

MEETING OCT 19

Elections are in December! NOT October.

Happy Birthday

Steve-K2SCL
John-KC2FXE
Paul-KC2IK
Ken-N2SQW
Steve-W2SXX

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!

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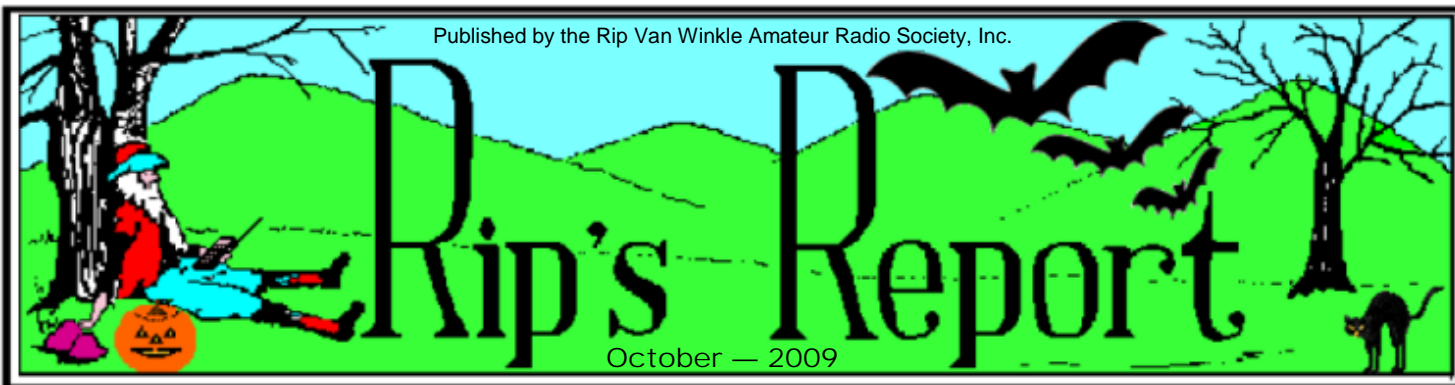
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Please join us on the Tuesday night Traffic Net and Roundtable on 147.210 at 7:00 PM. ALL are welcome! Use the EchoLink (K2RVW-R) if need be.



Meeting
OCT 19
7:00 PM
Noecker
"Club House"
Talk-in 147.21



ARES/RACES October Meeting



At the October meeting of the ARES/RACES organizations, Tom Cody WE2G was appointed Deputy Radio Officer for RACES. He fills the position vacated by Tom Jones who is now living out of Columbia County and is working for the Schodack Police Dept.

Tom Cody has been given the assignment of being the NCS for the Thursday evening NET. Tom brings much expertise of traffic handling to the position, as the NCS for several VHF and HF local area traffic Nets, Tom has the skills to help get us up to speed in the traffic arena. Tom has said that he will be running the "Monthly" net on the third Thursday of each month starting at 2000 Hrs. (8pm).

Tom Cody will be assisted in running the net by our other RACES Deputy Radio Officer, Tom Gutierrez N2NZD, and on occasion by yours truly, Bob WB2DUW.

The Net will initially meet on the 147.21/.81 K2RVW repeater and then QSY to whatever frequency the NCS chooses. Tom has said that he intends to utilize the 147.09 repeater (Catskill RACES) to be the backup for the 147.21 repeater, and he plans to utilize "simplex" frequencies as well as repeaters during the Net's

Rip's Report Awarded Newsletter of the Month For September 2009



Our Newsletter was named "Newsletter of the Month" for September 2009 by the ARRL Hudson Division.

In announcing the award, Division HQ said. "The September 2009 award goes to *Rip's Report*, the newsletter of the Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society in ENY, for their September edition. Congratulations on a fine job to News Letter Editor - David Clapper WA2FTI."

Rip's Report has won the award for at least once per year for the past several years.

Check out the following URL to see the winning Newsletters by Clubs in the Hudson Division for the past several years:

<http://www.hudson.arrl.org/pages/newsletterawards.htm>

operation. We all wish Tom "the best of luck" in his new position.

I am in the process of obtaining our own Ken Goetz N2SQW, (SEMO RACES Director) to attend the November meeting of ARES/RACES to discuss his recent article which appeared in the September issue of CQ magazine concerning the resurgence of "Packet Radio" for RACES traffic handling, and just how do we (Columbia County) fit into the packet picture.

Bob WB2DUW

RVWARS meets October 17

The regular monthly meeting for October will be held at the Noecker Clubhouse on Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m,

As has become the custom, dinner will be served following the business meeting. This month's menu will feature Macaroni and Cheese and Lasagna. Deserts and other goodies are always welcome if you want to bring something to share.

As always, coffee and doughnuts and the 50/50 drawing will be available.



Scouting Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

October 17 and 18 will mark the 52nd worldwide Scouting Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). Held the third full weekend in October each year, this is the premier operating event for Amateur Radio and Scouting around the world.

What are you waiting for? Find a Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop or local Girl Scout group and invite them to your station for some JOTA operating. Better yet, find out where there will be a Camporee, Activity Day or other event where Scouts will be gathered, and volunteer to bring a station and set up Field Day style. "If you like Field Day, you are going to love JOTA!"



