



MEETING NOV 19

SKYWARN TRAINING!

REPEATER IS BACK TO NORMAL OPERATION



Happy Birthday

Shelly-AA2Y
Cliff-N2FN
Dave-N2CHI
Bob-N2KAC

Fred-WA2MMX
Stan-WA2UET
Ron-WA2UYY
Skip-WB2T

DUES



GOD BLESS AMERICA



Please join us on the Tuesday night net and Roundtable
On 147.210 and the 75 Meter Net on Thursday Nights.
ALL are welcome!

PACKET BBS
"K2RVW-1"
ON 145.030—Try it!

Dues for 2008
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 News-letter. My email address is: wa2uet@taconic.net

Any problems or suggestions are more than welcome.
Thanks

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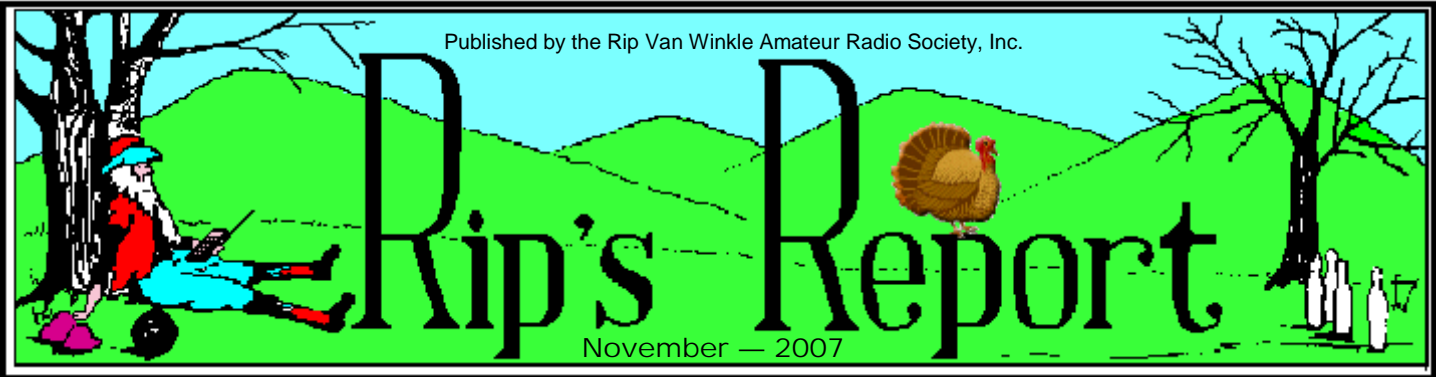


MEMBER OF THE
RIP VAN WINKLE
AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



Meeting
Nov 19
7:00 PM

Noecker
"Club House"
Talk-in 147.21



New Officers Elected At October Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, Inc., was held on October 15 at the Clubhouse in Hudson. One of the most important functions of the meeting is the election of Officers. With Dave, WA2FTI, not running for re-election, the Nominating Committee suggested a slate of officers with one of the candidates withdrawing his nomination. The following slate was proposed by the members present and they were voted into office for a two-year term:

President, Tom Guterrez, N2NZD; Vice President, Steve Walsh, W2SXX; Secretary, Shelly Evans, AA2Y; and Stan Engel, WA2UET, Treasurer, Historian and Safety Officer.

The new president retained all the present committees and their chairmen and appointed a new committee to bring the Club's Constitution and By-Laws up to date. Serving on the Committee are Stan, WA2UET, Shelly, AA2Y and Dave WA2FTI. They will meet and report at the November meeting.



RVWARS newly elected Officers: (from Left:) Shelly Evans, AA2Y, Secretary; Steve Walsh, W2SXX, Vice President; Tom Guterrez, N2NZD, President; and Stan Engel, WA2UET, Treasurer, Historian and Safety Officer. W2JSN Photo

November Meeting to feature SkyWarn



The November 19 RVWARS meeting will host the annual SkyWarn class as presented by the National Weather Service in Albany. This class will be the basic Weather Spotter's class and is not required if you took it last November.

