



BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MARCH 2014

# NEWSLETTER

## BNLARC to Activate SKYWARN from the NWS Amateur Radio Station

Volunteers from the Brookhaven National Laboratory Amateur Radio Club will be on call to activate SKYWARN for the National Weather Service in Upton, NY. Our club is in a unique position to help by virtue of having access to the lab and our proximity to the weather service during business hours. Over 50% of the club willingly volunteered to perform this vital service

Each year SKYWARN volunteers keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service. Spotters form our Nations first



line of defense against severe weather. Durring events such as hurricane Sandy and winter storms. SKYWARN gives communities the time it needs to help save lives.

### In the Shack

The shack has been very active during lunch lately. Members are reporting contacts in South Africa, Italy and France in both voice and CW modes. See what you are missing folks?

The cleanup effort continues. We have found homes for much of the donated equipment and electronics. Some will be sold on eBay

### License Classes

We will be taking the summer off from teaching classes. If we have enough interest and instructors volunteer, classes should resume in the fall.

-Gary Stevens  
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### More BNLARC Licensing Class Success!

The latest Technician license class started with five students. Three of the students who started the class have already passed Technician Class license or better. Congratulations KD2FUB Joe for earning a



General License. Also a shout out to Cris Caccavale and Ben Rose who earned the Technician License on March 27th.

We should have more good news after our next VE Session that is scheduled for April 5th in building 515.



## **International Marconi Day 26 April 2014 by Fred Perrier N2LOB**

International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24 hour amateur radio event that is held annually to celebrate the birth of Marconi on 25 April 1874. This year IMD will celebrate its 27th year. The event is usually held on the Saturday closest to Marconi's birthday and in 2014 it will be held on 26 April.

The purpose of the day is for amateur radio enthusiasts around the world to make contact with historic Marconi sites using communication techniques similar to those used by the man himself.

Our Club will meet on that Saturday the 26th for some of our own festivities. Refreshments (the usual) will be available. Don't be shy...if you have a hour to stop in and the see goings on that's fine, or - better yet - spend a few hours and talk over ideas and future events. This would be a good way to show off the shack and how EZ radio can be. Field day is around the corner, and we need to be talking about that event too! Also we will try to make contact with an Award Station set up for this special event, and it would be a nice feather in the cap the of the club to give stations a QSO card of the event. So that's the deal, anyone wishing to attend email back and we will get you on the gate list for the day.

### **Calendar**

- April 5th at 9am till noon**  
VE License Testing  
Building 515 in the ITD Seminar Room. All Elements will be available.
- April 1st at 12 noon**  
NWS Station Testing
- April 15th at noon**  
Club meeting in the Ham Shack
- April 26th 9am-4pm**  
International Marconi Day  
Celebration at the Shack

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