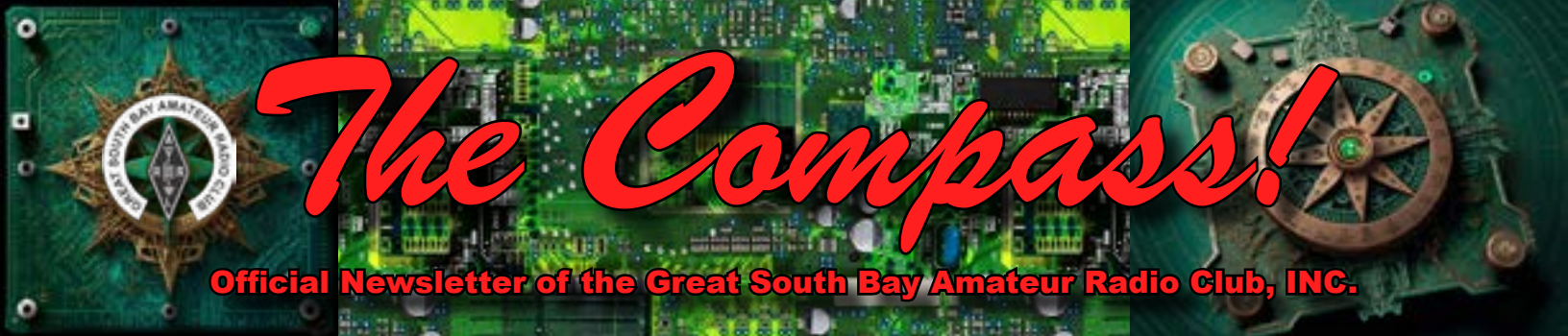




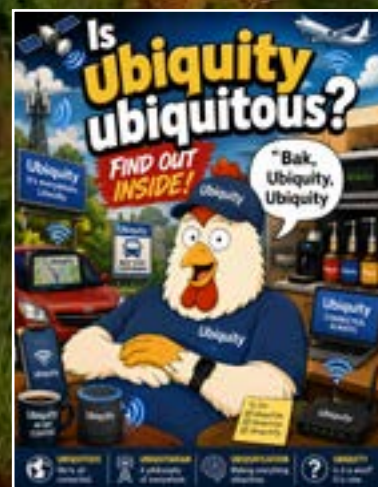
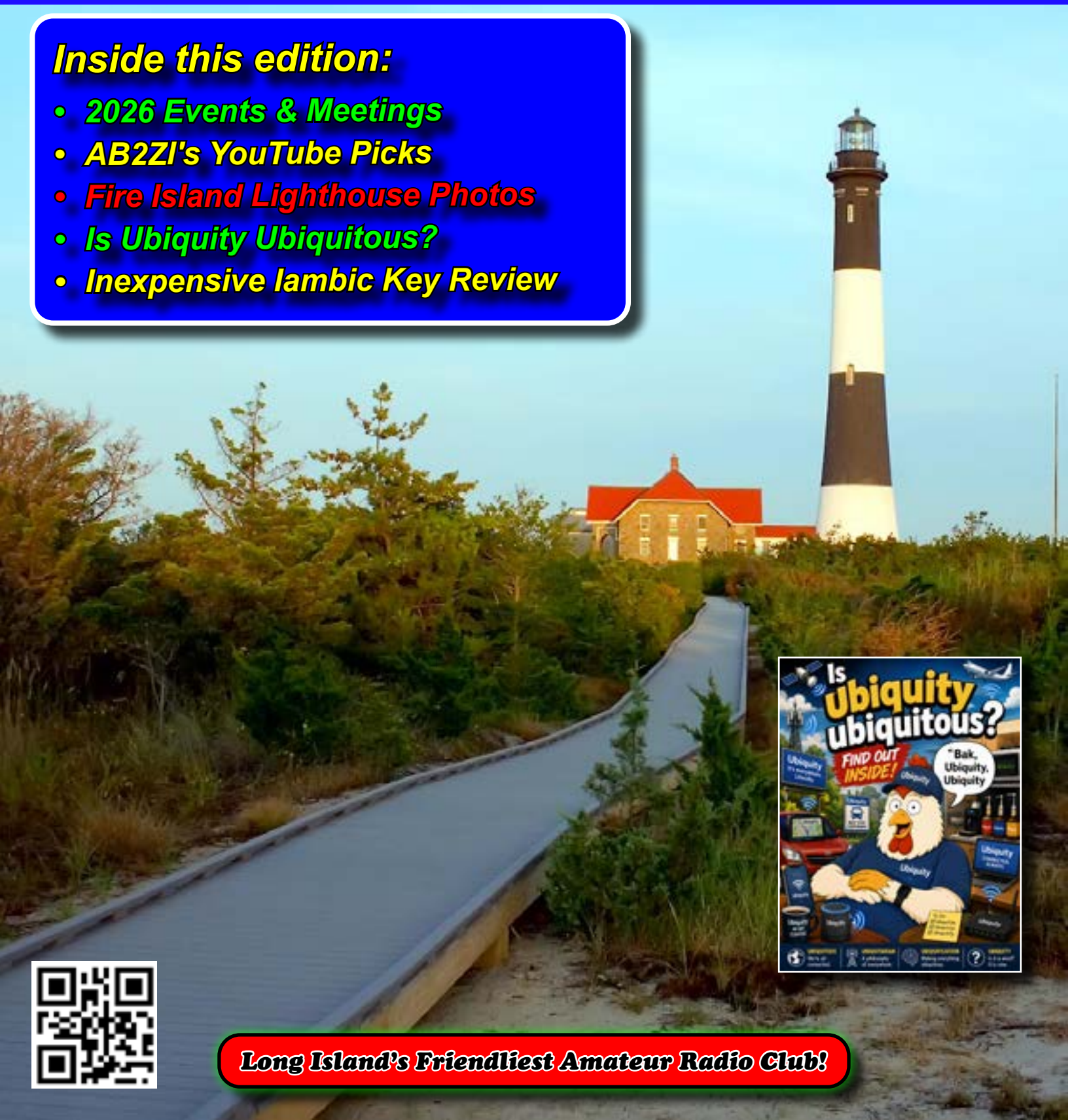
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Long Island's Friendliest Amateur Radio Club!



Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Upcoming Meeting Schedule



2026

- September 2nd: Wednesday Night Open House
- September 10th: Board Meeting
- September 24th: General Membership Meeting
- October 7th: Wednesday Night Open House
- October 8th: Board Meeting
- October 29th: General Membership Meeting
- November 4th: Wednesday Night Open House
- November 12th: Board Meeting
- November 19th*: General Membership Meeting
- December 2nd: Wednesday Night Open House
- December 10th: Board Meeting
- December 17th*: General Membership Meeting

****Note: November and December General Meetings 1 week earlier due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.***

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GSBARC TECH OPEN HOUSE

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT • 7:00 PM
at the GSBARC Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Everyone Welcome!

**HELP • LEARN
BUILD • OPERATE**

*Your Amateur
Radio Resource!*



GET HELP WITH YOUR PROJECTS

- Building kits & circuits
- Antennas & troubleshooting
- Go-Kit setup & portable ops
- Programming & software
- Digital modes & interfaces
- Test equipment & more
- Anything related to amateur radio!



LEARN & USE CLUB RESOURCES

- Get trained on the club's HF stations
- Learn the club's logging system (station QSOs, trailer remote ops & Field Day)
- Remote operation procedures
- Club equipment & operating procedures



ASK QUESTIONS GET ANSWERS

Bring your radio, laptop, cables, or that "mystery box" you've been meaning to figure out—chances are someone can help!

*No agenda.
Just help, learning
and good conversation.*



LEARN • BUILD EXPERIMENT • HAVE FUN

Work on your own projects, learn new skills, help others, or just enjoy talking radio with friends!



NEW HAMS EXPERIENCED HAMS VISITORS

*All are welcome!
Come as you are.
Leave with new
ideas and friends.*

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH!
WEDNESDAY • 7:00 PM
GSBARC EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)

GREAT SOUTH BAY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
W2GSB
COMMUNICATIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY



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On-the-Air Events

POTA Activation: Heckscher State Park

GSBARC will host a Parks on the Air activation at Heckscher State Park on September 5, 2026. Set up begins at 13:00 UTC, and operations will continue until approximately 20:30 UTC. Operators are encouraged to use the club simplex channel upon arrival. All modes will be used, and the club trailer will be present. Members and guests are invited to join in for a fun and engaging experience.

Suffolk County Marathon

The Suffolk County Marathon will take place on October 18, 2026. All posts are to be manned by 6:00 AM, and the marathon will start at 7:00 AM, running until approximately 2:30 PM. Many posts may be secured earlier. Volunteers interested in helping with this event should contact Suffolkcountydec@outlook.com.

POTA Event to Honor W2TE

The third annual special Parks on the Air event honoring W2TE will be held at Captree State Park Overlook on November 8, 2026, from 13:00 UTC to 20:00 UTC. All operators—including CW, SSB, and digital—are welcome to participate in this meaningful tribute.📻



GET ON THE AIR! JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

GSBARC SPECIAL EVENTS ALL YEAR LONG!

WITH CRAZY JOHN!

GREAT PEOPLE!
GREAT EVENTS!
GREAT RADIO!
THAT'S THE GSBARC WAY!

W2HCB JOHN
GREAT SOUTHWAY A.R.C.

