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# SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

#### FEBRUARY, 2023

# CLUB MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Luchuk, N4UTQ at 7:19 PM. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Steve introduced visitors. Tonight, new hams present were Dan, KQ4EYB and Lou, KQ4EYQ. Steve then proceeded to give the President's Report.

Last month, the club participated in Winter Field Day. Antenna set up began in the morning on Saturday, January 29 and operations started at 2:00 PM and extended until about 8:00 PM, when we had to clear the room for next day's church activities. In all we made multiple contacts in phone and CW and had a great social activity as well.

Next, the Treasurer's Report: The club started the year with \$1071.11 in the checking account and added \$488.00 in January for a final of \$1598.65. The Equipment Fund also saw an increase of \$20.00 from a donation for a total of \$1903.65. The Treasurer's Report was approved for audit.

The minutes of the January meeting were then approved.

Past President, Viron, N4VEP reported that the club held a QRP event at Manatee Cove Park last Saturday, February 19, with several members participating.

Following the business meeting, Steve gave a presentation on the QRP event at Manatee Park. He showed several pictures of participants and their antennas. Sandy brought a loop antenna, Greg, AB4GO a Buddy Pole that he configured as a half-wave horizontal dipole and raised to about 25 feet. Viron used a Chameleon EMCOMM III Portable antenna. A discussion then followed on the advantages and disadvantages of different antennas for QRP use.

Following this part of the pres-

#### entation, Steve went on to show pictures of many QRP radios available on the market or on eBay.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM and members proceeded to the back of the room where a show-and-tell set up of radios and QRP gear was displayed by some of the members.

Respectfully submitted by Armando Delgado, KN4JN Secretary

Amateur Radio Operations at the US Military The Service Academies Radio Group (SARG) was recently formed for alumni and amateur radio operators who are interested in the five U.S military academies. William Curry, W5CQ, founder and net control operator for the SARG Net, said two months ago there was a new interest in forming a group and net. He noticed that only one military

academy, West Point, W2KGY,

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was still operating a club station. At one time, every military academy had an operating club station. The SARG net meets every Thursday at 2200 UTC on 7.280 MHz, and every Saturday at 1600 UTC on 14.338 MHz. All amateur radio operators, whether they are veterans, or just have an interest in the military or history of the academies, are invited. For additional information about the SARG Net, contact Curry at

#### w5cq@arrl.net.

HAARP Thanks Amateur Radio Operators for Help with Latest Experiment On Tuesday, December 27, 2022, the Highfrequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) conducted its latest ionospheric bouncing radio signals off an asteroid passing near Earth's orbit. Amateur radio operators and radio astronomy enthusiasts were invited to monitor the test and send their results to HAARP for analysis. While the results of the experiment will take several weeks, Jessica Matthews, HAARP Program Manager, said the help was greatly appreciated. "So far we have received over 300 reception reports from the amateur radio and radio astronomy communities from six continents who confirmed the

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HAARP transmission." HAARP officials say the results of the experiment could aid efforts to defend Earth from larger asteroids that could cause significant damage. "We will be analyzing the data over the next few weeks and hope to publish the results in the coming months," said Mark Haynes, lead investigator on the project and a radar systems engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. "This experiment was the first time an asteroid observation was attempted at such low frequencies," he said.

Another big dxpedition will take place starting towards the end of March, 2023. The expedition to Sable Island, CYOC was supposed to take place two years ago, but COVID-19 came along and put an end to the event before it happened. Now, three years later, it may take place.

Sable island is a small island off the coast of Nova Scotia, about 190 miles southeast. It is not uninhabited, but it is mostly a Canadian National Park Reserve with limited access.

The dxpedition, as planned, should take place between March 20-29, 2023. It is composed of team WA4DAN, K4UEE, WOGJ, K5YY, N2IEN, N2TU, K4ZLE, W4DKS,

WW2DX and they plan to operate on all bands and modes, including digital, EME, and satellite. QSL via WA4DAN, ClubLog OQRS, LOTW

In Poland, from February 17 -March 5, 2023, the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) will operate nine special event stations honoring the 550th anniversary of the birth of Nicolaus Copernicus. Copernicus mapped the universe and formulated a model that placed the sun, rather than Earth, at its center.

