

CLUB MEETING

April 20th

Happy Birthday

Frank-K2AZZ
Dana-N2KN
Jeff-N2RCF
Claude-WT2C

2009 DUES ARE FINISHED



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.



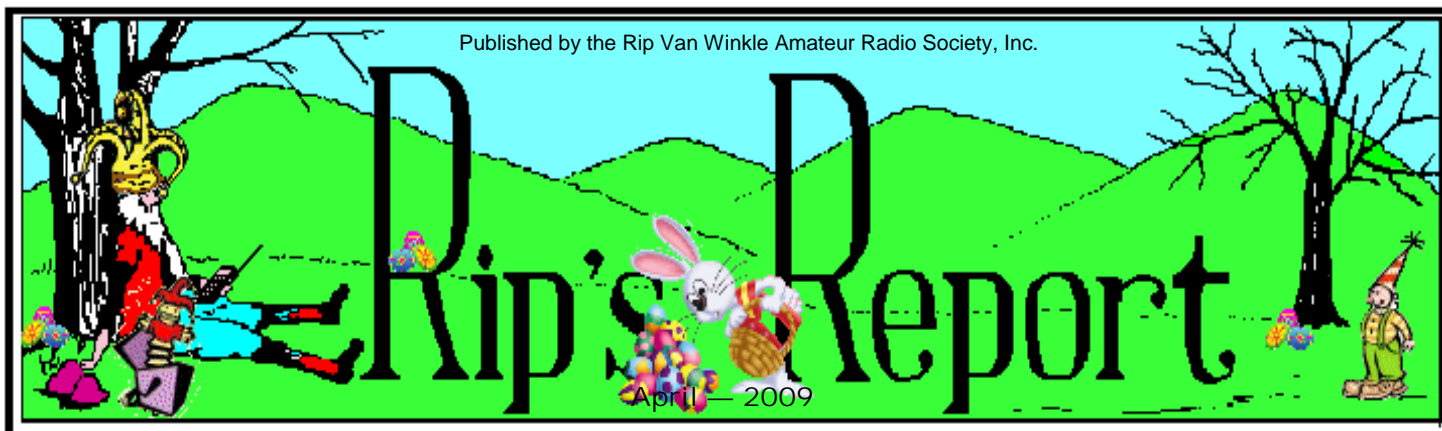
Meeting
April 20th
7:00 PM
Noecker
"Club House"
Talk-in 147.21

It is now official, CC RACES will, from now on, be holding it's regular monthly meetings at the New Columbia County EOC! The location is; 85 Industrial Drive, Greenport NY, the site of the County Public Safety Building.

Entry is via the last door on the RIGHT side of the new addition, the same entrance that we used for the Feb RVWARS meeting.

You can pay your dues for 2010 anytime!

Mail to:
Stan Engel, WA2UET
PO Box 153
Ghent, NY 12075



SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING

The Spring Skywarn Spotter training class will be held on Tuesday, April 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at our Club House, The Noecker Buick Showroom at the corner of Rte 66 and Graham Avenue in Hudson.



The Weather Service didn't have a date that was available to coincide with an RVWARS Club meeting this Spring. As always, the training is open to the public.

If you are interested, you should sign up with the Weather Service if you can attend. The sessions are listed on the Weather Service website where you can sign up for the April 7th class. The site may be found here:

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/aly/Skywarn.htm>

If you have not attended one of these sessions sometime in the past couple of years you should come and update your spotter status. It is an interesting and educational couple of hours. Bring your friends. Anyone interested in weather spotting is encouraged to attend.

RVWARS Skywarn members are called upon to provide local weather conditions during severe storms when a Weather Net is called up on our repeater.

New UHF Repeater Installed Linking Area to North & South

During the month of March, Steve, W2SXX, installed a 440 repeater near Ellenville, NY on the Shawangunk Ridge to compliment the N2LEN repeater system.

This repeater is part of an ongoing project headed by Len, N2LEN, and Steve. Len has always looked to improve and have a system for all hams to utilize and enjoy. Now having a system that has good coverage from Clifton Park area south to the Harriman toll plaza near Rockland county, even covering a long void of the northern Catskills, and into eastern PA and northern NJ, this system can compliment other repeaters and/or used as a backup during special events/emergencies and for travelers alike.