POTA ACTIVATIONS

TAKE HAM RADIO OUTDOORS!

FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

HAMS ON THE AIR BY THE BEACH!

AMERICAN AIR POWER MUSEUM

HONORING OUR HEROES WITH HAM RADIO!

FIELD DAY

OUR BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!

MARCONI DAY

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF WIRELESS!

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY WHEN IT MATTERS MOST!

HOLIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

JOIN THE FUN ALL YEAR LONG!

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MAKE FRIENDS! LEARN! OPERATE! SERVE! THAT'S HAM RADIO!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A September follows a busy August. The W2TOB DMR repeater and Winlink server went offline when the repeater building's air-conditioning failed, causing the equipment to overheat. Our RF team—Bill WB2QGZ, Rob N2UK, Kevin KD2UQK, and KC2RCN—worked in the heat to restore service. After replacing the amplifier, they returned the repeater to the air. Please do not connect the steerable side to worldwide talk group 91. If you want to use worldwide, I strongly recommend getting a hotspot; more information will follow.

The team also found that the 220 repeater's final amplifier had failed. After 35 years of reliable service, the repeater must now be replaced. We hope to obtain a new unit soon, but coverage will remain extremely limited in the meantime. A replacement claim has been submitted to the insurance company.

Many thanks to the Town of Babylon General Services team for replacing the failed air-conditioning system. We greatly value our strong relationship with the Town, including Supervisor Rich Schaffer and the Town Board, who consistently work with us.

Our remote station should also be operational soon. Once the cables are installed, we can configure the software and prepare for launch.

Attendance at our monthly Tech Night continues to grow, thanks to Steve KD2X for starting it. At the August general meeting, ABR's presentation reminded attendees of the importance of quality feed lines.

Lighthouse Lightship Weekend at the Fire Island Lighthouse was an enjoyable event, and we appreciated everyone who attended. The setup crew made the day a success, although greater member participation would have been welcome. Thank you to everyone who helped with setup, operations, teardown, and loading the trucks—especially the small crew that stayed until the end. Heavy traffic leaving the beach was the day's only drawback.

Special thanks to KA2S, W2KFG, KD2X, WB2QGZ, AB2ZI, W2YW, KE2IEG, KE2IEH, KD2PIH, KC2ONA, KE2HTA, KE2GDG, and KC2ZZQO for supporting the event and remaining active GSBARC members. If your call sign is missing, you may not have signed in. Sign-in sheets are available at every club event and meeting, so please remember to use them.

Our next event is POTA at Heckscher State Park on September 5 at 10 a.m. Look for the red W2HCB GMC truck. Fox hunters can search for the W2GSB Fox on 145.565—will you find it? If you have a POTA setup, bring it along to demonstrate. I'll also be there testing my new setup with a Chameleon antenna.

GSBARC commemorative coins and stickers are still available, along with a limited supply of Field Day mugs. To support the club by purchasing an item, please speak with a board member.

The Suffolk County Marathon will take place on October 18, and radio operators are needed to support the event. Public service is part of our club's mission, and new operators are especially encouraged to participate.

Mile-post operators must report to their assigned locations by 6:00 a.m. The route begins in Babylon Village, continues through West Islip, crosses the Robert Moses Bridge, heads west on Ocean Parkway toward Gilgo, turns back toward the bridge, and then travels east on Montauk Highway to Gardiner Park. The event usually ends by 2:00 p.m.

Net control operators must arrive by 5:00 a.m. To volunteer, email racessuffolkcountyro@outlook.com.

Marathon volunteers should bring a VHF/UHF handheld or mobile radio, snacks, drinks, and a spare handheld battery. You must be able to operate on VHF or UHF and follow net control's directions at all times. Post assignments will be distributed around the second week of October. Returning volunteers who would like the same assignment as in previous years should let me know as soon as possible.

August was full of fun, and we hope to carry that momentum into September. We look forward to seeing many of you at the POTA event, remote station work parties, and other club activities. Active, involved members make GSBARC great, so please participate whenever you can.

A huge thank-you to Kevin AB2ZI for his fantastic work on *The Compass*. His creativity is helping our newsletter stand out and gain recognition. Also, to Jeff KC2ZZQO for keeping the website live by updating it as to what's happening with the latest event on the home page.

— John Melfi, W2HCB ☺

Fire Island Lighthouse US 0019

By John Melfi, W2HCB



Credit goes to the operators who persevered through difficult conditions and still made contacts during the event. We used an Icom IC-7600 with the BuddiHEX and an Icom IC-7100 with a Chameleon MCC vertical, military whip, and Faraday radials. Conditions on 20 meters were good, but 40-meter propagation was much poorer than expected. A VOACAP check explained why: the forecast indicated poor conditions on 40 meters and favorable propagation only on 20 meters. The satellite station also encountered problems. Mike, KC2SYF, and I were unsuccessful, and the lighthouse blocked one of our passes.

Despite these challenges, we had a great time. The weather was outstanding, and I was glad to see that many participants brought their own snacks and lunches. We could not have asked for a better day; simply being there was a memorable experience. Many members climbed all 185 steps to the top of the lighthouse. Thank you to everyone who helped with setup, to all the operators who came out, and especially to the small crew that handled teardown.

W2KFG, KD2X, KA2S and I transported all the equipment to the lighthouse, while several crew members hiked in and met us there. After quickly unloading, we returned the transport vehicles to Field 5. KA2S then drove back, picked us up, and returned us to the lighthouse before parking in his designated spot. Meanwhile, the setup crew began assembling the EZ-Up and BuddiHEX. Installing the vertical with the ground spike should have been easy, especially at the beach, but the site contained a large amount of RCA concrete, possibly from washout during construction of the Fresnel light building. We eventually found a suitable spot, installed and tuned the antenna, and made its first contact on 7.255 MHz with a station in

southwest Texas. Soon afterward, band conditions deteriorated. We also missed our CW operators, who could have helped us make many more contacts because VOACAP predicted excellent conditions for CW and digital modes.

Our phone operators were KD2X, KE2HTA, KE2IEG, KE2IEH, and K2RYD.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the setup crew members who stayed throughout the event and helped with teardown. I understand the frustration caused by limited help at the end of the day, especially with the heavy traffic we faced on the return to the EOC. Special events depend on dedicated volunteers to handle setup and teardown so operations can run smoothly. If you would like to join the setup crew, please let us know. To learn what is involved, ask me, KD2X, W2KFG, KA2S, or WB2QGZ. Same goes for the take-down crew. We experienced at the setup that some of the cables were a complete mess which took a considerable amount of time to straighten out. If you don't know how to wind up feed lines, please ask same for setting up the radios. 📻



New Antenna Review

By John Melfi, W2HCB



I added a new portable antenna to the W2HCB HF station. After learning about Faraday radials, I bought a set for my trusted Wolf River antenna. Although the results were generally good, tuning for 40 meters required repeated adjustments to both the coil and whip. Several amateur radio operators on YouTube recommended the Chameleon CHA PRV, which handles up to 500 watts SSB intermittently and 300 watts in other modes—more than enough for a barefoot 100-watt station. I ordered the coil, ground spike, and blank feed point. On August 9, while serving as net control for the New York State RACES net, I set up the antenna early on the west side of my yard. Using Chameleon's tuning keys, I adjusted the coil and paired it with the Faraday radials and a 17-foot whip. I tuned the antenna for 40 meters until it was resonant at 7.281 MHz, then connected it to my outdoor antenna switch with 25 feet of ABR 240 coax. Performance was modest at first but improved as the net progressed. During an RTTY transmission, I measured a peak output of 102 watts and an SWR of 1.29:1 with the antenna tuner bypassed. The accompanying photos show the setup for the August 9 state net. Assembly took about 10 minutes. I am waiting for a few additional parts and expect to have everything ready for a POTA activation in September. The antenna's quality is superb. It is made in the USA, the machining is exceptional, and I am very pleased with its simplicity.

These are the tuning keys for the coil.



The antenna was secured with a 21-inch ground spike, making wind less of a concern. The photo shows the tuning keys used to establish a starting point. Adjustable-coil antennas can be challenging, but tuning becomes much easier once you understand how the antenna responds.



I had hoped to have all the components in time for the lighthouse event, but several did not arrive before the deadline.

The antenna system is built around the CHA PRV 2.0.



My setup also includes the CHA Spike Mount, CHA Blank Adapter, CHA FSR-A, CHA MIL EXT 2.0, CHA MIL Whip 2.0, CHA SS Whip S17, CHA UCM Clamp Mount, CHA Stinger Kit, and CHA Single EXT. Every new setup has a learning curve, but I look forward to using this versatile system for future portable operations.

For more information, visit the manufacturer's website: <https://chameleonantenna.com/> 

Is Ubiquity Ubiquitous?

By Kevin AB2ZI



Nation Plunged Into State Of Ubiquity As Ubiquity Becomes Increasingly Ubiquitous

SILICON VALLEY — Historians confirmed Tuesday that the word "**ubiquity**" has now achieved complete ubiquity after being uttered so many times in corporate meetings that employees have begun referring to break rooms as "**ubiquitariums**."

The crisis reportedly began when one network engineer attempted to describe wireless coverage by saying the goal was "greater ubiquity." Three hours later, every attendee was introducing increasingly elaborate variations including *ubiquification, ubiquitarianism, ubiquitarianization,* and the especially troubling *hyper-ubiquitification.*

"We're pursuing a strategy of **omniubiquitous ubiquitarian ubiquification**," explained one executive while pointing to a PowerPoint slide containing the word *Ubiquity* 74 times. "The objective is to ubiquitize our ubiquitous ubiquity until the ubiquitization reaches peak ubiquitarian saturation."

Nobody in the room admitted they had any idea what that meant.

Linguists warn that prolonged exposure can cause **Acute Ubiquity Fatigue Syndrome (AUFS)**, in which sufferers temporarily lose the ability to determine whether "ubiquity" is a legitimate English word or simply something a chicken says after flying through a Wi-Fi access point.

One affected employee described the experience.

"At first it was just ubiquity. Then it became ubiquitous. Then we had ubiquitarian deployment, ubiquitous optimization, ubiquification workflows, ubiquitization roadmaps, ubiquitectures, and something called an 'Uber-Ubiquity Initiative.' I blacked out around 'Meta-Ubiquitarian Synergy.'"

Coworkers confirmed the victim has since recovered but still involuntarily mutters, "Bak... Ubiquity... Ubiquity..." whenever anyone mentions networking.

The marketing department has embraced the phenomenon, announcing an entire family of products including:

- **UbiQuitty™** — Wi-Fi for cats.
- **UbiQuacky™** — Wireless networking for ducks.
- **UbiCluck™** — Enterprise-grade poultry connectivity.
- **UbiQuiz™** — A certification exam consisting entirely of the question, "What does ubiquitous mean?"
- **UbiQuit™** — Software that automatically resigns from meetings after hearing the word "ubiquity" for the 37th time.

Not to be outdone, Human Resources issued a memo reminding employees that **ubiquity is not, by itself, a corporate strategy**, despite evidence to the contrary.

"Just because something is ubiquitous doesn't mean it should be made even more ubiquitous," the memo read, before accidentally using the word "ubiquitous" twelve additional times.

Industry analysts now believe the trend has become self-sustaining. Every time someone says "ubiquity," another person instinctively replies with an even longer derivative, creating what experts have termed a **Perpetual Ubiquification Feedback Loop**.

As of press time, dictionaries nationwide had reportedly filed for a restraining order after receiving requests to add **ubiquitifier, ubiquityfication, ubiquitect, ubiquitosphere, ubiquitonomics, ubiquitiverse, ubiquitopia, ubiquitron, ubiquitainment, and ubiquitastic**—none of which are actual words, though several consultants have already trademarked them and scheduled webinars explaining why your business cannot survive without them. ☹

Hotspots That Connect You To The World

How Hotspots Work by John Melfi, W2HCB

Bridges RF to Internet: Your handheld radio transmits a low-power local signal to the hotspot, which translates it into data sent across the internet.

Supported Digital Modes: Works with protocols like DMR, D-STAR, Yaseu System Fusion (YSF), P25, NXDN, and M17.

Software Control: Most units run configuration and management platforms like Pi-Star or WPSD (Dashboard for Pi-Star Digital).

No Repeater Needed: Lets you access global talk groups from home without needing a physical local repeater in range.

Hotspots

[SharkRF M1KE](#)

It is a standalone device that works very well, a little pricey at \$404.60

[Open spot 4](#)

The open spot 4 is \$323.44

[SKYBRIDGE](#)

Cheaper options are available, but several of us use the models listed above and have found them reliable. I tried a low-cost hotspot from Amazon, but it was difficult to set up and failed after four weeks. If you want to stay connected to Talk Group 91 all day, one of these models is the better choice.

My original blue-box openSPOT stays connected to the New York Metro network full time, while my Skybridge remains on Worldwide Talk Group 91.

How We Did at FI Lighthouse (US0019)

Total Contacts = 214

Operating Period: 8/15/26, 12:33 - 19:53 EDST

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
40	0	41	10	51	24
20	0	163	0	163	76
Totals:	0	204	10	214	100

Total contacts by Operator:

K2RYD 92
KE2HTA 42
KD2X 32
KE2IEH 26
KE2IEG 20
W2HCB 01*

*1ST LIGHTHOUSE TO LIGHTHOUSE QSO

AB2ZI's YouTube Pics

Putikeeg Portable Key Review

By John Smale K2IZ



As most people know I've been an active CW operator since I learned Morse Code when I was in the Boy Scouts back in the late '50s.

Navy Radio School was where they taught me how to be an operator, CW, Voice and TTY. No matter where I was stationed, there were always the old J-38 keys screwed down to the operating positions. When I became active in amateur radio, people always bragged about the fine quality of different manufacturers' products but, as it is quite often, quality started coming with a price increase. As the manufacturers went out of business, there came a lack of replicable parts, making it difficult to repair them if something broke.