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

Monday, Nov. 2 — 7:00 p.m.
ARES/RACES Meeting
Columbia County EOC.

RVWARS Weekly Nets

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

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



Hams Face New Rules on Ontario Roadways

The Ministry of Transportation in Ontario, Canada announced on September 30 that Bill 118 concerning distracted driving will take effect on October 26, 2009. According to Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) Vice President for Public Relations Peter West, VE3HG, the new law makes it illegal for drivers to talk, text, type, dial or e-mail using handheld cell phones and other handheld communications and entertainment devices.

Following a three-month period that begins October 26 where the focus will be on educating drivers, police will start issuing tickets on February 1, 2010. "All two-way radios in all vehicles — with the exception of emergency responding vehicles — must be hands-free in three years' time," he posted on the RAC's blog. "This news comes from the official government staffer who has been in communications with Radio Amateurs of Canada over the last year.

At the end of the three-year exemption, all commercial, CB and Amateur Radio equipment used in moving vehicles by the vehicle operator must be hands-free in operation."

Repeater Site Work Party Cleans up!

The work party on Saturday, September 19, went great! We got lots of trees and brush cut clearing the guy wires and power line going up to the shack. We got the power line back up on the trees.

Carl brought the \$25,000 station monitor and determined that the receiver of the 2 meter repeater is working fine and the output is just 10 watts. The antenna is working great with near zero SWR and the cans are working normally as well. I don't know why the output is only 10 watts but will try to find out.

We worked up there until around 1:00 PM with the help of:

Jim - KC2OGK
Tom - N2NZD
Russ - W2FSL
Carl - WA2UJX
Carl - WB2TCV
Len - WB2UEB
Barry - WK2S

Thanks a lot gentlemen, your time and hard work is much appreciated!

RIP has promised a pay raise next time up there! :-)

Pictures of the crew at work "on the Hill" are on page 3.

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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Stan, WA2UET, appointed Repeater Chairman

Stan Engel, WA2UET, has been appointed Chairman of the Repeater Committee by RVWARS President Tom Gutierrez following the resignation of Bob Turner, WB2DUW, who cited increased work loads with RACES.

Stan has started work with the Work Party last month and plans

to get the batteries connected to the charger and ready for winter.

Commenting about his appointment, Stan said "I am happy to accept it and will do my very best to get things going the way they should. We are also going to get the interior walls of the shack insulated to keep some heat in there when it gets really cold."



Clearing Blow-Down

**REPEATER SITE
WORK PARTY
September 19, 2009
Pictures by Jim, KC2OGK**



Clearing the Access Road



Getting the wires back up



You'd think it was a Railroad Job!



Getting the wires ready to go up

Carl explains the difference between a "gazinta" and a "gazouta"



The ladder's up! Now what?



Wire Splicing 101



Hmmm! Seems to be a cable left over!

TARA

PRESENTS

The T.N.T. Trader Net



DATE: October 20 @ 6:00 PM

at the

Green Island's Municipal Center

On October 20 @ 6:00 PM — **TARA** will be holding it's second annual **Octoberfest** sponsored by the T.N.T. Trader Net. We (**TARA**) are going to need "all" of you and your friends to rummage through the ham shack & garage for a few of those items you're no longer using. Yes, I know its hard to part with that old HF rig or that old Packet TNC. But, just think of the goodies you can get with the **\$\$CASH\$\$** you'll get for these items. Also, you just might make it happen for somebody to get that used rig and get on-the-air. Now, wouldn't that beat just having the rig collect dust! Seriously, I know a lot of us have extra equipment that we really could part with. So, dig the stuff out and bring it to the **Octoberfest**.

PLEASE, if you plan on bringing equipment give us a heads up so we're sure to have adequate table space.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHARGE FOR TABLES or ADMISSION!

Amateur Radio Quiz: Way-back Wireless

By H. Ward Silver, N0AX

- 1) What electrical function was performed by a "slop jar"?
 - a. Accumulate grid leaks
 - b. Rectify ac
 - c. Artificial ground
 - d. Transient clamping
- 2) Poulsen invented what device used in early transmitters?
 - a. Multiplier
 - b. Transformer
 - c. Arc
 - d. Tuner
- 3) What type of device was the "audion"?
 - a. Vacuum tube
 - b. Speaker
 - c. Headphones
 - d. Detector
- 4) To what was the nickname "Old Betsy" given?
 - a. Transmitter
 - b. Receiver
 - c. This was the term for "Murphy" before Murphy's Law was popularized.
 - d. QRN
- 5) Who is most widely credited with first describing vacuum-tube rectification?
 - a. Hertz
 - b. Maxwell
 - c. Armstrong
 - d. Fleming
- 6) Who invented the "single-signal" crystal filter?
 - a. Armstrong
 - b. Lamb
 - c. de Broglie
 - d. Marconi
- 7) A "TRF" is a type of what?
 - a. Antenna
 - b. Battery
 - c. Early coaxial connector family
 - d. Receiver
- 8) In a spark transmitter, what determined the strongest wavelength of the transmission?
 - a. Antenna system
 - b. Rotational speed
 - c. Gap spacing
 - d. All wavelengths were of equal strength

ANSWERS

1. b, 2. c, 3. a, 4. a, 5. c, 6. b, 7. d, 8. a