



October 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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Vice Pres: Deborah Libertore (AJ3L)
Treasurer: Stuart Banta (KC3MAL)
Secretary: Donna Spencer (KC3IHV)

October Meeting

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 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.



2023 SWAPMEET SCHEDULE

Nov. 4, 2023

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

34087 Old Hickory Road
Laurel, DE 19956



Beginning November 5, 2023 the new time and frequency for the

Delaware Traffic Net and Delaware Emergency Net

Nets will be held at 5:30 pm on 3.905

Lewes Amateur Radio Society
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at Grottos Pizza on Rt 1 near 5 points NOON.
No Dues, just good food and friendly people.



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

Instead of words, WAØCIE has sent pictures of Prague (Capital city of the Czech Republic). I think you will agree that each is worth a thousand words...



The Old Town Hall



The State Opera



The National Museum

Butch WAØCIE



WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center

How to contact WX4NHC

Note: Some frequencies and modes are only attended by WX4NHC during a Hurricane

Amateur Radio HF Frequencies –
(SSB) 20 meters : 14.325 MHz Hurricane Watch Net Daylight until propagation is lost at night 40 meters : 7.268 MHz

Maritime Mobiles Net 80 meters : 3.815 MHz

Caribbean Net, (Alternates: 3.950 : North Florida / 3.940 South Florida)

Amateur Radio EchoLink / IRLP
EchoLink Conference: "WX-TALK" Node 7203 EchoLink

Alternate Conference: "VKEMCOMM"
IRLP Node 9219, Alternate Node: 9508 or 9123



Delaware Section Manager

John Ferguson K3PFW

So for the first weather incident in a while, Tropical Storm Ophelia, that has come and gone, only to have her remnants return for a few days; my question is, what did you learn? Was it anything, something, or nothing? It was a golden opportunity to check your family preparedness plans, and your “no power” operating plans. While you were at it, you could have had your own ‘mini exercise’! To quote Bill Saunders, N3ID, “that which is not tested, will fail”.

Well, you will get a second chance, Coming up for the month of October are several opportunities for you to get some practice and perform some public service. It is how we learn by doing and showcase what amateur radio can do to the general public. Both worthy things to get involved in.

Saturday October 7th is the MS Bike to the Bay”. A fair number of hams were signed up to support the event, but have now been told, they are not going to be needed. This I see as an unfortunate situation from several perspectives.

Saturday October 14th is the Apple Scrapple Festival in Bridgeville, operators from all over the state and adjoining Maryland have participated in the support of communications for this event for years. Bill Saunders, N3ID@arrl.net is managing this event. It's primarily an HT only event. You can sign up for a full day or a half day (morning or afternoon) shift. New to this stuff, you can be partnered with a more experienced operator.

Also on Saturday the 14th is the New Castle County portion of the Section Emergency Test (SET). Dave Scot, KC3BEJ@arrl.net is handling this one.

Saturday the 21st will be the Kent and Sussex counties portion of the SET. Register for the event with Jim Moore, KC3BTV@arrl.net, if you are in Kent County and Bill Saunders, N3ID@arrl.net, if you in Sussex County. Instructions will be emailed to you.

For the ARRL members, there are two elections coming in October. Ballots will be mailed from headquarters on October 1st. For the Delaware Section, I'm running for re-election and Steven Keller, KC3DSO has also thrown his hat in the ring. For the Atlantic Division, of which the Delaware Section is a part Marty Pittinger KB3MXM, the current Vice Director who was appointed to fill the vacancy when our current director Bob Famiglio K3RF was moved up to fill the vacancy when Tom Abernathy W3TOM stepped down in January is running for election. I would ask you to support Marty in his bid for election. He will bring a younger, active, enthusiastic approach to the office.

Amateur radio is a hobby of “doing”. You enjoy the hobby by doing, you improve your abilities by doing, and it is more fun doing than not doing anything, so get out there and do!

73, John, K3PFW



EMERGENCY SERVICE NEWS

Did You Feel It?