The SkyWarn class is also open to the general public so there will be a number of people present who are not amateur radio operators. This would be a good time to strike up a conversation with them and encourage them to attend our regular meetings and work towards acquiring a Ham license.

As always, the coffee pot will be on and also there will be fresh donuts to fortify you for the ride home. Talk-in on the 147.21 repeater.



Girl Scouts take part in JOTA exercise Oct. 20

Newly licensed girl scouts pictured above: Emily, Emily and Hannah, took part in the Scout JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) on Saturday, October 20, as it celebrated its 50th anniversary.

"Our" Scouts talked with Tom at K9BSA on the equipment at the RVWARS Clubhouse. John, W2JSN was their Control Op.

The JOTA is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides all over the world speak to each other by means of amateur radio contacts. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, via ham radio.





Upcoming Events

Nov. 5 — 7:00 p.m. ARES/
RACES Meeting. "Clubhouse"
Corner of Graham & Rt 66,
Hudson

Nov. 19 — 7:00 p.m. RVWARS
Meeting. SkyWarn. "Clubhouse"
Corner of Graham & Rt 66,
Hudson

Dec. 3 — 7:00 p.m. ARES/
RACES Meeting. "Clubhouse"
Corner of Graham & Rt 66,
Hudson

Dec. 17 — 7:00 p.m. RVWARS
Meeting. "Goodie Fest".
"Clubhouse" Corner of Graham &
Rt 66, Hudson

RVWARS Weekly Nets

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

Tuesday — (After the Net)
Round Table Discussion
147.21 Repeater

Thursday — 7:00 p.m.
ARES/RACES Emergency
Training Net: 3.980 LSB

Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society VITAL STATISTICS

President — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD
Vice President — Steve Walsh W2SXX
Secretary — Shelly Evans AA2Y
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Amateur Radio Direction Finding (Fox Hunting!)



Hunting season:

With hunting season almost upon us, NOBARC Hounds decided to have one of their Fox Hunts the first Sunday in November. The Hunt started 1pm at McDonalds parking lot near Pittsfield. First transmission, no bearings on our tape measure beams...off to a high spot about a mile away.

Second transmission...still no reception...wait.... just a few seconds of possible signal from due south. We split up and drove off to the south. Third, fourth, fifth...sixth...seventh...no signals, no bearings. (The fox was transmitting on the 146.91 Input, so we knew it was transmitting, but we couldn't hear it on the input.)

Somewhere in a residential neighborhood, a friendly person came out while I was doing circles in the road with a PVC/Tape Measure beam, and asked if there was a "wild animal in the area?" Nope, "just a fox hunt...trying to find a person with a radio...," "easier than a wild animal". Off to a new location.

Finally after about the tenth 60 second transmission (50 minutes of hunting), a good signal and bearing. Next transmission, no signal...must have made a wrong turn...backtracked...tried to get to the top of the hill before the five minute silent period ended, almost made it, pulled over in a good spot, no buildings, no RF interference other than the Laptop and GPS in the truck. (have to get 20ft or more away)

Finally, we're close! Full scale. Signal from everywhere...added more attenuation and the strongest signal was from straight ahead. Back on the move, we were checking in with the other Hunter vehicle who picked up the signal in the opposite direction... so maybe I had a reflection...just then, the other Hound..."think we found him, yep, found the fox...what road are you on?"

I checked the Laptop..it says "Pittsfield Road." Within seconds I recognized the four Doppler antenna's of the other Hunter's car. Whew!!

Found the Fox and second by only about a minute. Now as the last Hunter, I hold the coveted "little fox" and the "Big Fox" goes to the winner until he calls the next hunt.

Fresh baked muffins and hot beverages were had at the finish as we discussed the hunt, mistakes we made and the great hiding spot. Another interesting hunt!

