



October 2011



Happy Birthday

Paul-KC2IK  
Sal-KC2WHY  
Dave-KC2YBK  
Ken-N2SQW

Our entire repeater system is down! We hope to have it back up by the end of September. But there is no guarantee.

2011 dues are \$25.00 per individual \$30.00 for family \$5.00 for students and active Military are free.

You Can Pay Your 2011 Dues Anytime!

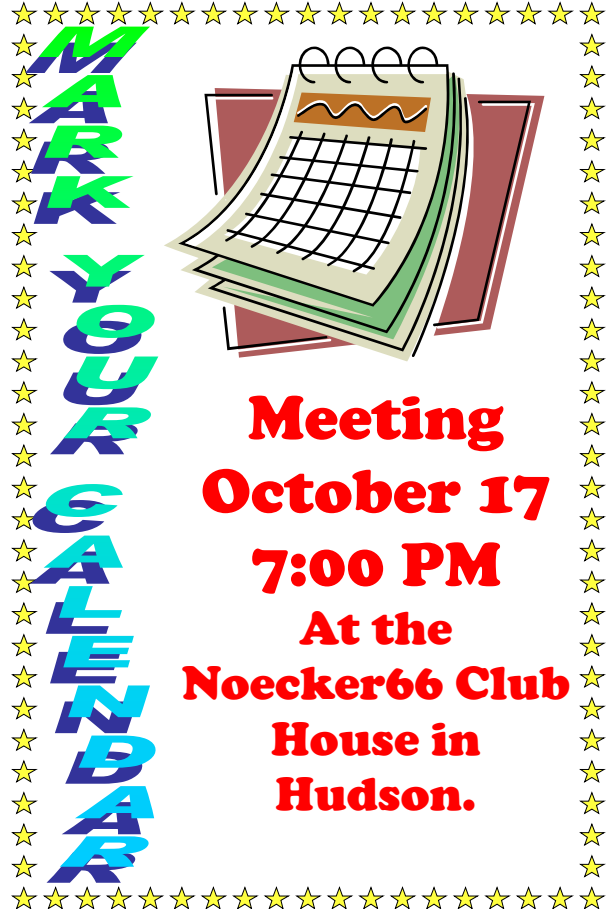
Mail to:  
Stan Engel, WA2UET  
PO Box 153  
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Or bring with you to meeting  
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Please join us on the Tuesday night Roundtable on 147.210 at 7:00 PM. ALL are welcome! Use the Echo-Link (K2RVW-R) if need be. BACK SOON



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Meeting  
October 17  
7:00 PM  
At the  
Noecker66 Club  
House in  
Hudson.

# OCTOBER MEETING

## NOECKER66 CLUB HOUSE

### 10/17/2011

Hope to see everybody there!

### Field Day Raffle

The winners of the FD Raffle are:  
The TV—Carl, WB2TCV  
The Repeater Directory—Tom,  
N2NZD

Thanks for a very successful Raffle,  
Stan, WA2UET

TARA's Mr Bill-SK

### RVWARS WEB PAGE

The Web Page has been updated! We added some info on the main page to try to keep folks aware of events. Comments and suggestions are welcome. We will keep Dave Clappers design at least for now. Let me know what you think.

[www.rvwars.com](http://www.rvwars.com)

### HOMELAND TOWER PROJECT

We have our electric service!

I have been up there on a regular basis getting things ready for our repeaters and other equipment. It is going well. The equipment racks are in place and the batteries are on the shelf being charged again. The AC in the shelter is awesome, hope the heat works as well.

We have a new TKR-850 UHF repeater ordered. That should be here any day.

I have spent some club money on some electrical work and shelving.

We are STILL waiting for the antennas! They are telling me that there are 2 that are still backordered.

The Verizon crews are working up there now getting set for their shelter, which is said to be 12X30 feet and 76,000 pounds. I am thinking that there will need to be some road work first. The workers told me today that it should be there next week. So I hope to be there to watch that.

It has been an interesting project but now frustrating waiting for the antennas. As soon as they arrive we will be back on the air!

### GREENE COUNTY NEWS

All is quiet now on this side of the river, but hurricane Irene sure made a mess. It was good to see the Ham community come together to help out, thanks to all that could help.

We as a club are still moving forward to achieve our goal to focus on the hf bands as our main interest. Our schedule is to move our weekly net to the hf bands. This should start in October, the net is Thursday at 19:00. I am working to find which band and frequency's will work best. I will keep everyone informed as to where it will be. The hf bands can be a challenge to operate on, as us that have been around a while can testify to, so our intent is to have group that will help out some of the newer operators become more familiar with the low bands. I know from experience that some times it is hard to push that mike key, it should be easier for some to join in if they know some of the people.

