



SPLITROCK TIMES



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November Program: Station Grounding

Have you been scratching your head lately as to why you need to ground your amateur radio station? And even more importantly, how to properly ground your station? Well, you are in luck because the



program for our November 14th SARA Membership Meeting is going to be on Station Grounding. We are going to begin our discussion with a [15 Minute Video](#) by Dave Casler, KEØOG, of Ask Dave fame. The video provides a very informative, easy to understand discussion of just how to properly ground your station. This will be followed by a facilitated discussion of the ins and outs of grounding. We encourage members to take a look at their current grounding system and share with the group what you have and how you constructed the system. If you have any photographs to share, please send them to the Member at Large. kb2unz@microdee.com to be included in the presentation. And, of course, bring plenty of questions for the group – we have plenty of members who have a solid understanding of grounding and are willing to share their knowledge. See you all at the meeting!

Announcements

The regular monthly meeting returns on **November 14, 2023**, in person. Start time: 7:30 PM, at the Mt Arlington Log Cabin.

Meeting: Current Members will receive a meeting invitation via email from MAL, KB2UNZ.

SARA's monthly meetings are open to all as long as, the individual is not banned from the WS2R & N2XP Repeater Systems.

SARA On the Air

SARA 2m Repeater: WS2R
146.985 MHz; Negative Offset.
PL: 131.8

Swap & Shop Tech Net.
Sunday Nights at 8:00PM
on the SARA Repeater
146.985- MHz PL: 131.8

Can't Find Us on the Air?
... Monitor SARA Repeater!
...Better yet throw your call out!

From the President

This month we'll be having a presentation, "How to ground your ham station".

Also, we'll be talking about the holiday party plans and playing the ARRL Audio News over the repeater every Friday at 8PM.

I would like to thank everyone that helped make the Hamfest a success.

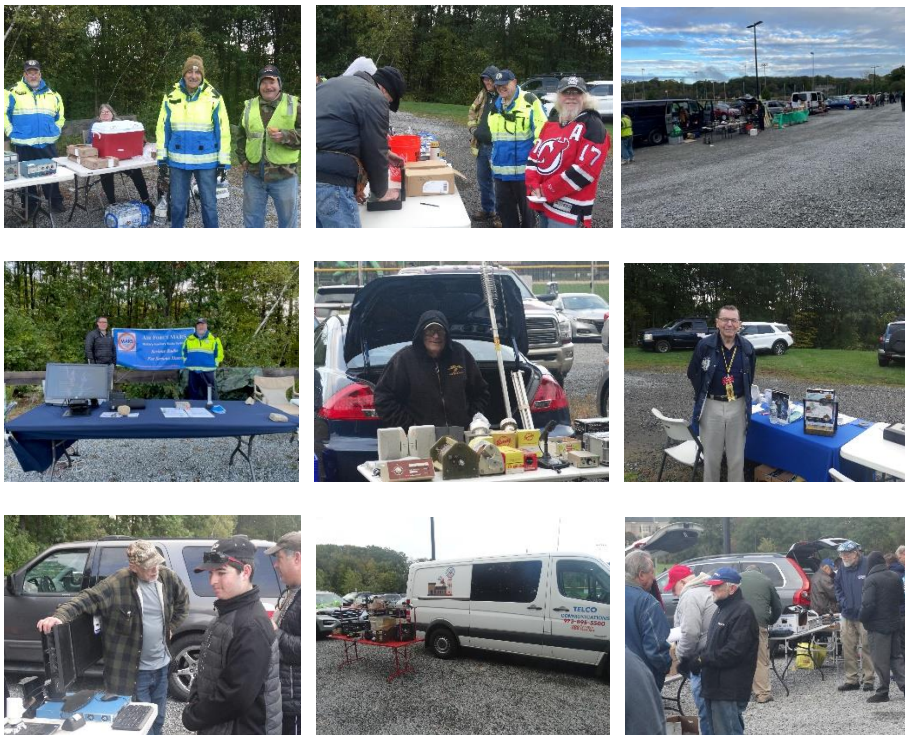
The weather was not very good, but the club did very well. We also have to make plans for the spring and fall Hamfests, assigning dates for both.

If anyone has any ideas for topics, videos, and guest speakers, send me an email at president@splitrockara.org.

73,
Bruce N2XP
SARA President



SARA Hamfest Pictures 10-15-2023



More Hamfest Pictures can be found on the club website located here:
<https://splitrockara.org/hamfest/>

Upcoming Events

- November Monthly Meeting Tuesday, is on the 14th at the Mount Arlington Civic Center Log Cabin Located on the corner of Fern Place & South Glen Ave.
- Ham & Eggs Breakfast on the first Saturdays, Nov 4th 8:00AM – 10:00AM at the Roxbury Diner RT10 East, Roxbury.
- Air Force MARS 75 Years Special Event Nov 5th – 11th HF Bands 160-6 meters
- December 12th Holiday Party at the Roxbury Fire Company #2.

SARA 2023 – 2024 Officers

The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and Member at Large are elected for 2-year terms and are elected in alternating years.

- President: Bruce Lordi, N2XP
- Vice President: Bob Hackett, K2RFH
- Secretary: Tracey Neidel, KD2ISX
- Treasurer: Bruce D'Adamo, N2OQX
- Member at Large: Ed Donnelly, KB2UNZ

Special Events – Hamfests

● Air Force MARS 75 Years Special Event Nov5th through the 11th General Class portion of the HF Bands. 160 – 6 Meters. SSB, CW and Digital modes. See the informational Flyer below.

- **11/12/2023 - [Long Island Hamfest and Electronics Fair](#)**

Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club
Levittown Hall 201 Levittown Parkway
Hicksville, NY 11801

- **11/18/2023 - [NJARC Hamfest Swap Meet](#)**

New Jersey Antique Radio Club
Parsippany PAL 33 Baldwin Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054

- **11/24/2023 - [Amateur Radio Auction](#)**

Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club
Fair Lawn Senior Center
11-05 Gardiner Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

From the Editor

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AIR FORCE MARS

75th Anniversary Special Event

5 – 11 November 2023

The Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System (AFMARS) celebrates 75 years of service to United States Military and Civilian government organizations during November 2023. In observance of this milestone, the "Air Force MARS 75 Years" Special Event will include communications on Amateur HF bands (160-6) in the General License portion of the band and in the Technician License portion of 10 meters using SSB, CW and digital modes.

AFMARS Organization	FEMA Region	Call Sign
1 st AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 1 MA, NH, VT, CT, MA, RI	W1A
2 nd AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 2 NJ, NY	W1B
3 rd AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 3 DE, MD, DC, PA, VA, WV	W1C
4 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 4 AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, PR-VI	W1D
5 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 5 IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI	W1E
6 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 6 AR, LA, NM, OK, TX	W1F
7 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 7 IA, KS, MO, NE	W1G
8 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 8 CO, MT, ND, SD, WY, UT	W1H
9 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 9 AZ, CA, NV, HI	W1J
10 th AFMARS Communications Wing	Region 10 AK, OR, WA, ID	W1K
Pentagon MARS Station	Region 3	K4AF
Travis AFB AFMARS Station	Region 9	KE6JEU

Those wishing to participate should listen for the above-listed stations (frequencies will vary by geographic region) and respond to the "Air Force MARS 75 Years CQ" calls.

Stations which have made a confirmed contact with one or more Communication Wings will be eligible to receive an electronic certificate. Stations contacting 5 wings will be awarded a "Bronze" endorsement. Contact with 10 wings will be denoted "Silver". Stations contacting all 10 Wings and the Pentagon and Travis AFB stations will receive "Gold" endorsements on their QSL Certificates.

NO QSL's - CERTIFICATES ONLY

Certificates may be downloaded from <http://cert.elemcoshopfloor.com> after November 30, 2023.

Event details, including schedules, bands, and modes are posted on the official AFMARS Web Site: <https://community.apan.org/wg/air-force-military-auxiliary-radio-system-afmars/afmars-75-years/>.

Event details shortcut: <https://tinyurl.com/5859r4vj>

or:

