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Bob Buus, W2OD, ARRL Northern New Jersey Section Manager, Silent Key

Robert “Bob” Buus, W2OD, passed away on February 18, 2025. He served as the ARRL Northern New Jersey Section Manager since 2020. Buus served as an Assistant Section Manager, Emergency Coordinator, and Net Manager prior to his appointment.



Robert “Bob” Buus, W2OD (SK)

Robert, who was known to all as Bob, was born in Crookston, MN in 1937 to the late Doris and George Buus. After graduating from the University of North Dakota with a degree in Electrical Engineering, he moved to Plainfield, NJ and began working for Bell Laboratories. Bob completed a Master’s degree in Electrical Engineering from New York University while working at Bell Labs, and he and his wife began their family in Plainfield.

In 1966 Bob and his wife built a home within walking distance of the Bell Labs facility in Holmdel, NJ, where he worked for the rest of his professional career before retiring in 1989.

Bob was a lifelong ham radio operator, first earning his license in 1950. In addition to his ARRL positions, he held numerous roles with the Garden State Amateur Radio Association. He volunteered actively at St. Catharine’s Church, where he was a Trustee, and enjoyed the Fitness Trail at Holmdel Park, only giving up doing pull-ups at age 86 after being admonished by his doctor. Bob walked at least two miles a day until being sidelined by illness last month. He always had time for his children and grandchildren.

In lieu of traditional remembrances, Bob’s family asks with gratitude that donations in his name be made to the American Cancer Society (donate.cancer.org)

Nomar Vizcarrondo, NP4H, New NNJ Section Manager

From Hudson Division Director Ed Wilson N2XDD:

As of Monday March 10, 2025, Nomar Vizcarrondo NP4H has been appointed

to the vacant role of Northern New Jersey Section Manager for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2205.

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*Stay Tuned for
News on:*

**The
Hudson
Division
Convention**

Coming This July!



Flea at RPI — RPI's Amateur Radio Club, Troy NY

Upcoming Hamfests and Conventions

03/08/2025 - Cherryville Hamfest and Tech Expo

Location: Clinton, NJ
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Cherryville Repeater Association
Website: <https://www.w2cra.org>

03/22/2025 - NJARC Spring Hamfest Swapmeet Show

Location: Parsippany, NJ
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: New Jersey Antique Radio Club
Website: <http://www.njarc.org>

04/12/2025 - Warren County Radio Club Ham Radio Swapfest

Location: Queensbury, NY
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Warren County Radio Club
Website: <https://www.w2wcr.org/events/swapmeet>

05/04/2025 - Orange County Hamfest

Location: Mountainville, NY
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Orange County Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.ocarcny.org>

05/31/2025 - OMARC Spring Hamfest

Location: Spring Lake, NJ
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.n2mo.org>

06/07/2025 - East Greenbush Amateur Radio Association 2025 Hamfest

Location: Rensselaer, NY
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: East Greenbush Amateur Radio Association
Website: <https://www.egara.org/>

The focus will be on scientific advancement and demonstrating cutting-edge technology

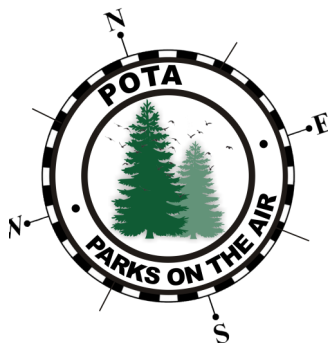
To help promote amateur radio science and technology, and to honor the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), ARRL is inviting radio clubs and schools to organize a Ham Radio Open House in April, built around World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) on April 18.

The focus will be on scientific advancement and demonstrating cutting-edge technology. This is a chance to not only shape the conversation about modern ham radio but also to show how it serves as a steppingstone and testbed for many young people pursuing STEM education

and future high-tech careers.

Look for resources to help organize and promote the event soon. Find details at www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day.

