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MEETING – THERE IS NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER. The HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD IN LIEU OF THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS AT 5:30 PM WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12TH (THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH) AT KWONG MING IN WANTAGH

PRESIDENT’S NOTE by ED GELLENDER, WB2EAV

NEWSFLASH – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16: The results of the election for ARRL Hudson Division Director are in. As of January 1, 2019, Ria Jairam N2RJ will be the Hudson Division Director, having received 1,292 votes compared to 1239 votes for the incumbent Mike Lisenco N2YBB.

I have been very outspoken how I felt that Mike was the most locally active Hudson Division Director of my 56 years in ham radio. I am concerned that a golden age in Long Island ham radio may have ended. We will have to see.

SAVE THE DATE - HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12

On Wednesday December 12, in lieu of our November and December club meetings, we will hold our annual Holiday dinner party at Kwong Ming Chinese restaurant in Wantagh. We have eaten there a number of times in recent years, and everyone has always been very pleased with the experience. As usual, we will gather at 5:30 PM, and will be seated at 6:00 for dinner. Be sure to bring your appetite; you will certainly need it.

Directions to Kwong Ming: 3342 Wantagh Avenue Wantagh, NY
Southern State to exit 28 South - Wantagh Avenue. Go ½ mile to Jerusalem Ave. (NY105) and turn right; Kwong Ming is immediately on left

- OR -

NY135 to exit 3 Jerusalem Ave (NY105). Take service road to Jerusalem Ave, and go west ½ mile to restaurant just past Wantagh Avenue on left.

HAM RADIO UNIVERSITY

Late every year, I always include my obligatory shameless plug for Ham Radio University, and this year is no exception. It is a terrific opportunity to attend seminars on ham radio and to catch up with old friends. The admission price is ridiculously low at \$5 for a full day

immersion. The keynote speaker is the newly installed ARRL Chief Executive Officer Howard Michel WB2ITX.

It is on Saturday January 5, 2019 from 9AM until 3PM, at Hillwood Recital Hall at CW Post University in Old Brookville; right near the Tilles Center, where many of us have attended concerts and the like.

Directions: NY107 north from LIE exit 41-N. Go 3 1/2 miles to Northern Blvd (NY25A) and turn left. Make a left at the "LIU POST" main entrance (second traffic light) and follow signs to the Tilles Center. Go past the Tilles Center and follow the access road until it turns left and goes along the back of the buildings. You will see Hillwood Commons on the left, next to the radio tower for WCWP. Park and enter Hillwood Commons just to the right of the tower.

The website hamradiouniversity.com has everything you need to know.

Note that I am delivering a presentation at HRU from 11:00 to 11:50 AM in room "D," on the progression of radio receiver design over the past 120 years or so. It will be based on a PowerPoint presentation that I delivered to a professional group recently.

FOLLOW UP TO THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

You may recall that last month I did something unusual, and included my summary of new findings in stopping life-threatening bleeding. The other day I heard from Ed K2MFY about something that happened to him recently.

Ed was working on his HF antenna coaxial cable, and while up on a ladder with a box cutter to trim back the shield on the RG-8 feedline, he slipped and seriously cut his finger. While such an episode hardly rises to the level of seriousness that the "stop-the-bleed" course in intended for, it is nonetheless extremely upsetting. Ed reports that he was able to adapt what he had learned, stopped the bleeding, and began to feel a whole lot better about it.

I am glad that in some small way I was able to help.

MORE ON THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE INCREASE OF TECHNICIAN LICENSE HF PRIVILEGES

Back in July, I presented some new information here that I had recently learned at an ARRL meeting. In summary, the ARRL has been concerned for some time now with low upgrade rates among amateurs, and they are now kicking around new ideas to boost the rates to ensure the future of ham radio as the old timers age. Unsurprisingly, attempts to give technicians voice privileges on the low bands has not been popular among the rank and file. One interesting proposal, however, involves the proliferation of digital modes on HF that has been a consistent growth area in recent years.

The more I think about this, the more I think this might actually work. Young adults (millennials and Gen-Z) are now literally obsessed with digital communication, having been immersed in computers all their lives. They are going so far as abandoning voice communication altogether, not only on the telephone, but even for face to face communication - We've all seen them texting each other as they sit feet apart.

Meanwhile, HF digital HF modes are really modern-day upgrades to the FSK teletype equipment of the 1950's, which has always utilized narrow bandwidth communication, and does so in parts of the bands that are relatively wide open. There appears to be room for expansion in those frequencies, and little interest in the crowded voice bands. I think there is something worth investigating there.

GRUMMAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ed, WB2EAV

Ed reports that finances continue to be in good shape.

REPEATER REPORT – Gordon, KB2UB

146.745 Repeater is intermittent.

NET REPORT – Karen, W2ABK

Thursday night net at 8:15 PM on 146.745 MHz had 0 check ins.

Thursday night net at 8:30 PM on 145.330 MHz had 3 check ins

VE REPORT – Ed, WB2EAV

One applicant took the technician exam and failed. VEs: WB2EAV, WB2IKT, WB2QWZ, KC2YRJ.

GARC NETS: Net Controller Karen W2ABK **40 Meters: 7.289 MHz at 7:30 AM EST Sundays**

2 Meters (repeaters) Thursdays: 146.745 MHz (-600 kHz) at 8:15 PM

145.330 MHz (-600 kHz) at 8:30 PM. Tone for both repeaters: 136.5 Hz.

ARES/RACES NETS: Mondays.

PROGRAM:

WEBSITE

The GARC web site can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/wa2lqo>. Webmaster is Pat Masterson, KE2LJ. Pictures of GARC activities, archives of newsletters, roster of members, and other information about the GARC may be found there. Please inform Pat Masterson if you need to delete, update or edit your roster information.

MEETINGS

Board and General Meetings are now combined. Unless otherwise notified, meetings start at 5:30 PM on the FOURTH Wednesday of the month, at HAYPATH ROAD Town Park in OLD BETHPAGE. **[There is no meeting in November. The holiday dinner replacing both the November and December meetings will take place at 5:30PM on Wednesday December 12 (the second Wednesday of the month) at Kwong Ming in Wantagh**

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GARC VE EXAMS

We normally proctor exams for all classes of ham licenses on the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 5:30 PM, BUT sessions may be cancelled if no applicants make appointments. The fee is \$14. All applicants must pre-register with Ed Gellender wb2eav@yahoo.com All new applicants should be aware that they must write their Social Security number on the application form if they have not gotten an FRN number. Applicants for an upgrade must leave with the examiner a copy of their current license. All applicants must show a photo ID such as a driver's license. Study material may be obtained from ARRL-VEC at <http://www.arrl.org>, or W5YI-VEC at <http://www.W5YI.org>. All VECs use and update the same Q&A pools.

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