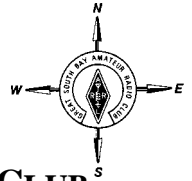


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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“..serving the community through Public Service.”

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## GSBARC 2004 OFFICERS

President: Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI  
Vice Pres: David Wandell, N2UHR  
Treasurer: Tom Carrubba, KA2D  
Corr. Sec.: Scott Verity, KC2FBV  
Rec. Sec.: Steve Schwenker, K2JY  
Dir. 2004: Charles Rousselet, N2MZX  
Dir. 2004: Jay Eichner, N2PIK  
Dir. 2005: Dom Stengele, WA2UJI  
Dir. 2005: Robert Smithline, N0UH

## Upcoming GSBARC Events

### Board Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 8:00 PM

May 13

June 10

July 8

### VE Session – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:00 PM

April 25

May 23

No June Session – Field Day

### General Meeting – Last Thur. 8:00PM

April 29

May 27

June 24

### Open House 12:00 – 2:00PM

Every Saturday @ Town Hall EOC

## NETS

### Newsline Report -

Monday 7:00 PM 146.685/R

### Club Info Net -

Monday 7:30 PM 146.685/R

### DX/Contest Info -

Monday 8:00 PM 146.685/R

### TOBARES Net -

Monday 8:15 PM 146.685/R

### Swap ‘n Shop Net -

Tuesday 7:30 PM 146.685/R

### 10 M Net -

Tuesday 8:00 PM 28.320

## REPEATERS

**2 M** 146.685/146.085 PL 110.9  
**1 1/2 M** 223.860/222.260 PL 131.8  
**70 CM** 440.850/445.850 PL 114.8

## President’s Message

By Walter, KA2RGI

Man has this been some month so far! The days on the calendar keep flying by. Here we are again at the end of the month. Just days to go to the meeting, even with this being a 5 Thursday month. I feel worse than the old Dunkin Donuts man greeting himself at the door to make the batch of donuts.

I just can not thank everyone for the wonderful thoughts and concern when we had the fire at the house on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully no one was hurt or injured and there was only some damage to the house. For those that do not know what happened let me tell you very briefly. It appears that because of a leak in the lead-in pipe for the electric water got into the meter panel box and ran down the lead-in pipe. The water collected in the elbow of the pipe just before it went into the house and caused the wiring to short out. The arcing caused the 1 ½” galvanized pipe to melt down for a about a 2 ft. length and melted the wiring leading into my house and the circuit panel on the other side of the house.

This all happened while I was Town Hall Teaching the Extra Class. Fortunatly the neighbors saw the arcing and called in the alarm at the same time my wife saw the blinking of the lights and heard the arcing. My son Mike ran downstairs and disconnected the circuit panel and ran out of the house. The quick thinking of my wife and kids saved the house from more damage than we had also saved lives.

Let me tell you that never appreciate the actions of your until an emergency occurs and the things you have hoped people learn go into operation. The follow weeks have proved how resolved my family can be and how friends are there when you need them.

Once again how do you express thanks for everyones concern and thoughtfulness.

I also have to pass on some other sad news and ask for your thoughts to be turned to Jon, KA2YMQ who in the last week has lost his son. It is never an easy matter when one loses family not to mention a child.

Special Olympics is May 2 please plan to help out!



**Happy Birthday**

KC2EGL, Mike  
W2FBB, Milford  
KB2IDZ, Margaret  
KB2IEW, Raune  
NA2P, Peter  
AA2QV, Bernard  
KB2SIE, Doug  
KB2UYS, Don

If your birthday is not listed we may not have all the info in our database



**News of Interest  
Editors Note**

If you have any topics or websites of ham or computer related interests you would like to see appear in the newsletter please email me at ehowley@optonline.net



**GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
BABYLON TOWN HALL EOC LINDENHURST, NY  
Thursday April 09, 2004**

