

Nassau County Amateur Radio Emergency Service



Mission: "To Serve the Public"

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Greetings! This newsletter's purpose is to disseminate timely information to ARES personnel. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, simply email me at wf2t@arrl.net

2004 APPLICATION ATTACHED

Attached is the new 2004 ARES application. As you know, information changes and we are required to re-apply annually, so please take the time to do so. An application can be sent to you by mail at any time if you request it. *Please send the **entire** form back to George Gluck ASAP.* An ARES 2004 Card will be issued to you, and we will be able to update our Nassau County ARES records. You can fax it to 516-873-1743 or hand to George at a meeting or ham fest.

Please note: If at any time during a calendar year your information changes, such as your e-mail address or contact numbers, please be sure to notify us as well. To insure proper changes are made, fax the information to the above number or e-mail them to Jane K2JAN at k2jan@nyc.rr.com

You are expected to participate in the weekly nets and attend the monthly meetings. The Nassau County ARES nets are held Monday evenings at 8:00PM local time on **443.525/114.8 PL**. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (location to be announced on the weekly net).

Articles this month:

1. Monthly Meeting 12/09/03
2. New Net Script for NCS
3. Ham Radio University January 18, 2004
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MONTHLY MEETING 12/09/03

At the December Meeting, a recap of the significant accomplishments of Nassau ARES for the year was summarized, and a discussion for next year's goals took place. Among the accomplishments cited were:

- Increased membership 140%
- 2 Highly successful full scale SET's

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- Service Log (1500 hours! \$206k!)
- Antenna group installation – ARC HQ
- Established written procedures for deployment
- Consistent monthly training meetings
- Re-established inter county commo link
- Increased leadership cadre to 18
- Updated website
- Monthly email newsletter
- Continual improvement process established

Goals for 2004 included ...

- Packet at ARC, OEM
- Packet at EOC's
- Phone patch ARC HQ
- Low Band at ARC
- RACES issue resolved
- Improved Section Wide Communications
- Trackers for ERV
- Simplex/Duplex Nets – relay drills
- LIPA/Keyspan contact
- CPR, First Aid for Communicators
- EMCOMM in classroom setting
- Post Newsletter, ARES Application and Net Control Script to Website

NEW NET SCRIPT DISTRIBUTED – Please print or save the attached file. Keep it handy when checking into the net. If nothing is heard after five minutes, and the repeater is working properly and you feel confident to handle the net in a professional manner, please start the net by following this script. Always remember to check the alternate frequency first to be sure that the net wasn't moved due to difficulties with the repeater.

HAM RADIO UNIVERSITY 1/18/04



HRU 2004 will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2004 at the East Woods School located at 31 Yellow Cote Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771. We urge all members to drop in and check it out. The doors open at 8:00AM for the 5th Annual Ham Radio University and the ARRL New York City/Long Island Section Convention.

Ham Radio University 2004 is a day of education about Amateur Radio.

The event is being held at the prestigious East Woods School, a private school on 46 acres in Oyster Bay. There will be special forums geared to the non-ham as well as the experienced ham radio operator. The focus will be "hands on" with many demonstrations.

Come join us and learn about everything from satellite communications, low power operating using radios as small as a tuna tin and the latest in emergency communications. There will also be a VE session for those who would like to take an FCC exam and a Special Event Station set up and operational on HF.

HRU 2004 is sponsored this year by the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club and is a cooperative effort between over twenty clubs and organizations in the New York City- Long Island area. Besides the forums, there will be tables set up with information about different organizations and clubs including the Red Cross, Salvation Army, National Weather Service, Friends of Long Island Wireless as well as ham radio classes, local FCC exam schedules, public service and other activities.

New this year is a special seminar presented by the ARRL explaining the different on-line educational courses that are now available. They include Emergency Communications, Antenna Modeling, HF Digital Communications, Beyond Repeaters, RFI and more. These are part of the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education program (<http://www.arrl.org/cce>).

Join us for a day of fun and education for the whole family! Admission is open to all - donation is \$2 per person. (Refreshments will be available)

Directions: (The school is approximately 18 miles east of the Queens/Nassau border in Nassau County) Take the Long Island Expressway east to Exit 41 North (Rte 106/107). 106 and 107 will split about 1/2 mile north of the LIE, follow 106 north (to the right).

Go about 4 miles to Route 25A. Make a right and head east on 25A and go about 2 miles to Yellow Cote Road (on your left). Look for the white sign, which says "East Woods School". Proceed approximately 1/2 mile - the entrance to the school will be on your left at another white sign. There is parking available in one of the three designated areas on three sides of the school. Look for the HRU signs!

TALK-IN on W2VL 146.850 -600 136.5 PL

ARES will have a table at this event, providing information on the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and how we provide service to the local communities in Nassau County.

We would like to ask all those who are interested in manning the table during the event to contact George Gluck at georgegluck@juno.com. We are in need of volunteers, and ask that even if you can provide an hour of support it would be greatly appreciated. The more volunteers we have, the less time spent at the table!

MEETING CALENDAR

ARES Meetings will be held at the Red Cross Chapter at 195 Willis Avenue Mineola, at 7:30 pm, on the second Tuesday of the month.

1/13/04 Incident Command System – presented by Jim Mezey W2KFV
2/10/04 APRS – presented by Charlie Alfano WA2GUG

MISCELLANEOUS



Look how we've grown!

Sending Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!!!

Riley Stein

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Other Notes...

The ARES Video, which was sent out to various ARRL, County, and State officials on December 4, 2003, was received and acknowledged by Tom Suozzi, County Executive. An excerpt of his letter is as follows:

“I appreciate your having provided me with this information. By copy of this letter, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your communication to Richard Rotanz, Director of the Emergency Management Office, for his review and have asked that you be contacted directly in response.”

Once again, thank you for taking the time to bring this to my attention. As always, if I may be of further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me. Best wishes for a very happy and healthy Holiday Season!”

If you have any contributions for the ARES website, please send them to joseph.reekie@verizon.net.

Nassau County Traffic Net meets daily at 7:30pm on the 146.805 Repeater. All ARES members are encouraged to practice message handling on this training net.

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