

MEETING SEPT 21

Thanks to those that helped with the Tag Sale!

Happy Birthday

James-KC2USW
George-KE2EB
Pete-KW2D
Len-N2LEN
Carl-WA2UJX
Tom-WE2G

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
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DUES

ARE DUE!



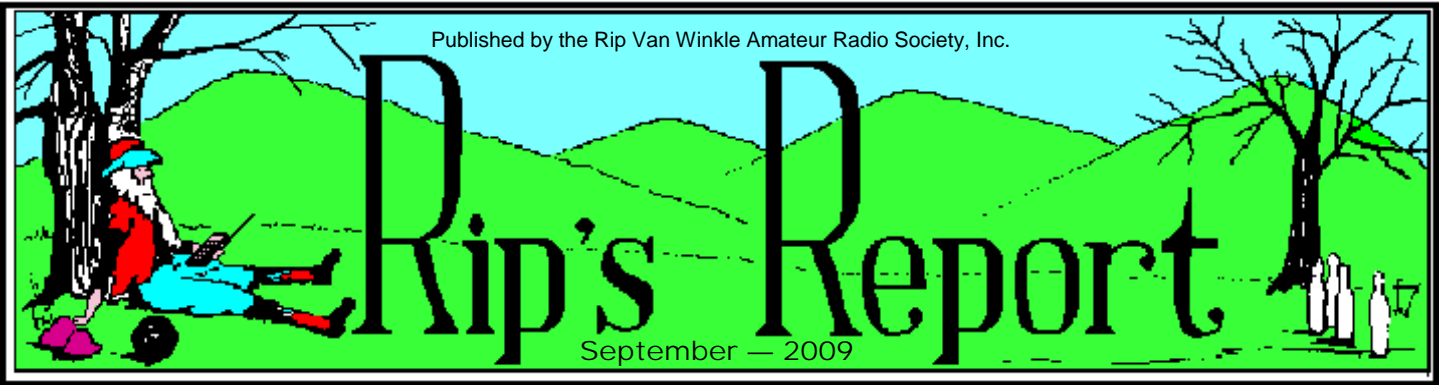
GOD BLESS AMERICA



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
Sept 21
7:00 PM
Noecker
"Club House"
Talk-in 147.21



Labor Day Tag Sale Great Success!

The tag sale was a success again this year. Lots of traffic and incredible weather made for a really great 5 days of tag sales. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we all sold a bunch of "Stuff". The final tally is \$596.00 for the treasury. The guys involved worked hard and I for one truly appreciate it. Most of the sales were small 1 and 2 dollar sales so we sold a lot of stuff.

A VERY special thanks to:

Jim, KC2OGK & wife
Jim, KC2RUW & wife
Barry, WA2KLP & wife
Lenny, N2LEN & wife
John, W2JSN
Rick, KC2HTV & son
Betty, N2POS
Paul, N2PEN
Len, WB2UEB
Tom, WE2G

AND the wonderful (unlicensed) hostess, Mary Ann.

For their helping hands and their multitude of "Stuff". Without this handful of members there would not have been a tag sale. Even though it gets old after 5 days, I look forward to next years tag sale!

I think the numbers have changed a bit in our favor but I will wait till I make the deposit and pay the bills then know for sure.

MOST IMPORTANT, I forgot to mention Rick's Son who had his own table and sold lots of stuff.



"Picnickers" at the August 30th Annual Picnic



"Rippers" enjoying a summer Dinner Meeting

RVWARS Meeting September 21, at 7 pm

This month's meeting is later than usual, so mark your calendar!

Monday, the 21st, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse on the corner of Graham Ave. and Rt. 66 in Hudson. Watch your email for the meeting's menu! It's sure to be tasty!

RVWARS Picnic Celebrates End Of Summer Feasts!

The Summer of 2009 will probably go down as the time that saw the growth of waist-lines among the Ham Radio members in the Land of Rip Van Winkle.

Not only did the RVWARS meetings carry on during July and August, but the Dinner aspect carried on as well.

Members enjoyed outdoor settings not only for the annual August Picnic, but also for the two monthly meetings.

It goes without saying (or even taking a head-count) that the Dinner Meetings will continue for the foreseeable future and the waist-lines will continue to grow!

