

# Field Day Coming Soon

Join us at the Club House for our  
May 19th Meeting!

Happy  
Birthday

Wayne-K2WG      Mary-KC2SAG  
Jonathan-KC2BNE      Stan-N2LBX  
Martha-KC2MDY      Dave-WA2FTI  
Jim-KC2RUW      Franklin-WA2ULV

**The Thursday night nets will now be formal ARES/RACES nets with Bob, WB2DUW, as NCS. The HF only net has been cancelled.**

## Dues for 2009

Mail to:  
Stan Engel, WA2UET  
PO Box 153  
Ghent, NY 12075  
Or bring with you to meeting

As always PLEASE let us know if you have a problem with this Newsletter. My email address is: wa2uet@taconic.net

Any problems or suggestions are more than welcome.  
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Please join us on the Tuesday night informal social net and Roundtable on 147.210 at 7:00 PM. ALL are welcome! Use the EchoLink (K2RVW-R) if need be.

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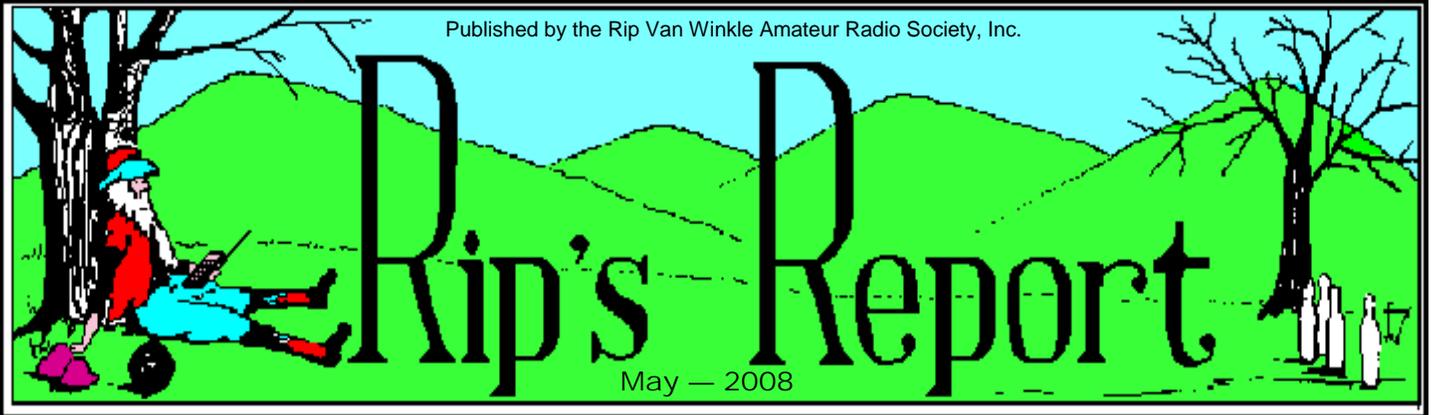
**MEMBER MEETING**



**Meeting  
May 19  
7:00 PM**

**Noecker  
"Club House"  
Talk-in 147.21**

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## Tech Course Graduates Get New Licenses

The 2008 Technician Class Course graduated 7 students who demonstrated their new knowledge by passing the VE Session's examinations. They, and 2 walk-ins, have received their FCC "Tickets" and will soon be heard on the repeaters.

The new hams are ALL licensed as below. 100% success!!!

KC2TGL - Micah Raffo  
KC2THG - Steve Bitterman  
KC2THH - Jim Kusisto, SR  
KC2THI - Jim O'Neill  
KC2THJ - Jim Kusisto, JR  
KC2THK - Steve Olsen - Walk In  
KC2THL - George Tsoukatos  
KC2THM - Russ Jennings  
KA2AZZ - Frank Keenan - Upgrade to Technician Class

Our congratulations to the new hams as they start out in their new hobby. As successful RVWARS class members, each is awarded a one-year complimentary membership in RVWARS. The new hams are encouraged to get on the air and enjoy Amateur Radio. Don't be afraid to use the repeaters. . . Listen for a bit to hear how it's done and jump in! The Tuesday night "Roundtable" is the perfect time to try out your radio or to ask questions.

Don't be bashful! We'll be listening for the new Call-Signs!



WA2UET Photo

**Tom, WE2G, bicycle mobile at the Walk MS at Lake Taghkanic Sunday, May 4. Tom acted as "Clean-up" following the last of the group of walkers where he could report any mishaps.**

## RVWARS May Meeting Monday, May 19

Don't forget the RVWARS May meeting on Monday, May 19, 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse at the Noecker Dealership on the corner of rt. 66 and Graham Avenue in Hudson. There's plenty of parking in the Kinderhook Bank just across the street from the Clubhouse.

