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**MEETING - 5:30 PM WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24 AT HAYPATH ROAD
PARK IN OLD BETHPAGE**

PRESIDENT'S NOTE by ED GELLENDER, WB2EAV

ARRL HUDSON DIVISION ELECTION:

All ARRL members now have their ballots for the election of the Hudson Division Director, which have to be submitted soon.

The incumbent, Mike Lisenco N2YBB is running for re-election. As I have said in this space before, Mike has been doing a fantastic job on Long Island and for that reason alone, I feel strongly that he should be re-elected. There is an old saying that "all politics is local." In the case of amateur radio, the support we have received from Mike has been priceless.

Apparently, the attempt of the ARRL to get the new Amateur Radio Parity act passed by the US Congress has led to a lot of bitter internal fighting at the ARRL. A lot of it is that a number of people in the ARRL feel that the progress so far has not been what they would want, and have criticized the key players, including Mike, for not doing enough.

The Parity act primarily involves outdoor amateur radio antennas in areas controlled by private homeowner associations, and is of little impact anywhere else. Sometimes the arguments have gone beyond the technical aspects to nasty and personal.

I refer you to what Teddy Roosevelt said about this – to summarize his speech – The credit does not go to the critic who wanted things to have gone better; No, the credit goes to the man in the arena, dirty and bloodied, who, if he succeeds, deserves the credit, and even if he fails, he knows he did everything he could.

Oh, and by the way, regarding politics being local – I have never seen or even heard of Mike's opponent before this election, so I do not hold out much hope for ever seeing her (yes a YL) on Long Island again.

SAD NEWS - LONG-TIME GRUMMAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB VICE PRESIDENT GORDON SAMMIS, KB2UB, SK

The club leadership is devastated, and sorry to report on the recent passing of long-time Grumman Amateur Radio Club Vice President Gordon Sammis KB2UB.

Ray W2DKM has sent in some thoughts, which I am including in this newsletter. Meanwhile, let me share a few of my own thoughts here.

Gordon was always dedicated to the club, and reliably attended all meetings and events. He cared passionately about the club, as much as he loved getting on the air with his new Elecraft rig that he proudly showed off to us.

Gordon also was incredibly active in boating and seamanship. I once heard him refer to himself self-deprecatingly as a “wharf rat” to show just how much of his life was spent on the water. He was active in the Coast Guard Reserve, and often selflessly took out his own personal boat to supervise the recreational watercraft, and lend any necessary assistance. Many times he was able to resolve what otherwise would have been a very dangerous situation. He pointed out to me that occasionally he would get a hard time back from someone along the line of him only being a volunteer. He would reply that while he may be a volunteer, he does have the ability to get uniformed (and quite heavily armed) Coast Guard personnel on site within minutes. That always calmed the situation.

My favorite story was the time Gordon took his sailboat for serious work that was best done in Westchester. With his boat on the south shore, either he had to go all the way around Long Island, or around New York City. He elected to go around the city, and up the East River. The East River, Harlem River, and Long Island Sound meet at “Hell Gate,” so called because of its treacherous tidal currents. With modern powerboats, running the Hell Gate is tricky but not too bad; with sailboats it truly deserves the name. Gordon realized that the only way to run Hell Gate is to let the tide push the boat along, and that necessitated leaving in the middle of the night to be sure he ran Hell Gate with the tide and in daylight. The actual event was pretty straightforward, which proves the value of advance planning

Gordon will be sorely missed.

Ed WB2EAV

REMEMBERING GORDON, KB2UB

By Ray Schubnel W2DKM

Gordon, KB2UB first appeared on my radar back in the early '80s. In November of 1982, he was on the House Committee that helped get the 80- and 40-meter dipoles back into operational condition. From that point on, Gordon was always helping our Club with various operating and improvement projects. He was very involved with keeping our repeaters operational and he spent many hours getting and keeping the Hauppauge repeater operational.

He was named the Club's Technical Chairman in 1988, immersing him in all of the Club's HF station and repeater technical activities. He was elected Vice President in November of 1992, a position which he held until his death.

Gordon had many interests besides ham radio - sailing, model railroading and travel – just to name a few of his favorites. He was always willing to share his expertise and varied experiences, and he often brought his latest video and/or photos from his latest trip or project to Club meetings. Along with these, he had a very long association with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and kept us abreast of the happenings in the Maritime community as the Coast Guard moved in to the 21st century with newer technology to keep the ships and sailors better connected to the mainland. (continued on page 4) page 2

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

Three applicants all passed the technician exam; VEs: WB2EAV, WB2IKT, WB2QWZ.

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. The membership roster has not been updated to delete Silent Keys and to enter new e-mail addresses for remaining members and friends. Please inform Pat Masterson if you need to delete, update or edit your roster information.

MEETINGS

Board and General Meetings are now combined. Effective January 2018, unless otherwise notified, meetings start at 5:30 PM on the FOURTH Wednesday of the month, at HAYPATH ROAD Town Park in OLD BETHPAGE. **[This month's meeting is on Wednesday October 26 at 5:30PM]**

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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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Always a key participant at Club activities, Gordon spent many Field Days and other operational activities supporting our Club. He was the renowned knot-tier of the Club – As for me, I always believed good enough was fine for Field Day; After all, it is only for 24 hours. Gordon however made sure that the knots holding our temporary Field Day antennas would last through any storm and probably for 100 years - and they could be easily undone when it was time to pack all the FD gear away for next year.

He was a valuable member of the Grumman Amateur Radio Club, and he will be missed.

- Ray W2DKM