The nine special event stations will operate from February 17 at 00:00 UTC to March 5 at 23:59

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UTC, using the following call signs: SN550K, SN5500, SN550P, SN550E, SN550R, SN550N, SN550I, SP550K, and SN550NC.

The ARRL International DX Contest, SSB portion, will be on the weekend of March 5-6. The contest starts at 0000 UTC, March 5, that's 7:00 PM local time on Friday, March 4. Rules and details here. This is a fun contest with a brief exchange and with new band openings lots of DX contacts are possible.

On March 25 Bob Luken, W3RDL will begin a class for General license at Hobb's Pharmacy on Merritt Island, starting at 9:30 AM

# ON THE AIR

19th annual "Freeze Your Keys" winter operating event Feb 25, 1400Z-2200Z, WOEBB, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo ORP Amateur Radio Club. 7.035 CW 7.240 SSB 14.058 CW 14.325 SSB. QSL. Gary Auchard, 34058 167th Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048. w0mna74@gmail.com

100 Years of WWV Time and Frequency Broadcasts Mar 6-Mar 12, 0000Z-2359Z, WWOWWV, Various towns and

When the FCC was created in 1934, it was tasked with regulating and licensing all radio activities in the United States, including amateur radio. The FCC developed for the amateur radio license a required knowledge test and a Morse code qualification, each test designed for the license level being applied for. The qualifying exams were given by FCC examiners at regional FCC offices. Unfortunately, FCC offices were located in major regional cities and ham applicants many times had to travel many miles to get tested. As time went by, the number of potential amateur applicants increased

states. WWV Amateur Radio Club. 7.048 7.248 14.048 14.248. OSL. WWV ARC, PO Box 273226, Fort Collins, CO 80527. This is an operating event, on all HF bands, CW, SSB and standard digital mode frequencies. QSL via LOTW, OQRS and PO Box 273226, Fort Collins, CO 80527 wwvarc.org

74th Anniversary of Merci Train Boxcar Feb 1-Feb 28, 0000Z-

0000Z, NV7AL, Las Vegas, NV. American Legion Paradise Post 149 and 40&8 Voiture 306. 7.074 7.250 14.074 14.250.

OSL. Robert Bencsko - AD7J. 2548 Fort Lauderdale Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89156. This special event station is set up to raise awareness of the 40&8 "MERCI Train Boxcar" 74th Anniversary Watch for us on DX Summit QSL with SASE to AD7J https://www.grz.com/ db/NV7AL

Worldwide Antarctic Program Feb 19-Feb 26, 0000Z-0000Z, K4C, McDonough, GA. Worldwide Antarctic Program. 14.270 MHz 21.270 MHZ

28.470 MHZ 7.170 MHz. QSL. Robert Hines, K4MZU, 1978 Snapping Shoals Rd, McDonough, GA 30252. Annual celebration for over 50+ years of US amateur radio activity in Antarctica. www.grz.com/db/k4c

100 Years of Organized Amateur Radio on Sydney's Northern Beaches All bands, all modes. OSL See website, for, information, AUSTRALIA. February 26, 2023 through February 25, 2024 www.qrz.com/db/vi100mb or https://www.mwrs.org.au

# The VEC by Armando Delgado, KN4JN

and the FCC budget for amateur examiners proportionately decreased. A crisis of sorts came about in the 1980's when the FCC had a budget crunch. Through the efforts of ARRL, Senator Barry Goldwater (K7UGA -SK) a very active ham, and others, the VEC system was created to ensure the ability for the Amateur Service to continue to grow and prosper. The Volunteer Examiner Coordinator system privatized the FCC licensing process for amateur radio. Thus, it

opened the doors for more availability of exams and examiners for licensing. VECs coordinate the efforts of Volunteer Examiners (VEs) in preparing and administering amateur service operator license examinations. The coordinating VEC screens collected information, resolves all discrepancies, and forwards all required data to the FCC electronically. All VECs are authorized to coordinate examination sessions at any location an examination can be administered. A

VEC, however, may choose to limit its area of operation to a particular geographical area. Many hams think the ARRL is the only VEC available, but there are many more. Actually, there are 14 VEC regions, each operating in different parts of the nation and at times overlapping in their coverage.

