

MEETING NOV 16

Elections are in December! NOT October.

Happy Birthday

Shelly-AA2Y	Fred-WA2MMX
Jackie-KA2GAD	Stan-WA2UET
Dave-N2CHI	Ron-WA2UYY
Bob-N2KAC	Skip-WB2T

It is now official, ARES/RACES will, from now on, be holding it's regular monthly meetings at the New Columbia County EOC!

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

You can pay your dues for 2010 anytime!

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

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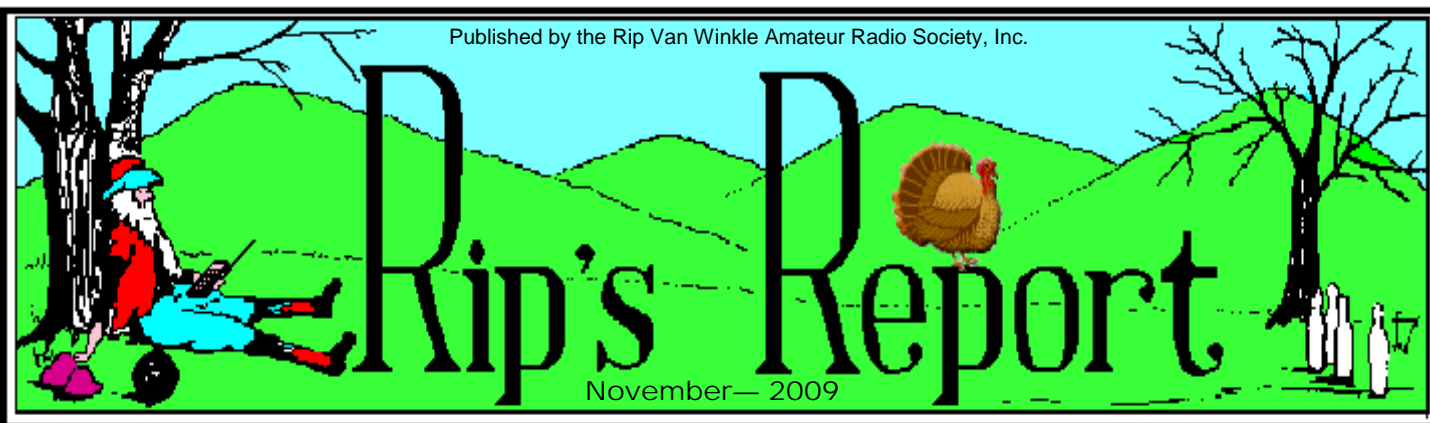


Please join us on the Tuesday night Traffic Net and Roundtable on 147.210 at 7:00 PM. ALL are welcome! Use the EchoLink (K2RVW-R) if need be.

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**Meeting
Nov 16
7:00 PM
Noecker
"Club House"
Talk-in 147.21**



N2SQW Addresses RACES/ARES at Nov. Meeting

Ken Goetz, N2SQW, from New York State SEMA, was the guest speaker at the November 2nd meeting of RACES/ARES. He spoke about the FCC's latest re-thinking on the issue of the amateur's ability to participate in emergency drills while employed by any government agency or health care provider.

The FCC Public Notice states that, in order to facilitate participation by employees who wish to engage in government-sponsored drills and emergency exercises on behalf of their employers, a waiver can be requested from the WTB by the government agency sponsoring the drill or exercise (and not by the individual who wishes to participate in the drill or exercise). Such a request must follow established procedures for requesting a temporary waiver of the Commission's rules. The following info must be included:

When and where the drill will take place, Identification of the amateur licensees expected to transmit amateur communications on behalf of their employer, Identification of the employer(s) on whose behalf the amateur(s) will be transmitting, and A brief description of the drill.

A question and answer session followed Ken's presentation.

No SKY WARN Classes locally this Fall

The Weather Service in Albany has not scheduled any Sky Warn classes for this area this Fall. Usually, by now, we would be making arrangements to have the Sky Warn training as part of one of our regular meetings.

There was a training session scheduled for Dutchess County last month, but all the other classes are scheduled for Counties quite a distance from Columbia County.

Nothing has been posted on the Weather Service's web site about Spring classes. If a class is scheduled locally, it will be announced here and in the email lists.



.21 Repeater working well New Batteries installed

After a few problems were resolved, the .21 repeater seems to be doing well. New (to us!) batteries have been installed and are ready to keep the repeater on the air during power failure.

Jim, KC2OGK, is going to start next week to install the insulation on the inside walls of the repeater shack. This should help to keep the interior temperature a bit warmer and less harmful to batteries and equipment.

RVWARS Meeting on November 16th

The regular monthly meeting of The Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society will be held at the Noecker Clubhouse at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 16.

As has been the custom lately, there will be hot food, soda, coffee and deserts available for all to enjoy following the business meeting.

It is important to note that the Election of Officers will take place at the December meeting. The Elections take place every two years as the officers serve for a two-year term. The Election is usually the only item of business at the December meeting as it is also the Annual RVWARS Goodie Fest.



WA2FTI Appointed as Education Chairman

Dave, WA2FTI, was appointed Education Chairman at the October RVWARS meeting by President Tom Gutierrez, N2NZD.

Marty, N2LDR, has stepped down after many successful years as Chairman and Teacher.

Dave would like to have everyone who helped out with the classes in previous years to meet informally during the dinner portion of this month's meeting to put together some ideas for this coming year's classes.



Upcoming Events

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

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

Monday, Dec. 21 — 7:00 p.m.
RVWARS Meeting & Goodie
Fest. Election of Officers
Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 &
Graham Ave. Hudson

RVWARS Weekly Nets

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

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

Please Note: The RACES
Training net will be held on the
third Thursday of each Month at
2000 Hrs, on 147.210 Mhz. The
Net Control will be Tom Cody.
Please note the NEW time!