Meeting called to order by Walter, KA2RGI at 8:15 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President	KA2RGI	Walter
Wenzel		
Vice President	N2UHR	David
Wandell		
Director 2004	N2MZK	Charles
Rousselet		
Director 2004	N2PIK	Jay
Eichner		
Director 2005	WA2UJI	Dom
Stengele		
Director 2005	N0UH	Robert
Smithline		

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Treasurer	KA2D	Tom
Carrubba		
Corresponding Secretary	KC2FBV	Scott
Verity		
Recording Secretary	K2JY	Steve
Schwenker		

**OTHER CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT:**

KC2TCH

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Recording Secretary - Steve, K2JY

Feb Gen & Mar Exec Minutes published in Compass.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:** Corresponding Secretary - Scott, KC2FBV  
Returned Hamfest flyers from mailing.  
Newsletter from Larkfield ARC  
Club Insurance Premium Notice was received and update of equipment is needed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer - Tom, KA2D  
Checking 1566.00  
CD: 2806.79  
Total: 4372.79  
Check was cut to WA2QAV for purchase of TS-570D.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**APPERAL:** Chairperson – Rob, N0UH  
Order was put into Viking for club shirts.  
Rob will check into availability of purchasing patch from another source.

**CLUB STATION AND EQUIPMENT:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
TS-570D was purchased from WA2QAV.  
Club equipment needs to be updated before May 1, 2004 for club equipment policy.  
Plans have to be made for removal of GSBARC tower and antennas that are currently at KA2D's.  
2 HF tribanders, various UHF and 4 tower sections.

**DX & CONTESTING:** Chairperson – Tom, KA2D  
Nothing new to report. Check into W2GSB DX Cluster and PBBS on 145.07 for latest info.

**DX CLUSTER:** Chairperson – Tom, KA2D  
Cluster-up and running after hard drive had crashed and had to be replaced.  
Defective HDD will be sent to manufacture for repair.  
There was an interruption in RF port for a few days while it was restored. AR-Cluster is now current to latest version along with latest version of BPQ packet.

**EDUCATION:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
Extra class started on Tuesday Mar 16 at 7:30 pm and will continue to the end of April.  
Morse code classes are being held at Walter and Joe's shop, 421 Broadway, West Babylon on Saturdays at 3:30 PM.

**LIBRARY:** Chairperson – Dom, WA2UJI  
Nothing new to report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairperson – Tom, KA2D  
103 members Total, 80 Full, 13 Family, 4 ARRL, 6 Complimentary.

**NETS:**  
We are still looking for anyone that would be interested in helping out with the club info net on Monday nights.  
Back up control operators would be helpful. If you are interested, let us know and we will provide you with the standard script used for the net. The Tuesday night ten meter net and the swap and shop net would always appreciate more check ins.

**Newsline Report:** NCS – Dave, N2UHR Nothing new to report.  
**2 m Net:** NCS – Dave, N2UHR Nothing new to report.  
**Swap n Shop:** NCS – Bud, WA2QAV Nothing new to report.  
**10 m Net:** NCS – Brian, N2NGE Nothing new to report.

**NEWSLETTER – COMPASS:** Chairperson – Gene, N2TZX  
Reminder the Saturday after the Executive Meeting is the deadline for

**REPEATERS:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
Nothing new to report on the problems with the 2 meter repeater.  
The 220 and 440 machines will be worked on as time permits  
The isolator for the 2m will be ordered shortly.  
Work on the 220 & 440 systems will be starting soon and the new amp for the 440 will be ordered after the repairs to the system are complete.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Field Day:** Chairpersons – Position Open  
We are looking for field coordinators to help with getting ready for field day. Any help would be appreciated.  
**Hamfest:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
The hamfest will be held rain or shine on May 23, at the Massapequa Sunrise Mall, starting at 8 am and will end at 12 noon. Any help would be appreciated.  
**Air Power Museum:** Chairperson – Bud, WA2QAV  
Nothing to Report  
**Fire Island Lighthouse Weekend:** Chairperson – Tom, KA2D  
Nothing to Report  
**Club Picnic:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
Nothing to Report  
**End of the Year Party:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
Nothing to Report

**VE SESSIONS:** ARRL Liaison – Tom, KA2D  
The next VE session is Apr. 25 at EOC.  
Margaret KB2IDZ upgraded to General.  
Lou passed his Tech and now has the call KC2MUM.