Tom N2NZD

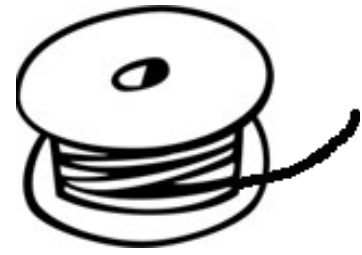


Home Brew Tape Measure Beam

See Page 4 for a diagram to make your own Home Brew Tape Measure Beam. Originally designed by Joe Leggio WB2HOL .

From the RVWARS Yahoo Group:

Possible Group Purchase Of Coax and Antenna Wire



I'd like to see if there are individuals interested in a group purchase of coax/wire, etc. for the making of antennas, coax cables.

I'm asking this so we can buy in bulk to save each other money and possibly get the folks interested in getting together for some kind of cold weather/winter project building antennas, cables, etc.

For example, I'd like to buy some LMR400 so I can make a 75ft run for my VHF/UFV dual

band base antenna. I'm sure there are quite a few that might be putting up an antenna and need good coax with low loss for their 2m/440 rig or some other cable for their HF antenna. Maybe some may just want to build a simple dipole, or some of us may want to make some portable antennas for portable operations or a weekend park setup/expo.

Please respond with "yes I am

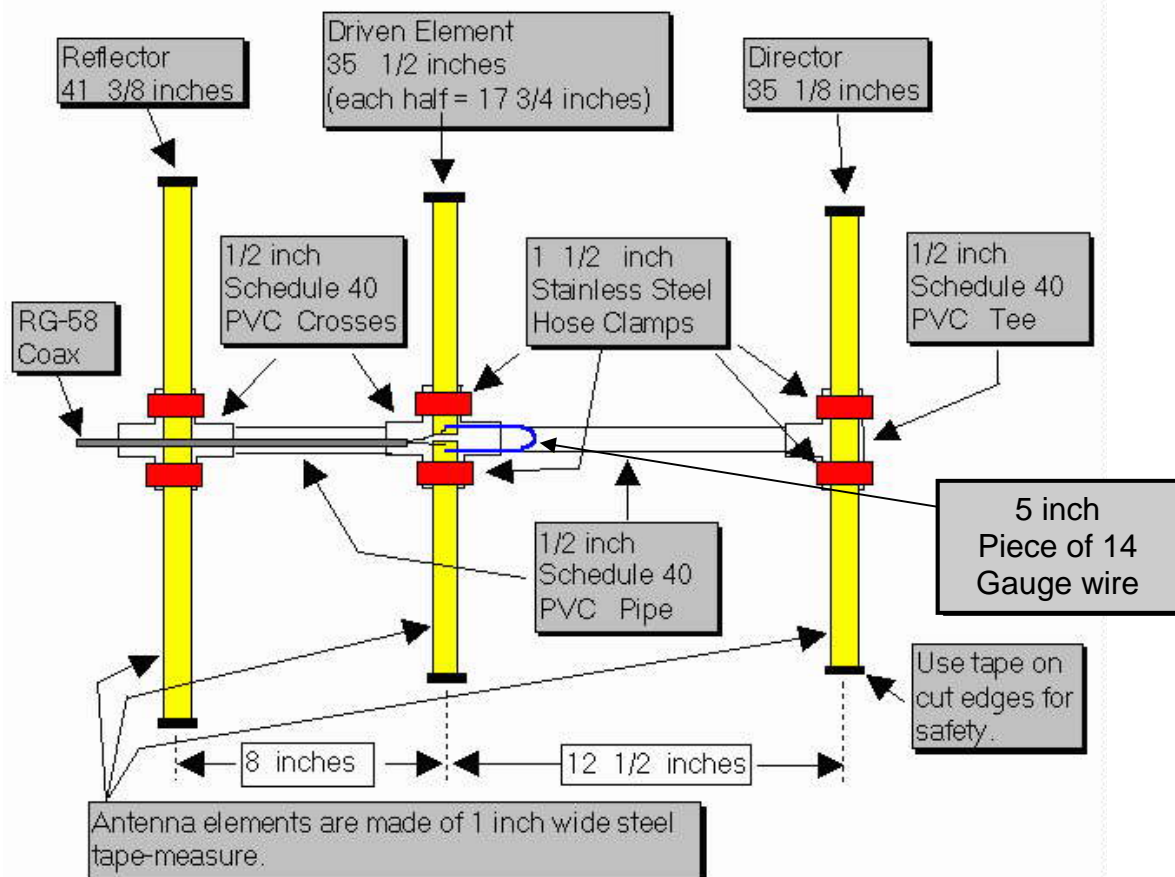
interested" or "no," so I can gauge this. I figure we can start soliciting this now for down the road and not wait till the last minute when it's spring again. If anyone has any other ideas they would like to add, feel free to share.
73, Steve W2SXX

