

# Spurious Emissions

Orleans County Amateur Radio Club

September 2009

## OCARC Meetings

The OCARC meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Orleans County Emergency Management Office (14064 W. County House Rd. Albion, NY)

The exceptions are the August (picnic) and September (dinner) meetings

## Club Officers

### President

Terry Cook KA2BCE

### Vice President

Howard Flint KC2EZJ

### Secy

Charles Lind N8CL

### Treas

Richard Toussaint

KA2BCF

### Dir

Bruce Sidari WA2TMC

### Net Mgr

Marion Toussaint

KA2BCE

## OCARC Dinner—Election Meeting September 14, 2009

### WHERE:

Tillmans Village Inn

### When:

September 14, 2009

### Time:

6:00 PM Cocktails

7:00 PM Dinner

### RSVP:

Please contact Dick KA2BCF by September 7th. 798-0861 or at ka2bcf@rochester.rr.com He is trying to get an approximate count.

This is our annual dinner meeting. Dinner is ordered off the menu and paid for on an individual basis. Don't get too carried

away because you will need to save out \$10.00 for your annual dues. Yes, it is still \$10.00.

That's right folks less than **85 CENTS** per month for a club that provides an active repeater, a terrific field day ( at a cost of about \$500.00) and access to a group of great friendly people who love all aspects of HAM Radio.

It is also the annual election meeting.



Field Day 2009

**NEW BLOOD** is always welcome **PLEASE** do not be afraid to step up and volunteer for an office. We continue to have great leadership but I think some of our present officers would just love a bit of a break.

## OCARC Remodeling Club Station

## WA2DQL

Bruce WA2TMC

Yes, I know you have heard this story before but it **IS** going to happen.

How do I know that? Well I'm getting Wayne N2WK involved.

Gee I'm not sure I told him that yet! I couldn't think of a better person

to put together an amateur station.

Dave N2EEJ made the first move by getting operating manuals in place for the 2 meter FM/ Emergency radios. Dave has also expressed interest in helping with the project. If you want some input or

have ideas please let's hear them or forever hold your piece hihi.

This project is years over due. The goal is to have an operational HF and VHF station that will be easy to understand and **FUN** to use but more importantly ready to go in any emergency.

## THE LOCAL CLUB

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### THE LOCAL CLUB RE-SOURCE

Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, shares his views on how clubs play an important role in Amateur Radio. Fusaro is Assistant Manager of the ARRL's Membership and Volunteer Programs Department. He is also the ARRL Affiliated Club/Mentor Program Supervisor.

I am very fortunate to be in a position at ARRL which allows me significant interaction with our members. It is very fulfilling to be able to put a smile on someone's face by helping them find a solution to their problem, regardless of the complexity. Sometimes it is not possible to be as helpful over the telephone or with e-mail, so I will try to direct the individual to a local club where they may be able to get some side-by-side coaching. The local radio club is without a doubt the place where most of us received our ham radio education. The club is where we learned the jargon and techno-speak used on the air and where we met folks to emulate and folks whom we swore we would never be like.

Everything that we know about ham radio that didn't come from a book was

probably learned at club meetings or late night Field Day chats over burnt coffee. Personally, I have made many long-time friendships from my involvement in local radio clubs and I am sure many others can say this as well.

Clubs, by definition, are groups of like-minded people who share a common interest. In reality a club is an eclectic assembly of individuals, each with a unique perspective of their activity. The dynamic of a club is no different than that of a large family. Think of your last family get-together and then take a look at your radio club.

If everybody was the same, life would be very boring. In every club, there is the usual cast of characters who add their distinctive flavors to the stew and make things interesting. It is diversity that makes a club work well. I have seen that no matter how varied the personalities are in a club, most of these personalities are also eager to help.

Helping each other is characteristic of radio amateurs.

How often have you experienced something like this? Two hams will be in QSO -- perhaps discussing an antenna installation or radio repair -- when another radio operator will break in with a helpful suggestion.

This situation may have happened to you, or you may have even been the breaking station. The same thing happens (or should happen) at club meetings. If you need help with something, the closest resource is your local club. On the surface, the club may appear to be dysfunctional, but once you are involved, you will find that it is actually very productive.

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The Pareto principle, commonly known as the 80-20 rule is a simple expression that 80 percent of the effects come from 20

percent of the causes. As applied in the business world, this would be 80 percent of the sales are driven by 20 percent of the customers. In a club, the percentages may be slightly different, but the fact remains that a small percentage of the membership is responsible for

making things happen.