I am very sorry to inform you that due to circumstances beyond our control we cannot proceed with our auction 9/28/11 therefore it is cancelled this year. I hope this does not cause any hardship to any one.

73 Claude/WT2C

### RVW WORK PARTY

We need a work party sometime soon to clean up what is left of the tower. There is still a bunch of guy wire on the ground. You will need some plastic tape and gloves to help with that.

We also need to clean up some brush and weeds around the old shelter.

We need to wait until the weather turns cooler to get rid of the mosquitoes. They are incredibly thick up there.

I will come up with a date very soon. If you have any interest stop up and see the new shelter and tower etc.



# MrBill, NY2U—SK



EDDY, WILLIAM TROY - William J. Eddy, 58, passed away on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Samaritan Hospital following a long illness. Born in Troy on January 15, 1953, he was the son of the late Howard Randall Eddy and Marguerite T. Hull Eddy who passed away just eight days before her beloved son Bill. Bill was a lifelong Troy resident where he was raised and educated. He was a graduate of LaSalle Institute and had worked in the family business and was a mechanic at Nicoll's Service Station in Sycaway prior to his illness. Bill was the founder and past president of the Troy Amateur Radio Association (T.A.R.A.) known as the club, which was established in 1981 and was affiliated with the ARRL since 1991. Bill did emergency services and sky warns for Rensselaer County and many surrounding counties. "Mr. Bill" NY2U made many wonderful friends through the club. In addition, he loved cars of all kinds and was an avid NASCAR fan . Bill was a proud

Life Member of the Brunswick #1 Fire Company. He was a devoted son, brother, uncle, great uncle, nephew, and friend to many and will be greatly missed. Survivors include his special brother Robert H. (Donna) Eddy of Troy; His cherished nieces Gretchen S. Eddy and Brooke (Joseph) Quintal; treasured great nephew and nieces Dylan & Hailey Quintal and Vivien and Claire Schissler , his aunts Joan Pape of Rensselaer and Louise Eddy of Troy and cousins and special friends. He leaves behind his dear and trusted friend Karen (Mac) Smith of Watervliet, who was always there for him before and during his illness without question. Karen's devotion to Bill has been very much appreciated by his family. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 11:00 am at the Doran Funeral Home 9 South Lake Avenue, Troy. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited and may call on Friday from 4-7 pm at the funeral home. As a tribute to Bill and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be appreciated to The Troy Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 1292, Troy, NY 12181

As a side note from the editor. I have known Bill for many years but only in the last few years I got to know him well. He treated me like I was a life long friend. Bill was a great guy. Bill and Dave, WD2K, were great friends when Dave was alive. Dave referred to the TARA group as the "Evil Empire" as we were often in competition with them in contests. I see those two gentlemen as very similar in the Amateur Radio world. They were both Elmer's and friends and helpers to all they met. I am personally incredibly proud to say that I knew them both. And they both died way before they had given all they had to give. I still miss Dave a lot and now will miss Bill as well. I can't help but wonder if maybe their friendship and talent was needed in heaven.

### Upcoming Events

#### ARES/RACES active in Greene County

Tom, WE2G, DRO, Columbia County

#### RVWARS Meeting Monday October 17 7:00 p.m.

Noecker66 Clubhouse, Rt 66  
& Graham Avenue, Hudson

### Weekly Nets

#### EVERY TUESDAY at 7:00 p.m.

Informal Roundtable on the  
147.210 repeater ALL are  
welcome. **ON HOLD**

#### 1st Wednesday of the Month

Columbia Greene-Emergency Net  
on the N2LEN 147.150 Repeater  
7:00 PM

### Repeaters

#### Temporarily Off the Air

147.210 no PL tone  
449.925 no PL tone  
224.280

### Vital Statistics

President — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD  
Vice President — Mike Alecksynas N2JVE  
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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RVWARS/>

## BILL EDDY'S MOM DIED 9/20

EDDY, MARGUERITE TROY - Marguerite T. Eddy, 91, passed away on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital following a brief illness. Born in Troy on January 14, 1920, she was the daughter of the late William and Helen Watson Hull and beloved wife of the late Howard Randall Eddy who died in 1997 following 51 years of marriage. Mrs. Eddy was a lifelong Troy resident where she and her husband operated Nicoll's Service Station on Hoosick Road in Sycaway for over 35 years. Mrs. Eddy was also the Proprietor of the Chatham Arms Restaurant of Cape Cod, Mass. She loved gardening and tended to her garden until her recent illness. She truly had a green thumb and loved flowers. Her greatest joy was her family, and was a devoted mother to her beloved son Bill who she cared for the last 35 years. While Bill kept her busy, he kept a watchful eye over her and made sure everything ran smoothly. Marguerite and Bill were a team, a great team. She was a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and friend to many and will be greatly missed. Survivors in addition to her son Bill, include her son Robert H. (Donna) of Troy; Her grandchildren Gretchen S. Eddy and Brooke (Joseph) Quintal; great grandchildren Dylan & Hailey Quintal and Vivien and Claire Schissler, her sister Joan Pape of Rensselaer and sister-in-law Louise Eddy of Troy and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Marguerite was predeceased by her siblings John "Jack" Hull, Doris McGuire, Ruth St. Gelais, William Hull, Jr. and Marion Reinhart. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, September 23, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Doran Funeral Home 9 South Lake Avenue, Troy. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited and may call on Thursday from 4-7 pm at the funeral home. As a tribute to Marguerite and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be appreciated to the charity of one's choice.

