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Nassau County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

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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 ARES ID CARDS EXPIRE



Please note that your active membership ID card expired 12/31/04. An expired ID card will be a problem during times of emergency when access to a disaster site is required. To receive your new ID card you must complete a new 2005 ARES Application Form. You can obtain an application at any ARES meeting, or an application form will be sent to you by mail or email whenever you request it.

Send the *entire* form back to George Gluck ASAP (georgegluck@juno.com). An ARES 2005 Card will be issued to you, and we will be able to update our Nassau County ARES records. You can also fax it back to 516-873-1743, or hand to George at a meeting or hamfest, or e-mail it to Jane K2JAN at k2jan@nyc.rr.com.

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 the **146.805 Repeater until further notice**. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the American Red Cross in Nassau County, 195 Willis Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501.

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MONTHLY MEETING 1/11/05



N2EB, John Koch gave an excellent presentation on Tactical Voice Operations at the American Red Cross on January 11th. Also covered was the latest deployment techniques for Net Control Operations (place NCS at “hub” of traffic, use an undirected net, keep “spokes” to a minimum for fastest through-put. Each station has permission to go direct to any other). Techniques for speed and accuracy of tactical message handling were discussed.

ANNUAL REPORT

The following recaps our activities for the year, including the monthly training sessions.

<i>Date Service</i>	<i>Event Cost</i>	<i>Tot Hams</i>	<i>Tot Hrs</i>	<i>Equip Cost</i>	<i>Total Services</i>
01/13/04	ARES Training: Incident Command System	17	42.5		425
02/10/04	ARES Training: APRS	26	65		650
02/19/04	Freeport Village EOC	3	9		90
03/06/04	ARC Inter-District Drill	2	6	5,700	5,760
03/09/04	ARES Training: Deployment Update	23	57.5		575
04/13/04	ARES Training: First Aid Basics	19	57		570
04/18/04	MS Walk	7	35	5,300	5,650
04/25/04	March of Dimes	10	40	7,500	7,900
05/01/04	ARC Inter-District Drill	2	6	5,700	5,760
05/02/04	LI Marathon	32	224	24,000	26,240
05/11/04	Skywarn Training	12	36		360
07/11/04	Gold Coast Bike Tour	6	54	4,500	5,040
07/13/04	ARES Training: EOC Opns	18	27		270
08/09/04	ARES Training: Go Kits	20	30		300
09/14/04	ARES Training: Chapter Equip Prep in Work Groups	18	27		270
09/19/04	MS Pooch Parade	8	28	6,000	6,280
09/11/04	Lynbrook Expo	8	35	6,000	6,350
09/26/04	Ocean to Sound	15	120	11,250	12,450
10/12/04	ARES Training: SET Preparation	16	48		480
10/24/04	American Diabetes Walk - Eisenhower Park	7	21.75	2,875	3,093
10/24/04	Cedarhurst activation	3	10.5	2,250	2,355
10/27/04	Farmingdale Activation	2	9.5	1,500	1,595
10/30/04	2004 Simulated Emergency Test	17	76.5	12,750	13,515
11/09/04	ARES Training: Winlink - WA2GUG Presents	19	47.5		475
11/21/04	Mineola Mustang Run	13	52	8,300	8,820
12/14/04	ARES Training: Annual Review & Holiday Party	17	42.5		425
			1,207	103,625	115,698

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HRU 2005



The Sixth Annual Ham Radio University and the ARRL New York City/Long Island Section Convention held at Briarcliffe College in Bethpage, New York on **Sunday, January 9, 2005** was a terrific success! This day of education about Amateur Radio presented many ham operators with the opportunity to attend classes and lectures on everything from satellite communications, low power operating using radios as small as a tuna tin, and the latest in emergency communications.

There were special forums geared to the new ham, as well as the experienced amateur radio operator, including “hands on” demonstrations. A VE session for those who were looking to take an FCC exam was available and a Special Event Station was set up and operational on HF. Tables were 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 exams, public service and other activities.

ARES sponsored a table where hams were able to view pictures of some of the events and trainings that are regularly held, and applications were available for new members to join. Thank you to those of you who joined us in presenting our services. Your time and dedication to ARES is much appreciated.

HRU 2005 was sponsored this year by the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club in conjunction with the Briarcliffe College Amateur Radio Club, and was a cooperative effort between over twenty clubs and organizations in the New York City- Long Island area.

RECENT ACTIVATIONS

Hempstead Fire 1/20/05 - ARES members responded to a fire on Jackson St. in a Hempstead Apartment building on Thursday, January 20, 2005. A fire, which started in the furnace room, caused the evacuation of 100 units. ARES members supported the American Red Cross in Nassau County at the Reception Center that was set up down the block from the scene of the fire, at Chapter Headquarters in Mineola, and later in the day at the Shelter, which was established along with communications for the ERV that continued to support the scene with hot meals and soup.



DAT Team on ERV

Snow Storm 1/22/05 – Bayville Shelter - On January 22, 2005, ARES members stood by for the Winter Storm that hit our area. Members could be heard checking into the Skywarn net that was established by Alex Smith, N2XOJ, and monitored the main ARES repeater for possible activation. A request was received from OEM to provide communications for the CERT Team shelter that was set up in Bayville when RACES could not respond.

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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 each month unless changed by information on the weekly net. The dates of the next meetings are:

- February 8th – “Hands On” Packet Operations – Bring your gear!
- March 8th - Topic to be determined

UPCOMING EVENTS

The upcoming events this calendar year are as follows:

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| • MS Walk | 4/17/05 | Jones Beach Boardwalk |
| • March of Dimes | April '05 | Long Beach & Glen Cove |
| • Long Island Marathon | May '05 | Eisenhower Park |
| • Field Day | June '05 | |
| • Gold Coast Bike Tour | July '05 | |
| • Ocean to Sound Relay | Sept '05 | Oyster Bay |
| • Simulated Emergency Test | Oct '05 | ARC Mineola |
| • American Diabetes Walk | Oct '05 | Eisenhower Park |
| • Mineola Mustang Run | Nov '05 | Mineola Middle School |
| • NYC Marathon | Nov '05 | All over the place! |

We hope you will come out and join us!

MISCELLANEOUS

American Red Cross Disaster Training – Please note we are looking for operators to become eligible to drive the ERV now that it serves as a Communications vehicle as well as an ERV. If you are interested in taking the training and haven't signed up yet, please do so by contacting Esther Bevers-Ng at Beversng@usa.redcross.org. or via phone at 516-747-3500 Ext. 224.

This class is being held Saturday, February 12th and Saturday, May 21st from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Requirements: Must be over 21 years of age, with a valid NYS Driver's License, satisfactory NY Dept. of Motor Vehicle report and current defensive driving course, Intro to Disaster, Mass Care an Overview, First Aid & CPR Certification. (The Chapter can help with these additional trainings, so please speak to Esther.)

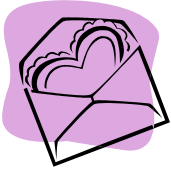
Nassau County Traffic Net meets daily at 7:30pm on the 146.805 Repeater. All ARES members are encouraged to practice message handling on this training net.

John Allocca, author of the Communications and Preparedness Course has updated his material. This information can be obtained and downloaded from the Larkfield Website at www.larkfield.org.

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

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Happy Valentine's Day!