

“To Serve the Public”

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

2003 ARES ID CARDS EXPIRE

Please note that if you are still carrying an ARES ID card from 2003, it expired on December 31st. This past year was the first year that the cards actually had an expiration date on them. This change was due to stricter enforcement of security access, not just within ARES and ARC, but amongst many agencies throughout the County.

Please be sure that as an active member you are carrying your most recent card (Exp. 12/31/04). An expired ID card will be a problem, especially during times of emergency when access to a disaster site is required.

If you don't have a current card, you can obtain one by completing a 2004 ARES Application.

An application form will be sent to you by mail whenever you request it. *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 hamfest.

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 at the American Red Cross in Nassau County, 195 Willis Avenue, Mineola, NY.

ARTICLES THIS MONTH:

1. Monthly Meeting 3/09/04
2. ARC Inter-District Drill, 3/06/04
3. Briarcliffe College Technology Club 3/13/04
4. Meeting Calendar
5. Upcoming Events
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MONTHLY MEETING 3/09/04



The March meeting was attended by 23 members who were instructed by Mario Maltese WF2T on current deployment procedures as approved by a recent American Red Cross review.

This powerful presentation included a deployment flow chart, documented procedures which will be included in the Chapter's emergency plan, and answered questions such as "how we will deploy at the next event based on what we've learned, what frequencies we should monitor, and what we should do."

AMERICAN RED CROSS INTER-DISTRICT DRILL 3/06/04

On Saturday, March 6, 2004 ARES participated in an inter-district American Red Cross Drill. Chapters in Greater NY, Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk Counties conducted a drill to test the connections between Chapters and exchange contact information.

What prompted the drill was the Blackout of August 14, 2003. Our ARC Director needed to speak to the adjoining chapters to coordinate resources and an inordinate amount of time lapsed before making contact. The intent was to establish and develop a resilient "extra-chapter" communications infrastructure and to train our people so that they know how to use it.

The professionalism displayed during its execution was commendable. We would especially like to recognize Westchester Net Control Station Alan N2YBK for running an excellent net, who grasped the mission perfectly, and handled a technical glitch in stride. Kudos also goes to GNY ARES DEC Mike N2YBB, who arranged a comprehensive inter-county net, simultaneous to the inter-district exercise, and did so seamlessly.

Nassau intends to be fully packet-ready by the next drill which is tentatively scheduled to take place in May.

We would like to thank all those stations who participated in the March 6th drill. The contact information logged in made the drill a productive one.

BRIARCLIFFE COLLEGE TECHNOLOGY CLUB 3/13/04

Thank you to Andy Scheriff KC2MKJ for inviting ARES to do a presentation for the Briarcliffe Technology Club. The presentation was held on Saturday, March 13th at the college and was attended by four of its members. Mario Maltese WF2T gave a power point presentation which included an insightful explanation on how having an FCC license enhanced his military and business careers. Thank you also to Sean KC2MLL, Pat N2QXH, and Leonard for their interest and hospitality.

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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 date of the next meeting is April 13th.

CORRECTION!
First Aid Basics will be on April 13TH.... the usual night for the ARES Meeting.

4/15/04 American Red Cross in Nassau County presents First Aid Basics. Please note that as previously mentioned during the nets, you needed to be registered by April 1st in order for the Chapter to accommodate us with enough supplies and instructors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events this calendar year are as follows:

- MS Walk April 18th Jones Beach Boardwalk
- March of Dimes April 25th Long Beach & Glen Cove
- Long Island Marathon May 2nd Eisenhower Park
- Field Day June 26th, 27th
- Gold Coast Bike Tour July '04
- Ocean to Sound Relay Sept '04 Oyster Bay
- Simulated Emergency Test Oct '04 ARC Mineola
- American Diabetes Walk 10/24/04 Eisenhower Park
- Mineola Mustang Run Nov '04 Mineola Middle School
- NYC Marathon Nov' 04

MISCELLANEOUS

Skywarn Training is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2004 from 7:00pm – 10:00 pm at the Mineola Village Community Center (gymnasium) located at 155 Washington Ave, Mineola, NY. Parking is available. If you wish to attend, please contact Jane Kindler at k2jan@nyc.rr.com

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.

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

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Happy Daylight Savings!

