

QSY Society Newsletter November, 2025

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MEETING NOTES

The meeting was held on Tuesday, November 13th in the Galleria Community Room.

Notes from the meeting were compiled by Shirley N2SKP and Adam AE2AN.

This was a joint meeting with MBARC, and was held in the Community Room, Poughkeepsie Galleria. This was due to a lack of appropriate dates at the library, and the realized benefit of a combined club meeting with a program by ARRL leadership.

The business meeting kicked off at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MBARC led with their business, followed by Adam AE2AN who reported on Winter Field Day, 1/25; and participation as communications support for a Whitewater Event, date to come from the organizers. Mark WA2NYY reports that there is \$2553.04 before depositing \$59.00 from the 50-50 in the treasury. This was followed by Shirley N2SKP with a personal announcement of her great-grandson's birth that morning (followed by cheers and congratulations by all, thank you!)

Next was an invite to QSY and MBARC members (and family) to the Holiday Party on Saturday 12/6 at Longobardi's Restaurant in Wappinger Falls. We noted that the mid-county location makes it convenient for attendance. A signup list and flyer were circulated, resulting in 23 planned attendees so far. The cost per person is \$30, which is a \$23 meal plus tax and tip.

Next topic was the QSY Website, which would benefit from regular attention by a member .. N2SKP appreciated its initial review by Jeff KE2I, and she promises to give assistance to anyone who would help maintain the website.

Last was a mention of the Ham Radio University at the NYC-Long Island Section Convention, on 1/10/26. This is not only a major hamfest but it has a history of some very interesting forums. These are listed on their website at <https://hamradiouniversity.org/>

At 7pm we were delighted to receive our guest speakers, Hudson Division Vice Director David Galletly KM2O and ENY Section Manager John Fritze K2QY. John tested our knowledge, and shared such facts with: 1. How many Sections, and how many 2. Divisions

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are there; 3. what is the Section Manager's job ... 4. what is the average age of hams in US? ... and in Canada? ... and in Europe? 5. How many licensed amateurs are there worldwide? We were all floored when Michelle K2MJR jumped in with the precise answer to 6. 'What is the "333" rule in ham radio. (see below/last page for all answers!)

David KM2O described the organization of ARRL Divisions (15) in the US, and the Division Director responsibilities to chair committees such as DX, Executive, Emergency Communications, Field Services. David is a member of the Emergency Communications and Field Services Committee. He encourages clubs to examine 'How Healthy is our Club'; do our clubs provide guidance, learning, and involvement in amateur radio events such as Foxhunting and other activities. He reminds us to submit club photos of activities to QST magazine.

He emphasized the importance of supporting the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act, The bipartisan bills -- H.R.1094 in the House and S.459 in the Senate -- are designed to prevent restrictive homeowners' association (HOA) rules that currently prohibit or severely limit the installation of amateur radio antennas, even when such antennas are hidden in trees, placed in attics, mounted on vehicles, or look like flagpoles. The ARRL has done much of the work for us by creating online letters to be sent to your Representatives and Senators. All that you need to do is go to — <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/> — to generate a pre-drafted letter and send your pre-drafted letters to your Representative and Senators. The necessary information is already populated in the letter and it will be sent electronically. Most of us have already done so, but if you haven't, please do as quickly as possible! Many of your fellow hams live in condos with a restrictive HOA (I do!)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm; there was an MBARC/QSY 50-50 winner, whose name will be included in the next newsletter!

QSY/MBARC Holiday Party: Saturday December 6, 3-6pm at Longobardi's Restaurant (see details under **Upcoming Events**. Contact Shirley N2SKP@arrl.net for info and to sign up.