For example, one year I brought my Brown Brothers iambic paddle to Field Day. For most of us CW operators, our personal keys are like our toothbrushes, they are personal. Well, after one operator was finished on a CW station, I found my paddle all out

of adjustment, so badly that I almost lost the spring. Well, Brown Brothers has been out of business for close to 40 years and nobody makes replacement parts. If anything, parts are handcrafted — and proper springs are very hard to come by.

I've noticed a lot of POTA operations, most are voice but I can find the occasional CW station. I saw something on the computer about one operator using a Putikeeg iambic paddle and he gave it a very good review.

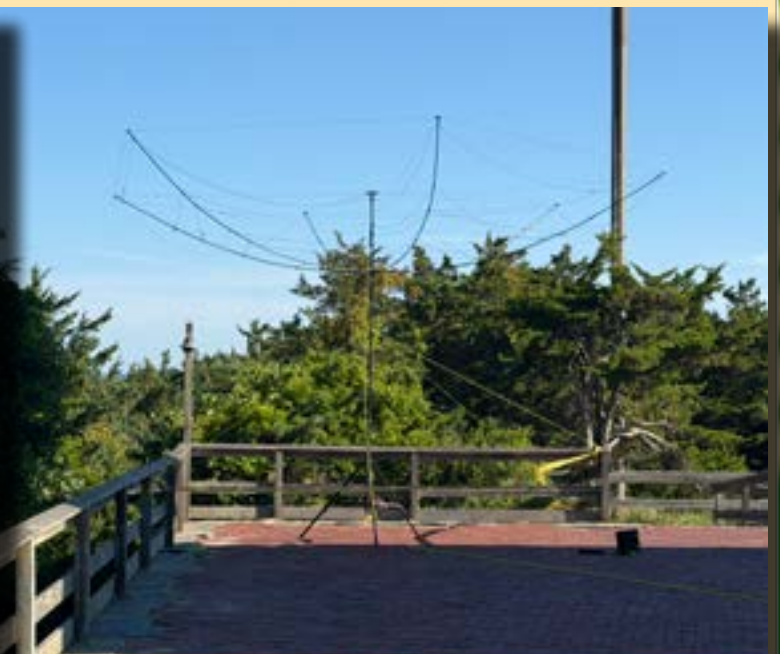
I saw the listing in the August Compass that for the upcoming Lighthouse event. The listing said that anyone wanting to operate CW at this event should bring their own key/paddle — so I took a chance and ordered a unit from Amazon.

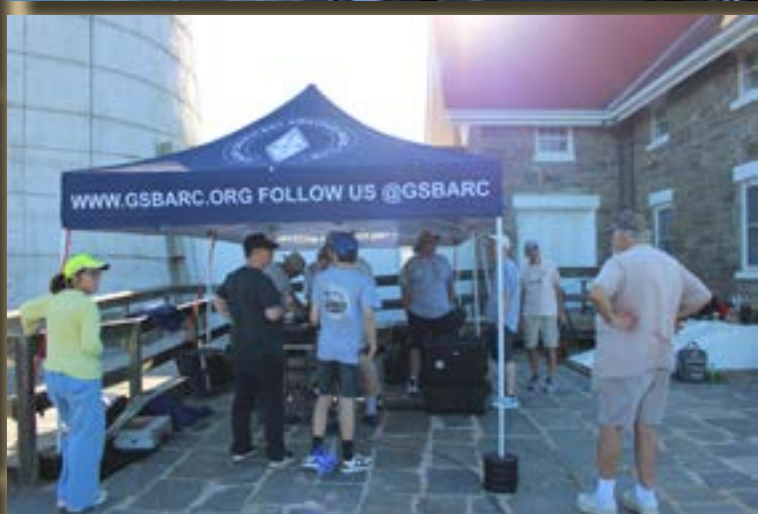
I've already tried it out on the home station. It's really quite interesting. It's about the size of a small matchbox, it comes with the correct size Allen key to adjust it and it has a 3-foot-long TRS mini cable, (Note: iambic paddles use TRS, straight keys use TS). I would suggest getting a 3.5mm-1/4 TRS adapter for use with a large radio if you are not using an external keyer. In addition, it comes packed in a small plastic box with lots of packing to prevent the key from getting damaged. There is no switch for left/right hand operating: Simply turn the key over to use what you want.

