

# Field Day June 27-28

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW HAM  
AND THE UPGRADES

Happy  
Birthday

Bob-KB2SOJ  
Greg-KC2FRW  
Glenn-WB2FOB  
Carl-WB2TCV

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!

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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.

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Meeting  
June 15  
7:00 PM  
Noecker  
"Club House"  
Talk-in 147.21



# Field Day 2009

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 return to 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 15 RVWARS meeting will finalize all the arrangements for Field Day. Volunteers are needed for Saturday Morning, June 27, 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 28.

See YOU at Field Day!



**Wayne, K2WG, VE Chairman, checks completed exams while test-takers are completing their exams at the May 6 VE Session.**

## Possible Informal Summer Meetings?

There was some discussion at the last meeting about having informal RVWARS meetings during July and August. Keep in touch with the weekly nets and the emails to see when and where an informal get-together might be scheduled. Don't forget the RVWARS picnic August 30!

## 7 Licensed at May VE Session

At the end of a License Course that departed from the usual RVWARS class and had simultaneous "One Room Schoolhouse" teaching of all license class levels, seven of the students passed the tests. Six have be awarded their General Class ticket having upgraded from Technician Class. One passed both the Technician exam and the General exam.

Successful candidates were:

KC2THH, Jim Kusisto, Sr.  
Upgraded to General

KC2THJ, Jim Kusisto, Jr.  
Upgraded to General

KC2THI, Jim O'Neill  
Upgraded to General

KC2VEV, Tom Van Bell  
Passed Technician,  
upgraded to General

WA2KLP, Barry Thompson  
Upgraded to General

WA2UJX, Carl Verderber  
Upgraded to Extra

Congratulations to all of the successful candidates. We hope that those who didn't quite make it will try again soon!



## Upcoming Events

**Monday, June 1 — 7:00 p.m.**  
 ARES/RACES Meeting  
 Columbia County EOC.  
 Ave. Hudson

**Monday, June 15 — 7:00 p.m.**  
 RVWARS Meeting  
 Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 &  
 Graham Ave. Hudson

**Sat.—Sun., June 27 & 28**  
 RVWARS Field Day  
 Claverack Town Park, Philmont

### 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



**Except where noted,  
 All Photos in this Issue  
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#### Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society VITAL STATISTICS

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## First Dinner Meeting Brings Out the Hams!



It was an experiment that worked! The first try at a “Dinner Meeting” brought out more than 1/4 of the RVWARS membership to the Noecker Clubhouse on Monday evening, May 18. The showroom was almost filled to capacity with 27 hungry Hams!

Some other local Ham Clubs, most notably TARA (The Evil Empire to the North) has had dinner meetings for several years with a great deal of success in getting the members out to a meeting.

Stan, WA2UET, RVWARS Treasurer, suggested that we get ole’ Rip to do the dinner meeting down here. Stan’s wife, Mary-Ann agreed to make up a couple of hot dishes (Lasagna and Macaroni & Cheese) for the dinner. Along with Italian bread, fresh garden salad, chocolate cupcakes, raisin cookies, soda and coffee the attendees had no reason to go home hungry.

Everyone had high praise for the food and everyone expressed

A wish that the dinners might continue at all of the regular RVWARS meetings.

Preparing hot food for meetings such as ours on a regular basis is a lot of work and expense for one couple. It would be great if others in RVWARS would step forward and help out. Many volunteers would make Dinner Meetings a regular occurrence. Anyone who would like to prepare a dish for the June 22 meeting should contact Stan at least a week in advance so that the menu can be worked out and we don’t end up with 12 salads and a loaf of bread!

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# FCC Raises Vanity Call Sign Fees for Second Consecutive Year

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) on May 14 seeking to raise fees for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$12.30 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$13.40 for 10 years, an increase of \$1.10.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as

amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. Instructions on how to comment on this NPRM are available on the FCC Web site.

# Field Day Returns to Claverack Town Park

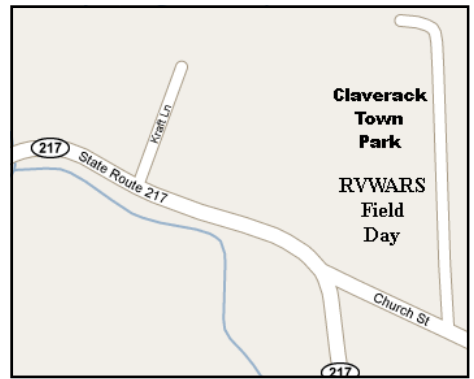
After a one year interruption, the RVWARS Field Day location will return to the Claverack Town Park. This location might be confusing to some because it is not in the village of Claverack, but in the village of Philmont. Go east through Claverack on Rte 23 and turn left on Rte 217. Watch for Church Street... it goes straight where 217 goes right. If you go uphill into Philmont, go back! See you on June 27 & 28 for Field Day!

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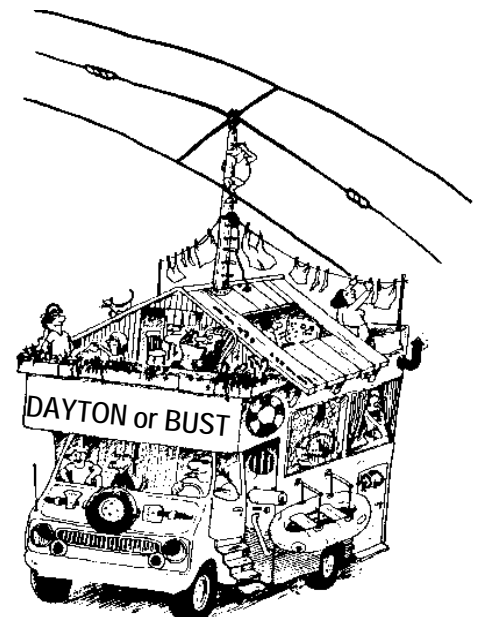


RVWARS was represented at the Dayton Hamvention® by Dick, W2CSQ. Dick has attended this event for more years than he can count and he always enjoys meeting old friends, seeing new rigs and enjoying the experience.

Dick took this photo with his Blackberry and sent it out by email. He's already looking forward to next year!



# Ham's Summer Vacation



We're not sure if this is Wayne's or Dave's Camper!



# May 6, 2009

...Ohm's Law? Isn't that "Stop and then turn Right?"



# Dinner Meeting May 18, 2009