Erie Canal 200th Anniversary POTA Event



Parks On The Air

The Erie Canal turns 200 in 2025! There will be a special Parks on the Air (POTA) activation of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (US-6532) in September. The event will take place during the World Canal Conference which is being hosted this year in Buffalo, New York, to cele-

brate the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Erie Canal.

Join amateur radio operators from across New York State in activating POTA sites within the Canalway Corridor from September 16-25.

Note: This event is not spon-

sored by the Parks on The Air, the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor or the ARRL. More information at:

Upstate New York POTA Facebook Group (Unofficial)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1207733937203773/>

Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act Re-Introduced

The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025 (H.R. 1094 and S. 459) has been re-introduced in the Senate and House to restore the right to Amateur Radio operators to install the antennas necessary to serve their communities.

The proposed legislation would require homeowner associations to accommodate the needs of FCC-

licensed Amateur Radio operators by prohibiting the enforcement of private land use restrictions that ban, prevent, or require the approval of the installation or use of Amateur Radio station antennas. Homeowner associations have often prevented installation and use of such antennas through private land use restrictions. This has hindered voluntary training for emergency situations and blocked access to necessary communications

when disaster strikes.

On behalf of America's Amateur Radio licensees, Rick Roderick, ARRL President re-confirmed the League's full support for the passage of the Act and extended his thanks and appreciation to Senators Wicker and Blumenthal and Congressmen Pfluger and Courtney for their leadership of the bipartisan effort to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators.



US Capitol

ARRL Teachers Institute a Success on Staten Island

The first field session of the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology in January reached nine New York City area educators, but the ripple effects will reach thousands of students. The session was held at the Staten Island Technical High School, home of a thriving and

active amateur radio club. It was led in part by Everton Henriques, KD2ZZT, an educator at the school and TI graduate.

All 9 teachers came away with their amateur licenses (if they didn't already have one), along with the training, knowledge, and excitement to integrate amateur radio

into their science, technology, engineering, and mathematics lessons.

The ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology is funded entirely by donations to the [ARRL Education & Technology Fund](#).

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Welcome to the New Newsletter! (and a contest!!)

Thanks for reading this new means of reaching out to members of the Hudson Division!

We hope to bring this to you on a regular basis moving forward. We want to hear from you!

What is going on at your club? What events are you participating in? Any projects to

share with others in the Hudson Division?

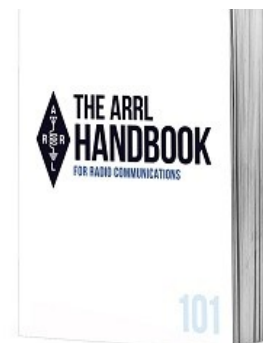
Your submissions of photos and text will go a long way to making this newsletter and our website a resource for hams across the Division. Stories between 75 and 150 words work best.

You may also have noticed the uncertain name of this new electronic publication. What

should it be called?

To name it, we will have a contest. The winner gets a softcover copy of the newest ARRL Handbook.

To enter send your suggestion to km2o@arrl.org by Thursday, April 10. In the event of duplicate suggestions, the earliest received wins. Until then, it's "The Hudson ???"



ARRL Handbook:101



ARRL's mission is to promote and protect the art, science, and enjoyment of amateur radio, and to develop the next generation of radio amateurs.

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The ARRL Hudson Division covers portions of New York and New Jersey. It includes three Sections:

Eastern New York (ENY) including the counties of Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, Washington, Westchester.

New York City & Long Island (NLI) including All of New York City (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island) and Long Island (Nassau, Suffolk)

Northern New Jersey (NNJ) including the counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren.

Vizcarrondo New NNJ SM (continued)

Starting July 1, Nomar will start a two year term after being declared elected in the recent elections for Northern New Jersey Section Manager.

Nomar has previously served as Assistant Section Manager and has held both the Director and Vice Director roles within the Hudson Division.

I am once again looking forward to serving alongside Nomar.



*Nomar Vizcarrondo, NP4H
NNJ Section Manager*