Work is still in progress for rectifying the 2 meter machine in Hudson, which should be finalized very shortly. Feed line issues have been a issue over the past 6 months, but should be fully operational in the next few weeks.

All users are welcome to utilize the open system and submit suggestions. It is always good to have a viable backup if ever the event arises. Also available is Echo/Irlp. Currently linking to Ellenville is via echolink from the

RVWARS Meeting April 20th at Clubhouse

The April meeting of the Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, Inc. will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Noecker Clubhouse, corner of Rte 66 and Graham Avenue in Hudson.

All members, License Clas students and persons interested in Ham Radio are invited to attend.

Coffee and goodies will be available as well as the monthly 50-50 drawing.

See you there!

main system until installation of a permanent RF link from the main hub takes place in the next month or so. Len and Steve would like to thank all folks with their support and welcome all users to utilize the system and have fun. Experimentation, Learning, Meeting people and having fun is what Ham Radio is all about.

N2LEN REPEATER FREQUENCIES

Albany, Rensselaer, Northern Area
449.025 PL 114.8

Northern Catskills, Mt Top area
448.275 PL 114.8

Hudson, Catskill, Kingston, TSP
147.150 PL 114.8
(PL Currently open at this time)

Lower Hudson Valley/Orange County
442.050 PL 114.8

Have fun and enjoy the system

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 6 — 7:00 p.m.
 ARES/RACES Meeting
 Columbia County EOC.
 85 Industrial Drive, Greenport

Monday, April 20 — 7:00 p.m.
 RVWARS Meeting
 Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 &
 Graham Ave. Hudson

Wednesday Evenings 6:30-9:00
 License Class (All Levels)
 Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 &
 Graham Ave. 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

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Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society

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World Record for Antennas & Rigs in a Mobile?



Ham Radio PORKUPINE!
 So, your wife thinks **you** have too many antennas on your car and too many rigs cluttering up the dash! We wonder where there's room enough for the driver let alone a passenger in this contributed photo. Think what would happen if he keyed all the radios at once! A prize of a free doughnut to anyone who can count the number of antennas will be given at the April Meeting!

We're not sure if this is the interior of the above car, but it seems like there must be at least that many rigs for all the antennas!
 Wonder what would happen if all the mics were keyed simultaneously? Something would melt for sure!
 So far, no RVWARS member has gotten this far. (A few are working on it!)



Some Vintage Advertising

1941 RCA Shortwave Radio

First time under \$99!... RCA Victor Short Wave Overseas Dial
*Go Overseas for only \$14.95**

\$14.95

New RCA Victor FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

This did become famous as the highest priced RCA Victor radio... (text continues)

For Finest Domestic Reception

The SUPER SIX

For 17 Important Reasons
 The Sensation of 41 Radios

\$16.95

NEW RCA VICTOR PERSONAL RADIO

... (text continues)

\$20

February, 1947

Send and Receive Code

with this PROFESSIONAL TELEGRAPH PRACTICE SET

Some as used by U. S. Signal Corps.
 Learn code quickly and have loads of fun with your "private" intercom system.

Only \$9.95

Complete with everything
 No distance limit between stations. Send \$2.00 with or der, pay balance to postman.
Satisfaction Guaranteed!

AUDIO SALES CO. 11 WARREN ST. NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

Popular Science — 1940s

Ob Loat! A Wireless Pocket Tubeless Batteryless Radio

World's Smallest Real Performing Radio

A major Midwest radio weighs only 3 oz., complete. Receives stations with clear beautiful tone. Very little static or interference. Nothing to fix or cause trouble—should last for years. USES PATENTED FIXED RECTIFIER, ENTIRELY NEW DESIGN. MECHANICAL patent No. 2074887. Not to be confused with cheaply made imitations or UNLAWFUL COPIES. Music and programs come DIRECTLY FROM GROUND OF RADIO! New patented "Spideophone" gives more volume and stations! NOT A TOY. Tuning broadcast band. The newest radio sensation of the year. Absolutely complete with picture instructions for use in hotels, offices, boats, auto, bed, etc. TAKES ONLY A SECOND TO CONNECT—no hook-up to any current. SATISFIED OWNERS request wonderful service in ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD! THESE ARE FACTS! Beautiful two color cabinets, six colors. And pay postman balance plus postage of send \$2.00 (Check, O.K. Cash) and yours will be sent postpaid, GUARANTEED. ORDER NOW!

