going to be run by the kids! The control operator, Vaani Nanavaty, KC2SPJ, entered the seventh grade this September, the antenna operator was another youngster (assisted by one of the senior members of NPARC), and the “head” of the entire operation was Nick Esposito, KC2ONP, a fine young high school sophomore. This was Nick’s fourth ARISS QSO; he’s been a member of NPARC since 2005 and has a General Class license. He’s also a Boy Scout close to completing his journey to Eagle Scout.

Barry, K2JV, is well known for his ham radio philosophy and he freely shares it with anyone who will listen. He’s been a ham since 1946, and I suspect he’s forgotten more ham radio and electronic theory than I’ll ever know. The summer ham radio program is his philosophy in action. He champions the often-discussed question “Why don’t we have more kids in ham radio?” and brings it up every chance he gets. He stresses that action on the local level usually has the most impact.

When I met Lena Bendush, Program Director for the Berkeley Heights Recreation Department, she could not say