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February 2019

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January 10, 2019 Board Meeting

Call to order – 19:04

Field Day Early discussion –

Field day 2019 will be June 22/23.

Field day turnout in 2018 was low.

Perhaps food would bring out the troops.

Start publicity in QSK and at all our meetings.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Volunteer recognition program:

A proposal for financial reimbursements for volunteer's expenses was submitted and read for the board.

Pros, cons, and implications of a range of board actions on the proposal were discussed.

The business was tabled for further consideration.

The club should consider a portable

antenna to support our participation in the Cow Harbor race.

Holiday Party review

Turnout for the 2018 party was lower than in past years.

The amount of food was the same, so the amount of leftovers was very high, and the monies collected covered only 25% (approx.) of our cost.

A suggestion was made to implement a RSVP card to better gauge the attendance for our 2019 party.

Discussion of open officer positions (president, secretary) and director position

(1). We need members to come forward and help run our club. This topic will be brought up at the general meeting.

Treasurer's report – coverage of Paypal, bank, and new member dues payments.

Adjourn

January 10, 2019 General Meeting

Call to order – 19:38

Pledge

Introductions

President's Report – (VP report) – Discussion of open officer positions (president, secretary) and director position (1). We also have open committee positions for presentations coordinator, field day chair, and the finance committee. We need members to come forward and help run our club.

Treasurer's Report – financial position overview.

Repeater Report – running well, no new information.

Membership – Does are being submitted both through Paypal and by check.

Thanks to all members that have paid their dues. If you have yet to pay, please make your payment as soon as possible.

VE Sessions – VE sessions will be held on February 9, April 13, June 8, August 10, October 10, and December 14.

Good & Welfare – none.

Night Timers – attendance usually 3-5 members, stimulating conversations, all

are welcome.

Social Media / Yahoo Group / Website – The website needs some work to remove dead links and fix other problems. Work is in progress.

Publications / QSX – QSX went out on schedule – content is always welcome. Members are encouraged to submit original articles for publication (size does not matter).

ARES / RACES / Public Information – nets active every Monday evening (except as noted for holidays, etc.) on the .210 repeater.

Announcements – none.

Old Business – none.

New Business

Field Day – let's get the ball rolling – June 22/23 2019, There is an interest in working digital modes at field day this year.

Presentation – none.

Adjourn – 20:10

Activating the Fireboat "Fire Fighter"

By Howard Bernstein, WB2UZE



We had a very nice day on Nov. 17, 2018 in which a group of hams from the Long Island CW Club were able to activate the museum fireboat "Fire Fighter" located in Greenport. Fire Fighter is a living and fully functioning example of the "blood and guts" era of FDNY firefighting in New York Harbor. Present for nearly every maritime emergency in New York City's history during her time in service from 1938 to 2010 with the FDNY, Fire Fighter has seen both herself and her crew decorated for valor more times than any other fireboat. Her roles in some of the 50 major multi-alarm fires she battled during her career have become the stuff of legend among the marine community.

The weather was pleasant, company good and we had a scenic setup right in the wheel house of the boat. Charlie Ritchie, the boat's owner, was very accommodating and we were able to place the antennas and run cables without restrictions. We had the following equipment:

KX3 with 100w linear to 30ft Jackite pole vertical on CW (photo of Rich K2UPS setting up antenna)

IC-7100 100w with a Chameleon vertical on SSB (photo of antenna, with clover leaf rings, on top deck of boat)

Band conditions were actually OK yet there were not many hams answering our CQs even though the reverse beacons were copying us strongly. So on CW we hunted and SSB was able to generate some calls. We totaled 40 QSOs, yet we reached Europe, South America, Caribbean and the West Coast with ease.

We were asked to pass a Radiogram by member Jon K2KKH to his son N1ZZZ/mm via K6KPH in California (the only remaining vintage ship-to-shore NA station) and we did QSO KPH but unfortunately their op at the time was not receiving us well enough for traffic.

We stayed until 4 p.m. and felt like staying longer but since we were occupying the entire wheelhouse, decided to

call it a day. Conditions on 40m were getting much better by the time we broke down.

The photos of the day include a cute one of Iggy the cat jumping up on the SSB table near the computer to make a "CAT cable" (my joke at the time, sorry).

We would like to thank the following LI CW Club members who came out for the day:

Karen W2ABK

Peter AA2VG

Bob WB2ICQ

Gary KE2YK and friend Nehal N3HAL

Bill W2IIT

Lou NO2C and Salli K2RYD who took the lead on the setup of the equipment. We can always depend on Lou and Salli to be there for portable events with their gear.

Rich K2UPS who at the last minute got all his gear together as Mike KC2SYF, our other dependable portable op, unfortunately was ill and could not make it with his gear.

Also a special thank-you to John Melfi W2HCB, GSB president, who loaned us the bandpass filters which are an essential part of these types of operations. John and GSB are always very supportive of the LI CW Club which is very much appreciated.

We put together a donation of \$160 for the boat and on top of this Karen, Lou and Salli and later John Melfi bought Fire Fighter T-shirts. Bill also gave a separate donation from his family.

So all in all the day was a lot of fun and very unique. We have asked Charlie if we can do Museum Ships Weekend in early June and if the boat is there, its a go (they might be in CT). We are welcome any time.