Of course there is the fact that this is made in China, but that doesn't bother me. In the '50s, the markets were flooded with metal toys made in Japan. Many times we'd scrape off the paint to discover that the toys were made of used beer cans. You can see the price: I doubt many operators will be wanting to bring a Begali to any outdoor event. 💡

Fire Island Lighthouse Special Event Station







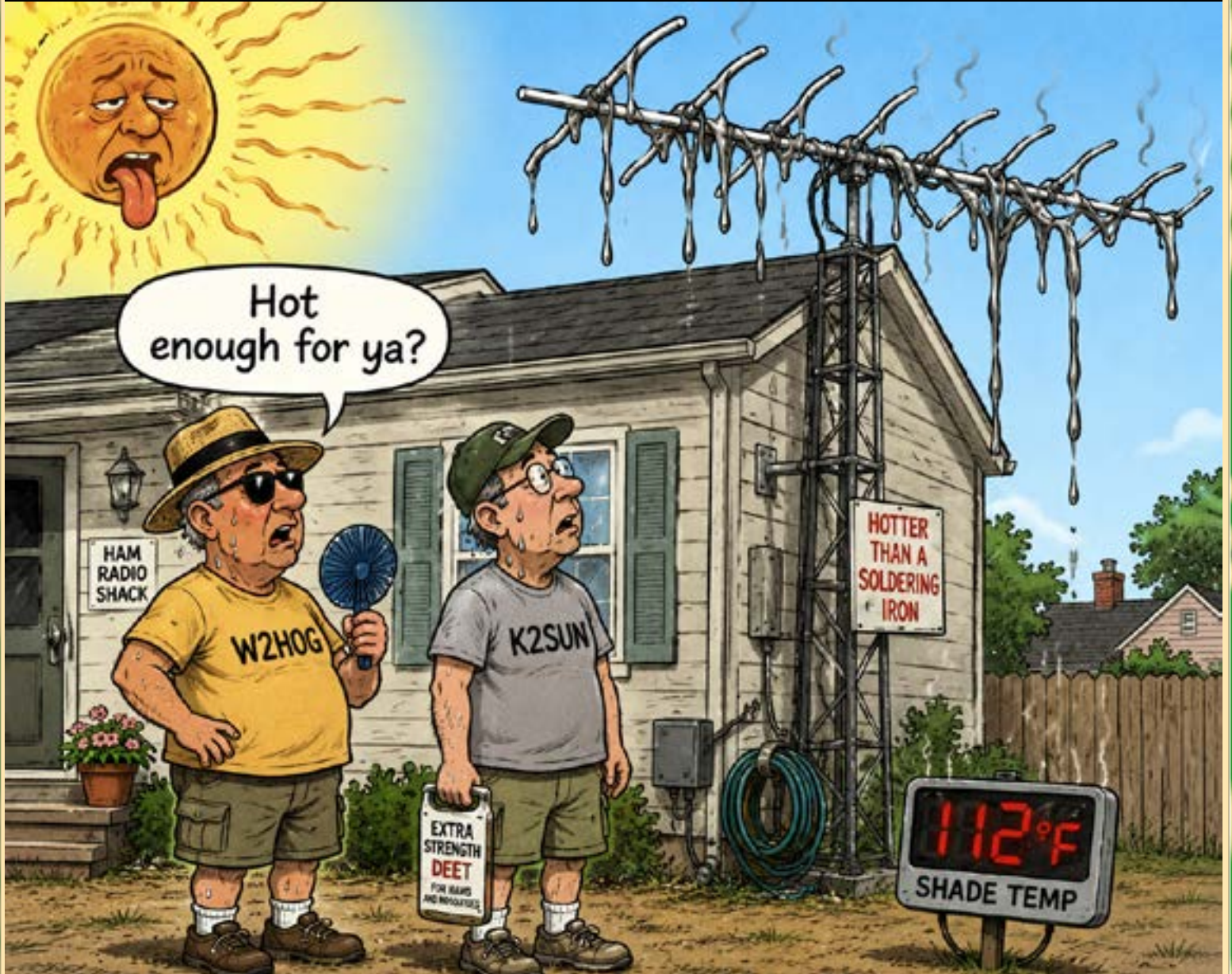








TOONING UP



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How to properly load a hex beam...



**GSBARC'S FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE
OPERATING EVENT...**

HEY, LET'S MAKE
THIS EXTRA CLASS
ONLY AND SCREW
THE LAZY
GENERALS!

GOOD PLAN.
THEY HAD THEIR
CHANCE... NEXT
STOP, EXTRA
BRAGGING
RIGHTS!

MEANWHILE, ON THE AIR...

W2GSB? WE'RE
GENERAL CLASS!
CAN WE WORK YOU?

SORRY, THIS IS
EXTRA CLASS
ONLY TODAY!

BACK AT THE LIGHTHOUSE...

EXTRA CLASS RULES!
MORE FREQUENCY FOR
PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY
STUDIED!

MEANWHILE, ON 14.275 MHZ...

FIRST THEY TOOK
OUR PRIVILEGES...
NOW THEY TOOK OUR
QSOS!

NEXT THEY'LL
WANT A SECRET
HANDSHAKE AND
A TUXEDO!

