



# THE COMPASS



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"...serving the community through Public Service."

Nov. – Dec. 2005

## GSBARC 2005 OFFICERS

President: Jay Eichner,	N2PIK
Vice Pres: Frank Cannata,	K2LI
Rec. Sec.: Walter Wenzel,	KA2RGI
Corr. Sec.: PattiLynn Wandell	KC2AUX
Treasurer: John Cresson,	KC2JGH

Dir. 2006: Thomas Favilla,	N2MIG
Dir. 2006: Alan Shaw,	N2CRV
Dir. 2007: Bob Myers,	K2TV
Dir. 2007: David Wandell,	N2UHR

## Upcoming GSBARC Events

### Board Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 8:00 PM

Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13

### VE Session – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:00 PM

Jan 22, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 23

### General Meeting – Last Thur. 8:00PM

Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30, Apr 27

### Open House 12:00 – 2:00PM

Every Saturday @ Town Hall EOC  
September thru June

## NETS

### Newsline Report -

Monday 7:00 PM 146.685/R

### Club Info Net -

Monday 7:30 PM 146.685/R

### DX/Contest Info -

Monday 8:00 PM 146.685/R

### TOBARES Net -

Monday 8:15 PM 146.685/R

### Swap 'n Shop Net -

Tuesday 7:30 PM 146.685/R

### 10 M Net -

Tuesday 8:00 PM 28.320

### Club Info Net -

Wednesday 10:00 AM 146.685/R

## REPEATERS

2 M	146.685/146.085	PL 110.9
1 1/2 M	223.860/222.260	PL 131.8
70 CM	440.850/445.850	PL 114.8

## WEB SITE

[www.gsbarc.org](http://www.gsbarc.org)

Mirror Site: [www.qsl.net/gsbarc](http://www.qsl.net/gsbarc)

## *President's Message:*

First of all let me wish all members and their families a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season.

I want to thank our past president Tom Favilla N2MIG and the members of the board, and committee members for getting us through this past year despite a number of obstacles. Much was accomplished this past year; we have a new 440 repeater in operation and a backup unit on standby. I urge the members with 440 equipment to take advantage of this resource. The club has a 220 repeater on order, which should be available to the membership within the first quarter.

In the next few months we hope to have more presentations at the general membership meetings. We are trying to make the general meetings more of a social event for the membership and keep the business portion to an absolute minimum. Remember; if you are unable to drive and would like to attend our meetings please let somebody know, by checking into one of the club nets.

Lets get a jump-start on the 06 season by getting more involved with club activities, invite a friend, neighbor or family member down to a meeting or an open house. Show them what Ham Radio is all about.

73,

*Jay*, N2PIK



### EXEC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC  
Lindenhurst, NY  
Thursday November 3, 2005

No Minutes Presented  
No Quorum for Meeting



### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC  
Lindenhurst, NY  
Thursday November 10, 2005

Called to order by Tom, N2MIG at 8:00PM

A request from the floor was made to make sure that a proper quorum was present to handle the business portion of the meeting. By hand show a proper quorum was present and the meeting continued.

Updates of topics from previous meetings followed.  
Election of Club Officers followed.

#### Results of the Election of Club Officers:

President:	Jay Eichner,	N2PIK
Vice Pres:	Frank Cannata,	K2LI
Rec. Sec.:	Walter Wenzel,	KA2RGI
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Guest Speaker: None



### EXEC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC  
Lindenhurst, NY  
Thursday December 1, 2005

Meeting started at 8:00 pm

#### Board Members Present:

President:	Jay Eichner,	N2PIK
Vice Pres:	Frank Cannata,	K2LI
Rec. Sec.:	Walter Wenzel,	KA2RGI
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#### Board Members Not Present:

#### Members Present

Don, W2EUL  
Charles, N2MZK  
Tom, KC2MOX  
Ken, N2ZN

#### Correspondence – Walter, KA2RGI

#### PO Box:

Bank Statement: Bank of NY  
LARC Newsletter

#### Treasurer's Report – John, KC2JGH

Previous Balance:	\$ 1,463.10
Receipts:	
220 Donation	125.00
Membership Renewals	80.00
Expenses:	
None	0.00
Present Balance:	\$ 1,668.10

#### Compass – Editor Position Open

Submission Deadline –  
Saturday after Exec. Board Meeting  
Have information either ASCII Text format or Word 2000.

Updated compass on [www.qsl.net/gsbarc](http://www.qsl.net/gsbarc) site and  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gsbarc/sites>.

Update on [www.gsbarc.org](http://www.gsbarc.org) still pending action from web host.



#### Web Site – Walter, KA2RGI

[www.gsbarc.org](http://www.gsbarc.org) – Site updated  
[www.qsl.net/gsbarc](http://www.qsl.net/gsbarc) - Up to date with updates.

