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Editor: Thomas Price; KC2PSC

February 14, 2019 Board Meeting

No board meeting was held due to lack of quorum.

February 14, 2019 General Meeting

The general meeting was called to order at 7:40PM. Rich, W2TMA, led the meeting this evening as the vice-president was not at the meeting. He began by discussing the open officer positions, President and Secretary, and director position. If you are interested in one of the positions please contact Neil Harris, KC2TAF.

Rich, W2TMA, provided an overview of the current state of the club bank account. In addition he passed around a QSL card sent to the P.O. box from Matt Harris, W2NDR, that was received with his membership form and dues. Rich did get documents and the key to the PO Box from Jonathan, KC2PBE. The budget for 2019 has been delayed due to the transition of treasurers from Jonathan to Rich. The budget will most likely be proposed at the March meeting.

Thomas, KC2PSC mentioned that the February QSK was sent out, and he verified with Howard, KC2OJO that the e-

mailed copies that go to local elected officials went out. QSK needs articles and would welcome club members who would like to write about their recent ham radio projects, trips, or activations. Thomas e-mailed Scott, AC2FV, about fixes needed on the website. Scott responded to say the maps on the website had been fixed approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. Thomas informed all members at the meeting that the maps and dates of scheduled meetings and VE sessions are up on the website. There are still some minor fixes that need to be done to the website.

Steve Hines, N2PQJ, sent a brief statement summarizing ARES/RACES activity. ARES/RACES is currently working with Huntington Hospital to work on an amateur radio link to North Shore Hospital in Manhasset. Thomas mentioned he thought that during a major disaster a link to Stony Brook Hospital would be

important since it is Suffolk County's Tier 1 hospital. Rich said he would mention this to Steve.

The volunteer recognition program proposed by Steve Hines was tabled. There was a brief summary of what Steve had proposed for those who were not at the January club meeting. The discussion of a portable antenna for field day was tabled due to a lack of understanding about the topic. It was briefly mentioned that the antennas we have used for several years could be considered portable. The use of RSVP cards to get an accurate head count for the holiday party this year was

discussed. Thomas proposed that the club should do like LIMARC who sends an e-mail with a website to RSVP. This topic will be discussed further at a later date. Thomas brought up the lack of a speaker for the club meeting. Without a speaker or topic for the club meeting there is little incentive for members to attend club meetings. Rich proposed that Thomas send an e-mail to the club mailing list to start a conversation on topics for presentations and/or activities. In addition Rich proposed that the next meeting be a swap meet.

March Club Meeting: Swap Meet Night March 14, 2019 at 7:30 PM

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American Morse Equipment KK2 CW Key Paddle Kit Review

By John, K2IZ



This kit from [American Morse Equipment](#) features:



- New redesign in steel and aircraft grade aluminum for less mass and smoother feel
- Fully machined on new, state-of-the-art Computer Numerical Control machinery
- Fully adjustable spring force and contact gap for individual feel.
- Finger paddles may be installed in “up” or “down” position
- Close tolerance machining & superior design produce exceptionally smooth & solid feel
- Aluminum parts Mil spec Type-II Anodized
- Accurate machining & simple design provide for easy assembly
- Heavy, rubber-footed base stays put on your bench - weight 1-1/2 pounds
- Allen wrench for assembly included
- Base supplied raw, fully machined; all other parts finished & ready to assemble
- And a LIFETIME GUARANTEE just like everything we make!

This is the American Morse Equipment KK2 paddle kit. I had originally bought one when I first retired back in 2010.

One of the things I couldn't do was paint the base. No matter how I tried it never came out right so I left the base in an “as is” condition.

I have brought the old KK2 to Field Day since I bought it. A lot of people who used it liked it but it was starting to get a rather worn look to it. I tried using BRASSO to polish it up but it still didn't look good, plus the original build used set screws to lock the adjustments in place and no matter what I did I couldn't turn them to readjust the spacing and spring.

I emailed Doug, W6AME and he suggested using penetrating oil or applying heat but I'm not too handy doing that. He also suggested that I could send the paddle to him and he would fix everything up, as he advertises LIFETIME GUARANTEE. I didn't want to get involved in the cross-country shipping so I thanked him and ordered a new KK2 kit.

I want to use the KK2 with the QRP LABS QCX transceiver kit I have built. The kit has a built-in keyer and some of us in the club want to take it out to a park or the beach and do some QRP operating. I knew from the first kit that this was a very rugged paddle, something that would work in harsh conditions. There is no way any of us would consider a BENGALI paddle that sells for a couple of hundred dollars. The BENCHER always seems to have problems with the springs. In addition I had spoken to one of the control operators who activates the USS KIDD (DD-661) museum ship and he uses the same type of paddle.

If you notice the base is now painted black. I took the base to a local body shop -- not a problem getting it painted. I mentioned the crackle finish on my Brown Brothers paddles and they said they were able to do it. I just might take the old base to them and get it painted with the crackle finish. They just have to make sure to mask the parts that make contact.

Overall it's an easy build, which is great for those us with failing eyesight and arthritic fingers. The manual is available from their website as a PDF. There is also ample warning before you open the shipping envelope: There are MANY little parts that are just waiting to get lost. CAREFULLY OPEN THE PARTS PACKAGES OVER A CONTAINER. Enough said! Overall it's a great kit and easy build -- unless you have to take the base to get it painted. You can order direct from their website: <http://www.americanmorse.com/index.htm>

There is also a large selection of other types of paddles and keys. 🌀

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
Affiliated with American Radio Relay League
Officers (one year terms)

President
Vice President Neil Harris KC2TAF (2019)
Secretary:
Treasurer: Rich Florio W2TMA (2019)

General Directors (two year terms)

Donald Clarke AB2BN (2019-2020)
Art Van Nostrand KD2NJM(2019-2020)
Matt Lazarus N2RBP(2019-2020)
Peter Deluca AA2VG(2019)
Roger Rapp W2GLE (2019)

WA2PNU Station Trustee Jonathan Schwartz KC2PBE
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
March 14, 2019 April 11, 2019
May 9, 2019

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)

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GOOD AND WELFARE

<p align="center"><u>2019 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 April 13th 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, March 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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