



August 2023

Sussex Repeater

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

Local Weekly Nets

SARA Club Net: Tuesday 8pm
147.090 (+) 156.7

Nanticoke Club Net: Monday 8pm
146.715 (-) 156.7

Lewes Club Net: Wednesday 7:15pm
147.330(+) 156.7

Delaware Traffic Net: Mon – Sat
6:30pm Freq: 3.904

Delaware Emergency Net:
Sunday, 6:30pm Freq: 3.904

Sussex ARES Net: 1st & 3rd Wed.
7pm 147.090(+) 156.7

Monitor SKYWARN weather on
147.090(+) 156.7

System Fusion repeater frequencies:
Millsboro 449.825
Seaford 145.210

MT Joy Repeater(fusion) Frequency
443.200 (+5) 156.7 PL

County Emergency Simplex
145.510
144.915

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Secretary: Donna Spencer (KC3IHV)

August Meeting

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, August 17, 2023. FCC testing begins at 6:00 pm. You can purchase dinner beginning at 6:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.



Our August presentation will include a visit from Jon Zaimes... tower climber extraordinaire. You will leave the meeting wishing you lived in the country!!



2023 SWAPMEET SCHEDULE

Sept.

9

Nov.

4

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There are no fees for attendance or participation
Buy, sell, and trade radio equipment and accessories

Plenty of space to park and tailgate
QTH of K3TKJ Al Waller
34087 Old Hickory Road
Laurel, DE 19956

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Delmarva Amateur Radio Club.
146.82(-) PL 156.7



From the desk of **Butch WAØCIE** **SARA PRESIDENT**

Hello to all, I think August is here - a lot of hot weather, crowded beaches, crowded airways, and a crazy storm or two to top off the afternoon. I hope everyone has fared well these past several weeks. My wife and I had the opportunity to visit the Delaware State Fair up in Harrington last month. I went by the First Responders set-up and was disappointed that none of the local radio clubs was present. I mentioned that SARA participates with the Sussex County EOC and several supported agencies and local organizations throughout the year. I was surprised by a couple of their responses - Ham Radio - are they still around? Oh I did that 50 years ago when I was a scout, but I don't know anyone that does it. Not the answer I was hoping for. I know Harrington is not in Sussex County, but it is a wake up call for our "public service" call to duty.

Steve Keller (KC3DSO) has been keeping busy with the Skywarn activities and lots of critical training that we could all use. Bill Saunders (N3ID) is suggesting that we could all benefit from learning a little more about being prepared - that next tornado or Nor'easter is just around the corner. Having a Bioenno Power pack charged up and ready to go just might come in handy. You don't need to be mobile

and out seeing if you can drive through all the puddles, we just need to hear from you when the time comes.

Our guest speaker this month is Jon Zaimes (AA1K). He is an active DXer, a member of the Frankford Radio Club, and has been known to climb a tower or two in his spare time. He actively supports our annual hamfest, supports POTA activities and the annual 13 Colonies. Join us at our August Meeting and see how a ham without an HOA manages to get on the air.

Last but not least. August 19-20 in the International Lighthouse event. The event takes place on the 3rd full weekend in August each year and attracts over 500 lighthouse entries located in over 40 countries. It is one of the most popular international amateur radio events in existence probably because there are very few rules and it is not the usual contest type event. It is also free and there are no prizes for contacting large numbers of other stations. We have two local lighthouses - One in Fenwick (US0161) and the lightship (US0029) in Lewes. I think some of the hams from Kent County might be visiting one of the two sights. So go out and GET ON THE AIR.

See you on the 17th. Have a great week.

Butch WAØCIE



Delaware Section Manager

John Ferguson K3PFW

Well, the ARRL Board of Directors had their meeting and the expected changes in dues and publications were voted in. Dues went up, and if you want the magazines in print, there's an extra fee for that. I won't belabor the issues that lead to the changes, nor the changes themselves. There is, and will be, plenty in print, pro and con, for you to study and digest. My take on this, it was necessary, and a response to the way information is disseminated today. Let's accept it, honor the work and thought that went into the decisions, and move forward.

We're a month away from the historic peak month for Hurricanes. September is National Hurricane month, and it's also National Preparedness Month. Are you and your family ready? Now is a good time for you and yours to review your family disaster plan. You do have one, don't you? Have you checked your disaster supplies, are they outdated yet? How about fresh gasoline for the generator; and of course you will put fuel stabilizer in it, won't you?

My current term as Section Manager ends December 31st this year. I will be running for the position again in the coming election this fall. My current term is only eighteen months rather than the usual two years. I haven't yet

accomplished all that I set out to do, but am happy that some progress that has been made. There is still, however, a lot more work to be done.

