



Sparks from the Spa



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November 10, 2014 General meeting

Wayne White K2AYQ was our speaker for the month, and an interesting one he was. Wayne recounted stories of his long career in television engineering in the capital district. He remembers listening to WGEA and WGEO, shortwave stations for WGY, using a crystal receiver. He later started his first TV job for Channel 13. He was an engineer for their transmitter on Spruce Mountain. He got the job based on his Amateur Radio credentials, as the station would not hire an engineer who was not also a ham radio operator. It was an extremely interesting talk. Thanks Wayne.



6 1/8 inch hardline connector (72 ohms)



Dave is wondering how to use this to reduce the loss on his home stations



President's Message December 2014 - Tim Kemp N2MBX

December 8th will be the holiday gathering, an evening of Ham Radio fellowship and food. The important part of the December meeting is bringing a toy to be donated to charity. The gathering is set to begin at 6:30 pm at Wilton EMS.

The January meeting is scheduled for Monday the 12th at 7:30 pm at the Wilton EMS station. We have Dave Galletly KM2O speaking on FEMA. Dave is associated with ARES and he has information regarding our involvement in emergencies. Hope to see you there. Bob Raffaele W2XM was going to do a presentation at one of our upcoming meetings, but now he is not feeling up to it. He does feel up to meeting with fellow Hams, especially for lunch. He is located in Colonie. If you are down in that area, look him up, I know he would enjoy the company.

My plan is to go traveling South to Florida with my travel trailer during February and March. So I will miss the February meeting and Swapfest in March. I will try some Echolink and maybe some HF on my travels, so hope to hear you on the air.

Bruce A. Stevens, KA2FDK SK

SK Nov. 5, 2014

Bruce Arthur Stevens, 77, formerly of Stephentown, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014 at Albany Medical Center.

Born at his grandparents home in Stephentown on Feb. 14, 1937, he was the son of the late Arthur J. and Florence Hoffman Stevens. He attended Stephentown Grade School and was a 1956 graduate of Berlin High School and attended his 50th reunion in 2006.

He was a United States Air Force veteran serving his country from 1956-1060. He was employed by Syracuse University as an electrician for 10 years and later was employed by Berkshire Farms and sold guns in Nassau, N.Y.

He was an avid ham radio operator and has resided in Mechanicville for the past 13 years.

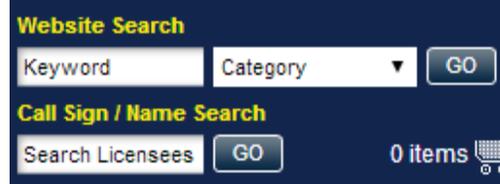
He is the beloved husband of Leona Agnes French Stevens who is now living at the Maplewood Manor in Ballston Spa and his loving sister, Darlene Stevens Bowe of White Creek, NY.

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- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bennington/obituary.aspx?n=bruce-stevens&pid=173124700&fhid=5078#sthash.9elruqZG.dpuf>

73 K2HAT Lee Hatfield Jr

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Board of Directors 11-10-2014

Minutes as published in the newsletter accepted.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Discussion re Steve's repeater WA2TTP/R 448.925 PL 107.25. This is now linked with our repeater system, giving better coverage to the south and west.

Received verbal report on towpath duathlon on Oct 18. 11 hams were in attendance. Coverage was adequate, but can use more. Some possible changes to the towpath next year?

Meeting topic - FEMA and Ham Radio in January or February? Depends upon speaker availability. Swapfest in March. Tour de Cure topic in May? June elections and Field Day discussion?

Discussion about Hamfest in September. We were really short on help in the kitchen. Only 3 people manned the food booth, and that is unfair to make them work so hard. It has to get better.

ARES. Good SET participation. On line registration available. Skywarn training. Need to assign official repeater and simplex frequencies for the county. Hopefully we will receive a report to publish in the next news letter.

Dues are due

Just a quick notice that the end of the calendar year also is the end of the dues year. We ask a paltry \$10 to support the club. If you have any question about your dues status you can contact Jim, KG2H at KG2H@NYCAP.RR.COM to find out the last year your dues were paid. If you are in arrears, that's OK, just send us one year's worth of dues, and your membership will extended to December 2015, as we don't worry about back dues (unless you want to give it to us). Dues are not even a prerequisite for receiving the newsletter, we send it to everyone regardless of the dues status.

If you know of someone who is not receiving the newsletter who used to, or who has paid dues and is still not receiving a newsletter, contact me. Each month a lot of emails are bounced back to me because of bad email addresses. I would be happy to fix them up if I know their proper address.

Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association

Membership Information

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Name _____

Callsign _____

Email Address _____

License Class N T G A E

ARRL Member YES NO

Dues are \$10 per year, Payable to Saratoga County R.A.C.E.S.

You can mail your dues with this form to Jim Polewczak KG2H, 231 Northline Road, Ballston Spa 12020

UPCOMING PUBLIC SERVICE

That's about the end of the Public Service for the year, not a lot of running, walking or bike riding going on in the SNOW !!!

December 8, 2014 meeting at the Wilton EMS squad building on Jones Road.

General Meeting at 6:30 PM, No Board of Directors Meeting this month.

This is our annual Holiday meeting. There will be no Board of Directors meeting this month. The gathering starts at 6:30 instead of the usual 7:30. The only topic will be any eyeball QSO you want to make. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child, that we will forward on to a worthy organization. Also we encourage you to bring along a dessert you can share with the others. I hope to see you all there.



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Got News or information you would like to get published? How about your own projects or other things you think would be of interest to Club Members? How about (*GASP*), a letter to the editor? Contact us at our email address :

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Upcoming program note

We are looking for input from the membership as to what YOU would like to hear. Program suggestions are always welcome. Please let any of the Board Members know of you ideas.
Thanks

(programs subject to change)

