

MEETING APRIL 19

ALL are welcome, check us out!

Happy
Birthday

Frank-K2AZZ
Dana-N2KN
Jeff-N2RCF

George-W2JNO
Dana-WA2WNI
Claude-WT2C

Our repeaters are working great! Please feel free to use them. Try the 449.925 and if you have the capabilities try 224.280. No one uses the 450MHz or the 220MHz repeaters so we don't know the coverage. If you use them give us a report...

Raffle Tickets are \$3.00 each
Drawing June 26 at the Field
Day Site.
FT-1900

You can now pay your 2011 dues!

Mail to:

Stan Engel, WA2UET

PO Box 153

Ghent, NY 12075

Or bring with you to meeting

\$25—\$30 family

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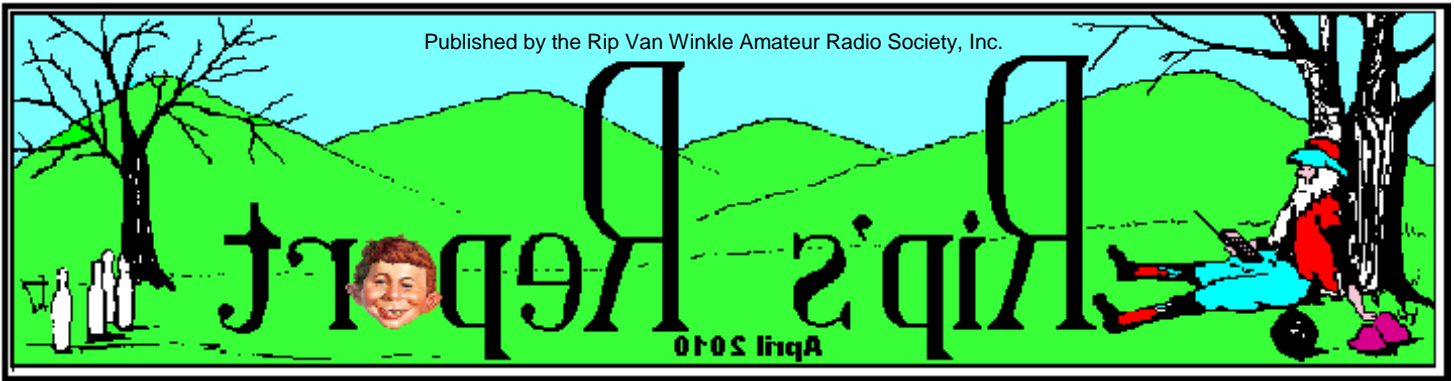
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Please join us on the Tuesday night Roundtable on 147.210 at 7:00 PM. ALL are welcome! Use the Echo-Link (K2RVW-R) if need be.



Meeting
APR 19
7:00 PM
Noecker66
"Club House"
Talk-in 147.21



April Meeting on Monday the 19th at Noecker's

This month's RVWARS meeting will be held at the Noecker Clubhouse on April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Noecker Clubhouse.

The important business for this meeting will be the Constitution/By-Laws Amendment vote. As published last month in *Rip's Report*, the vote will be held to change the date of the Annual Meeting and election of Officers from December to January.

RVWARS members whose dues are paid for 2010 are eligible to vote.

As usual, there will be food served after the meeting and coffee and soft drinks will be available.

Members of the present and past License Classes are invited to attend the RVWARS Club meetings.



N2LEN Appointed Greene ARES Officer

Len, N2LEN has been appointed as The ARES Officer for Greene County upon the retirement of John, KC2AGM, who has held the position for many years.

Len will most likely be taking the helm of the Greene County RACES in the near future. 147.09, N2SQW, is the Greene County ARES/RACES machine.

FCC to Decide on Disaster Drills and Amateur Radio

On March 24, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) proposing to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules "with respect to Amateur Radio operations during government-sponsored emergency preparedness and disaster readiness drills and tests."

While current rules provide for Amateur Radio use during emergencies, the rules prohibit communications where the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer.

In October 2009, the FCC released a Public Notice clarifying the Commission's rules relating to the use of Amateur Radio by licensed amateurs participating in drills and exercises on behalf of their employers.

To date, the FCC has granted several dozen waivers under this new policy.

Locally, RACES has installed radio equipment and antennas at Columbia Memorial Hospital and other health facilities with the aim of providing emergency communications. Under the current Part 97 rules, an employee of the Hospital licensed as a Ham could not legally operate the equipment.

Annual Auction: Successful!



Some of the equipment waiting to be auctioned at last month's RVWARS Auction

Stan, WA2UET, RVWARS Treasurer, reports that "the auction went really well. We did it a bit different so that the buyers had to pay for each item as they won the bid. That way it eliminated most of the paper work at the end of the auction."

Tom, N2NZD and Tom, WE2G, helped keep track of the proceedings. "It was much easier for me this time." Stan said. "The highlights of the auction were a like-new FT-857 and an Icom-706. They both went for great prices."

"Everyone seemed to have a good time, it was a good auction."

The profit for the Club was \$177, better than other years.

Several members of the ongoing Technician License class attended the meeting and the auction. A few of them acquired some good used equipment at a reasonable price. Looks like they're on there way to being good hams.

