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President's Message



Awesome job once again by the dedicated and motivated members who stepped up to help with all the Field Day preparation. To all who were involved with the Friday night antenna setup—thank you, it sure made a world of difference for the whole setup routine on Saturday morning! Thank you to the BTG members who stepped up once again. It was great to have them run the GOTA station. It was important to set up as quickly as possible to do some testing. The north side on Saturday was done way before the actual on-air time but the operators there did get on the air for testing and securing a frequency which proved to be a great run for the 20 meter station. The south side setup went just as well but took slightly longer with the setup of the satellite station and the 6 meter and 2 meter beams. But they did get on the air before the start time and tested and secured a frequency. Band conditions were not what we hoped for so our numbers were down on 40 and 80 meters. We did however have a shortage of operators this year and could have really used a lot more. The good thing about Field Day is that there is always something that needs to be done.

I would like to personally thank all of you who were there for the worst part of Field Day: the takedown. Once again, with size of our Field Day set up – which you all love—it does have to come down at the end. It is amazing to see the amount of people who disappear once on-the-air operations start. I am not going to list anyone's call signs in case I miss anyone who was there. So if you were there to the bitter end thank you for a great job—yes a great job!! – as we put everything away. It went away very neatly organized. To those who operated—great job! I know that you would have liked better band conditions. Thank you to the food crew and I will list the calls and names of those who kept us happy. K2BBQ once again pleased all of us with great chili, brisket and pulled pork. I would also like to thank KA2CAQ's YL Kathy for the corn soufflé. I would also

like to thank Michelle my way better half for ordering and picking up our lunch on Saturday. Thank you to W2PW and the Bananas foster made right on site.

I need to thank my crew at Able Equipment for loaning us two 80-foot booms once again. Just so you know I was talking with Rich head of rentals and planting the seed for next year for three booms. Why three? Well, the setup on the north side proved to be a real asset for the 20 meter SSB station. So with that in mind, why not a third boom for the CW station? The SSB beam was 105 feet in the air and worked great.

We have been a 6F station for a few years now and this year's Field Day posed a difficult question: Due to a lack of operators, do we drop to a lower number? As I write this at the general/board meeting, we discussed a few ways to improve setup and take down but we all have to remember that this is a team effort. Are you part of the team for setup crew, on the air or takedown? If not, would you like to be the satellite station that draws a lot of attention to our site. We need a dedicated crew to handle that from now on and an experienced satellite operator to work the station.

Our Honda generator on the north side with the extended run fuel tanks was way better than we expected. The filter board on the north side made it very clear to see where the feed lines were coming from. GOTA had a new antenna, a vertical which worked okay. As we said before band conditions played a big part in our operations on the air. It was tough but we all did a great job.

As July starts, we have some events happening such as the Maggie Fischer Memorial Cross Bay Swim on July 19. NO2C is contact for that event. He is also the contact for the K2M event at Gilbert Park in Brightwaters on July 20. We'll be there starting at 8 p.m. local time until midnight. AB2ZI will have his awesome telescope for everyone to see the marvels of space. It is expected to be a great day and night event.

August—yes August—it's a go for the Lighthouse Weekend! This year, however, Fire Island federal park regulations are not allowing shuttle transportation. Rules are rules. So the setup crew will have to get the equipment there early, drop it off and then get the cars and trucks out of the area. So if you want to be part of the setup crew, we might need to do it very early so we don't interfere with the foot traffic on the access road. The dates for Lighthouse Weekend are August 17th & 18th.

Then there's the Babylon Village Country Fair on Sept. 9 at Argyle Park. This is a public service event and we will need operators throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This one is great – low pressure! - walk around the park, sit under a tree, get something to eat, carry an HT bring your spouse or partner and let them check out all the cool stuff. Play a little radio at the same time. We are there for one reason—if we see an emergency or if there is a lost child or a situation with an adult, call net control.

The fifth annual Suffolk County Marathon is October 27th and we need at least 24 operators for this event. It is an early start event for the radio operators. Please email me if you can help with that event at w2hcb@arrl.net

Then there is the Hope for the Warriors Run on November 9th – and a change of venue. The run is no longer on Sunrise Highway and Wellwood Avenue. It is now going to be at the beach so keep this in mind if you plan to be part of the run crew. There will be no early outs. The course will be on Ocean Parkway and we need operators in key locations around the course. As you all know it is usually cooler by the water so keep that in mind. I'm not sure how many operators we need yet but please, if you think you will be available that morning, step up and volunteer.

