

*“To Serve the Public”*

**Nassau County Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

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**Newsletter May 4, 2004**

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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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 4/13/04 - First Aid Basics
2. MS Walk 4/18/04
3. March of Dimes 4/25/04
4. ARC Inter-County Drill 5/01/04
5. Nassau ARES Member N2NXXR Receives Emmy
6. LI Marathon – 5/03/04
7. Meeting Calendar
8. Upcoming Events
9. Miscellaneous

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**MONTHLY MEETING 4/13/04**



The April meeting featured First Aid Basics Training which was given by Bob Pollak and Daniel Ng, instructors for the American Red Cross in Nassau County. Attended by 18 members who proceeded to apply splints to each other with uncanny precision (?!).

This training is required for all Red Cross Communication Volunteers, and as any one who received this training will tell you, for good reason.

Thank you to Bob & Daniel for the excellent training!

**MS WALK 4/18/04**

This was a busy month for public service events. For the first time, ARES assisted in providing communications for the MS Walk at Jones Beach. Seven operators participated, covering the length of boardwalk and the assembly area.

Curtis Finkelstein N2WWM accompanied his wife on the walk. Of interesting note was that although Nextel phones were provided between the Event Coordinator and Communications, they proved ineffective with the high noise levels at the scene. Amateur Radio provided clear tactical voice when needed, including one aided call.



**MARCH OF DIMES 4/25/04**

Eleven operators covered the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon at Long Beach and Glen Cove. Coordination was also provided with the Plaza Club which was deployed in Eisenhower Park in support of the event.

It was a beautiful day, fortunately without incident.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS INTER-DISTRICT DRILL 5/01//04**

On Saturday, May 1, 2004 ARES again participated in an inter-district American Red Cross Drill. Chapters in Greater NY, Westchester, and Nassau County conducted a drill to further test the connections between Chapters.

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The exercise consisted of testing the digital modes of communications between the Chapters, building upon the exercise held on March 6<sup>th</sup> of this year.

We would like to thank all those stations who participated in the May 1st drill. The contact information logged in made the drill a productive one.

### **NASSAU ARES MEMBER N2NXR RECEIVES EMMY**

Joe Rumore N2NXR, an audio engineer at WPIX Channel 11 (WB11) received the Emmy along with a fellow audio engineer (James Boyd) in the Audio/Sound category for Individual Achievement for Live Music Performances on the WB11 Morning News. - Mineola American April 28, 2004



Congratulations Joe!

### **NEWSDAY LI MARATHON 2004**



Thirty odd ARES operators with support from LIMARC met a challenging communications mission this year, a result of a major change in the course route which caused confusion among the runners and officials as well. The weather was cool and wet which was great for the runners, but added to the challenge of the communicators.

The professionalism, effectiveness, and efficiency of these operators handling the information flow continued to build the confidence and respect of the agencies being served, as well as in several new agencies and personnel who were introduced to our services for the first time. Requests for assistance, logistical support, and ambulance care were handled with cutting dispatch. The Net Controls performed flawlessly, VIP Shadows kept on top of things, course and sweep bus operators reacted swiftly to the confusion surrounding the new route, and the APRS team tracked the end of the race with precision. Thank you to all who participated, making this event a successful one!



Please remember to submit your after-action comments and suggestions and estimated cost of equipment used during the event to wf2t@arrl.net.

### **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 May 11<sup>th</sup>, Skywarn Training (see below).

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Upcoming events this calendar year are as follows:

- MS Walk April 18<sup>th</sup> Jones Beach Boardwalk
- March of Dimes April 25<sup>th</sup> Long Beach & Glen Cove
- Long Island Marathon May 2<sup>nd</sup> Eisenhower Park
- Field Day June 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>
- 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, you need to register for this course. Please contact Jane Kindler at [k2jan@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:joseph.reekie@verizon.net).

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