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
Historian — Stan Engel WA2UET
Safety Officer — 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/>

Former Hudson Division Director Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK, SK

Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK, of Tarrytown, New York, passed away Thursday, October 22, from a brain aneurysm. He was 65.

An ARRL Life Member and member of the ARRL's A-1 Operator Club, Vydareny served as Director of the ARRL's Hudson Division from January-September 1996.

Paul had visited RVWARS meetings many times during his tenure as Hudson Division Director

Vydareny had a long record of volunteer service with the ARRL: Prior to becoming Director, he served as Section Manager of the Eastern New York Section from 1980-1996 and as Vice Director from 1987-1996 (Vice Directors were once allowed to serve simultaneously as Section Managers).

Vydareny — who was elevated from Vice Director to Director when then-Director Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML (ex-WA2DHF), was elected ARRL First Vice President — resigned as Director in 1996, citing job and church obligations as preventing him from doing what he considered "a proper job of fulfilling his duties as Director."

Vydareny's three daughters — Alyssa, Karyn and Sylvie — are also licensed amateurs.



Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK,

Georgia Hams Given \$165,000 To Build Rescue Radio Network

Its one of the largest government grants ever given to ham radio emergency communications. This as \$165,000 in Federal funding has been secured by Georgia Emergency Management Agency to complete a statewide D-Star based ham radio emergency communications network.

When the network is finished, radio amateurs will have access to voice and data repeaters on all nine towers across the state, operating on 2 meters, 440 MHz and 1.2 Gigahertz. Because those towers are strategically located to provide maximum public television coverage, amateur radio communications will benefit from wide area coverage, as well. Commercial grade 1 5/8" transmission lines will connect the antennas, which will be between 500 and 600 feet above ground. Georgia's Public Broadcasting Network will provide indoor space for equipment.



Rip's Photo Album



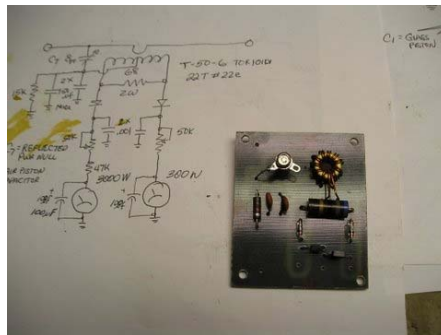
W2CSQ's Shack



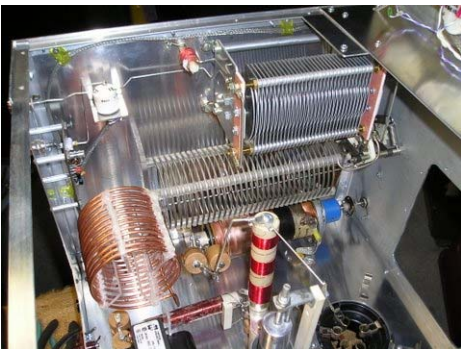
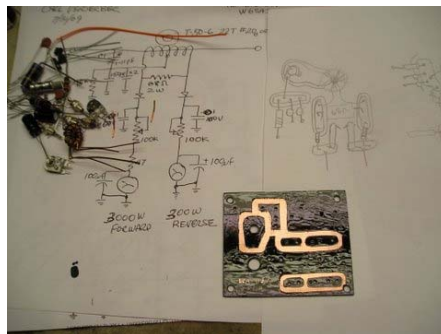
Carl don't need no stinkin' VOM!



Carl is re-building a vintage SX-99 Hallicrafter's Receiver

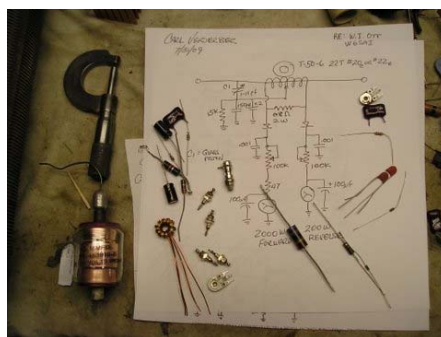


WA2UJX's new mobile?



Here are couple of WA2UJX's Homebrew Projects:

Homebrew 4X1 Transmitter. It's not ready to make RF yet... But SOON!



Power Sense Board to use with the 4X1 Transmitter. KC2FXE helped etch the Circuit Board



WA2FTI's new Shack. No antenna, nothing's hooked up yet... at least it's on the ground floor!

ARLB032 W1AW 2009/2010 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:
 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)
 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

(Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2100 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 " (5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 " (6 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0000 " (7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 " "	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 " (8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
0200 " (9 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0245 " (9:45 PM EST)	VOICE	Daily
0300 " (10 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0300 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
0400 " (11 PM EST)	CWb	Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8025 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675
 28.0675 147.555
 RTTY: - 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095
 147.555
 VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590
 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) =5, 7.5, 10, 13, 15wpm
 CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13, 10
 WPM
 CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM
 CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and
 CW bulletins.
 RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud),
 BPSK31 and MFSK16 sent only as time allows.
 Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each prac-
 tice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the begin-
 ning of alternate speeds.
 On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keple-
 rian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regu-
 lar teleprinter frequencies.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE - YAESU FT-857 HF VHF UHF ALL MODE TRANSCEIVER



If you would like some tickets to sell let me know
I will send them to you!

SECOND PRIZE - \$100 CASH

Drawing at the December Christmas Party 12/21/09
Winner need not be present.

Tickets - \$5.00 each
please send your money to me:

Stan Engel, Treasurer
PO Box 153
Ghent, NY 12075

Please make checks payable to - RVWARS or spell it out if you wish. I will mail you your stubs