

At the last Ocean County ARES meeting, held on October 18th, WX2NJ distributed ARES shirts to those who ordered them. If you ordered a shirt and have not yet received it, please let WX2NJ know if you still want it or if you want the shirt to go up for general sale. There is no problem holding the shirts until the next ARES meeting on December 20th, which is also the annual holiday party.

Also at the meeting, everyone was brought up to date on the Harvey Cedars and Berkeley repeater progress. The D-Star repeater electronics is now at Berkeley and we are waiting for installation cost quotes to install a 70 cm antenna and new feedline on the tower. We thought we could use an existing location and feedline for the D-Star antenna, but a close inspection showed that the 70 cm antenna would be in the operating plane of existing municipality antennas. It also looks very hopeful that an Internet connection will also be available to enable a link from the D-Star repeater to an OpenSPOT, which will be connected to a D-Star Reflector.

Ocean County ARES would like to thank the Bayville Fire Company for providing the use of the Station 17 ladder truck to inspect the Berkeley Tower.



The new D-Star antenna would have its base at about 90 feet above ground level with the antenna tip at about 110 feet above ground level. It would be mounted on the south tower leg off an extension arm.

This is short notice, but there is a good possibility of an Ocean County ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on Saturday, October 28th. I'm trying to work on final details of locations. The SET would run from about 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM (probably shorter). Two teams would assemble at different locations and exchange voice ARRL radiograms and FLDIGI messages.

Please keep the date open. Once again, short notice, but that's what emergency drills are about.



Jack Haughwout of Bayville Fire Co. (Left) and WX2NJ (Right)

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