**WEBSITE - HOME PAGE:** Chairperson – Tom, KA2D  
Up and running, nothing new to report.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Antenna Committee:** Chairperson – Open Position  
Tom, N2MIG needs assistance to correct a problem with his antenna and mast on his tower.  
**Open House:** Chairpersons – Dave, N2UHR  
Nothing new to report  
**Public Relations:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
Nothing new to report  
**Technical Committee:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
Nothing new to report  
**ARES/RACES:** EC/RO – Walter, KA2RGI

ARES cards will be available at the TOBARES meeting next week Feb. 19.  
April 18 - MS Walk – Belmont Lake State Park

**GUEST SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS:** Chairperson – Dave, N2UHR  
John, K2IZ is scheduled as our guest speaker at the general meeting.  
He will be speaking on NTS.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** Chairperson – Scott, KC2FBV

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No additional old business was brought up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was brought up.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by  
Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI for  
Steve Schwenker K2JY  
Recording Secretary



**GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**  
**BABYLON TOWN HALL EOC, LINDENHURST, NY**  
Thursday March 25, 2004

Meeting called to order by Walter, KA2RGI at 8:00 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President	KA2RGI	Walter Wenzel
Vice President	N2UHR	David Wandell
Corresponding Secretary	KC2FBV	Scott Verity
Director 2004	N2MZK	Charles Rousselet
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**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Treasurer	KA2D	Tom Carrubba
Recording Secretary	K2JY	Steve Schwenker
Director 2005	N0UH	Robert Smithline

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Recording Secretary - Steve, K2JY  
Minutes were accepted as published in Compass.

It was forwarded to the membership that Steve, K2JY was stepping down from the position as Recording Secretary because of work commitments that were prohibiting his attendance at the meetings. The executive board is soliciting the membership for someone who would like to step in and fulfill the requirements of the position for the rest of his term.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:** Corresponding Secretary - Scott, KC2FBV

**Letter from News12** with ID & password so club can notify members of cancellations of meetings

**Letter from World Radio** that explains club promotions and listings in magazine. For \$65 per year the club would receive a copy of World Radio every month, the club would receive 8 1-year subscriptions for raffle prizes during meetings, club would be listed in the "Visit your local radio club" section, Club would also receive one-year subscription to World Radio as Hamfest Prizes, The club would also receive \$2 from every World Radio subscription it sends in.

**Hamfest announcement** for the Bergen ARA Hamfest for May 29, 2004

2 returned GSBARC Hamfest flyers

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer - Tom, KA2D  
Motion to approve the GSBARC 2004 Budget was presented by Joe, N2IMF and was seconded by John, KA2YMQ and Charles, N2MZK. Motion was passed unanimously.

Checking 2136.26  
CD: 2800.16  
Total: 4936.42

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**APPERAL:** Chairperson – Rob, N0UH  
New order going into supplier for t-shirts so we would have shirts for all sizes on hand.  
Also putting in order for more caps since there is only one left. Looking for cost of patches since some members have requested information about patches.  
Golf shirt order is also going in for: Adam, KB2TCH; Ken, KC2KXA; and Pete, N2GBM.

**CLUB STATION AND EQUIPMENT:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
A motion was presented by Frank, K2LI to purchase Bud, WA2QAV's TS-570 for the club to own as another radio it would have for Field Day and Special Event Operations for \$500.00. The radio was previously owned by Rich, AC2P. The radio also has the voice chip in it. The motion was seconded by Rich, KA2VKD. A vote was taken and the motion was passed with a majority in favor, no negative votes and 1 abstention. It was also mentioned and approved that the club should purchase a Kenwood MC-60 desk microphone for the radio so it would match the unit already owned by the club and it would also be easier to operate.

