

ANOTHER NEW SEASON!

WEB SITE: WWW.RVWARS.COM-UP AND RUNNING AGAIN!

Packet BBS N2LDR-1 223.440

Please join us on the Tuesday night nets, 2M and 75M—ALL are welcome!

*Happy
Birthday*

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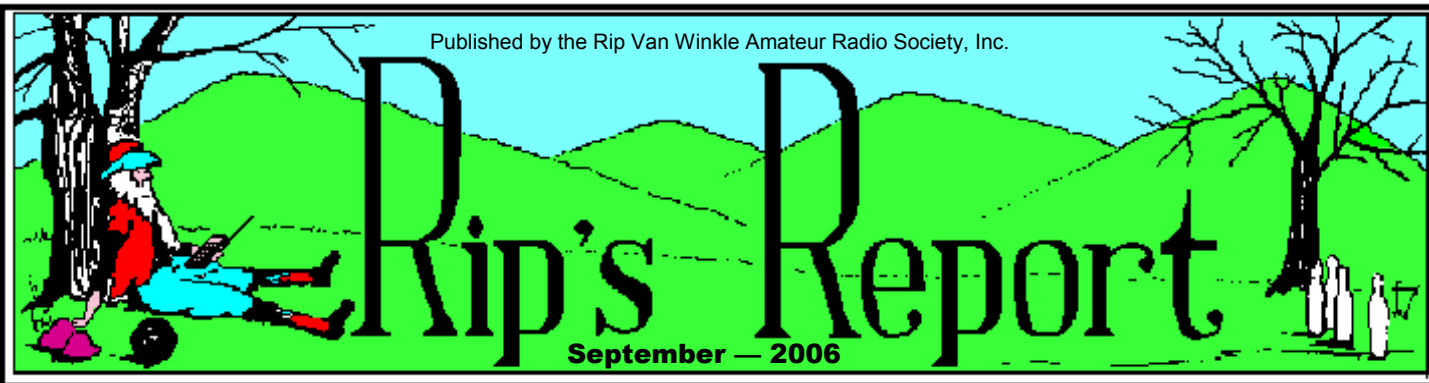
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Or bring with you to meeting

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.
Thanks

**Meeting
Sept 18
7:00 PM
JL Edwards
Hudson
Talk-in 147.21**



Sept. 18th Meeting At JLE School In Hudson

As the Executive Committee continues its search for a permanent location for the RVWARS monthly meetings, we will return to the John L. Edwards Elementary School, Hudson, for at least the September meeting. The School Budget defeat in 2005 prevented the use of the school without payment of a large sum of money. The 2006 budget passed making the school available.

The Greenport Manor Adult Home served us fairly well, but the facilities were small and many members felt that we were intruding on the residents of the Home.

We are grateful for the use of the Home and the Club extends its thanks and appreciation to Greenport Manor for hosting last year's meetings.



K2WG Passes all ARRL Emergency Courses

Wayne got his name in QST for passing ALL THREE ARRL Emergency Communications Courses, Level I, II, III between March 30 and July 5, 2006.

That's an accomplishment!
Congratulations Wayne!!!

(by the way, course registration is now open. Contact the ARRL for more information.)

August Picnic Enjoyed by 'Rippers'

A nice crowd of RVWARS members had a great time at the annual Club picnic on August 13 at the Claverack Town Park. Everyone enjoyed the day with plenty of eats and good conversations.

A few were heard to comment that all meetings should be conducted in the same way! (Might get a little cold out there in January, though.)



KC2MWD Injured In Auto Accident

For those of you who have not heard, Tom. KC2MWD, was involved in a serious auto accident about a week ago. He was hit broadside in his Ford Taurus by an SUV that landed on the hood of his car. Tom was taken to Albany Medical Center and spent almost a week there. He is home but is confined to bed with three fractures to his pelvis, five broken ribs and a lacerated spleen. To say he was lucky is an understatement. He will be out of work for at least three months and will be undergoing physical therapy and rehabilitation for quite a while. His car is totaled and some of his radios were destroyed. I will put out updates (on the Yahoo RVWARS reflector) as time progresses. Fred – WA2MMX



Amateur Radio Awareness Day Saturday, Sept. 16

September is US Department of Homeland Security National Preparedness Month, with Saturday, September 16th, being Amateur Radio Awareness Day. And for the third straight year, the ARRL and Amateur Radio Emergency Service groups across the nation will join a coalition of more than 200 national, regional, state and local organizations taking part in Preparedness Month activities.

According to the ARRL Letter, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service is a partner with U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Citizen Corps program. And to highlight Amateur Radio Awareness Day, ARRL Public Information Officers will promote the Department of Homeland Security's "30 Tips for Emergency Preparedness."

Again, Amateur Radio Awareness Day is Saturday, September 16th. Make plans now to take part.

 **Upcoming Events**

Sept. 18 - 7:00 p.m. RVWARS Meeting, John L Edwards School, State St., Hudson

October 2 - 7:00 p.m. ARES/RACES Meeting, Questar III. Rt 66, Hudson/Greenport

WEEKLY NETS

Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. ARES/RACES Training Net 146.21/81
7:30 p.m. 3.9735 LSB or 28.375 USB

August Picnic



Dave, WA2FTI, working Field Day from Bass Harbor, Maine.