As we continue to do so many cool special events we have to remember that public service events play a very crucial way of keeping us in the public's eye. Many times at public service events we get so many people at the trailer asking questions and signing up for our free classes.

The trailer upgrades proved positive for a much more organized operation. I must say the crew did a fantastic job. We are almost done. We still have to address a few more things but we are hoping to get all done before the winter.

It is all about team work and there is no "I" in team work. With that in mind, step up to be involved with an event, be part of the team. We can surely use some extra help at all our events.

No matter what you do in our great hobby have fun doing it. From your sleep-deprived president, have a GREAT month!

73. John Melfi, W2HCB 

K2M Special Event

July 16-24th

Operate from home or in the field from the club trailer. Featuring the moon in AB2ZI's telescope from [Gilbert Park](#) on the 20th (weather permitting).

For more information go to the club's [website](#) or [email Lou, NO2C](#) for details. Sign up to operate on the [GSBARC Groups.io](#) page (Sorry—MEMBERS ONLY!) 

Field Day Results *(as they stand)*

<i>Band</i>	<i>Mode</i>	<i>QSOs</i>	<i>Pts/Pt/Q</i>
<i>3.5</i>	<i>CW</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>290/2.0</i>
<i>3.5</i>	<i>LSB</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>192/1.0</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>CW</i>	<i>287</i>	<i>574/2.0</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>LSB</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>123/1.0</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>CW</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>590/2.0</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>USB</i>	<i>1036</i>	<i>1036/1.0</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>CW</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>74/2.0</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>USB</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3/1.0</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>CW</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>66/2.0</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>USB</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11/1.0</i>
<i>50</i>	<i>USB</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19/1.0</i>
<i>144</i>	<i>USB</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1/1.0</i>
<i>420</i>	<i>USB</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1/1.0</i>

Total Both 21832980 1.4

Score: 5,960, 1 Mult = 1.0 Q's

Congratulations to the Winners of the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club's Annual Field Day Raffle.

***First Prize winner was Walt, W2TE
2nd Prize winner was Dave, KB2USL***

Thank you everyone who bought tickets to help support the club.

Remember, the only way we can hold these raffles and offer exceptional prizes every year is with high member participation. 73 till next Field Day!



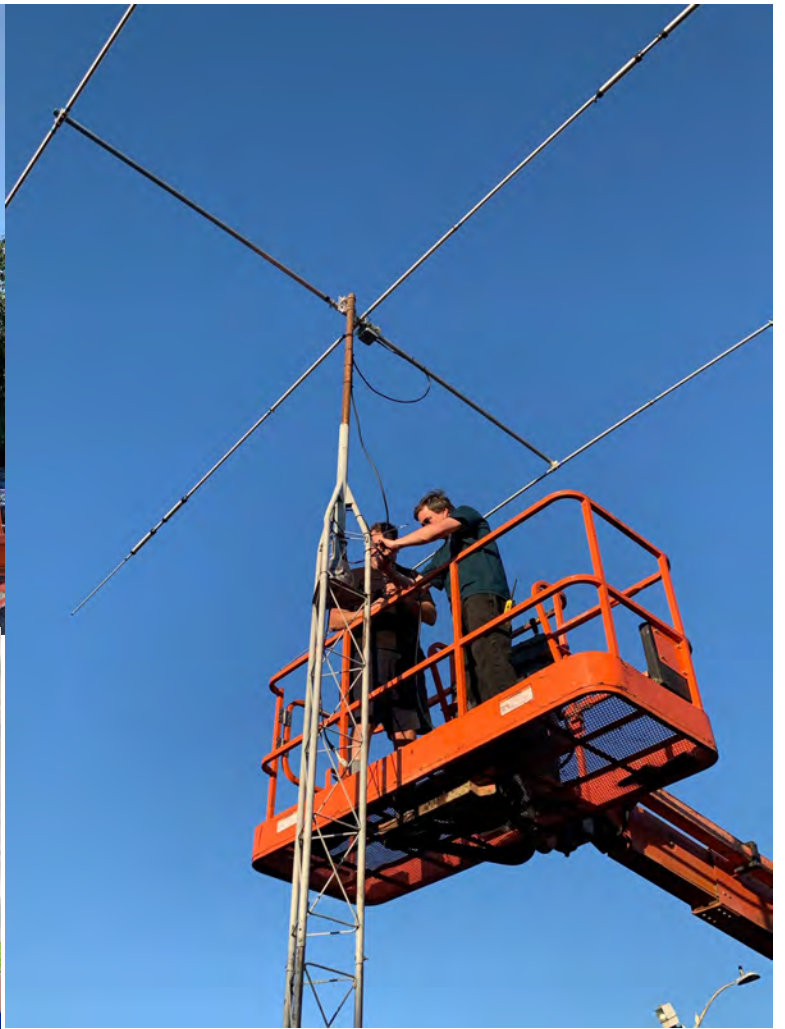
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GSBARC is no longer using Yahoo Groups due to issues with the platform. We have transferred everyone over to <https://groups.io/>