The newly licensed hams are especially invited to come so they can meet other RVWARS members. As usual, the coffee pot will be on ...and Donuts, too!

See you there!

## ARES Members Provide Comm's For MS-Walk

The MS-Walk on Sunday, May 4, was an event where Ham radio could greatly improve EMS response time if there were any issues along the route. So, the more hams that could help, the better.

Providing communications were: Tom N2NZD, Tom WE2G, Ed N2XPW, Bob WB2DUW, Wayne K2WG and Stan WA2UET.

The MS Walk started at the East (older) Bath house this year. The ARES group met in that area between 9:00 and 9:30 and were assigned positions along the route that the walkers would take. The walk stepped off at 10:00. As usual everyone completed the course before noon. The Walk went well with no problems reported.

The ARES group used 147.57 simplex, and autopatch/talk-in, on the 147.21 repeater.

Tom N2NZD, EC for Columbia county, extended his thanks for the ARES members' support.

**Think  
FIELD DAY!  
June 28 & 29  
Greenport Town Park**



## Upcoming Events

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

**Monday, June 2 — 7:00 p.m.**  
ARES/RACES Meeting — Noecker Clubhouse. Rt. 66 & Graham Ave. Hudson

**Monday, June 16 — 7:00 p.m.**  
RVWARS Meeting — Noecker Clubhouse. Rt. 66 & Graham Ave. Hudson

**Sat. & Sun., June 28 & 29**  
**FIELD DAY 2008**  
Greenport Town Park, Joslen Blvd., Hudson/Greenport

## RVWARS Weekly Nets

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

**Tuesday — 7:30 p.m.**  
ARES/RACES Emergency  
Training Net: 3.980 LSB

**Thursday — 7:00 p.m.**  
ARES/RACES Emergency  
Training Net. 147.21 Repeater

### Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society VITAL STATISTICS

President — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD  
Vice President — Steve Walsh W2SXX  
Secretary — Shelly Evans AA2Y  
Treasurer — Stan Engel WA2UET  
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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RVWARS/>

# KW2D Donates Equipment



W2JSN Photo

Pete KW2D, inspired by our free annual Ham License Classes, donated to RVWARS "for educational purposes" the following equipment:

Tentec 580 100 watt transceiver  
Tentec antenna tuner  
Tentec 580 Delta Remote VFO  
Tentec 25 amp power supply  
Radio Shack Micronta SWR meter, desk mike, telegraph (CW) straight key, and an external speaker

For good measure, he set it up for us in the Club House, using our roof-top antennas.

This equipment will be used during the RVWARS licensing classes for demonstration purposes and will also give our students an opportunity to get on the air and experience Amateur Radio first hand.

Our thanks to Pete for his generosity.

## Plan Now for Tag Sale Good Radio Stuff Needed!

Please think about what you might be able to donate or bring on consignment to another Tag Sale this summer. We can do it either July 4 week or Labor Day week like last year. Both weeks are busy traffic on Route 66 in Ghent. Nothing definite so far but if we can get enough folks to commit to bring some stuff we can go ahead with the plans.

We need radio stuff of course but all household stuff is welcome. The more the better. People really like to see a big yard full of stuff to look at.

We have had two very successful Tag Sales so far and look forward to more, we just need people to commit to bring lots of stuff.

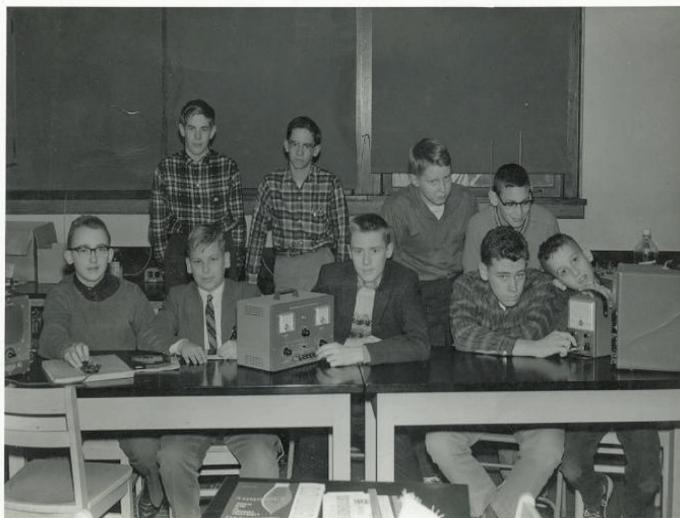
# QNZ de K2WG...

Somewhere in my recollections of TV programs from yesteryear, I seem to remember reference to a "Way-Back" machine. So, for this installment of QNZ, let's tune the "Way-Back" machine to the 1960's. Three hams who are students at Chatham High School approach the head of the science department about forming a club. This teacher knew a little about ham radio so it didn't take too much to convince him of the value of forming the club as an extension of the science program. A portion of a science wing storage closet was turned into a ham shack and the quest for equipment and additional members was on.