Got a topic for A Meeting Program? Call Tom!

It's almost time again for our club meetings, and I am in need of good program ideas, volunteers to speak/demonstrate, projects, group discussion topics, or anything that would be of interest to the group.

Any thoughts??? Tom, N2NZD

Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society

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DX CALENDAR

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by 5B8AD, NCIL, 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.

MALTA, 9H. A group of operators will be QRV as 9H0VRZ from Qawra from September 9 to October 3. They will also be active using their own 9H3 call-signs. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via PB9ZR. In addition, they will also try to be active as 9H9PA on 20 meters during the WAE DX SSB contest. QSL via PH2M.

KUWAIT, 9K. Operators 9K2HN, 9K2RR, 9K2RR, 9K2YM, 9K2CQ and 9K2ID will be QRV in the WAE DX SSB contest as 9K2HN as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via 9K2HN.

BOTSWANA, A2. Vlad, UA4WHX is QRV as A25VB. Activity is on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

OMAN, A4. Operators A41MX, A61Q, A6/RV6LNA and 5B8AD are QRV until September 10 while operating a VHF EME DXpedition. Activity is on 144.133 and 144.083 MHz split.

GERMANY, DA. Frank, DL2SWW and Gabi, DF9TM are QRV as homecalls/p from Laesoe Island, IOTA EU-088, until September 15. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. They may also try to be active on 160 and 6 meters. QSL to home calls. Meanwhile, Helmut, DL7VOX is QRV as DL7VOX/p from Usedom Island, IOTA EU-129, also until September 15. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

SPAIN, EA. A large group of operators will be QRV as EF3IB from Buda Island from the Cabo Tortosa Lighthouse, ARLHS SPA-050, on September 9 and 10. Activity is on all bands using SSB and some RTTY. QSL via EC3AKY.

CANARY ISLANDS, EA8. Frank, DH5JG is QRV as EA8/homecall from Lanzarote, IOTA AF-004, until September 12. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters

using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. He plans to also be active in the WAE DX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

FRENCH GUIANA, FY. Gregg, W6IZT will be QRV as FY/W6IZT from September 12 to 20. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

ISLE OF MAN, GD. Lars, DF1LON and Georg, DL1ECG are QRV as MD0LON and MD0ECG, respectively, until September 11. Activity is on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home calls.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Jean-Claude is QRV as J28JA for the next two years. He is usually active on 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via F5JFU.

LEBANON, OD. Gabi, OD5NJ has been active on 30 meters around 2200z. Meanwhile, Maria, OD5QT has been active on 20 meters around 1830z.

MARKET REEF, OJ0. Members of the QLF DX-Team are QRV as OJ0LA until September 14. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LA9VDA.

SEYCHELLES, S7. Claudio, IZ0KRC is QRV as S79RC until September 16 and plans to be active from islands Mahe, Praslin and La Digue, all IOTA AF-024. QSL via IK0PRP.

POLAND, SP. Special event station SN100SZ is active during the month of September to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Babiogorski Park Narodowy. QSL via SP9PGB.

TURKEY, TA. Sei, JF1SQC will be QRV as TA4/KH0DQ from September 9 to 15. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. He will also participate in the WAE DX SSB contest. QSL to home call.

COTE D'IVOIRE, TU. Jean, F5LDY is QRV as TU2/F5LDY until September 2007. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. QSL via F1CGN.

UZBEKISTAN, UJ. Station UM15UZ has been active on 40 to 15 meters using CW. QSL via UK8AR.



The K7RA Solar Update

SEATTLE, WA, Sept. 8, 2006 -- Average daily sunspot numbers were down only slightly this week -- from 27 to 25.3. There were two days this week when the sunspot number was zero, and as we move closer to the bottom of Sunspot Cycle 23, we should see more zero sunspot days than we're currently experiencing.



The last solar minimum was centered near October 1996, according to Space Environment Center (SEC) graphs (see page 11). If you look at average sunspot numbers we reported from September 13, 1996, to October 25, 1996, you'll see week after week of no sunspots. Currently we're observing average daily sunspot numbers near 25 for this week, 27 for last, 22 the previous week, and 34 prior to that.

According to weekly NOAA SEC sunspot predictions, these averages are above the high end for this month and last, and the minimum is about six months away. But weekly averages we reported during April 1996 -- six months prior to the minimum -- were near 12, 2, 7, and 20. Does this suggest the sunspot minimum is further off than next spring?

Regarding the spacing of solar cycle minima: From the end of cycles 17 to 19 they were a little more than 10 years apart, from 1944 to 1954 and 1964. Then it jumps to less than 12 years (from October 1964 to June 1976) and goes back to a little more than 10 years from 1976 to 1986 and then to 1996. Next spring will be a bit less than 11 years since the last minimum.

Right now is a fairly good time for long-distance HF communication, because the geomagnetic field is mostly stable, sunspots haven't disappeared and we're close to the autumnal equinox. Running intercontinental paths with ACE-HF propagation software shows very little in the way of openings on the upper bands above 20 meters, with the best bets on 40, 30 and 20 meters.