If you were a member of any of the Yahoo groups just sign up for a free groups.io account and you will have access to the new groups. [Groups.io](https://groups.io/) has most of the same features as the Yahoo groups and some additional ones as well, like the ability to have live chats. ☺

Club Apparel

Want a shirt, jacket, hat, sweatshirt or t-shirt with a Great South Bay club logo? We now use *Mr. Shirt*, located at 80 East Montauk Hwy. in Lindenhurst (www.mrshirt.com). Now you can get color matched backgrounds on your logo too. Check them out... ☺

ARES/RACES Information

- Div. 1—Town of Babylon ARES/RACES
Net: 146.685/R, Mondays 8:15 PM
EC/RO: John Melfi, W2HCB, (631) 669-6321
- Div. 2—Town of Huntington ARES/RACES
Net: 147.210 MHz +600/ PL 136.5,
Mondays 7:00 PM
EC/RO Steven W. Hines, N2PQJ,
<http://www.huntingtonnyaresraces.org/>
- Div. 3—Town of Islip ARES/RACES
Mondays 8:30 PM
EC/RO: John J Blowsky, KB2SCS, 631-467-2410
- Div. 4—Town of Smithtown ARES/RACES
Net: 145.430 MHz, PL136.5, Mondays 7:30 PM
EC/RO: Rich Johnston, KC2TON, 631-872-4039
- Div. 5—Town of Brookhaven ARES/RACES
EC/RO: Ted Debowy, AC2IR, 631-751-6576
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EC/RO: Steve Casco, W2SFC, 917-701-3919
- Div. 7—Southampton ARES/RACES
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EC: Don Fisher, N2QHV, 631-765-2757
RO: Charles Burnham, K2GLP, 516-779-4983
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- Div. 10—Shelter Island ARES/RACES
EC/RO: Vacant (Neal Raymond, N2QZA, SK)

Suffolk County

ARES/RACES Net:

Mondays 2100 Local—145.330/R (136.5PL)

Alternate Frequency—146.820 (136.5 PL)

New York State

RACES Net (HF)

Sundays 0900 Local, 3993.5 KHz LSB

2019 VE Session Dates

- July 27th
- August 24th
- September 28th
- October 26th
- November 23rd
- December 28th

All sessions are at the Town of Babylon EOC at 10 a.m., located in the basement in the rear of town hall. Please bring photo ID, a copy and your original amateur radio license (if you have one), and any CSCEs you may have. Non programmable calculators are allowed. The exam fee is \$15 payable by cash or a check made out to "ARRL VEC."

Visit [FCC Universal Licensing System site](http://www.fcc.gov) to register for an FRN number to use on the paperwork.

The GSBARC Repeater List

- 146.685 W2GSB - shift 110.9 Hz Enc/Dec
- 223.860 W2GSB - shift 110.9 Hz Enc/Dec w/ ECHOLINK
- 223.860 - shift 156.7 Hz Enc/Dec Local use
- 440.850 W2GSB + shift 110.9 Hz Enc/Dec
- 446.775 KB2UR - shift 110.9 Hz Enc/Dec
- 927.3125 W2YMM - shift D606 Enc/Dec
- 440.250 W2TOB/B + shift DSTAR REF020A Babylon
- 445.725 WD2NY/B - shift DSTAR REF020A Selden

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Club name badges are available from *The Sign Man* (www.thesignman.com) of Baton Rouge, LA.

The badges which are 1-3/4 in. x 3 in. If you visit *The Sign Man's* webpage you can order the badges by using a drop down selection on the orders page and clicking on "Great South Bay ARC—NY" ☺