**DX & CONTESTING:** Chairperson – Tom, KA2D  
K2TV mentioned the WPX SSB Contest is this weekend and reminded the members that K1EA now has CT for Windows as a free download for those who would like it

to keep track of their records. He also reminded those that wanted to how to forward their logs as club participants for the contest.

**DX CLUSTER:** Chairperson – Tom, KA2D  
Cluster-up and running and nothing new to report.

**EDUCATION:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
Morse code classes are continuing at Walter's new shop, 421 Broadway, West Babylon at 3:30 PM Saturdays. There is no fee for the classes.  
Extra Classes are to started March 16th at TOB EOC at 7:30 PM. There were 6 people attending the classes. There is no fee for the classes. If anyone is interested they can attend any of the classes.  
Have not heard from anyone else about any computer basic classes or any kit building classes. We will have more information on those classes later.  
Does anyone have an interest in start a special interest group on any thing pertaining to amateur radio? If you do contact walter to see what can be arranged.

**LIBRARY:** Chairperson – Dom, WA2UJI  
WA2UJI some Montoring Times magazines (Scanner Mags) to the library.

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**NEWSLETTER – COMPASS:** Chairperson – Gene, N2TZX  
Need additions articles for the Newsletter. Keep those ideas coming. Deadline for submissions it the Saturday after the Executive Meeting.

**REPEATERS:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
We will ordering the updated board for the controller by the next meeting for the 2m machine.  
We will also be purchasing the isolator for the 2m repeater as previously authorized also.  
440 repeater is having issues passing audio and will be looked at by the committee soon

220 repeater also having audio issues and we are looking for an alternative to maintaining the current 220 system.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Field Day:** Chairpersons – Position Open  
June 26-27 - We are looking for field coordinators to help with getting ready for field day. Any help would be appreciated.

**Hamfest:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
The hamfest will be held rain or shine on May 23, at the Massapequa Sunrise Mall, starting at 8 am and will end at 12 noon. Any help would be appreciated.

**Air Power Museum:** Chairperson – Bud, WA2QAV  
The event we had two years ago was on June 8-9. Bud will be contacting the persons in charge of the APM to if any special events are scheduled that will work together for a special event station for later this year.

**International Lighthouse Weekend:** Chairperson – Tom, KA2D  
August 14-15 9AM-5PM Fire Island Lighthouse - Updated information about the event was forward to the Fire Island Newsletter and events calendar.

**Club Picnic:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
August 21 11AM-5PM Town Hall Park - Nothing to Report

**End of the Year Party:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
Nothing to Report

**VE SESSIONS:** ARRL Liaison – Tom, KA2D  
The next VE session is March 28 at EOC.

**WEBSITE - HOME PAGE:** Chairperson – Tom, KA2D  
Up and running, nothing new to report

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Antenna Committee:** Chairperson – Open Position  
Some work was done recently on Joe, N2IMF's antenna. If anyone needs antenna work or assistance let us know.

**Open House:** Chairpersons – Dave, N2UHR  
Nothing new to report

**Public Relations:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
Information about the upcoming hamfest and the fire island event were sent out.

**Technical Committee:** Chairperson – Walter, KA2RGI  
If anyone is interested in joining the committee see Walter.

**ARES/RACES:** EC/RO – Walter, KA2RGI

ARES cards are available at the TOBARES meeting.  
March 28 - 7:00 AM to Noon - Suffolk County Half Marathon.

April 18 – MS Walk - Belmont Lake State Park  
April 25 – March of Dimes Walk America – Hauppauge  
May 2 – Suffolk County Special Olympics – West Islip High School

May 2 – LI Canon Marathon – Eisenhower Park to Jones Beach

May 9 – Elizabeth McNamee 5K Run – West Islip High School

May 11 – Skywarn Basic Training Class – Mineola

May 17 – Skywarn Basic Training Class – Southold

May 19 – Skywarn Basic Training Class – Hauppauge

May 26 – Skywarn Advanced Training Class – Centereach (Radio Central ARC Mtg.)