#### Education Report – Walter, KA2RGI



#### Technician Class Theory:

Scheduled to end Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5 WPM Code Class:

Looking for input on who is interested in a code class.  
Who is interested in a class during Open House on Sat?  
Who is interested in a class during the week at night?

#### General Class Theory:

Jan. 24 – Mar. 28, 2006

#### Extra Class Theory:

Apr 4 – Jun 13, 2006

#### Repeater Report – Walter, KA2RGI

#### 146:

No Change.

#### 220:

Repeater package deal fell through. Owner disposed of the repeater in other means. Ordered a 220 repeater from Zimmerman Communications. System should be heard around New Year.

#### 440:

No Change.

#### Nets

**Newsline Report** - Dave & Don are asking if anyone would like to assist as Net Control Backups.

**2 Meter Club Net** – Dave & Don Need more operators for Net Control Backups.

**Swap and Shop** – Bud needs backup Net Controls when he can not be available to run net.

**10 Meter Net** – Brian needs backup Net Controls when he has to work late.

**Daytime 2 Meter Club Net** – Jay looking for more operators for Net Control Backups.



#### Club Equipment – Walter, KA2RGI

Club's HF equipment will be used at NWS Skywarn Recognition Day

(SRD) Special Event Dec 2 – 3.

**TOBARES – Walter, KA2RGI**  
Monthly meeting is the third Thursday @ TOB  
EOC 8 pm.  
Skywarn Monthly Net – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. 8:00 pm –  
145.310/R118.8 PL



**Scheduled Public Service & Events:**  
Check [www.tobares.org](http://www.tobares.org) for more events.



Dec 2-3 ARRL-NWS Skywarn Recognition  
Day (SRD) Special Event

### Old Business

HRU 2006 – Walter, KA2RGI  
to be held a planning session Oct 18th at the EOC. A new  
chairperson for 2006 is needed, Keynote speaker for HRU  
2006 will be Gordon West.

### New Business

Tom Odermatt is stepping down as VE Liaison because he has  
taken a new job out of state and is moving. Board thank Tom  
for his tenure as VE Liaison and Contact.  
Walter, KA2RGI will pick up as Liaison in the mean time.  
Charles, N2MZX is new Apparel chairperson  
Bob, K2TV is new Technical Committee Chairperson  
Alan, N2CRV is new Club Librarian

### Health & Welfare

None Reported

Motion to adjourn; Cliff KC2EXP Seconded; Tom, KC2MOX  
Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted:  
Walter, KA2RGI  
Recording Secretary GSBARC



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC  
Lindenhurst, NY  
Thursday December 8, 2005

No Minutes Presented  
Holiday Party – A Good Time Was Had By All!

## GSBARC Swap and Shop



**Wilson VR-1000 Rotor and Control Box**  
Brand New in original box Sold originally for  
\$1300 plus.

Unit is 10 years old never been used. Carton box  
is crumbling. Looking for \$800.

Contact Walter KA2RGI for more details 631 957-0218.

Still have some items from multiple estates (K2EAX, N2FIF,  
KB2CJ) that have not been sold.

Need to settle estates with families soon.

Contact Walter KA2RGI for more details 631 957-0218.



Kenwood MC-60 Microphone  
Contact Walter KA2RGI 631 957-0218.

## YAHOO REFLECTOR

**YAHOO! GROUPS** GSBARC has an email reflector that  
is used to help keep members up to  
date with information about the club via emails.  
To become part this Yahoo Group go on the web to:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gsbarc/> and click the button on  
top "Join This Group".

## GSBARC Membership Renewal

Just a reminder that it is time to renew your GSBARC  
Membership. Anyone that has not renewed their  
membership by the end of the General Meeting in March  
will be removed from the membership List.

### Club Membership Fees:

New Membership:	\$30.00
Renewals:	\$25.00
Family Membership:	\$30.00
ARRL Membership:	\$39.00

Please submit Dues to Club Mailing Address Att: Membership  
Chairman, Ken N2ZN or to the Treasurer, John KC2JGH.

## ISS 12 Commander Shooting for WAC, WAS and Maybe DXCC

from Space (Dec 14, 2005) – ISS  
Expedition 12 Commander Bill  
McArthur, KC5ACR, has proven to  
be one of the more active Amateur  
Radio on the International Space  
Station (ARISS) operators among  
ham radio operators who have  
occupied the space station. Early in  
his ISS duty tour, McArthur got on  
the air from NA1SS for Scouting's  
Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) event in October, but he's  
also been available during his off hours to make some  
quick, casual QSOs on 2 meters as well. In fact,  
McArthur's having so much fun operating from space  
that he's hoping to complete Worked All Continents  
(WAC), Worked All States (WAS) and maybe even  
DXCC from space.



## ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course

**registration** (Dec 13, 2005) –  
Registration remains open

through Sunday, December 25,

for these ARRL Certification and Continuing Education  
([CCE](#)). Program on-line courses: Amateur Radio  
Emergency Communications Level 1 ([EC-001](#)) Antenna  
Design and Construction ([EC-009](#)), Technician  
Licensing ([EC-010](#)), Radio Frequency Interference ([EC-006](#)),  
Digital Electronics ([EC-013](#)) and Analog  
Electronics ([EC-012](#)). Classes begin Friday, January 6.  
To learn more, visit the [CCE](#) Course Listing page or  
[contact](#) the CCE Department.



News last updated: Sun, December 18, 2005 at 11:52 AM ET

HRU 2006 is Sunday, January 8, 2006 Spreading Ham Radio Knowledge and Know-How, Ham Radio University 2006 will be Sunday, January 8, 2006, at Briarcliffe College, 1055 Stewart Ave, Bethpage NY 11714. HRU is a day of education to share ideas, experiences, knowledge and fellowship among Amateur Radio operators. This will be the 7th annual event! See the HRU 2006 website at <http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nli/hru2006.htm> or e-mail HRU Chairman George Tranos N2GA at n2ga@arrl.net

## Ham Radio University 2006

### Tentative Forum Schedule as of December 13, 2005

	A	B	C	D	E
9 - 9:50	HF Propagation *	Satellite	Transmitter Hunting	QRP	Skywarn & Severe WX *
10 - 10:50	Repeater Coordination	ARRL Forum	Boating and ham radio	Antennas	Echolink
11 - 11:50	Vintage Equipment *	ARES	VHF Propagation	Mobiling	Contesting
12 noon	Keynote Speaker - Gordon West WB6NOA (in room E)				
1:30 - 2:20	Old-time Radio *	WRTC 2006	Both Way Radio Email	Computers & ham radio	Hurricane Katrina
2:30 - 3:20	History of Radio	Trouble shooting	SATERN	Grounding & Lightning	DX forum (2 hours)
3:30 - 4:20	VE Session	Yankee Clipper Contest Club			

\*= these forums are tentative and are awaiting moderator selection and approval

**Ham Radio University 2005 a BIG success!** The sixth annual Ham Radio University was held this year at Briarcliffe College, 1055 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, Long Island, NY 11714. A record turnout of over 450 attendees came through the door. HRU is a day of education to share ideas, experiences, knowledge and fellowship among Amateur Radio operators. HRU 2005 featured 25 different forums covering all areas of ham radio, Amateur Radio demonstrations, an area for clubs and organizations, a special event station (W2V) and a VE session. Thanks are extended to all the volunteers, forum moderators, committee staff, VE team, clubs and organizations for all their efforts that made HRU 2005 a success. A HRU 2005 committee wrap-up meeting will be held on Tuesday, February, 8th at 7 PM at Briarcliffe College cafeteria. For more information about HRU including an up-to-date forum schedule, see the HRU 2005 website at <http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nli/hru2005.htm> or e-mail HRU Chairman George Tranos N2GA at n2ga@arrl.net

# Great South Bay ARC 2006 Contact List

**Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club** supports the Town of Babylon Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES). The members of the GSBARC stand ready to serve the people of the Town of Babylon in time of emergency via the W2GSB repeater system. TOB ARES Emergency Coordinator; Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI - 631-957-0218 TOB EOC - 631-957-4246

## GSBARC Meetings:

All meetings are held at the Babylon Town Hall, E.O.C., located in the basement. Access is via the rear of the building down the stairs. Press top buzzer for access. Go to the main hallway and turn left. Proceed to E.O.C. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> door on right.

## Executive Officers Meetings:

Second Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M.  
Except Nov. & Dec. when it is the First Thursday.  
Restricted to GSBARC members only.

## General Membership Meetings:

Last Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M.  
Except Nov. & Dec. when it is the Second Thursday.

## Weekly Open House:

Saturdays – September thru June at 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.  
Weekly Question and Answer sessions plus specialized training and projects.