Short Video of the activation: Here is a link to our CW club file and look under "Fireboat photos" and the video is there: <https://tinyurl.com/CW-CLUB-FILES> 📹





FIRE FIGHTER
 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

THIS VESSEL POSSESSES NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
 IN COMMEMORATING THE HISTORY OF THE
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DESIGNED BY NAVAL ARCHITECT WILLIAM FRANCIS GIBBS
 AND BUILT BY THE UNITED SHIPYARDS OF STATEN ISLAND
 IN 1938, FIRE FIGHTER SERVED NEW YORK HARBOR FOR
 MORE THAN SEVENTY YEARS. THE MOST POWERFUL
 FIREBOAT OF ITS TIME, IT FOUGHT THE S.S. NORMANDIE
 FIRE IN 1942 AND THE SEA WITCH/ESSO BRUSSELS FIRE IN
 1973. LATER IN ITS SERVICE LIFE, IT PUMPED WATER TO
 THE WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE AFTER THE 2001 ATTACK.

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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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LIMARC hamfest
February 24, 2019
Levittown Hall
201 Levittown Parkway
Hicksville, NY 11801
Doors Open 9:00AM
General Admission: \$6

Groups IO

Please join the Clubs Yahoo group. Not a member already send an e-mail to the following address:

larkfieldarc+subscribe@groups.io

Join our facebook group

<http://www.facebook.com/Larkfieldarc>

ARES/RACES NET

Sunday 0900 New York State RACES 3993.5 LSB
Monday 1900 Huntington - 147.210
Monday 1930 Smithtown - 145.430
Monday 1930 Southampton - 147.195
Monday 2000 Nassau County ARES RACES - 443.525
Monday 2000 Easthampton - 145.270
Monday 2015 Babylon - 146.685
Monday 2030 Brookhaven - 145.210
Monday 2100 Suffolk County RACES - 145.330

Huntington ARES/RACES

<http://www.huntingtonnyaresraces.org>

The Larkfield Amateur Radio Club

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Secretary:

Treasurer: Rich Florio W2TMA (2019)

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Donald Clarke AB2BN (2019-2020)

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Peter Deluca AA2VG(2019)

Roger Rapp W2GLE (2019)

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WR2ABA Station Trustee Jonathan Schwartz KC2PBE

W2LRC Station Trustee Jonathan Schwartz KC2PBE

Members of the Larkfield Amateur Radio Club are invited to use the W2RGM Dix Hills Repeater System:

2 meters

147.075 MHz out/147.675 MHz in
4z/136.5 Hz PL

The Larkfield Amateur Radio Club wishes to thank Bruno KC2ESI, Jack K2JX, Joe N2QPD, Bob AC2AZ, Thomas KC2PSC, and Pat WB2CMF for their dedication and efforts in maintaining the Club's repeaters and our packet and APRS stations. Their collective efforts and donations of equipment along with the overview of Bob AC2AZ and Peter AA2VG have kept us "on the air". Still to go, another 440 MHz repeater and adding IRLP or Echolink to one of our repeaters. We need volunteers for this new work.

General Meetings 7:30 PM

February 14, 2019 March 14, 2019

April 11, 2019

Board Meetings 7:00 PM

February 14, 2019 March 14, 2019

April 11, 2019

GOOD AND WELFARE

70 centimeters

448.500 MHz out/ 443.500 in

2a/114.8 Hz PL

THE LARKFIELD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OPERATES:

WR2ABA HUNTINGTON REPEATER

2 meters

147.210 MHz out/147.810 MHz in

4z/136.5 Hz PL

W2LRC HAUPPAUGE REPEATER

2 meters

145.430 MHz out/144.830 MHz in

4z/136.5 Hz PL

W2LRC HUNTINGTON APRS

2 meters

144.390 MHz In/Out

USA EASTNET FLEXNET NETWORK

2 meters

WA2PNU (0-15) Nodes 145.070 MHz

WA2PNU (-4) Node 145.070 MHz (BBS)

<p align="center"><u>2018 DUES SCHEDULE</u> Regular Membership: \$35.00 Members Age 65 or older: \$25.00 Members Age 17 or less: \$25.00 Disabled Members: \$25.00 Living Outside Club's Operating Sphere: \$15.00</p> <p><u>Add \$10.00 if you want QSX via U.S. Mail</u></p>	<p align="center">Pay by PayPal at larkfield.org</p> <p align="center">Make your check payable to: LARC</p> <p align="center">And Mail to: Larkfield Amateur Radio Club Inc. PO Box 1450 Huntington, NY 11743</p>
<p align="center">VE SESSION SATURDAY February 9th HUNTINGTON TOWN HALL 100 MAIN ST., ROOM 114 WALK-Ins WELCOME</p> <p>Team Liaison is Rich W2TMA. Fee is \$15. All elements will be offered and exams start at 9:00AM. You must have 2 forms of ID, one of which includes a photo. If upgrading, bring an original and a copy of your license and an original of any CSCEs.</p>	<p>The next Executive Board and General meetings will be on Thursday, February 14th at 7PM and 7:30PM, respectively.</p> <p>You can submit articles or photos for publication by e-mail at: larkfieldqsx@gmail.com</p>

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