

MEETING JUNE 21

FINAL FIELD DAY PLANS

We will also talk about the Cell Tower Project

Happy
Birthday

Jim-KA2PEJ

Charles-KC2VZE

Bob-KB2SOJ

Glen-WB2FOB

Greg-KC2FRW

Carl-WB2TCV

Our repeaters are working great! Please feel free to use them. Try the 449.925 and if you have the capabilities try 224.280. No one uses the 450MHz or the 220MHz repeaters so we don't know the coverage. If you use them give us a report... 224.280 is down temporarily.

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Drawing June 26 at the Field
Day Site.
FT-1900

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Stan Engel, WA2UET

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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.

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Meeting
June 21
7:00 PM
Noecker66
"Club House"
Talk-in 147.21



13 take Examinations. . . 13 get New Ham Call Signs!



The RVWARS Spring Class reached its climax on Tuesday, May 4, when the Ckub's VE Team, headed by Tom Cody, WE2G, administered the FCC Technician exam. 15 persons took the exams, 15 passed.

Dave Clapper, WA2FTI, RVWARS Education Chairman and Class Instructor, said "I'm very pleased with the results of the Testing. This class has worked hard to earn their licenses and I think they will make great Amateur Radio Operators."

The new Hams and their calls:

- Todd Brackett KC2YKM
- Miroslav Cec KC2YKN
- Catherine Chapin KC2YKO
- Matthew Chapin KC2YKP
- Norman Chapin KC2YKQ
- Timothy Chapin KC2YKR
- Mary Agnes Cronce-Coons KC2YKS
- Richard Martin KC2YKT
- Nicholas Preston AC2DK
- David Raffo KC2YKU
- Roger Schreffler KC2YKV
- Emil Votava KC2YKW
- Christine Ziemski-Zaroba KC2YKX

Troy Ham Ticketed For Being on 2m mobile

On Sunday, May 30, 2010, Steve Bozak, WB2IQU, was stopped by a Troy policeman as issued a traffic ticket for talking on what the Officer called a "cell phone." It actually was an Amateur Radio HT, according to Bozak, but the officer issued the ticket anyway.

WB2IQU will have to appear in Troy traffic court where he could be fined a \$50 court fee and a \$150 penalty for "using a cell phone" while driving.

Bozak plans to talk to the ARRL after the Holiday weekend to get legal advice.

Field Day 2010

Once again, the calendar rolls around to the final weekend of June and Rip's gang is thinking of portable towers, antennas, cables, power supplies, rigs, generators, tents, hot dogs and coffee by the gallons!

Mike, N2JVE, is Chairman of this year's edition of the RVWARS Field Day and is presently hard at work lining up all the necessary equipment and supplies needed for the annual 24 hour Field Day experience.

This year Field Day will again be at the Claverack Town Park in Philmont where we have had several successful Field Days in the past. According to Mike, this should be an outstanding outing.

The Field Day experience is a must for our new Hams and even those who have not yet gotten their license can get on the air with a licensed operator controlling the transmitter. It's a perfect opportunity to experience the thrill of working amateur radio.

The June 21 RVWARS meeting will finalize all the arrangements for Field Day. Volunteers are needed for Saturday Morning, June 26, to set up antennas, operating positions, generator and the general housekeeping for the event. Just as important is the take-down and clean-up on Sunday afternoon, June 27. See YOU at Field Day!



Upcoming Events

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

Monday, June 21 — 7:00 p.m.
RVWARS Meeting
Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 &
Graham Ave. Hudson

Sat.—Sun, June 26-27 — 2:00 p.m.—2:p.m. 24 Hours!
FIELD DAY! Claverack Town Park. Come early to set up, stay afterwards to take down!

RVWARS Weekly Nets

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

3rd Thursday — 8:00 p.m.
ARES/RACES Emergency Training Net: 147.21 Repeater

Thursday — 9:00 p.m.
TNT Trader Net, 145.17 &
444.075MHz (with 127.3Hz PL on BOTH input & output)

Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society VITAL STATISTICS

President — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD
Vice President - Mike Alecsynas N2JVE
Secretary — Tom Cody WE2G
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/>

Alex, KC2RDK, wins ARRL Scholarship

The ARRL has announced that Alex Haley, KC2RDK. is the recipient of the Henry Broughton K2AE Memorial Scholarship. Alex is a 2007 graduate of New Lebanon Central High School where he was inducted into the local chapter of the National Honor Society.

He is currently finishing his studies at Hudson Valley Community college majoring in electrical engineering technology. While at HVCC he was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity. This fall, Alex will be entering SUNY IT at Utica in further pursuit of his major with a concentration in communications.

Alex entered the world of ham radio in 2007 with his Technician license and upgraded to General this year. He is a member of RVWARS, NoBARC, East Greenbush Amateur Radio Association and Rensselaer ARES/RACES. Alex has been an active participant in RVWARS Field Day activities and is planning on assisting again this year.

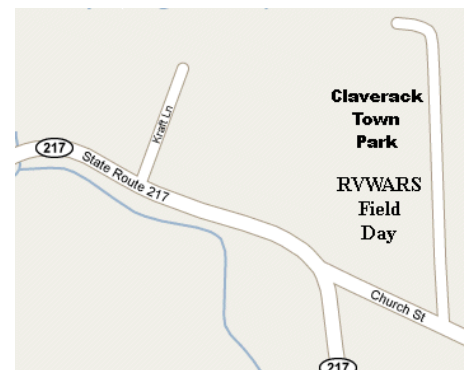
Community service has been a part of Alex's life since joining the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department in 2005. In addition to fire fighting duties, he is a NYS Certified EMT and is currently serving as Fire Police Captain. Alex also operates his own property management business in the southern Rensselaer and northern Columbia county areas. Alex hopes to pursue a career in emergency management/homeland security communications on the state or federal level.