On November 30, 2017 at approximately 4:48p a magnitude 4.1 earthquake struck near Dover, DE. Did you feel it? We did. Heard and felt a distant “whomp” and watch a couple of hanging lights in the kitchen sway a little bit. We weren’t sure what it was until reading later news reports. Turns out it was felt from Massachusetts to central Virginia. So, I guess that, in addition to storms, earthquakes are occasionally “a thing” here in Lower Slower Delaware.

On October 19th 2023 millions of people worldwide will participate in **The Great ShakeOut**, the world's largest earthquake drill. You can, too. Detailed information about the event is available from <https://www.shakeout.org/>. You can participate as an individual or part of a group (family, neighborhood, club, school, church, etc.) The purpose of the event is to raise awareness and preparedness for this potential hazard. Not too worried about the earthquake threat here in Lower Slower? How about Tsunami? We are coastal. Preparedness is always a good practice!

So, what does all of this have to do with Amateur Radio? As part of the October

19th Great ShakeOut there will be an opportunity to submit a sample **Did You Feel It (DYFI)** report via Winlink. Detailed information is available from <https://www.winlink.org/content/shakeout>. One of the great features of Winlink is the use of forms to collect information in a standardized format then be able to send that information via Winlink email through the internet or via radio. In addition to the common ICS forms, Severe Weather reports, and Radiogram, Winlink also has a DYFI form. The US Geological Survey (USGS) relies on reports from the public to assess the local effects of earthquakes when and where they occur just as the National Weather Service (NWS) looks for local reports via Skywarn. If you haven’t tried Winlink, or it’s been a while, this is a good opportunity to jump in and do something. And, you don’t even need to leave the house!

The simple principles (Drop, Cover, Hold On) promoted by The Great ShakeOut for earthquake safety (which kind of remind me of the “Duck and Cover” drills we did in school back in the Cold War 1960’s) are also handy to keep in mind in the event of tornadoes, which are also sudden and

potentially severe. Several instances of tornado damage have occurred recently here in Lower Slower and they seem to be happening more frequently. Stay safe.

Enough about bad weather. We are looking for good weather, and volunteers, for a couple of coming events:

On Thursday, October 12th, the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center will host **9-1-1 Appreciation Day** from 9a – 2p at the EOC facility 21911 Rudder Lane in Georgetown. This “open house” will feature emergency equipment, including the Mobile Command Unit, on display to the public. Sussex AUXCOMM will have a display associated with the MCU promoting Amateur Radio and our role in supporting the EOC. We need volunteers to provide demonstrations and engage with the public.

On Saturday, October 14th, the town of Bridgeville hosted their annual **Apple Scrapple** festival, a street fair that occupies the center of town and features food, rides, exhibits, a classic car show, crafts, and more food. Sussex AUXCOMM supported the MCU with Amateur Radio teams observing and assisting the crowds. Here are some of the things you missed if you were not there.

73's!

Bill, N3ID

Apple Scrapple 2023



They'll Do It Every Time

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By Jimmy Ha

OH, MR. FOOSTER...IS YOUR BOY OPERATING HIS HAM RADIO SET AGAIN? MY TV IS ON THE FRITZ SAME AS BEFORE--SOME KIND OF INTERFERENCE--IT JIGGLES UP AND DOWN!!

A HAM RADIO? I'LL BET THAT'S WHY MY FUSE IN THE GARAGE BLEW!

NO! HE WENT FISHING--IN FACT HE VERY SELDOM USES IT ANY MORE....

MAYBE THAT'S WHY MY WASHER'S BEEN OVER-SUDSING!!

DOC EPSOM WAS TELLING ME THAT HIS DIATHERMY MACHINE WAS ON THE BLINK. HE OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT THIS....

AND THAT BIG AERIAL OF HIS---I'M SURE IT ATTRACTS LIGHTNING--AND US LIVING SO CLOSE!!

PITY THE AMATEUR RADIO OPS.... THEY GET BLAMED FOR EVERYTHING....

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