This is not to suggest that 80 percent of the members do not participate, but without a "sparkplug," some things would never get started. These people are the doers. The doers don't take no for an answer and are always willing to take on more responsibility. But where is the fun in jump-starting a project without someone telling you it would never work? Of course, it would be much more fun without the negative comments, but that goes against human nature. Ever since man tried to open a coconut with a rock, someone was right beside him offering a thousand excuses why it won't work: "You'll smash your thumb." "The rock will break." "You should invent a wheel and roll it over the coconut." "Let's just eat the bananas." The cynics of the world are an essential part of society -- and of our clubs. They challenge us and make us work harder to prove them wrong. Learn to accept these people but never let them distract you from moving forward.

You only get as much from a club as you put into it. A majority of the club bashers tend to be long time hams with a "been there, done that" attitude, asking what a club has to offer them for them. To borrow from President John F. Kennedy, "ask what you can do for your club." Of course, we took more than we had to offer when we were younger and inexperienced. But over the years, we have gathered knowl-

edge that we can share with the newcomers. Based upon my countless interactions with hams of all levels of experience, the novice has much to offer the old-timer, even if it is just reliving the joy of discovery. The local radio club has something for everybody who is willing to get involved.

***Editors Note: We are lucky to have great participation in our club. I think we have some exciting times ahead .***

***The OCARC is being recognized by hams outside our area as a very active group. Let's continue to build on that reputation by participating as much as possible in ALL club events and meetings.***

***Ask questions or suggest programs you would like to see.***

***Ask for help on a project that needs a few extra pair of hands. Or better yet offer to help someone else get the most out of our hobby.***

***Support YOUR club.***

***Come to meetings***

***Check into the net on Tuesday evenings.***

***The club is just so much better with YOU there!***

***Bruce — WA2TMC***

## **OCARC Weekly 2 Meter Net**

The OCARC 2 Meter Net meets every Tuesday evening at 9:00 PM on the WA2DQL repeater.

***Freq = 145.27 KHz -600  
PL = 141.3 Hz***

This is a very informal net and ALL stations are welcome.

Our monthly Simplex night is the Monday FOLLOWING our normal club meeting.

It is also at 9:00 PM and is conducted on 145.27 Simplex.

The schedule of net Control stations for the next month is:

Sept 8 - KA2BCF  
 Sept 15 - KC2JKU  
 Sept 21 - KC2JKU (Simplex)  
 Sept 22 - KA2BCE  
 Sept 29 - WA2TMC  
 Oct 6 - KA2BCF  
 Oct 13 - KC2JKU

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

***A note of thanks to Terry KC2JKU for his years of producing the newsletter. I hope I can continue to produce a newsletter that reflects the spirit and the activities our club.***

**Bruce**

# OCARC HAM RADIO SATURDAYS

## What ????

Ham radio on a Saturday??

Yep, that is a plan we (N2WK and I) have been considering.

Once again we are trying to add more FUN and enjoyment to our HAM radio experience.

We have a club whose greatest strength I believe is in the personalities of our members. I look around at every meeting and am pleased to be associated with such "Good People".

We all get along very well.

Some members are not interested in the "techie" stuff and some just like talking on the repeater.

Some have never operated HF and some operate nothing else.

That is the beautiful part of our hobby it accommodates such a wide variety of interests.

Included in our group are various skill levels in computers, electronics, operating ability, contesting, CW, satellites, internet, computerized logging, antennas etc.

Trying to get into any depth on these and other aspects of

Amateur Radio in a 45 minute club presentation at 8 o'clock at night is very difficult.

Certainly training, teaching or getting "hands on" is almost impossible.

The idea is to take at least ONE Saturday every month, maybe the Saturday after the regular meeting and spend some serious time on a specific subject.

The subject might be introduced at the regular meeting for about 15 minutes and then the real follow-up for those that are interested would happen on Saturday.

A good example of this would be the club station.

After the station is set up and made more operable we would briefly talk about it at a meeting, pass out some introductory material and then continue on Saturday.

The Saturday session would provide a more in depth look at the station.

Subjects like:

"How do I open the door to the shack and get on the air"

"What antennas go where?"

"Power Supplies? What

power supplies?"

"Can I blow the whole thing up?"

The station is just an example of one subject, in fact this one might take a couple of sessions.

I think you get the picture.

When we get into other subjects I think it would be great to invite other clubs to listen in on our presentations.

This would promote camaraderie amongst our neighboring clubs but more importantly it will demonstrate to others what a great club we are.

Maybe FREE donuts and Coffee???

OK just come for that and socialize.

Your thoughts??

Pass them along to me or Wayne N2WK.

**Bruce WA2TMC**