**Pay no attention to those  
who talk behind your back!  
It simply means you are  
two steps ahead!**

### The below changes to the By-Laws have been voted on and changed.

#### 4. Dues. The Dues Structure is:

- A. Single Member, \$25 per year.
- B. Family Membership, \$30 per year.
- C. Student Member, \$5 per year until he/she graduates.
- D. Any unlicensed member of a RVWARS sponsored License Class who successfully passes the VE exam shall be awarded a free membership in RVWARS for the balance of the current year.**
- E. Membership is from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining the club after July 1 of the current year will be charged ½ year's dues for the current year.**
- F. Dues for active members of the military are free.

### SWAP AND SHOP NET

The 2 meter Swap n Shop net will return on Sat Oct 1 at 8 pm on the N2LEN repeater 147.150 and 449.025 with pl 114.8. Net control will be Todd KC2YKM. This is a good time to sell some used gear or maybe find something that you have been looking for. Join Todd on Oct 1 at 8 pm on the net.



## A GREAT HARDWARE FIX!

A couple years ago I bought a Collins Amp, 30-L1 and went to hook my coax PL-259 to it, and saw I needed an adapter; the Older Amp used an RCA plug for the RF Input side. :(



I went to Trojan Electronics in Troy NY and bought 2 of the SO-239 to RCA adapters { I Always want a spare of any adapter } I went to put the adapter in the RCA Plug in the back of the Amp, and it was a little too large, it would not fit in the hole, of the Collins Amp cabinet.



Great, Now what? I sure did Not want to grind the Cabinet hole bigger. I decided to grind the outer edge of the adapter smaller. I put the adapter into my expensive lathe tool, {Cordless drill chuck} and put a Mill File on its edge to be able to grind the outer surface a little smaller, on the RCA to So-239 adapter.



It worked, and it did not take a lot of time, 2 trips up and down the cellar stairs. Didn't get enough off the first time.

73 K2HAT Lee Hatfield

## 2011 NY QSO PARTY

Saturday, October 15 by Rick Mintz W1TY/W2RTY

The Rochester DX Association is again sponsoring the NY QSO Party this year.

This is the third year of the NYQP after a 25+ year hiatus. The 2011 NYQP kicks off on October 15 at 10:00 AM local time for twelve hours. Here is your chance to be the "chased" in a contest. Whether you are a serious or casual contester, or looking towards adding to your County Awards total, the NYQP has something for you. All modes including SSB, CW and RTTY/Digital will be activated. There are certificates and over 30 plaques sponsored for participants. Last year we experimented with a "Rookie Operator Award" which was very popular. For the 2011 NYQP, those licensed from January 2008 are eligible. This gives newer operators a chance to compete against those that don't have years of experience, antenna farms and high power. We are always looking for mobile stations to travel through counties. Each county change gives you the opportunity to work that station again as a new multiplier and on up to three modes. Mobiles can post their travels beforehand on the NYQP web site so others will know where to look for them. Mobiles are the backbone of any QSO Party and really will add to your county totals. A list of the rarest NY counties to help plan your route is also on the NYQP web site (see below). Take a friend and make a day of it! Being a stateside contest, signals should be strong. Last year all 62 NY counties were active.

No matter what mode(s) you choose and from kilowatts to milliwatts, the NYQP is designed for fun. Contest logging software is online along with a tutorial for N1MM Logger. Full information on Rules, County Maps, Logging Software, much more is available at: [www.NYQP.org](http://www.NYQP.org).

Be sure to check out the "Frequently Asked Questions" section.

See you the third Saturday in October. CQ NYQP!!!

## I NEED NEWS!

Have a story to share? An experience to relate? Some gear to review? Some gear to sell. A technical tip to dispense? Write it up, add a couple of appropriate photographs and send them off to *Rip's Report* [wa2uet@taconic.net](mailto:wa2uet@taconic.net). Hams throughout the Columbia-Greene area will thank you, and so will the Editor!

I am not able to produce a quality newsletter on my own! I NEED your help! I am sorry for the repetitive content, I am trying to fill some space.

**A FEW PHOTOS OF OUR HAMS AND IRENE!**

