

Meeting February 15

Please print the Poster on the last page and post it in your favorite store(s)!
Get the word out!

Happy Birthday

Dave-K2COI	Anna-KC2SJJ
John-K2DVF	Betty-N2POS
Dan-KC2MZY	Ben-N2ROQ
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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...

2010 dues are \$25.00 per individual \$30.00 for family \$5.00 for students and active Military are free.

PLEASE pay your 2010 dues!

Mail to:
Stan Engel, WA2UET
PO Box 153
Ghent, NY 12075

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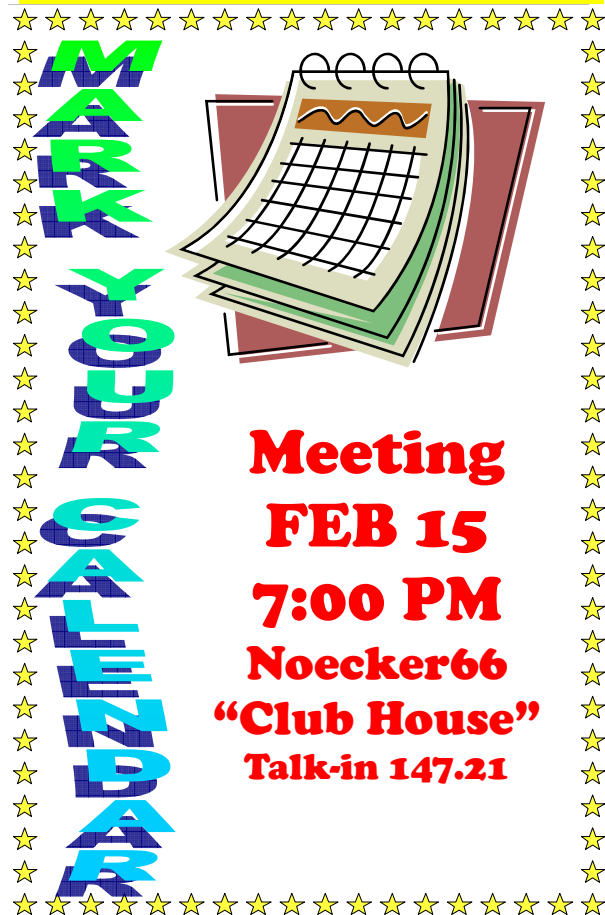
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Please join us on the Tuesday night Roundtable on 147.210 at 7:00 PM. ALL are welcome! Use the Echo-Link (K2RVW-R) if need be.



**Meeting
FEB 15
7:00 PM
Noecker66
"Club House"
Talk-in 147.21**





*** SPECIAL ELECTION ***

A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF SAFETY OFFICER WILL BE HELD AT THE Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society's MEETING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2010, AT 7:00 PM AT THE NOECKER 66 DEALERSHIP, 92 UNION Tpk., HUDSON NY (Your 2010 Dues must be paid before you can vote)

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Meeting on Feb. 15

AUCTION next Month

The RVWARS Meeting is on Monday, Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Noecker Clubhouse. As usual, there will be a "Gourmet Delight" as well as coffee, soda and goodies. A special election for Safety Officer will be held. Nominations may be made "from the floor."

Final preparations will be made for the Tech Ham Class starting on Feb. 23.

The Annual RVWARS AUCTION will be held on the regular March 15th meeting night at the Noecker Clubhouse. Good used rigs, both vhf/uhf and hf are needed for our new hams and soon-to-be hams. Take a look around your shack, cellar and attic and bring your good used ham gear to the auction!

RVWARS Receives Grant for Ham Class

A Check for \$250 is presented to RVWARS President Tom Gutierrez N2NZD by RVWARS Treasurer Stan Engle, WA2UET. The club, through the efforts of Mary Daggett, KC2SAG, secured a grant from the Hudson River Bank and Trust Foundation to be used to purchase Ham Radio License Manuals for use in the Technician Class Course.

The Manuals will be provided to the students free of charge so that there will be no hardship in achieving a Ham License. The Course has always been free (except for a fee at Columbia Greene Community College when the course was taught there.)

The License Course begins on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse (Noecker 66 Car Dealership) on the corner of Route 66 and Graham Avenue. There is plenty of free parking across the street in the Bank parking lot.

As usual, there will be an introduction to Morse Code in the class. Those students who express an interest in the code may come at 6:30 every Tuesday, beginning with the March 2nd class, to explore the fun of code and to practice. Some code oscillators will be available. Since there are Ham rigs on the air at the Clubhouse, the students may work up to having on-the-air CW experience under the watchful eyes and ears of a control operator.

RVWARS members are urged to spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors to sign up for the Ham Class.

Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb. 15 — 7:00 p.m.
RVWARS Meeting
Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 & Graham Ave. Hudson

Monday, March 1 — 7:00 p.m.
ARES/RACES Meeting
Columbia County EOC.
Ave. Hudson

**Starting February 23:
Wednesday Evenings 6:30-9:00**
License Class (All Levels)
Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 & Graham Ave. Hudson

Monday, March 15 - 7:00 p.m.
RVWARS Meeting *and:*
ANNUAL AUCTION!
Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 & Graham 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

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Bet ya didn't know...

Most surge protectors installed inside homes are a type known as Transient Voltage Surge Suppressors (TVSS). TVSS's that provide both Line-to-Line (L-L) and Line-to-Ground (L-G) protection have voltage clamp-

ing devices of some kind connected across the AC line and from one or both lines to ground. A variety of voltage-clamping devices are used, but Metal Oxide Varistors (MOV's) are most common. Clamping voltages vary, but in home applications MOV's typically do not conduct significantly until the voltage across them reaches about 333 volts. At that voltage they essentially short-circuit to prevent further voltage increase unless they burn out and fail. As you might expect, they become extremely hot doing their line-short-circuit job and may sacrifice themselves to clamp a single large surge or may remain functional after several small surges.



Technician Question Pool Released

In January, the Question Pool Committee of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) released the 2010 Technician (Element 2) Question Pool. Upon further review of the pool, members of the QPC found and corrected more than 50 minor typographical errors and clarified the questions and answers, making them easier to understand.

These adopted changes are now incorporated in a revised question pool. The errata list, as well as the revised Technician question pool, is available on the NCVEC Web site at, <http://www.ncvec.org/>. The previously released pool dated January 4, 2010 is invalid for use. The newly revised Technician question pool will become effective for all examinations administered on or after July 1, 2010; it will remain valid until June 30, 2014.

The current Technician question pool that became effective July 1, 2006 will expire June 30, 2010. The new Technician pool contains approximately 400 questions, from which 35 are selected for an Element 2 examination; it will contain graphics and diagrams, something new for this element.

The current General class question pool was effective July 1, 2007 and is valid through June 30, 2011. The current Amateur Extra class pool was effective July 1, 2008 and is valid until June 30, 2012.

The RVWARS licensing class starting this February 23 and the VE Exam at the end of the class, will be based on the Question Pool now in place.

Stan's Still Looking

For Your Dues!
(2010 Dues are Due!)



January Meeting Photos



PHOTOS
By
John
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Visit
www.w2jsn.com
For more
RVWARS
Photos



And now . . . with tongue firmly planted in our cheek, we offer this technical advice!
(from the "The Nameless Newsletter" from long ago...)

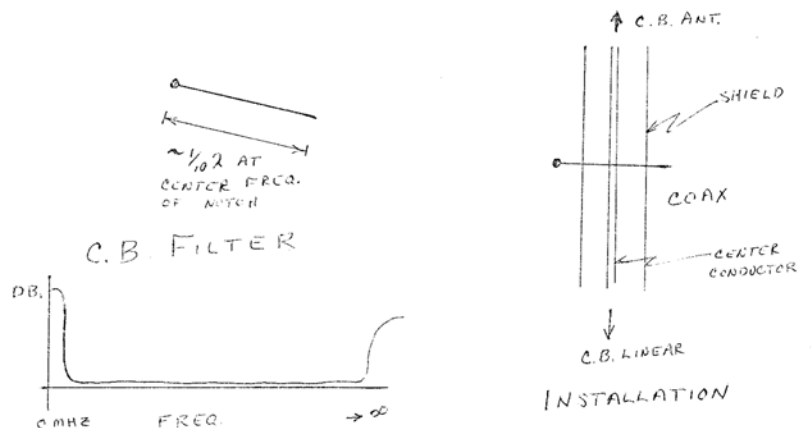
Multiband Notch Filter for C.B. Interference

By Rube Goldberg

If you have been plagued by C.B. Interference on your Ham Set, TV or Stereo, here is a simple filter that can be installed in the transmission line to eliminate the problem. It has a rather wide bandwidth so construction dimensions are not critical.

Construction details and frequency response curves are shown below. This filter works best installed as a shunt filter in the transmission line of the C.B. set. However, since amateurs are basically community minded individuals not seeking praise, you may want to install this filter as a favor to your C.B. neighbor without his knowledge.

Editor's Note: While this method actually works quite well, we don't recommend it's usage! It's presented here only as a poor attempt at comedy. The original author of this item (and the Newsletter) shall remain "Nameless!"



FREE 10 WEEK AMATEUR RADIO COURSE

AMATEUR HAM RADIO & MORSE CODE



**Sponsored by the Rip Van Winkle Amateur
Radio Society**

Beginning Feb 23, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

Held at the Noecker66 Dealership

92 Union Tpke, Hudson

For more information, call John at 828-7628