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  - Delaware, District of Co-

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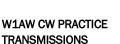
4 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia Arkansas, Louisiana, 5 Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas 6 California 7 Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming Michigan, Ohio and West 8 Virginia Illinois, Indiana and Wis-9 consin 10 Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota 11 Alaska 12 Caribbean Insular areas 13 Hawaii and Pacific Insular areas 14 (unofficial). Outside the United States And the VEC groups are multiple: Anchorage ARC VEC P.O. Box 190192 Anchorage, AK 99519 P: (907) 632-3963 E: vec@kl7aa.org American Radio Relay League (ARRL) 225 Main Street Newington, CT 06111-1494 P: 860-594-0300 F: 860-594-0339 E: VEC@arrl.org Central America CAVEC, Inc. 1204 Governors Dr SE Huntsville, AL 35801 P: 256-509-5271 E: CAVEC.Org@gmail.com Golden Empire Amateur Radio Society (GEARS) P.O. Box 508 Chico. CA 95927-0508 P: 530-893-9211 E: myw6js@gmail.com Greater L.A. Amateur Radio Group POB 500133 Palmdale, CA 93591 P: 661-264-1863 E: vec@glaarg.org Jefferson Amateur Radio Club P.O. Box 73665 Metairie, LA 70033 E: w5gad.vec@w5gad.org P: 504-636-8809

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VEC's manage the examination process through Volunteer Examiners (VEs) that they certify to carry on the exams. The volunteer examiners are responsible for the proper conduct and necessary supervision of examinations, including: Observing the examinees throughout the entire examination. Determining the correctness of answers. Issuing a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) when the examinee scores a passing grade. Terminating the examination if examinees do not comply with their instructions.

Volunteer Examiners are Amateur Extra Class radio operators who volunteer their time and talent to prepare and administer amateur radio operator license examinations. A VE is a person at least 18 years of age whose license has never been revoked or suspended. Close relatives, however, cannot be an examinee's VE. Each VE, moreover, has been accredited by a Volunteer-Examiner Coordinator (VEC). The examination for a Technician Class operator license grant can also be prepared and administered by Advanced and General Class operators. Advanced Class licensees may also prepare and administer General Class license examinations. Although General and Advanced class hams can give some exams, most VEC's prefer VEs to be Amateur Extra class because most exam sessions involve multiple examinees applying for different classes of license and if accidentally the wrong license VE were to grade the wrong exam, that could invalidate the new license and the applicant could have to retake the exam under the proper conditions.

Exam sessions require no less than three VEs present, and three VEs must grade each exam and concur on the number of correct answers. Those three VEs will then sign the CSCE, if the applicant passes the exam.