Respond to the RVWARS Yahoo group or directly to Steve at: W2SXX@yahoo.com

Home Brew Project

Tape Measure Beam For Amateur Radio Direction Finding

By Joe Leggio WB2HOL



DX CALENDAR

ARRL DX news

This weeks bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, the OPDX Bulletin, DXNL, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites.

Thanks to all.

MONACO, 3A. Strange Radio Team members IZ0BTV and F5VKV will be QRV as 3A/IZ0BTV and 3A/F5VKV, respectively, beginning November 3.

Activity will be on 160, 80 and 40 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK.

MALAWI, 7Q. Harry is QRV as 7Q7HB and has been active using RTTY on 20 meters between 1630 and 1730z. QSL via G0IAS.

WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2. JA1OCZ will be QRV as 9M4DXX from Penang from November 7 to 12. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and FM. He will try to make an effort in the upcoming JIDX contest.

QSL to home call.

QATAR, A7. Bill, G0MKT is QRV as A7/G0MKT until January 1, 2008. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using mostly CW, and possibly with some SSB and PSK. QSL via NM7H.

LIECHTENSTEIN, HB0. Members of the Hungarian

Traveling Amateur Radio Team, HA0HW, HA4DX and HA4XG, will be QRV as HB0/homecalls from Masescha from November 6 to 14. Activity will be on all HF bands, with an emphasis on 160 and 80 meters, and possibly 2 meters, using CW, SSB and some digital modes. QSL to home calls.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI. Michelle, IK5ZUI is QRV as HI9/IK5ZUI from Las Terrenas. His length of stay is unknown. QSL via operator's instructions.

ITALY, I. Look for special event station IY1EY to be QRV from November 3 to 11 to celebrate Marconi's radio electric experiments on the Elettra Ship from 1919 to 1936 in the Ligurian Sea. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via IK1QBT.

DOMINICA, J7. Operators DL5HAQ, DK6HA and DL3HBZ are QRV as J7/DK0RZ until November 17. QSL via DK0RZ.

SVALBARD, JW. G3SXW and G3TXF are QRV as JW/homecalls from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen until November 5. Activity is on their usual frequencies. QSL to home calls.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Look for special event station PA20NAFRAS to be QRV from November 3 to 19 to mark the 20th anniversary of the Netherlands Air Force Radio

Amateur Society, PI4NAF. QSL via PA1TT.

CHAD, TT. Phil, TT8PK has been QRV on 15 meters around 1300z and then 20 meters around 1700z. QSL via F4EGS.

BRUNEI, V8. Operators PA3EWP, F5CWU and GM4FDM will be QRV as V8FWP, V8FWU and V8FDM, respectively, from November 4 to 18. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL V8FWP via PA7FM and all others to home calls.

NEW ZEALAND, ZL. Steve, G4EDG will be QRV as ZL4/G4EDG from Stewart Island, IOTA OC-203, from November 5 to 7. He may have his own ZL callsign by the time the operation takes place. Activity will be on 40 to 17 meters using only CW. QSL direct to home call.

Hand-Cranked Handi-Talkie



Maybe Coming Soon at

C.CRANE