June 5-6 – Good Samaritan Hospital 24 Hr. Hospice Walk – West Islip High School

The full calendar of events on the [www.tobares.org](http://www.tobares.org) website.

**GUEST SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS:** Chairperson – Dave, N2UHR

No speaker was present. Walter expanded on repeater situation and upcoming Hamfest preparations

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** Chairperson – Scott, KC2FBV

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business was brought up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was brought up.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bud, WA2QAV and seconded by John, KA2YMQ.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM

50/50 was won by Ken, KC2KXA He donated his part back to the club. Total collected \$33.

Respectfully submitted by  
Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI for  
Steve Schwenker K2JY  
Recording Secretary

## WebSite of the Month

Radio or computer related

<http://my.integritynet.com.au/purdic/>

VK2TIP IAN PURDIE'S ELECTRONICS TUTORIAL RADIO DESIGN PAGES FOR AMATEUR, HAM RADIO, ELECTRONIC PROJECT ENTHUSIASTS AS WELL AS FOR THE ELECTRONIC HOBBYIST AND FOR HOME LEARNING TO DESIGN YOUR OWN ELECTRONIC PROJECTS

For a reel good laugh, click on this joke towards the bottom of the website  
[The most incredibly funny joke I have ever heard](#)



## Tribute to Naval Signalman

The near inevitable loss to the U.S. Navy of the signalman rating represents much in the culture and lore of all naval services.

The accomplishments, triumphs, and failures of signal personnel and systems have been recorded for history by a number of dedicated naval officers.

Perhaps the finest tribute to the signal breed and the often mysterious "system" these "skivvy-wavers" mastered is a poem found in the annals of the British tabloid, The Army and Navy Illustrated. This lengthy poem was anonymously by a British signalman under the pen name "Flag waver" for this sad occasion. It is the conclusion of "The Lay of the Last Signalman".

To delete the human error, to erase a noble breed,  
We rely upon a relay, and we pin our faith to Creed.

So we press a button, make a switch, and spin a little wheel,  
And it's cent per cent efficient - when we're on an even keel.

But again I may be needed, for the time will surely come,  
When we have to talk in silence, and the modern stuff is dumb.

When the signal lantern's flashing or the flags are flying free,  
It was good enough for Nelson, and it's good enough for me.

Sounds kind of like the doing away of code, perhaps.

73...John K2IZ It is never an easy matter when one loses family not to mention a child.

## GSBARC 2004 VE Schedule

Jan 18- 3:00 PM

Feb 22 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
March 28 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
Apr 25 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
May 27 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
June **NO VE** - Field Day -6/26-6/27Babylon Town Hall  
July 25 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
Aug 22 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
Sept 26 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
Oct 24 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
Nov 28 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
December **NO VE** - *Season's Greetings*

### Committee Chairpersons

**Club Apparel** – Robert, N0UH  
**Club Station/Equip** – Walter, KA2RGI  
**DX/Contesting** – Tom, KA2D  
**Education** – Walter, KA2RGI  
**Hamfest** – Walter, KA2RGI  
**Library** – Dom, WA2UJI  
**Membership** – Tom, KA2D  
**Newsletter** – Gene, KB2TXZ  
**Home Page** – Tom, KA2D  
**DX Cluster** – Tom, KA2D  
**Repeaters** – Walter, KA2RGI  
**VE Sessions** – Tom, KA2D

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### CLUB NET SCRIPTS

If anyone is interested in a copy of the basic 2 meter Monday night net script for GSBARC give Dave, N2UHR a call on w2gsb/r, home: 631-842-6340, or via email at: [n2uhr@arrl.net](mailto:n2uhr@arrl.net), or contact Walter, KA2RGI, 631-957-0218, or via email at: [ka2rgi@arrl.net](mailto:ka2rgi@arrl.net).

'73 de Dave, N2UHR!

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