Answers to John Fritze's Questions: 1) there are 71 Sections in US & Territories, and 15 Divisions. 2) Section Manager's job is: a) Field Services b) Recruits, appoints section level staff c) Maintains a liaison w/Division Directors d) Conducts correspondence w/Section members e) Promotes recruitment of new amateurs & ARRL members f) Is required to participate in Section Manager Orientation 3) average age in US: 68-70 yrs old, in Canada: 26.4 yrs old! And in Europe: 70+ yrs old. 4) 3 million hams worldwide 5) "333" Rule in Ham Radio: Basically: turn on radio for 3 minutes every 3 hours on pre-arranged frequency (referred to as Channel 3) and conserve battery power, and establishes a reliable schedule, such as: noon, 3, 6, 9pm etc

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John Fritze K2QY, Adam Nowik AE2AN, Shirley Dahlgren, N2SKP, and David Galletly KM2O

NEXT MEETING

- Dec Saturday, December 6th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
QSY and MBARC Holiday Party
To be held at Longobardi's Restaurant
1574 Rt 9 in Wappinger Falls (New Hackensack Rd & Rt 9)
See details in **Upcoming Events**, below
- Jan Date to be determined – awaiting date from the library.
- Feb Thursday, February 12th from 6:30 – 8:00
Setup and social time from 6:30 to 7:00, meeting begins at 7:00
Galleria Community Room
- Mar Date to be determined – awaiting date from the library.
Boardman Road Library

*The **Galleria Community Room** is located on the upper level of the Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall near the food court.*

*The **Boardman Road Library** is located at 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. Meetings may be cancelled in inclement weather.*

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On even numbered months the meetings are held in the Galleria Mall on the second Thursday of the month.

On odd number months the meetings are held in the Boardman Road Library. The day and date will be announced when available.

Additional meetings may also be scheduled if needed.

CLUB NEWS

NO NEWS

There is no news to report at this time

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hopewell and Beyond 2m Simplex Net meets on 146.55 on Thursday Nights at 8:00pm. Reminder notes are sent to the QSY members and others prior to the net.

QSY/MBARC Holiday Party

Location: Longobardi's Restaurant

1574 Rt 9 in Wappinger Falls (New Hackensack Rd & Rt 9)

Date: Saturday December 6

Time: 3 pm to 6 pm

We've got a large room to ourselves, room to move around, and great food.

Choose one of the 4 entrees below:

1. Chicken Parmigiana
2. Chicken Francese
3. Eggplant Parmigiana
4. Broiled Salmon

All with mixed green salad, bread, side of pasta, coffee, tea and soda.

Price: \$30

\$23 plus 8% tax and 20% tip = \$30 per person.

For planning, please contact Shirley now if you are interested in attending, and how many.

QSY and MBARC members and family are welcome

Contact Shirley at: n2skp@arrl.net or shirleydahlgren@gmail.com

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UPCOMING POPULAR CONTESTS

CQ WORLDWIDE DX CONTEST, CW	0000Z, Nov 29 TO 2400Z, Nov 30
ARRL 10-METER CONTEST	0000Z, DEC 13 TO 2359Z, DEC 14

A full list of contests with details can be found at

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

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SUBMISSIONS



"Twas the Night Before Net Check-In"

Author: Anonymous, with a little help from the ether

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the shack,
Not a signal was stirring—not even a crack.

The coax was coiled by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Elmo soon would be there.

The Baofengs nestled all snug in their docks,
While visions of DX danced through the box.
And I in my headset, with mic at the ready,
Had just tuned the rig to 3.973 steady.

When out on the spectrum there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter.
Away to the tuner I flew like a flash,
Threw open the logbook and checked the old stash.

The moon on the mast of the snow-covered beam
Gave a luster of gain to my holiday dream.
When what to my wondering ears should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight hams full of cheer.

With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment—it must be St. Nick.
He keyed up his mic and gave out a call:
"Merry Christmas to hams, one and all!"

Member submissions wanted. What have you done lately? Built any kits? Made any unique contacts? Have you any special knowledge, information or news you might share about our hobby? Write a paragraph or two and share it with our readers.

Send submissions to Bill at ng2d@arrl.net.

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