



Happy Birthday

- Marty-N2LDR
- Chris-N2PBN
- Carol-N2REY
- Bruce-N7CXJ
- Dick-W2CSQ

Our 2 meter repeater is working great! Please feel free to use it. Try the 449.925 but our 224.280 is temporarily off the air. No one uses the 450MHz or the 220MHz repeaters so we don't know the coverage. If you use them give us a report...

2011 dues are \$25.00 per individual \$30.00 for family \$5.00 for students and active Military are free.

You Can Pay Your 2011 Dues Anytime!

Mail to:
 Stan Engel, WA2UET
 PO Box 153
 Ghent, NY 12075
 Or bring with you to meeting
 Make checks Payable to RVWARS

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



MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR



On The Air Meeting
August 15
7:00 PM
On the 147.150
N2LEN
Repeater

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC AT THE CLAVERACK TOWN PARK AUGUST 14, 11:00 AM TO ???

Hope to see everybody there!

Field Day Raffle

The winners of the FD Raffle are:
The TV—Carl, WB2TCV
The Repeater Directory—Tom, N2NZD

Thanks for a very successful Raffle,
Stan, WA2UET

TARA's Mr Bill

Mr Bill, NY2U, is improving, and is now in Troy at the Diamond Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Please send get well cards to the
TARA PO Box:
Troy Amateur Radio Association-N2TY
PO Box 1292
Troy, NY 12181

NEW REPEATER

Hello, this is Dan KC2MZY. I put up a repeater in Sand Lake NY a while back @ 449.350 negative shift no tone. If the guys want to try it out that would be great and let me know how it works. I know it works good on the thruway and up north of here. It IDs W1GRM so don't think it is the wrong one. You can e-mail your comments to, danfullthrottle@verizon.net
Thanks Dan 73s

RVWARS WEB PAGE

The Web Page has been updated! We added some info on the main page to try to keep folks aware of events. Comments and suggestions are welcome. We will keep Dave Clappers design at least for now. Let me know what you think.
www.rvwars.com

HOMELAND TOWER PROJECT

Work at the tower site is progressing. The tower base it poured and waiting to cure. Our new shelter should be here soon. Everything is finally going as planned except for the unfortunate destruction of our existing tower. Tree trunks were being pushed into the woods to get rid of them and one of them caught on our upper set of guy wires. It pulled the top half of our tower over and on the ground. At this point we have NO working repeaters except for a feeble attempt to set up the 21 at home. Pictures of the broken tower are on the back page.

STOLEN RADIO

My son-in-law's (KC2TGL) Kenwood dual band (TM-702) was stolen from his car this week while the vehicle was at a service station here in Cairo. Please keep your ears open to any non-licensed users on the local repeaters, as well as the possibility of someone trying to sell a rig cheap. The HVCDX repeaters, as well as the 147.21 (Rip Van Winkle Club) and most of the other local repeaters were programmed into this radio. In spite of its age, the radio is in absolutely mint condition. This rig never saw power until I gave it to him about a year ago. Please pass the word around about this. This was the only item taken from the car. Both Micah and his father went through the RVW license class.

Thanks,
Ken N2SQW

LABOR DAY WEEK-END TAG SALE

August 31 to September 5 is the long Labor Day weekend and the Chatham Fair. If the weather cooperates I would like to hold another Club Tag Sale on those 6 days. In the past few years we have made out quite well with the sales. But we could do a whole lot better if we could get more members to donate their time and goods for the sale.

This year I NEED some commitments! I don't think it is fair for 2 or 3 folks to come out here with their stuff and hang around all 6 days to try to sell it. I don't expect everyone to spend the entire 6 days sitting in the shade, there would probably be enough people to handle the selling, but I need lots of stuff to sell. If we have a BIG yard full of stuff people will stop.

So I NEED commitments! I need to have lots of folks promise to bring stuff to sell. It could of course be on consignment. BUT if you bring stuff on consignment I need you to keep an inventory of exactly what you have here and what has sold and what we owe you. It is to confusing for us to try to keep track.

And it goes without saying that whatever remains has to disappear!

PLEASE let me know ASAP so we can plan! We could easily make \$1000 or more in the weekend but if we cannot get a good bunch of the members to help out then we will not have it.

RVW WORK PARTY

Although the tower company is going to clean up the mess, we will still need a work party sometime when the tower project is complete to move our equipment to the new shelter. Not sure when that will be but I will keep all posted. We will also clean up the brush and weeds around our old shelter.



Upcoming Events

ARES/RACES meeting August 1 at the EOC

Tom, WE2G, DRO, Columbia County

RVWARS Meeting Monday August 15 — 7:00 p.m.

On the air meeting on N2LEN 147.150 repeater. Tom WE2G will be control operator.

Weekly Nets

EVERY TUESDAY at 7:00 p.m.

Informal Roundtable on the 147.210 repeater ALL are welcome. ON HOLD

1st Wednesday of the Month

Columbia Greene-Emergency Net on the N2LEN 147.150 Repeater 7:00 PM

Repeaters

Temporarily Off the Air

147.210 no PL tone
449.925 no PL tone
224.280

Vital Statistics

President — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD
Vice President — Mike Alecksynas N2JVE
Secretary — Tom Cody WE2G
Treasurer — Stan Engel WA2UET
Historian — Stan Engel WA2UET
Safety Officer — Stan Engel WA2UET
Repeaters — 147.21 224.280 449.925
Club Call — K2RVW
Club Special Event Call—WD2K
Web Page — <http://www.rvwars.com>
NEWS E-mail — wa2uet@taconic.net
Yahoo Group
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RVWARS/>

RVWARS MEETING ON THE AIR 7/18/2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by WE2G on the 147.150 repeater. 11 check-ins.