 **Upcoming Events**

Monday, April 5 — 7:00 p.m.
ARES/RACES Meeting
Columbia County EOC.
Ave. Hudson

Monday, April 19 — 7:00 p.m.
RVWARS Meeting
Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 &
Graham Ave. Hudson

Wednesday Evenings 6:30-9:00
Technician License Class
Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 &
Graham Ave. Hudson

Monday, May 3 — 7:00 p.m.
ARES/RACES Meeting
Columbia County EOC.
Ave. Hudson

RVWARS Weekly Nets

Tuesday — 7:00 p.m.
Informal Roundtable Net. 147.21
Repeater

3rd Thursday — 8:00 p.m.
ARES/RACES Emergency
Training Net: 147.21 Repeater

Thursday — 9:00 p.m.
TNT Trader Net, 145.17 &
444.075MHz (with 127.3Hz PL
on BOTH input & output)

**Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society
VITAL STATISTICS**

President — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD
Vice President - Mike Alecsynas N2JVE
Secretary — Tom Cody WE2G
Treasurer — Stan Engel WA2UET
Historian — Stan Engel WA2UET
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Web Page — <http://www.rvwars.com>
RVWARS E-mail — wa2fti@yahoo.com
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RVWARS/>

Field Day Raffle

RVWARS is going to have a Raffle for Field Day 2010! First prize will be the FT-1900 2M 55W MOBILE with MH48A6J MIC. 2nd prize will be an ARRL Repeater Handbook. Drawing will be Saturday June 26 at noon at Field Day. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are \$3.00 each. They will be available at the meetings and Field Day before noon or by mail.



This Week on the Radio

This week, the Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party is April 1-11.

The QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party, the SP DX Contest and the EA RTTY Contest are April 3-4.

The Missouri QSO Party is April 3-5 and the Low Power Spring Sprint is April 5.

Next week, look for the Montana QSO Party on April 9-11.

The Japan International DX Contest, the QCWA Spring QSO and the Georgia QSO Party are April 10-11.

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ARRL, Red Cross Sign Memo of Understanding

On Thursday, March 25, ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the American Red Cross (ARC) at ARC National Headquarters in Washington, DC. The MoU, which replaces an earlier Statement of Understanding that expired in 2007, provides a "broad framework for cooperation" between the ARRL and the ARC "in preparing for and responding to disaster relief situations at all levels in rendering assistance and service to victims of disaster, as well as other services for which cooperation may be mutually beneficial."

Q: How many DXers does it take to change a light bulb?



A: All of them. One to change it and the rest to argue about whether it counts as a light bulb!

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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2010 Tech. Class Underway



INSTRUCTORS

Top Right — Dave, WA2FTI
Lead Instructor

2nd from bottom, left — Ann, WA2KCU
Morse Code

2nd from bottom, left — Jules, K2KGJ
Theory

2nd from bottom, right — Carl, WB2TCV
Antenna Construction

Bottom, left — John, W2JSN
Morse Code Practice

SECRETARY'S MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING



RVWARS Meeting 3/15/2010

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President. N2NZD. Attendance 24

Secretary's report read. Motion to accept by WA2FTI, second by N2JVE

Treasurer's report Checking \$1564.37, Savings \$2008.93, Total \$3662.72. Total \$3573.30.

Committees

ARES/RACES

N2SQW talk at CMH on emergency drills was cancelled due to an emergency. Will be rescheduled. He saw the RACES room at the hospital and was impressed. They are very receptive to RACES.

MS Walk will be May 2 at Lake Taghkanic and there will be Community Day in Philmont on July 10, where we will have a Special Event Station. Help will be needed at both events.

Len, N2LEN, has been appointed Emergency Coordinator for Greene County ARES. His appointment as Radio Officer for RACES is pending.

N2LEN thanked John, KC2AGM for his years of service as Greene County EC/RO.

New Business

Proposal to change date of election of officers was read. Will be discussed and voted on at April meeting.

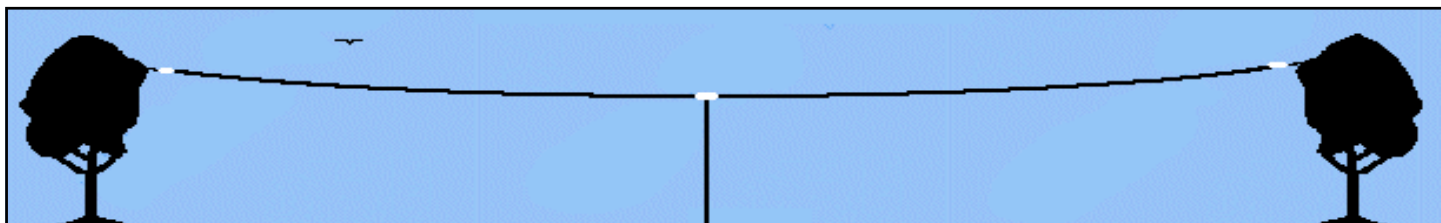
Members of the Technician class which is being held were recognized. 50-50 won by N2SQW.

Tickets for Field Day Raffle are on sale for \$3.00 each. See Stan, WA2UET.

Adjourned 7:14pm for auction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J Cody
WE2G, Secretary





East Greenbush
W2EGB
Amateur Radio Association



Proudly Presents Its
7th ANNUAL HAMFEST
Saturday, May 8, 2010
 Rain or Shine!

East Greenbush Fire Company
 68 Phillips Road, East Greenbush, NY
 Vendor Set-up – 6 AM General Public – 8 AM to 1 PM

General Admission - \$6
 Pavilion - \$6 per table (Tables provided)
 Tailgating - \$6 per 8 foot space

FCC Exams held off site

Hot Food All Day!
 Try Our New Expanded Lunch Menu
 - Breakfast: Sandwiches ,Doughnuts
 - Lunch: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chili
 - Hot and Cold Drinks
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Door Prizes*
 Drawings starting at 9 AM
 Grand Prize: 2M Mobile Radio
 Grand Prize Drawing at 1 PM
 *MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

For further information visit our website:

www.w2egb.org

For info and/or reservations contact:
 Tom, KC2FCP (kc2fcp@nycap.rr.com)

Talk-In: 147.270 (+), PL 94.8 Hz