Activities are slowly starting up again, are you gonna get 'radioactive'? Ham radio is a hobby of doing, and in doing we can demonstrate our communication capabilities, to our neighbors, to the community, and to the local and state agencies. If you want to protect the hobby, get out there and "do"! Our frequencies are definitely a "use them or lose them" proposition. There are two large MS Bike events coming, there will be Apple Scrapple in October, we are still trying to schedule a Section Emergency Test (SET). There is a bit of irony here, you don't get the privilege of scheduling an emergency, but you have to find a convenient date to practice for one. Elsewhere in this issue, Bill Saunders will again share his philosophy, "that which is not tested, will not work". That is so true.

The station at the home QTH is slowly coming back to life. The upper HF bands (20, 15, 10) are working well. The lower HF (160, 75-80, 40) still have some antenna issues to sort out. The VHF/UHF is now back to just 144 and 440, on the lower height antenna. I lost 220 when the FT-736 died – again. So I can now say, "see you on the bands"! Let's all get 'radioactive'.

73, John, K3PFW



EMERGENCY SERVICE NEWS

Training Day

The title of that 2001 Denzel Washington film planted the seed for this month's article. Many of you have heard my mantra "That which does not get tested will not work". This principle is usually directed at devices or systems but is just as applicable to people and procedures. We train and test (or should) to better prepare ourselves so that we are better prepared to serve others. In our day-to-day lives we plan and allocate time to eat, sleep, cover the Net, get to the ham-fest (or breakfast), club meetings, doctor & dentist appointments (seems like more all the time!), etc. When was the last time you had a "Training Day" on your calendar? Been doing this for "XX" decades and seen/done it all? Yeah, sure. There is ALWAYS something new to learn, to apply, and to teach. Teach? The Roman philosopher Seneca said, "While we teach, we learn". Dubbed "the protégé effect", this principle acknowledges that the best way to understand something is to explain it to someone else. There ARE new hams and there is a definite need to bring them along. Learn something and share it with others,

especially the newbies. Who were your mentors? How about paying it forward? We live in a connected age where there are so many sources of new information available to us, most at no or low cost. Here are just a few sources: FEMA – Besides the ICS100, 200, 700, 800 courses that are necessary to understand ICS, NIMS, and the rest of the "alphabet soup" acronyms that we now work within, FEMA has, as of this writing, 208 FREE on-line courses available through their Emergency Management Institute (EMI) website <https://training.fema.gov/is/> Most of these can be completed within a few hours and cover a very diverse range of topics. I knocked out more than 20 of these during the COVID shutdown, just killing time. The process is simple and well-documented on their website. DEMA – The Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) offers in-person courses on a variety of Emergency Management topics. Visit their website <https://dema.delaware.gov/training/> and look at the Training & Activity Calendar link for information about scheduled

courses including date(s), time(s), location, and any prerequisites. Did I mention that these are also free???

ARRL – In addition to the magazines, numerous books on just about everything ham radio, and other resources available for sale at the <http://www.arrl.org/> store there are links to training courses (some taught locally including EC-001 & EC-016) from <http://arrl.org/emergency-communications-training> YouTube – A whole universe of information out here, including Ham Radio and Emergency Communications. If you don't know how to access any of it, ask your grandkids. They'll know.

Local Exercises – Get involved with your local club and/or EmComm organization. There are ample opportunities for exercises and training. Learn something and put it to work serving others. Did you participate in Field Day? Before this year is out there will be several local events that require “feet on the street” and opportunities to learn or lead. Some of these include the DE SET (late Sept or early Oct), the MS Bike Ride (10/7), Bridgeville Apple Scapple (10/14), and the Rehoboth Marathon (12/2). Invest in your knowledge and skills by proactively making an appointment with yourself to learn something new, then share that new (or old) knowledge with others. Put a “Training Day” on your calendar regularly and put it to use investing in yourself and others. 73's

N3ID
Bill

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7, 2023 MS Bike to Bay Ride.
Starting line: Delaware Technical Community College Dover

Finish line: Delaware Seashore State Park South Campground, 27101 Coastal Hwy, Bethany Beach, To volunteer as a radio spotter for the event, email WS3EOC@gmail.com

October 14, 2023 Apple Scapple Festival Bridgeville. AUXCOMM is recruiting Hams to provide extra eyes, ears, and communication with the MCU for the all day event. Whatever your schedule, your time is appreciated. Email WS3EOC@gmail.com

HEROS - Hospital Emergency Radio Operators is also recruiting team members to operate the Beebe Hospital radio rooms in event of an emergency. This is a multi-location volunteer group associated with ARES. Training is available. Contact Steve Keller at kc3dso@gmail.com for more information.

2023 Rehoboth Seashore Marathon

Saturday December 2, Full Marathon (a bit more than 26 miles starts at 7:00 am Rehoboth Avenue and the bandstand with finish line at 4th street behind Rehoboth Beach Running Co. 301 Rehoboth Avenue. If you are interested in volunteering to monitor the race and report progress, problems and (maybe) precipitation to the MCU, send an email to WS3EOC@gmail.com.