to help it go as it should. Also we were asked to set up for the Wooden Boat Festival. It falls on The International Light House Contest and it could be a great time for all of us. I hope that there is a interest in this event.

Election time is up and anybody interested in running for a office this is the time to speak up. Contact Dick KA2BCF or Bruce WA2HNA if you are interested.

The picnic is coming up and the dinner also.

Several of us went to Dayton this year and had a great time. It sure is quite a show. IF you want to see all the new stuff in Ham radio this is the place to be.

If anybody has any news or pictures please send them to me to post.

Your Truly
Terry)KC2JKU)

OCARC Refreshment Sheet 2008

Month	Food	Drink
January	Terry	Bruce
February	Chuck	Howard
March	Marion Dick	Toussaint
April	(John Maha Jean Seward:	
May	Terry	Bruce
June	Andy	Rich
July	<u>Needed</u>	
August		Picnic
September	Dinner Meeting	
October	Gary	Garry:
November	<u>Needed</u>	
December	Christmas Party	

There is a time and a place for everything. Interrupting a roaring pileup is hardly the way to introduce oneself to a potential new friend. Rare propagation events demand brevity, not chattiness. Contesters want you to call them, but appreciate your keeping the exchange to the essentials. Sometimes language barriers, weak signals, or interference limit our ability to progress beyond a basic contact.

But there are other times when taking a stab at breaking out of the "formula QSO" -- signal report, location, name, rig, antenna, and perhaps the weather -- can pay dividends. Sometimes it will, sometimes it won't -- but as in so much of life, what you get out of it depends on what you're willing to put in.

Where to start? To borrow a few more of Ken Warner's immortal words, "Jot down a few things to talk about. We don't have to pry into each other's souls but each new QSO offers warm human possibilities that far transcend mere shop-talk about gear and circuit conditions. First step in learning to visit over the air is to be prepared to do your part of the conversing, by arming yourself with a few openers." By example he suggested age, occupation, the size of one's town, number of children, and other interests.

Once the "formula QSO" has begun, the other operator's basic information can provide a potential thread. Maybe you have visited his city or state, or somewhere nearby. Maybe you haven't, but have thought about it and would like some suggestions of what to see and do. Maybe you know of another town with the same name in another state or country. Anything that establishes common ground can provide a foundation for an enjoyable chat that will elevate the contact above being just another log entry

And what if he or she doesn't take the bait? Don't worry about it. There could be any number of reasons why, having nothing to do with you. All you have invested is a couple of minutes of your time and a miniscule amount of electricity.

When you next have a bit of operating time, skip the pileup on the station that you don't need. Instead, tune around for someone calling CQ or finishing a contact. Or, find a clear frequency and call CQ yourself. Be prepared to say more than "hello" and "goodbye."

It could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship.