



CQ NJKCARC

Newsletter of the

New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club

NJKCARC--WHAT'S NEXT?

After our members spent over 3,500 hours performing club activities in 2025, including re-doing our website, holding a raffle and three weekly nets and applying for dozens of grants, you would think we would be inundated with club applications and grant funds. We are not.

We have new applicants, and they will replace those who have left our club. They also reside out of state

Because we are an organized 501(c)(3) charitable organization, we are considering having the Knights Amateur Radio Society (KARS), our sister organization, join us. KARS came to be as a result of the NJKCARC only admitting residents of New Jersey. There is a hope that the bylaws can be changed to allow membership into the NJKCARC from fellow Knight/hams throughout the country. A name change may come later, but now, strength is in numbers.

FUNDRAISING

Making a donation to the NJKCARC has never been easier! Go the bottom of any page of our website, nj2kc.org, and click on the yellow PLEASE DONATE NOW! button. You can also help us raise funds via RasieRight, by visiting RaiseRight.com or downloading the RaiseRight app.

WHAT'S NEW IN AMATEUR RADIO?

A very sobering announcement was made to users of HamClock (clearskyinstitute.com/ham/HamClock), the popular Amateur Radio program that displays propagation, space weather and a myriad of other useful tools for the Amateur Radio enthusiast. The creator of HamClock, Elwood Downey, WB0OEW, unfortunately took his own life, and warned visitors to his website that HamClock would cease to function after June, 2026. We pray that the soul of Elwood Downey is accepted into heaven, while others work feverishly to re-configure HamClock.

There are other programs very similar to HamClock, including OpenHamClock (openhamclock.com), Ham Dashboard (va2dhl.com), Simon's World Map (sdr-radio.com/simon-s-world-map-1-5-1) and GeoChron (geochron.com), the mother of them all!

HamCation, a huge hamfest in Florida, we held February 13-15, 2026 in Orlando, FL. Club Treasurer Joe, NJ9L, was hoping to attend the tailgating portion of the event. Let's hope he brought back some treasures to admire.

REMINDER!

Ash Wednesday upon us. Prepare yourself to receive our Lord.



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WHAT'S NEW IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

The 2026 Silver Rose program will begin in Canada this month, promoting devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We have been fortunate in New Jersey to receive the Silver Rose during, or very close to, Columbus Day, combining devotion to Our Lady as well as to our Order at the same time.

UPDATED SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR

As mentioned last month, the NJKCARC will participate in the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, operating under W1AW/2. According to Ron Fish, KX1W, the ARRL SNJ Affiliated Club Coordinator, all ARRL-affiliated clubs will have the opportunity to use the W1AW/2 callsign as part of the celebration.

NJKCARC will also set up Special Event Stations during the New Jersey State Council Free Throw Tournament in March and the State Convention in May.

Please let me know if there are any other Special Event Stations you think we should operate.

AMATEUR RADIO NETS

PLEASE VISIT OUR NETS! Whether you just check in, or volunteer to be a Net Control Operator, we need you for our weekly nets. Our schedule is below:

Monday at 7:00 pm Eastern on 40m
Monday at 8:00 pm Eastern on 3.953+-.

Please check NetLogger.org for the correct operating frequency, especially on 40m.

Thank you for all that you do for Amateur Radio, the Knights of Columbus and the NJKCARC.

Vivat Jesus and 73,

Tom

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PURPOSE STATEMENT

The New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club (NJKCARC) is organized and established as a non-profit charitable, educational, and scientific organization of members to: promote the hobby of Amateur Radio in all of its forms and modes; to establish, train, educate, and evaluate a local Amateur Radio network to provide electronic communications in the event of local disasters or other emergencies; recruit, train, and continually educate persons interested in becoming licensed amateur radio operators; facilitate the participation of its members in local, regional, national, and international amateur radio activities; the purpose of such participation is to improve the operating proficiency of its members and to ensure readiness to provide emergency communications.

To promote the Knights of Columbus through Amateur Radio, and by helping local councils obtain new members through Amateur Radio. To provide

service to bishops, priests, parishes, dioceses, and Knights of Columbus councils, assemblies, chapters, federations and any other subordinate entities by assisting those listed above in celebrating their own special events by creating and working Special Event Stations (SESS) celebrating milestones of the above-listed; assisting RACES, SKYWARN, SATERN, ARES and/or other entities, directly or indirectly related to Disaster Relief when necessary or when called upon to assist; to further the hobby of Amateur Radio, by offering training sessions in Amateur Radio; to assist the Knights of Columbus, the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus and any subordinate entities as needed or requested; sponsor and hold amateur radio nets, spreading the information about the charitable activities performed by the Knights of Columbus, all whenever possible to do so. The Patron Saint of the Club is Saint Maximilian Kolbe.