

Sparks from the Spa



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Hamfest Summary—KG2H

Hello all, I hope you all had a great summer. This issue of Sparks has been delayed because I wanted to present to you the hamfest results, which were not available until after the normal deadline for the September newsletter. I am going to present strictly the numeric results, as I'm sure that many of you were actually there to enjoy the hamfest in person.

It was another successful year for the hamfest, our 33rd edition.

In brief, here are the comparative numbers for 2108 and 2018

Descriptive item	2018	2017
Gate attendance	393	355
Gate Net earnings *	\$1,668	\$1,698
Food Booth net earnings*	\$ 0	\$ -\$6.67
Bucket Prizes net earnings	\$ 183.63	\$ -\$206.95
Miscellaneous Income and Expenses (raffle, printing, etc)	\$ -\$41.30	\$ -\$201.02
Grand total net revenue	\$ 1.810.33	\$ 1.283.36

* We did not run the food booth as an organization in 2018. In 2017 1/3 of the fairground rental cost was allocated to the food booth and 2/3 was allocated to the gate. In 2018 the entire cost of the rental was applied to the gate.

October Meeting Speaker Scheduled

Our October meeting is this coming Monday, October 8, at 7 PM in the normal meeting location, the Wilton EMS building just off of Jones Road in Wilton.

This month, our speaker will be Randy, KL7TJZ, a member of the Silent Service. While in the military, he handled communications aboard submarines. He will speak about how subs communicate with the outside world. This will be an interesting topic. Please be sure to join us.

Membership Renewals

We received membership renewals from the following individuals in Sept and June. Thank you. K2JQ, K2LK, KA2BIX, KA5VVI, KC1NN, KC2NMT, KD2DXQ, KD2GEH, KD2JMM, KD2JQ, KD2OVI, N2MBX, N2NVH, N2POR, N2QFT, N2VU, N2ZHS, N7SO, NC2P, NE2K, NR2J, W2WA, W5BN, WA2JAE

Remember our membership year is the calendar year. I would be happy to collect your dues for next year now, to avoid the end of the year rush. If you need information on your status, please contact me at KG2H@arrl.net

Rosie's Walk Jo Cummings N2QFT

To Everyone!

Thank you for your help with the Rosie's Walk on Saturday Sept 15. What a super turnout... I know it is a small event, but it means the world to me to have such wonderful support... I am blessed..

Hopefully all will go as well next year, and hopefully we will have more walkers/runners.

See you soon

73's

Jo and Dick Cummings

Rosie's walk participants

KG2H.	JIM POLEWCZAK
N2SBC.	TOM TRACZ
N2WDY.	BOB HOEFINGER
WB2NLE.	RICK FALLIS
KD2HDD.	BILL PASSINEAU
KD2FKH.	GEORGE DUNKLEE
N2TOM.	TOM BRANT
KD2IHO.	ART NOWICKI & WIFE MARSHA
KD2DXQ.	DICK CUMMINGS
N2QFT.	JO CUMMINGS

Cystic Fibrous Cycle for Life *Jim McKnight K2LM*

On Sunday, Sept. 23 twelve hams provided communications for the Cystic Fibrous Cycle for Life. The CF staff kept saying how amazing we were and that with our help they were able to not worry things out in the field that they had worried about in the past. After the event, they got to meet Jim, KG2H, and personally thank him for telling them before the event that Mosher Road was completely torn up and not suitable. They would never have known that, if several days before the event, he had not decided to take a ride out to his rest stop.

They also said that before the event when I sent a list of the hams and their locations they didn't understand why Dan, KC2TOG, would be riding his bike on the 19 mile loop. After the event, several times they told me what a great asset it was to have him there to help the riders turn at the correct places and to radio in bike issues.

So a tip of the antenna to those who deserved the praise:

At the rest stops:

Susan, N2EKQ , Locust Grove; Lee, WB2NSC, Stewart's Dam; Jim, KG2H, Mill Pond on West Mountain Road; Art, NR2T, and his wife at Miner Road at Spruce Mountain Road and Jo, N2QFT, and Dick, KD2DXQ , Middle Grove Park

Dan, KC2TOG, whose bicycle ride on the 19 mile loop, made their day.

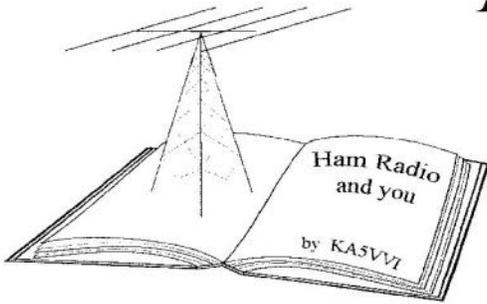
Riding in the three CF Support and Gear vehicles--Jared, AC2WJ, who came in from Syracuse to help; Mike, K2ZIP, who gave me a demonstration of his very small APRS setup and Bob, N2WDY, who reminded me that their vehicle's APRS box was probably not working because I had not plugged it into the battery.

Lastly Dave, KC2ODL, with his APRS gear who followed the last cyclist on the 62 mile route. The CF leadership always knew where that last cyclist was and when they would be arriving back at the Polo Association.



Technician Amateur Radio (Ham) Class!

*Interested in getting your
amateur radio license?*



- Emergency Communications
- Electronics, Community Service
- The World at Your Fingertips
- Fun Lifelong Hobby

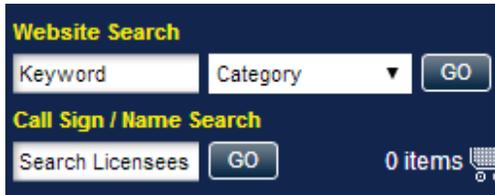
**The W2WCR Radio Club will be hosting
a one weekend Technician Course
October 27th 8am - 5pm
October 28th 8am - noon**

**-Pre-Registration is Required-
For more info and to sign up
visit www.w2wcr.org or call
Frank 518-793-7345 Students
must study the technician study
manual before attending the class**



- The class starts Saturday at 8:00 A.M.
- Location: Queensbury Central Fire Co. 17 Lafayette St, Queensbury, NY
- Full day of classes on Saturday with live radio demonstrations
- Exam on Sunday at 12 pm
- Cost: \$25.00 students(grade school and High School) \$40.00 adults,
includes exam fee, lunch, and snacks
- \$5.00 off for first responders!
- Register and pay by October 5th 2018
- This is a fast paced, jam-packed, hands on review class.
- You must study on your own before the class to pass your licensing exam

Have you checked the expiration date on your license? It's very easy to do. One way to do it is to go to WWW.ARRL.ORG, and just fill in your call sign in the search box on their home page. You do not need to be a member of ARRL to use this service.



K2DLL repeater system:

Corinth NY
147.000 MHz +600KHz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode
448.225 MHz -5.00 MHz 91.5 CTCSS encode/decode

Providence NY
147.240 MHz +600 Hz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode.
147.360 MHz +600 Hz (add 91.5 Hz CTCSS to connect to the NYS Network

Sacandaga Reservoir
147.03 MHz +600 KHz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode

Middleburgh NY
448.925 PL 107.2 WA2TTP-R Steve's Repeater is linked to ours via UHF



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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