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Pictures
by
John
W2JSN

Ham Classes Underway At the Club House

Every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. for the next month classes in all license levels, Technician, General and Extra, are being given at the RVWARS Clubhouse.

The pictures at the left show most of the people who are interested in either getting their first Amateur Radio license or upgrading their present Ham license.

As is traditional, Marty, N2LDR, is the head instructor with many RVWARS members taking part in the instruction and demonstrations. Additional help would be appreciated. If anyone wants to help out with the classes, contact Marty, John W2JSN, or Dana N2KN.

John, W2JSN reports that “The classes, so far, have been outstanding, mostly due to the great cooperation of a lot of the Club members who come every week and unselfishly contribute a little and a lot.

The “One-Room-Schoolhouse” concept is being so well received, that we may make it a permanent feature.

Last Wednesday, during the first hour “show and tell,” we had Bob demonstrating the dual trace oscilloscope, people practicing on Stan's paddle key and oscillator, and fixing Andrew's home-made code practice rig, which involved multiple people learning hands-on soldering, including Rachael doing some soldering for her first time.

As you might guess, the air was “Electric”.



FCC to Deregulate Amateur Radio by 2008

from AF! on April 1, 2004

In a bold move the Federal Communications Commission has decided to deregulate the Amateur Radio Service. This comes at a time when budget cuts within the Commission are forcing its Enforcement Bureau to shut down by 1 January 2005.

A spokesperson for the Commission stated that since Amateur Radio operators are supposed to be self-policing that this new move "should not pose a problem". And that it would also "solve the whole issue of restructuring".

This news has come as quite a shock to many in the Amateur Radio community, striking up many heated debates. "Basically we're being told that we're on our own as of 1 January, 2008", said a high-level League staff member.

In the interim between 2004 and 2008 Amateur Radio operators are expected to act just as they do now. "Nothing's changed yet, and all the rules and regulations are still in effect," said a spokesperson for the Commission.

All of this is set to change however, starting in 2008. On 1 January 2008 Amateur Radio in the United States will cease to exist as an official radio service. At that time it will be up to the operators to make up their own rules and regulations and to enforce them.

To clarify one other issue, "call signs that have not already been issued will all be available on the 'honor system'," said another Commission spokesperson. The bandplans and power limitations are expected to stay the same.

Look for more information on this late-breaking news story as it becomes available.

APRIL FOOLS FOLKS

April Fool!

In the April 1960 issue of QST, a phony full-page ad announced the formation of "Larsen E. Enterprises, Inc," supposedly off Route 128 in "Kippering-on-the-Charles," Massachusetts, with Larsen E. Rapp as president. Bearing a "Not an Advertisement" disclaimer, the ad offered customers free access to the company's air-conditioned "Wonder Workshop" with each kit purchase.

"If you don't have the time to assemble the entire kit yourself, one of our engineers will be glad to do it for you, just for the pleasure it gives him," the ad promised. "No tipping please."

In the "Print Shoppe," customers could purchase "authentic reproductions of the rarest QSL cards in the world." The price included having the company's "patient penman" fill in the card with your call sign and a signal report, duplicating the original ink and handwriting.

While the author's identity was not widely known outside of the ARRL Headquarters family, Byron Goodman, W1DX (SK) wrote a series of QST April Fool parodies under the pseudonym Larson (sometimes "Larsen") E. Rapp, WI0U.

QST editors recalled that after the bogus ad ran, they got a call from a member who said he was unable to locate the store and wanted directions. The Larson E. Rapp articles appeared between 1941 and 1962, although a "Larson" letter turned up in a

1972 QST "Correspondence" column. The editors said they'd sometimes get irate calls from amateurs after a Larson E. Rapp article appeared. "They didn't like to be fooled," they said.

The "ad" below is a take-off on the 1960 version. Would you fall for it?

Not an Advertisement

LARSEN E. ENTERPRISES, Inc

Larsen E. Rapp — President.

Ham Kits of all Kinds!



Assemble them Yourself

—or—

*Our Engineers will build
them for the fun of it!*

[NO TIPPING, PLEASE!]

Need a Rare DX QSL?