## Membership:

Club membership is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio.  
Dues are \$25.00 per calendar year plus a one time \$5.00 initiation fee.  
Please make checks payable to the Great South Bay A.R.C.  
Please submit dues to the Treasurer at a meeting or by mail to:

**Great South Bay ARC**  
**P. O. Box 1356**  
**West Babylon, NY 11704-0356**

## FCC Volunteer Exam Sessions:

Club sponsored ARRL VE sessions are held the Babylon Town Hall E.O.C., on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 12 noon and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June and December

## Great South Bay Nets:

Newsline Report	146.685/r	Monday 7:00 PM
Net Coordinator:	Dave Wandell, N2UHR	631-842-6340
2M Club INFO Net	146.685/r	Monday 7:30 PM
Net Coordinator:	Dave Wandell, N2UHR	631-842-6340
TOB ARES/RACES Net	146.685/r	Monday 8:15 PM
Net Coordinator:	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Swap & Shop	146.685/r	Tuesday 7:30 PM
Net Coordinator:	Bud Egan, WA2QAV	631-643-7071
10 M HF SSB Net	28.320 MHz	Tuesday 8:00 PM
Net Coordinator:	Brian Keegan, N2NGE	631-242-8315
2M Club INFO Net	146.685/r	Wednesday 10:00 AM
Net Coordinator:	Jay Eichner, N2PIK	631-427-0162

## Repeaters:

146.685 / 146.085	W2GSB	2B PL 110.9
223.860 / 222.260	W2GSB	3B PL 131.8
440.850 / 445.850	W2GSB	2A PL 110.9

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Submissions to the COMPASS are welcomed in the following formats:  
ASCII text or MS Word 2000 .doc format.

## Visit the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club Online:

<http://www.gsbarc.org> or the alternate site: [www.qsl.net/gsbarc](http://www.qsl.net/gsbarc)  
email to: [info@gsbarc.org](mailto:info@gsbarc.org)

Updated 12/18/2005

## Executive Officers

President	Jay Eichner, N2PIK	631-427-0162
Vice President	Frank Cannata, K2LI	631-957-0246
Recording Secretary	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Corresponding Secretary	PattiLynn Wandell, KC2AUX	631-842-6340
Treasurer	John Cresson, Jr, KC2JGH	631-661-2038

## DIRECTORS

#1 Term ends 2006	Alan Shaw, N2CRV	631-422-3935
#2 Term ends 2006	Thomas Favilla, N2MIG	631-957-5985
#3 Term ends 2007	Bob Myers, K2TV	631-226-4696
#4 Term ends 2007	Dave Wandell, N2UHR	631-842-6340

## STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Club Apparel	Charles Rousselet, N2MZK	516-935-2046
Club Equipment	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Compass Staff (Editor)	Ken Boasi, N2ZN	631-587-3243
Compass Staff (Printer/Mail)	Pete Maxwell, N2GBM	631-231-7426
Compass Staff (eMail)	Ken Boasi, N2ZN	631-587-3243
DX & Contesting	Bob Myers, K2TV	631-226-4696
Educational	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Field Day Coordinators	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
	Don Rollock, W2EUL	631-929-0705
	Ken Boasi, N2ZN	631-587-3243
Guest Speakers & Programs	Frank Cannata, K2LI	631-957-0246
Health & Welfare	PattiLynn Wandell, KC2AUX	631-842-6340
Hamfest Chairman	*** Position Open ***	
	*** Position Open ***	
Librarian	Alan Shaw, N2CRV	631-422-3935
Membership	Ken Boasi, N2ZN	631-587-3243
QSL Manager	Bud Egan, WA2QAV	631-643-7071
Refreshments	Don Rollock, W2EUL	631-929-0705
	Tom Navas, KC2MOX	
	*** Position Open ***	
Sergeant of Arms	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
VE Liaison & Contact	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Web Site Administrators	David Wenzel, KC2GWO	631-957-0218

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Annual Picnic Coordinator	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Annual End of Year Party Coordinator	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Antenna Committee	*** Position Open ***	
Ham Radio University Liaisons	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
	*** Position Open ***	
Open House Coordinator	Dave Wandell, N2UHR	631-842-6340
Special Event – Air Power Museum	Bud Egan, WA2QAV	631-643-7071
Special Event – Fire Island Light House	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Special Event – JOTA	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Special Event – Skywarn Recognition Day	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218
Technical Committee	Bob Myers, K2TV	631-226-4696
Trustee for W2GSB	Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI	631-957-0218



## GSBARC 2006 VE Schedule

Contact & Liaison: Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI (631) 957-0218

Location: Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon

Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, May 28, Jun 18

Jul 23, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 17



## Birthday Wishes

November

PattiLynn KC2AUX, Artie W2AVA

Wesley K2GBA, John K2IZ

Rob KC2MCF, Tom KC2MOX

Charles N2MZK, Joseph Grosberg

December

Danny WB2COO, Lester K2ENC

John KC2JGH, Len W2LJW

Frank WA2LUY, David KC2MPV

Rich KA2VKD

If your birthday is not listed we may not have all the info in our database. Let Ken, N2ZN know your correct information.



**Great South Bay ARC**

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