



# The Compass!

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**Next General Membership Meeting: Wed., Nov. 28th, 8 PM**

**• GSBARC Free General Ham Radio License Classes Begin Tuesday night, November 20th 7-9:30 PM**

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• Behind the Scenes Working on the Trailer



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# President's Message



Well it's that time of the year again. As we already have been involved with three public service events, I want to give a big thanks to all who participate in that aspect of our wonderful hobby. Yes, I said "hobby" although many of us see it as more than that with all the contesting and casual rag-chewing plus the fun of building kits and antennas. That is always fun and educational and good for practicing for when we have to set up in an emergency and operate under rough conditions. Our club is a very unique place with so many different people and talents. Amateur radio is a worldwide hobby, and this brings me to this point: How great it would be if we could all get along with all parts of the world. How many of you have spoken to an operator from a foreign country and had a great QSO? Maybe the rest of the world should follow our lead in promoting good will around the globe.

At the October general meeting, nominations were held. The executive board and the directors have all be re-nominated and are running un-opposed. I would personally like to thank the membership. You have always been very supportive of all we do. Just think: when we started the trailer project it was you, the membership, that raised the money to buy our great trailer. Since we first used our trailer (as bare as it was) it has grown to become what it is today – which is something to be seen! We have really made some big improvements in operations and comfort. Our repeaters have been improved and had some great features added. We will be adding a remote receive site for the 685 repeater soon and will also have a Fusion repeater up in the near future as well so all of you who bought a Fusion radio should find this fun. November is a big month for our club as we support the Hope for the Warriors on the 10th of the month. Email me at [w2hcb@arrl.net](mailto:w2hcb@arrl.net) if you can help. We still need operators. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. Don't do what I do -- and that is to eat way too much and pass out, and then wake up and do it again.

To all ARES members please make sure you are all set for the next call-up or emergency. Always remember don't rely on just one battery for your handheld -- always have a spare with you. Our Go Kits for shelters are just about ready to roll. Just have to make up the feed lines and set them up and test them on the air. Make sure you inspect all your antennas, feedlines and grounds before the very cold weather and snow. Yes I said "SNOW." When it becomes a marshmallow world it makes it a little difficult to do repairs. Due to the low attendance at ARES meetings we will be making a change to that group's meeting. We will have a meeting Jan. 17th and will be discussing some important issues.

Just a reminder as we head towards the end of the year, get ready to renew your dues on time. As you all know dues are now \$35 so please make sure you don't get dropped from our active member list.

If you have not joined us on the [groups.io](http://groups.io) page I suggest you do ASAP as club announcements go out and important info is also passed along there.

Are you a member of the ARRL? If not, I suggest you join. If you need to renew, make sure you do. The ARRL is our voice in Washington. The more members they have the bigger the voice.

73. John Melfi, W2HCB 

## Attention!

The November General Membership Meeting **will NOT** be on a Thursday night. The EOC is being used that night by the fire chiefs so we have moved the meeting one night earlier to Wednesday night, November 28th.

In light of all club officers and the two directors up for re-election all running unopposed, we had Kevin, AB2ZI who is our secretary, cast a single vote at the board meeting there being no need to hold a formal vote.

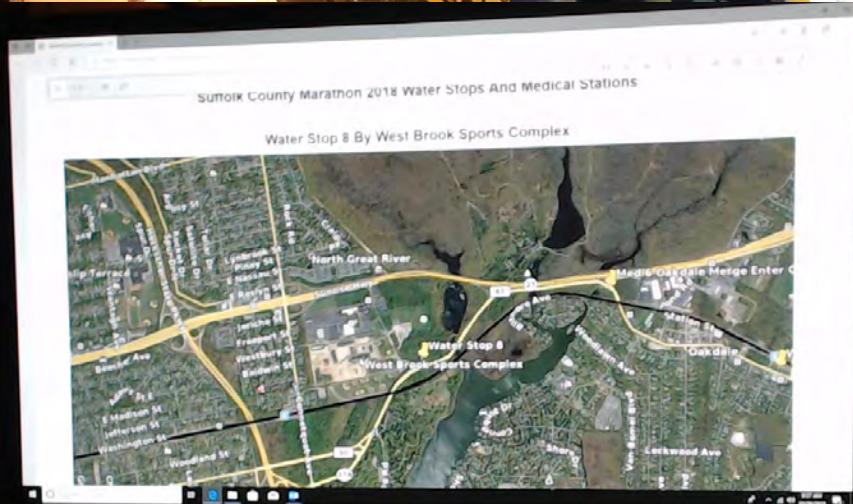
**Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!**



# GSBARC Hosting JOTA at the EOC with Phil W2UV



Salli, K2RYD (below left) and Lou NO2C and Tom KA2D in the club trailer operating net control at the Suffolk County Marathon





*Behind The Scenes Working On The HVAC Upgrade For The Club's  
Communications Trailer*



*Ed, KD2ADC Working on Control Circuits*



*KD2ADC and John, W2HCB work on details for the wiring*





*Above, getting ready to lift the HVAC system up to the trailer roof*



*Bob, W2YW and John, W2HCB on the trailer roof with the unit, prepare to make the opening and fit the unit in place*



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](https://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](http://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

Div. 6—Riverhead ARES/RACES

EC/RO: Steve Casco, W2SFC, 917-701-3919

Div. 7—Southampton ARES/RACES

EC/RO: Removed & Currently Vacant

Div. 8—Southold ARES/RACES

EC: Don Fisher, N2QHV, 631-765-2757  
RO: Charles Burnham, K2GLP, 516-779-4983

Div. 9—East Hampton ARES/RACES

EC/RO: Eddie Schnell, W2ZY, 864-973-9250

Div. 10—Shelter Island ARES/RACES

EC/RO: Vacant (Neal Raymond, N2QZA, SK)

#### Suffolk County

#### ARES/RACES Net:

Mondays 2100 Local—145.330/R (136.5 PL)

Alternate Frequency—146.820 (136.5 PL)

#### New York State

#### RACES Net (HF)

Sundays 0900 Local, 3993.5 KHz LSB

## 2018 VE Session Dates

- November 24th
- December 22nd

## 2019 VE Session Dates

- January 26th
- February 23rd
- March 23rd
- April 27th
- May 25th

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 CSCE's 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

Grow Giant Vegetables with **MAGIC MANURE**, manufactured daily on the farm. 40- to 50-lb bags free for the taking, already bagged. Pick-up or Delivery to EOC available. References available upon request. Contact Salli at:

[k2ryd@arrl.net](mailto:k2ryd@arrl.net).



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## Club Name Badges

Club name badges are available from *The Sign Man* ([www.thesignman.com](http://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" ☺