7 PM EST Slow CW : 5-15 WPM Mon, Wed, Fri

7 PM EST Fast CW: 35-10 WPM Tue, Thu

#### FREQUENCIES:

1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675, 50.350, 147.555



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145.350	350 SC	-600	103.5	K4OSC	St. CLOUD, OSCEOLA	K1XC	Radio Science Club, Fl Club
145.370	370 CO	-600	156.7	W2SDB	COCOA-BROADCAST CT.	IRARC	Yaesu Repeater replaced with Bridgecon
145.470	470 ME	-600	107.2	K4HRS	MELBOURNE- RIALTO PL.	HIRAC	
145.490	490 TI	-600	100.0	WN3DHI	TITUSVILLE SR405 & Fox lk rd.	WN3DHI	
146.610	610 ME	-600	None/107.2	W4MLB	MELBOURNE- HOLMES HOSP	PCARS	Tone Downlink only
146.625	625 MM	-600	100.0	KE4NUZ	NW of MIMS NEAR HARRISON RD.	KE4NUZ	Limited coverage
146.775	775 MM	-600	100.0	K4KSC	NW of MIMS Hog Valley , W of 195	K4KSC	
146.850	850 ME	-600	None/107.2	W4MLB	PALM BAY- Port Malabar Rd.	PCARS	Tone Downlink Only
146.880	880 RO	-600		W4NLX	ROCKLEDGE- WUESTHOFF HOSP.	IRARC	FUSION Repeater replaced with Bridgeco
146.895	895 PB	-600	107.2/107.2	K4EOC	PALM BAY- DeGroot Library	EOC	TSQL as of 5/2018
146.910	910 TI	-600	107.2	K4KSC	TITUSVILLE Water Tower on south st.	TARC	
146.940	940 RO	-600	None	K4GCC	ROCKLEDGE Carver Rd.WLRQ Tower	LISATS	
146.970	970 TI	-600	107.2	K4KSC	TITUSVILLE-T'VILLE TOWERS	TARC	
147.075	075 SC	+600	107.2/107.2		SCOTTSMOOR Near US1-Aurantia Rd		TSQL as of 5/2018 Relocated 4/2019
147.135	135 RO		107.2/107.2		ROCKLEDGE-EOC	EOC	TSql as of 5/2018
147.240	240 DE	+600	-	KV4EOC	DELAND	VARES	1041 45 01 5/ 2020
147.255	255 PB	+600		K4DCS	Near Babcock & Palm City S City limit		
147.330	330 TI	+600		K4DC3 K4NBR	TITUSVILLE-PARRISH HOSP.	NBARC	
147.360	360 TI	+600		N4TDX	TITUSVILLE-PARRISH HOSP.	NBARC	DSTAR Gateway in work
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444.375	CNLBRE	+5000	107.2		195 FDT Twr 1/2 Mile N of County Line		"SARNet Sebastian Repeater"
444.425	425ME4	+5000		W4MLB	MELBOURNE- RIALTO PL.	PCARS	
444.525	525RO4		103.5/103.5		ROCKLEDGE-EOC	EOC	TSql; VOICE/NBEMS
444.650	CNMBRE	+5000		W4NLX	COCOA-FHP SR520	IRARC	"SARNet Cocoa Repeater"
444.750	750TI4		156.7/156.7		TITUSVILLE- TGO WATERTOER 230 ft.	NBARC	TSql
444.875	875MI4	+5000		KC2UFO	MERRITT IS. COURTNEY SPRS.	K4UZM	
444.925	925KS4	+5000	131.8/131.8	N1KSC	KENNEDY SP. CTRVAB	KSCARC	FM Tsql ; P25 capable
224.120	120CO2	-1600	123.0	AA4CD	COCOA Broadcast Ct.	AA4CD	
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444.150	150TI4	+5000	CC1	K2JO	TITUSVILLE-PARRISH HOSP.	KC2CWT	DMR FL
444.575	575CO4	+5000	CC3	K4DJN	COCOA BROADCAST CT.	AA4CD	DMR Brandmeister
444.675	675TI4	+5000		K4DJN	TITUSVILLE-T'VILLE TOWERS	AA4CD	DMR Brandmeister
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146.550	SOUTHX	SIMPLEX		N/A	SOUTH REGION	PBARC	SOUTH NET SIMPLEX BACKUP
146.580	MLBX	SIMPLEX		N/A	MELBOURNE REGION	PCARS	MELBOURNE REGION NET SIMPLEX BACK
146.595	NORTHX	SIMPLEX		N/A	NORTH REGION	TARC	NORTH NET SIMPLEX BACKUP
147.540	EOCROX	SIMPLEX		N/A	RACES Bay	EOC	EOC VOICE/NBEMS
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