Alex Haley, KC2RDK, at his home Station



Map: Directions to Field Day



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Greene County ARES, RACES Organized

By
Len Signoretti, N2LEN

Dayton Hamfest

On Wednesday evening May 26, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. the Greene County ARES and RACES group had it's first group meeting. The meeting was held at Greene County Emergency Services in Cairo, NY. I am very happy to report that there was a very nice turn out of people interested in membership. The meeting began with my appointment of 2 amateurs to the "ARES Assistant EC position" Both Jim A Carr, KC2USW and Claude R. Kearney, WT2C accepted their appointments to the respected positions. A PowerPoint presentation followed, with audio and video clips. Applications were filled out for ARES & RACES. Tom Cody, WE2G, spoke briefly about NTS

traffic handling. Bob Turner, WB2DUW, showed the group his "Portable Go Box." He explained it's functionality and how it was built and designed. Bob also spoke about Columbia County Races.

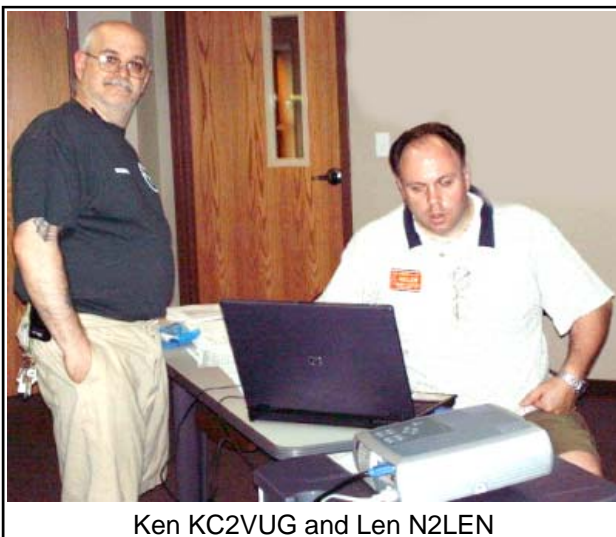
ARES members who supplied a small picture of themselves were given the opportunity of having their ARES membership card laminated immediately.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Future meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at:

Greene County
Emergency Services
25 Volunteer Drive
Cairo, NY 12413



Hams from all over the U.S. and many foreign countries converge on Dayton Ohio every May to see what's happening in Ham Radio. The guys in the above photo (There are some YLs and XYLs at Dayton!)



Ken KC2VUG and Len N2LEN

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday Evening June 30th 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Greene County ARES & RACES please feel free to contact Len Signoretti, N2LEN via e-mail or simply call: N2LEN@AOL.COM or (518) 653-1287 *Len, N2LEN*

are checking out the huge "tail gate" area for bargains and rare equipment finds! Many meet old friends from years past or connect with people they talk to on the air.

Our reporter, W2CSQ, wasn't all that pleased with this year's edition of the Hamfest. "Nothing much new this year, all the same old stuff." Dick also said that many of his old friends didn't come this year.

Some of the members of the recent Tech Class attended the Hamfest and had a great time. All came home with new radios, hats, pins and other memorabilia.

Several RVWARS members have faithfully attended Dayton over the years. The changing economy may well have an impact on travelling the long distance to Dayton. Time will tell!



SECRETARY'S MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING 5/17/2010



Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Vice President. N2JVE. Attendance 22

Secretary's report read. Correction: Cell phone monopole is to the southeast of our tower. Motion to accept by WA2FTI, second by KC2OGK

Treasurer's report Checking \$1095.50, Savings \$2009.43, Total \$3104.93.

Discussion about Homeland Towers Project at Forest Lake:

We have been contacted by Homeland Towers concerning locating our antennas on monopole at no cost to the club. We would save on maintenance of the tower. There would be far less work involved.

We could lose control of being able to access site immediately if there was an emergency. A piece of club history would be lost, as the building was built by members.

There was a 99 year lease, which no one can locate. Original lease was 5 years with 5 year extensions. In 1983, WB2DUW went to the village of Philmont to renew. The village trustees offered the 99 year lease. We were supposed to have received letter from Francis Roche, village attorney. We don't know if it was ever received. Bruce Babjeck may remember. We may be walking a narrow line if we don't accept Homeland's offer. WE2G will contact the ARRL legal dept to see if they can assist.

Officers will meet with Homeland Towers to find info on what they are offering and will bring info back to membership.

Field Day

3 rigs and 3 laptops needed. Will probably run 3A.

New hams introduced themselves to the club.

W2JSN read proposals for use of the clubhouse.

Adjourned 7:30 pm for **SKYWARN** .

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J Cody

WE2G, Secretary

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Field Day 2010

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At the Claverack Town Park

Route 217, Just before Philmont
(Turn in Church Street, Left at Sign for Park)

Come Early on Saturday to Help Set Up!

Field Day Starts 2:00 pm Sat. June 26

Ends 2:00 pm Sunday June 27



Field Day Raffle

First Prize: Yaesu FT-1900
2M 55W MOBILE with MH48A6J MIC



Second Prize: ARRL Repeater Handbook

Drawing will be Saturday June 26 at noon. Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$3.00 each

Tickets will be available at the meetings and Field Day before noon or by mail.
Make checks payable to RVWARS c/o Stan Engel, Treasurer, PO Box 153, Ghent, NY 12075.
A SASE would be appreciated (not necessary) if you want the stubs.

150 tickets to be printed.