More members was the easy part, equipment was another story. The 'elmers' in the Chatham area did all they could, some extra equipment in working condition was loaned to the club. A schematic for a 40 meter 50 watt CW transmitter caught the attention of one of the club members. A few bucks were collected to buy an appropriate aluminum chassis and the output tube. The other parts

were gathered from the 'boxes-o-stuff' of the science department and the local elmers. Soon the club had an operational transmitter with the only casualty during construction being an RF burn from the plate cap. An 80 meter dipole and a vertical antenna resurrected from an elmer's garage made up the antenna compliment.

A good time was had by all. A club license was obtained and the members were on the air as WB2STN. In addition to club meetings, fund raisers and contacts from "The Shack", club members put on demos at the yearly school arts festival, set up a station in the 4-H building at the Chatham Fair and held at least one field day in a hunting shack near the top of Mercer Mountain on the Canaan/Austerlitz border. The fund raisers led to the purchase of a Lafayette KT-320 receiver and a

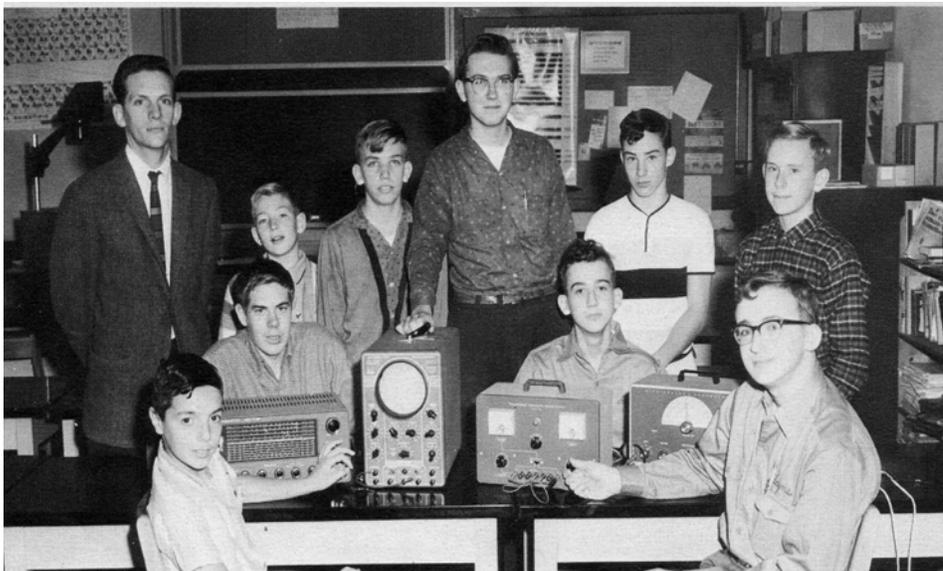


Heathkit DX-20 transmitter.

The club's numbers waxed and waned for a few years then unfortunately the club dissolved sometime in the early 1970's. One of the charter members of the club returned to teach science at Chatham, but couldn't interest students of that era in ham radio. The remnants of the ham club turned into a broadcast radio and TV production club. Not necessarily a bad thing because a few of those club members went on to pursue careers in commercial radio and TV broadcasting.

Who were those pioneers of the ham club in the 1960's? WA2ULU (now K2WG), WB2CJQ (now unlicensed), WB2QYZ (now WA3UMY) and WB2YTM. My memory fails as to how many if any others obtained licenses during those years. I think some may have received a Novice ticket but never upgraded. However, the club member with the highest class license at the time was our control operator for whatever activity was underway.

Many thanks to Frank Shannon our faculty advisor and our mentors (now all SK's) Hal K2LQY, Rick WB2LMG and Whit W2ANV. For more information on ham radio activities in the Chatham area in the 1960's, check out Pete WA3UMY's web site: <http://www.qsl.net/wa3umy/>





*East Greenbush*  
**W2EGB**



*Amateur Radio Association*

# 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HAMFEST

**Saturday, May 10, 2008**

**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 - \$5**

**Pavilion - \$5 per table (Tables provided)**

**Indoor Tables - \$5 each (Tables provided)**

**Tailgating - \$5 per 8 foot space**

**Hot Food All Day!**

- Breakfast: Sandwiches, Doughnuts
- Lunch: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chili
- Hot and Cold Drinks
- Much, much more

**Door Prizes\***

- Drawings starting at 9 AM
- Grand Prize: 2M Mobile Radio
- Grand Prize Drawing at Noon
- \*MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**Forums held inside starting at 9:30 AM**

**For further information visit our website:**

**[www.w2egb.org](http://www.w2egb.org)**

***For info and/or reservations contact:***

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