



SPURIOUS EMISSION

ORLEANS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (OCARC)

14064 West County House Road
Albion, New York 14411

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2-METER NET

WA2DQL repeater 144.67 MHz in/145.27 MHz out
Every Tuesday night at 9:00PM We will be calling
for officers first then anyone else that wishes to join
in.

April 5	N2LVW	Liz
April 12	KA2ZPQ	Rocky
April 19	KC2JKU	Terry
April 26	KB2LXD	Ted
May 3	KA2BCF	Dick
May 10	N2LVW	Liz

MISCELLANEOUS NETS

Gram (Genesee Radio Amateurs)
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. 147.285 Tone 141.3

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.

OCARC BEST WISHES

ANNIVERSARIES

David N2VPF and Janet KB2RMO Sandford - 04/20/1957

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 on
West County House Road in Albion, New York.
The next meeting will be April 11 , 2005. All are wel-
come.

**If you worry, why pray?
If you pray, why worry?**

Summary of March Meeting

Mr. Keith Freeberg N2BEL spoke at our meeting . He is
with the Parks & Trails New York. He's in charge of the
Erie Canal Bike Ride from Buffalo to Albany along the
Canal. He is looking for ARES and/or RACES members
to help out with this event. It sounds very interesting. It
will take place starting July 10th-11th in our area. It will
be an 8 day event. We would only be involved for one or
two days. They plan on spending the night in Medina.

Anyone interested in helping out please contact
Marion(KA2BCE)

Refreshment for April are from Dick Fizett(WA2HNA)
and Rocky Harris (KA2ZPQ)

Club Officers

Pres	John Cheatham	KC2MHI	638-6031
V Pres.	Thomas Maier	KE2XT	
Secy.	Marion Toussaint	KA2BCE	798-0861
Treas.	Richard Toussaint	KA2BCF	798-0861
Dir.	Janet Sanford	KB2RMO	589-7212
Net Mgr.	Rocky Harris	KA2ZPQ	798-2132
News Ed.	Terry Cook	KC2JKU	589-6362

We need help with Ideas for the meetings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mason K2MEK Cox - 04/13
Jonathan N2VPG Sanford - 04/17

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Three brothers ages 92, 94, and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 year old draws a bath. He puts his foot in and pauses. He yells down the stairs and says "Was I getting in or out?"

The 94 year old yells back "I don't know. I'll come up and see." He starts up the stairs and pauses. Then he yells "Was I going up the stairs or down?"

The 92 year old HAM is sitting in front of his HF rig and listening to his brothers. He shakes his head picks up the mic and says "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." He knocks on wood for good measure. He then yells into the mic, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door".

Amateur Radio V.E. Schedules for license exams in our area

ARAT's Club

First Saturday on each month. Contact: Vic Gadzik, K2YW, 716-694-9738

STARS Club

Contact: Terry Rochhold, K2OO, 716-656-0865

LARC Club

Every third Wednesday of the month. Contact: Pete Orendorf, AB2KG 716-662-0096

PROS Club

Third Saturday of each month. Contact: Pat Murray 716-665-8178

The best time to do something is between yesterday and tomorrow.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND UPDATES

Want to try your hand at CW? There is practice group run by Dick (WA2HNA) at 7:30 most nights. They try to meet on Simplex 146.580 first and then branch off depending on your speed. Someone will always be on 21.125 most nights. Come join the fun.

American Radio Relay League Fact Sheet The ARRL Public Relations Department

SUMMARY:

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the national membership association for Amateur Radio operators. The League represents Amateur Radio interests to regulatory bodies, provides technical advice and assistance to Amateur Radio enthusiasts and supports a number of educational programs throughout the country. ARRL is a non-profit organization.

HISTORY:

The ARRL was founded in 1914 by inventor Hiram Percy Maxim.

MEMBERSHIP:

Current ARRL membership is approximately 156,000.

STAFF:

120 full- and part-time staff members.

PUBLISHING:

ARRL publishes monthly membership journal QST and two special interest magazines along with over 160 books and software titles and a variety of special interest newsletters.

LOCATION:

The American Radio Relay League is located at 225 Main Street in Newington, Connecticut. Along with the administrative headquarters building, the seven acre site is home to W1AW, the League's Amateur Radio station. Amateur Radio operators from all over the world come to ARRL to operate from W1AW.

Hi all. I hope this will settle the argument on whether to use "Q" signals

> on the phone bands. Please share this with all Hams or in local
> newsletters. Avery Finn of Handihams wrote this. Gary KB2YAA

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> Morse shorthand primer by Avery Finn K0HLA

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> Morse code still has a strong following, a following around the world. But
> recent changes in licensing structure in Morse code requirements have
> brought many new Hams into the amateur radio service with less Morse code
> knowledge and proficiency. Many of these new Hams have no idea what pro
> signs are and how they are used in day-to-day amateur radio operation.

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> all know that these are called Morse pro signs for a reason. They were
> originally developed and intended for use for stations

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> Communicating via Morse code. A few of them have migrated on to the phone
> bands as well, some of them are 73, XYL, QSO and QSL. You will even see
> some of them used in Email messages that amateur operators send to each
> other. Can you get into trouble using pro signs and "Q" signals the wrong
> way? Sure enough. Remember these bits of Ham radio shorthand are meant
for

> Morse code NOT other modes.

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> Since almost everyone says 73 even on the phone, that use is considered
> acceptable. Unfortunately, sometimes Hams try to use Q signals during
> phone operation and it just confuses things. An example would be to say

QRX

> to another station while operating phone, but what you really wanted the
> other station to do was to stand by and wait for a moment until you can
> resume transmitting. As you might expect, someone who is not familiar
with

> Morse code operation might be left wondering what QRX means. On the other
> hand, pretty much everyone knows what you're talking about when you mention

a

> QSL card, even if you are talking on a VHF repeater. The bottom line is
to

> listen and learn what is commonly expected and what is not. The golden
rule

> of clear communication ought to be, speak clearly, use plain language and
> avoid jargon. One very common mistake is to turn Morse shorthand into
> really bad slang. If you want to sound like someone who knows nothing about
> amateur radio, go ahead and sign off by saying 73's instead of 73. If you
> remember nothing else about this article, please remember that it is 73 and
> there is no plural.

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> Morse pro signs and Q signals:

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> Morse pro signs

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- > AR-end of message
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- > AS-stand by or wait
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- > BK-break
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- > BT- separation between address and text and between text and signature
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- > CK-check
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- > CL-clear going offthe air
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- > CUL-see you later
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- > DE-from
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- > ES-and-fine business, means yes I agree or understand and think it's great
- > etc.
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- > HH- error in sending
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- > HX- handling instructions when working with formal written traffic
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- > IMI- repeat or I say again
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- > K- go ahead
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- > KM- address station only
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- > NR- number
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- > OM- male any age married or single
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- > R- roger means yes
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- > SK- out,clear end of communications no reply expected
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- > TU-thank you over
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- > TNK-thank you
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- > XL-female, single any age
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- > XYL- female married any age
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- > 33- between two females, means 73best regards and 88hugs and kisses
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- > Here are some of the most common Q signals used:

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- > The Q signals can either ask a question or answer with a statement
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- > QRM-are you being interfered with
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- > QRN- are you troubled by static
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- > QRP- shall I decrease transmitting power
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- > QRT- should I stop sending
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- > QRV- are you ready to receive information
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- > QRX- when will you call again
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- > QRZ- who is calling me
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- > QSB- is my signal fading
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- > QSL- can you acknowledge receipt
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- > QSO- can you communicate with me direct
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- > QSY- shall I change frequency
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- > QTH- what is your location