No Problem!

The Print Shoppe

Will print authentic QSL's of the
Most rare DX Stations in the World
Our *Patient Penman* will fill in the
Card with your Call and Signal Report



Announcing the formation of

LARSEN E. ENTERPRISES, INC.

"Serving the amateur from coast to coast"

Route 128, Kippering-on-the-Charles, Mass.

You Might be Addicted to Ham Radio if:

1. When you look at a full moon and wonder how much antenna gain you would need.
2. When a friend gets a ride from you and remarks that you have a lot of CBs in your vehicle, it turns in to an hour long rant on how ham radio is not CB radio.
3. When someone asks for directions, you pause, wondering if long or short path would be best.
4. When you can look at a globe and be able to point to your antipode (and you know what an antipode is).
5. Your cell phone ring tone is a Morse code message of some kind.
6. You have accidentally said your Amateur Radio call sign at the end of a telephone conversation.
7. Your favorite vacation spots are always on mountain tops.
8. You notice more antennas than road signs while driving your car.
9. You have driven onto the shoulder of the road while looking at an antenna.
10. Porcupines appear to be fascinated with your car.
11. If you ever tried to figure out the operating frequency of your microwave oven.
12. When you look around your bedroom of wall to wall ham gear and ask: Why am I still single?
13. The local city council doesn't like you.
14. You think towers look pretty.
15. Your family doesn't have a clue what to get you for Christmas, even after you tell them.
16. Your HF amplifier puts out more power than the local AM radio station.
17. The wife and kids are away and the first thing that goes through your head is that no one will bother you while you call "CQ DX" a few hundred times.
18. When you pull into a donut shop and the cops there on their coffee break ask if they can see your radio setup.
19. You refer to your children as your "Harmonics".
20. Your girlfriend or wife asks: "You're going to spend \$XXXX on what???"
21. You actually believe you got a good deal on eBay.
22. When you see a house with a metal roof, and your only thought is what a great ground plane that would be.
23. You have pictures of your radio equipment as wallpaper on your computer's desktop.
24. Every family vacation includes a stop at a Ham radio store.
25. The first question you ask the new car dealer is: "What is the alternator's current output?"
26. You buy a brand new car based on the radio mounting locations and antenna mounting possibilities.
27. You have tapped out Morse code on your car's horn.
28. A lightning storm takes out a new Laptop, Plasma TV, and DVD Recorder, but all you care about is if your radios are OK.
29. Your wife has had to ride in the back seat because you had radio equipment in the front seat.
30. Your wife was excited when you were talking about achieving that critical angle, but very disappointed when you finally did.
31. During a cuddling session with your wife, you stop to answer a call on the radio.
32. Your wife threatens you with divorce when you tell her that you are going on a "fox" hunt.
33. Talking about male and female connectors makes you feel excited.
34. You dream of big, comfortable, knobs, but not on women.
35. You always park on the top floor of the parking garage, just in case you might have to wait in the car later.
36. When house hunting, you look for the best room for a radio shack and scan the property for possible tower placement.
37. When house hunting, you give your realtor topographical maps showing local elevations.
38. The real estate agent scratches his head when you ask if the soil conductivity is high, medium, or low.
39. You have Ham radio magazines in the bathroom.
40. When your doorbell rings, you immediately shut down the amplifier.
41. Fermentation never enters your mind when "homebrew" is mentioned.
42. Instead of just saying no, you have said "negative".
43. You have used a person's name to indicate acknowledgement.
44. You become impatient waiting for the latest AES catalog to arrive.
45. You have found yourself whistling "CQ" using Morse code.
46. You always schedule the third weekend in June for vacation.
47. You walk carefully in your back yard to avoid being "close-lined".
48. You have deep anxiety or panic attacks during high winds or heavy ice.
49. You and the FedEx/UPS men are on a first name basis.
50. You really start to miss people that you've never seen.
51. Your exercise machine is a Morse code keyer.
52. You walk through the plumbing section at the hardware store and see antenna parts.
53. Your neighbors thought you were nuts when you ripped up your lawn to bury chicken wire.
54. Your next door neighbor thinks that your wife is a widow.
55. Your wife has delivered meals to your Ham shack.
56. If you sold all your Ham radio equipment, you could pay off your mortgage.