Thanks goes to John, W2JSN, for the use of the Clubhouse and for his fine photography. More pictures appear on the next pages of this Newsletter. Rip has to be Proud of all his kids!



Photo by Rick, KC2HTV



Upcoming Events

Sept. 21 - 7:00 p.m. RVWARS Meeting, Clubhouse, Corner of Graham Ave. & Rt. 66, Hudson

October 5 - 7:00 p.m. ARES/RACES Meeting, Clubhouse, Corner of Graham Ave. & Rt 66, Hudson

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



Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society VITAL STATISTICS

President — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD
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Donations from KM2E, WA2KLP Presented to RVWARS

Ham Radio equipment was donated by Kevin Erickson, KM2E, at the August 18 meeting for use by club members.

Shown in the picture at the right, top:

Heathkit DX-100 transmitter, Raider Amp, MFJ VersaTuner 941, Heathkit SWR HM-102, Heathkit HR-1680 receiver, Heathkit HS-1661 Speaker, two Astheic D-104 mikes, and a Mancrick Dual Power.

While the equipment is “vintage gear,” it is rugged and would be great fun to put on the air.



A generous gift by Barry, WA2KLP, of a new VGA Video Splitter 2 Port, 250MHz. It will be a great help for future classes, as it allows the monitor image to be also up on the movie screen.

August Picnic





Wayne, K2WG, set up under his RV's awning to escape the rain!



Alex, KC2RDK, (L) and friend racking up a few points.



Dick, W2CSQ, and Bob, WB2DUW, checking out equipment.



Stan, WA2UET, contemplates whether to use ketchup or mustard on his hot dog!

FIELD DAY 2009



Neat mobile antenna! Must be hard driving under trees and bridges! Barry, WA2KLP, snapped this shot of the Ripper's beam and tower (on the far side of the truck!) at this year's Field Day.



John, KC2AGM, setting up equipment.

**Thanks to
Barry — WA2KLP
John — W2JSN
For the Photos!**



Tom, WE2G, working a CW Field Day contact



Carl, WB2TCV, taking a turn at the Field Day CW position.



Jim, KC2OGK, and Tom snare another contact!





Amateur Radio Quiz: What Kind of Tool Am I?

By H. Ward Silver, N0AX

No, it's not a song about workshop inhabitants from the off-Broadway hit musical Little Shack of Horrors, but rather a quiz about some of the gadgets and doo-dads we use all the time in building our stations and keeping them on the air. Slip this quiz into the chuck and tighten up -- this is not a drill! (Answers below, right)

- 1) Which tool is used to trim wire leads flush with a circuit board?
 - a. shear
 - b. side cutters
 - c. gas pliers
 - d. compound snips
- 2) Which is most likely to have a "T handle"?
 - a. soldering iron
 - b. crimping tool
 - c. reamer
 - d. flat file
- 3) Which type of tool family has a "Double D" member?
 - a. punches
 - b. drills
 - c. saws
 - d. calipers
- 4) What type of holes does a "fly cutter" cut?
 - a. circles
 - b. squares
 - c. rectangles
 - d. irregular
- 5) Which solder alloy is the easiest to melt? (%Sn:%Pb)
 - a. 60:40
 - b. 50:50
 - c. Silver-Solder
 - d. 63:37
- 6) What does a bending brake do?
 - a. Curves electrical conduit without crimping it.
 - b. Removes material from the inside of square holes.
 - c. Bends sheet metal precisely.
 - d. Holds the workpiece for milling.
- 7) What does a nibbling tool nibble?
 - a. wire insulation
 - b. coax braid
 - c. sheet metal
 - d. finger stock
- 8) The material left around the edges of a hole after drilling is called a _____.
 - a. frass
 - b. burr
 - c. kerf
 - d. dross
- 9) Which of these is supposed to be used to poke holes in things?
 - a. nail set
 - b. thread chaser
 - c. awl
 - d. Phillips screwdriver

An Up-Lifting Idea!



**Why bother putting up a tall mast?
Just borrow a fork-lift or front-end loader for Field Day weekend!**

The Hallicrafters SX-25 Super Defiant



This receiver was manufactured from 1940 to 1946. It was touted to have better performance than that of the famed Hallicrafters SX-17 receiver. Among its outstanding advantages were extreme selectivity and more and better audio.



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