**MORAL OF THE STORY: BAND PLANS ARE FOR EVERYONE –
EVEN THOSE STILL CRAMMING FOR EXTRA!**

73!



TOONING UP



FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

HIGH ABOVE THE ATLANTIC ON LONG ISLAND'S SOUTH SHORE... A BEAM OF HISTORY SHINES BRIGHT!

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE & LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND

EACH AUGUST, HAM RADIO OPERATORS GATHER AT FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE TO SHARE OUR PASSION, OUR HISTORY, AND OUR SIGNALS WITH THE WORLD!

1 ARRIVAL & SET UP

LET'S GET EVERYTHING UNLOADED!

TENTS, TABLES, RADIOS, AND ANTENNAS—TEAMWORK MAKES IT ALL COME TOGETHER!

COORDINATION IS THE KEY!

SAFETY FIRST! WE CHECK OUR ANTENNAS AND GUY LINES.

ANTENNAS UP—THE AIRWAYS ARE OUR HIGHWAY!

EVERY CONNECTION BRINGS US CLOSER TO THE WORLD.

HISTORY. SERVICE. FRIENDSHIP. THAT'S WHAT LIGHTS OUR WAY!

2 TEAMWORK & PREPARATION

FINAL CHECKS, FREQUENCY PLANS, AND STATION SETUP.

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OUR CLUB TENT IS THE HUB OF THE OPERATION!

CQ LIGHTHOUSE CQ!
FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE
SPECIAL EVENT STATION
NOW ON THE AIR!

LOGGING CONTACTS
AROUND THE GLOBE.

LISTENING FOR
FELLOW HAMS NEAR
AND FAR!

3 ON THE AIR!

AIMING HIGH
FOR GREAT
CONTACTS!

WE WORK SHIPS
AT SEA AND
STATIONS ON LAND!

VOICE, DIGITAL,
CW—ALL MODES,
ALL WELCOME!

4 SHARING THE EXPERIENCE

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WE SHARE OUR HOBBY
AND THE STORY OF
FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

THE NEXT GENERATION
KEEPS THE SIGNAL
AND THE SPIRIT ALIVE!

AS THE SUN SETS, OUR SIGNALS CONTINUE
TO TRAVEL, JUST LIKE THE LIGHT FROM
FIRE ISLAND—GUIDING, CONNECTING,
AND INSPIRING.

73 FROM
FIRE ISLAND
LIGHTHOUSE!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



Babylon ARES/RACES Information

Div. 1: Town of Babylon ARES/
RACES

Net: 440.850/R, Sundays 8:45 AM

EC/RO: John Melfi, W2HCB,
631-669-6321

[Suffolk County ARES/RACES Net:](#)

Mon 2100 Local, 146.820/R (136. 5PL)

Current License Pool Expirations



Technician (Element 2)

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030

General (Element 3)

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027

Amateur Extra (Element 4)

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028

**Great South Bay Amateur
Radio Club, Inc.**, currently
has all **ARRL License
Manuals** in stock and
available for purchase
at the discounted rate of
\$30 (normally \$32.95 plus
shipping).

2026 VE Sessions

- January 31st
- February 28th
- March 28th
- April 18th
- May 30th
- June 20th
- July 25th
- August 29th
- September 26th
- October 31st
- November 28th
- December 26th

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 CSCEs you may have.
Nonprogrammable calculators
are allowed. The exam fee is
\$15 payable by cash or a check
made out to "ARRL VEC."

IMPORTANT!

If you do NOT already have an
FCC FRN (Federal Registration
Number) you MUST [Visit the FCC
Universal Licensing page](#) to
register for an FRN to use on the
paperwork.



Club Name Badges

Club name badges are available from
The Sign Man (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"

GSBARC REPEATERS

2026 Contests

September:

- 5th - 6th: EME - 2.3 GHz & Up
- 12th - 14th: September VHF
- 19th - 21st: 10 GHz & Up -
Round 2

October:

- 3rd - 4th: Collegiate QSO Party
- 19th - 23rd: School Club
Roundup
- 24th - 25th: CQ WW SSB
Contest
- Oct 31/Nov 1 EME - 50 to 1296
MHz

November:

- 7th - 9th: Nov Sweepstakes: CW
- 28-29 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz
- 21-23 Nov Sweepstakes:
Phone

December

- 4th - 6th: 160 Meter
- 12th - 13th: 10 Meter
- 20th: Rookie Roundup-CW

Club Apparel

Want a shirt, jacket, hat, sweatshirt or
T-shirt with a Great South Bay club logo?

We use **VIKING** (previously **Mr. Shirt**)
located at 80 East Montauk Hwy. in
Lindenhurst. We now have a group order
page.

[Click Here to Place an Order](#)

Now you can get color matched
backgrounds on your logo too. Check
them out... ☺