Secretary's Report read by WE2G. Motion to accept by N2JVE, seconded by KC2YKM.

Treasurer's report read by WA2UET. Total \$1155.78 in checking account. Profit from raffle was \$158.04.

Repeater Committee WA2UET reported the tower is broken. Construction has started on the new tower.

Informals

Greene County ARES/RACES worked on their go box. N2LEN thanked RVWARS for the donation of the 2 meter rig. That and the 440mhz rig were installed in the go box along with batteries.

Comments on the meeting to tcody@mhccable.com

Meeting closed at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

WE2G, Secretary

*If women didn't exist, all
the money in the world
would have no meaning.
- Aristotle Onassis*

Bruce J. Williams N7CXJ My Personal Website

I have a Website that I have been working very hard on and I am PROUD of it. It is filled with Ham Related LINKS but a mixture of other things I am interested in and I am sure others may find useful, as well. It is NO small site. It presently has 28 PAGES and growing. IT IS NOT A WEB PAGE.

MY WEBSITE ADDRESS IS:
www.n7cxj.web.officelive.com

MY E-MAIL ADDRESS:
n7cxj@hotmail.com for my website,
OR heyyou@fairpoint.net for my personal Email.

I hope to see you at the club picnic!

73,
Bruce N7CXJ

The below changes to the By-Laws have been voted on and changed.

4. Dues. The Dues Structure is:

- A. Single Member, \$25 per year.
- B. Family Membership, \$30 per year.
- C. Student Member, \$5 per year until he/she graduates.

D. Any unlicensed member of a RVWARS sponsored License Class who successfully passes the VE exam shall be awarded a free membership in RVWARS for the balance of the current year.

E. Membership is from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining the club after July 1 of the current year will be charged ½ year's dues for the current year.

F. Dues for active members of the military are free.

SWAP AND SHOP NET

The 2 meter Swap n Shop net will return on Sat Oct 1 at 8 pm on the N2LEN repeater 147.150 and 449.025 with pl 114.8 . Net control will be Todd KC2YKM. This is a good time to sell some used gear or maybe find something that you have been looking for. Join Todd on Oct 1 at 8 pm on the net.

Rip Van Winkle's First Report

You recall the story of Rip Van Winkle who went to sleep for some years, and when he woke up the world around him was changed. I'm the guy who just posted about having been formerly a licensed ham and - now retired - thinking about returning to the hobby.

As stated in my last post, I was a CW type. I was last on the air around 1995. I am listening now, and some things have really changed. I formerly worked mainly on 80, 40, and 15. I was also QRP. I worked Europe, the Middle East, and South America on about two watts. At that time the code requirement was still in place, and there were lots of CW types crowded elbow to elbow. It was like a prime trout fishing stream with 10,000 fishermen (er... fisherpersons) trying to float their fly in at the same place and same time. Open spots were few and far between. I can remember waiting and waiting for a spot wide enough for my signal to get on and work. If you intended to answer a CQ, you needed to be ready to key down before the call ended.

Those were also the last days of tube finals. Quite a few people seemed to tune up with their live antenna. I always used a dummy load (filled with transformer fluid containing PCBs - it is a wonder I am alive today!). Others, however, would just tune up on the air. Many were the time that somebody just started tuning up right on top of me effectively killing a QSO. I never understood why it took ten minutes to tune a final.

As far as the QSOs went, as soon as one ham cleared with somebody, a dozen others would jump in and a wild melee would ensue that sounded like feeding time at the pound. I would frequently resort to getting up in the middle of the night to see if I could work some. I was always amazed that a lot of other people were doing the same thing! While my family was cozily sleeping, I knew that quite a few of my fellow hams were also up like me!

Anyway, back to Rip Van Winkle who just woke up. It appears that with the code requirement revoked, hams appear to be stepping away from CW. I am listening to the CW segments and - wonder of wonder - there are quiet spots! Absolutely amazing! In fact at certain times I can tune across a large segment and not hear any-

thing but atmospherics. Some would argue that my receivers are not working, but they both readily pick out CW signals when I come across them. It looks like a few of the old CW hams have gone elsewhere. That is sort of sad.

Also as Rip rubs his eyes and tries to get awake, there appear to be lots of new technologies out there - sometimes utilizing computers. I may check on these and see if there is a new kind of trout stream for me to fish in! I used to take delight in reading the catalog descriptions of ham rigs. Now old Rip has had to learn a new jargon. It's now DSP, dynamic range, roofing filters and lots of other stuff that I haven't a clue what it is about. It is sort of like don't order this rig unless you have graduated from MIT!

Sometimes Rip pines for the old days when on a cold and snowy morning, he would turn on the tube rig, watch the dial light up, see the meter deflect, and start hearing the plaintive call of CQ, CQ, CQ... barely able to wait to see where it was from. Thanks much, friends, just wanted to share my impressions. 73s as always.



posted by railfanjim 339 days ago

See photos and past
Newsletters and much
much more club
information at:
www.w2jsn.com

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Base for 180' tower!

