Sparks from the Spa

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October 2016 meeting

Jim KG2H

The board meeting started at 6:30 PM.

The treasurer's report was given. A discussion was held concerning future programs. Some Ideas were , a CW Key presentation, an Antenna presentation, an ARRL speaker. Ideas are needed.

The general meeting started at 7:00 PM.

The speaker for the evening was Jock, KB2GOM. Jock has been net control for the Capital Region Commuter Assistance Net for over 20 years. The net runs each business weekday morning from about 6 AM to 8 AM on the 146.94 repeater. Local hams on their way to work report to Jock and traffic situations, disabled vehicles, accidents, or anything else that may need to be reported to either the authorities for just for general information to the hams on their way to work. Jock relayed many stories of interesting and sometimes humorous incidents that have occurred.

In other items, many new events were reported for the month of October. Among them was:

- a Tech class being given on a 2 day weekend
- a special event station, K2N, to celebrate the Coast Guard Auxiliary 77 th anniversary
- Scouting Jamboree on the air being held at the Girl Scout Camp in Queensbury.
- An ARES Report.
- Firming up plans for the December meeting. KA1WRA on antennae

After Action Report SET 2016 Phil—KC2YLM

Event: Simulated Emergency Test
Date: October 1, 2016
Reporting Unit: Saratoga County ARES

Event Goals: (1) Activate Emergency Communications from as many county locations as possible

Objectives from last year:

A. Relay Station mapping to determine acceptable locations.
B. Establish zones and zone assignments for greater inclusion of possible shelter sites.
C. Improve record keeping for logging of additional stations and increases in traffic.
D. Establish a digital component for county activity, possibly using ham broadband.

Event Description:

Fixed, Mobile, and Base stations were activated throughout Saratoga County. Mobile and Portable stations visited Hospitals, Health Centers, Ambulance Squads, Firehouses, Churches, and other sites that could be used as Emergency Shelters. Check-ins were recorded by the net control station for a point score using computerized Spread sheet. Digital message was transmitted and received. 2 mobile stations were tracked via APRS.

Results:

Over 1800 points were generated through the efforts of 21 different radio operators. Signal reports were 5/9 with full quieting using the club repeaters. Locations were logged through the use of mobile and portable operators.

Recommendations:

In the event of a true emergency, the primary communication modality would be the County repeater system. If an event rendered the repeaters inoperable, then a relay station would need to be established in Galway to be able to pass traffic from Saratoga /Wilton/ Ballston Spa to the western towns of the county. This station may also facilitate communications to and from Montgomery and Fulton Counties.

Objectives for next year:

A. Relay Station mapping to determine acceptable locations.
B. Use of NVIS for communication with western towns .
C. Improve record keeping for logging of additional stations and increases in traffic.
D. Establish a digital component for county activity, possibly using ham broadband.
E. Review with county EOC placement and location of repeater stations.

Tryon Amateur Radio Club

Next Meeting Wednesday November 16th

***ARRL Exam Session* begins at 5:30pm**

Meeting at 7:00pm

Location: Fulton Sheriff Dept, EOC Room

Fulton County, Sheriff Dept., *2712 State Highway 29, Johnstown NY 12095.*
Entrances to the EOC room is located at the back of the building.

Topics:

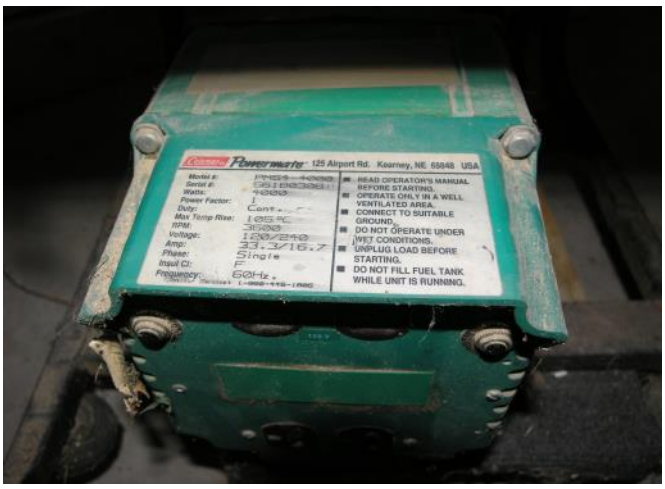
Swap meet – Bring things to sell, trade or giveaway (No QSTs please).

Bring a dish to share with everyone

Repeaters update.

Free generator to a licensed ham

I have had this generator for a very long time. It's about a 3 KW unit (120 and 240 V outputs). It's in my garage, and it literally has not been fired up in about 5—years. I'm sure some maintenance will be required to get the engine started. I just recently had a whole house generator installed in my home, so I don't need this unit. I will give this to a ham who will use it for emergency use. I don't want you to take it and resell it. Contact Jim at KG2H@arrl.net.



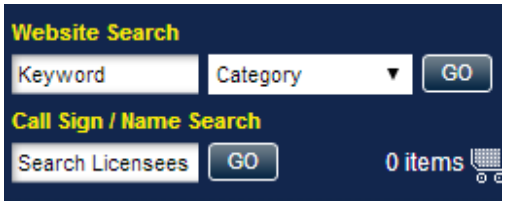
November and December Contests—From ARRL Contest Calendar

Columns:
Date time start and end, bands, contest name, modes, exchange, sponsor

12	0000	13	2359	3.5-28	WAE DX Contest, RTTY	Dig	RST, serial	**www.darc.de**
12	0001	13	2359	28	10-10 International Fall Contest, Digital	Dig	Name, mbr or "0," SPC	**www.ten-ten.org**
12	0700	13	1300	3.5-28	JIDX Phone Contest	Ph	RS, Prefecture No. or CQ zone	**www.jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html**
12	1200	13	1200	1.8-28	OK/OM DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, 3-letter district code or serial	**okomdx.crk.cz**
12	1200	13	2359	1.8-50	SKCC Weekend Sprint-athon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	**www.skccgroup.com**
12	1400	13	0200	1.8-50	Kentucky QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), county or SPC	**www.wkdxa.com**
12	1900	14	0500	1.8-432	CQ-WE Contest	CW Ph Dig	Name, location code, years of service	**cqwe.cboh.org/rules.html**
17	0130	17	0330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	**naqcc.info**
18	1600	18	2200	3.5	YO International PSK31 Contest	Dig	RST, serial, county or country	**www.yo5crq.ro**
19	**0000**	**20**	**2359**	**50-1296**	**ARRL EME Contest**	**CW Ph Dig**	**Signal report**	**www.arrl.org/eme-contest-1**
19	1200	20	1200	3.5-28	LZ DX Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), 2-letter district or ITU zone	**lzdx.bfra.org/rulesen.html**
19	1600	20	0700	1.8	All Austrian 160 Meter Contest	CW	RST, serial, OE district code (if any)	**www.oevsv.at**
19	1700	19	1859	1.8-50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	RST, mbr, SPC, grid	**sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub**
19	1900	19	2300	1.8	RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial, UK district code (if any)	**www.rsgbcc.org/hf**
19	**2100**	**21**	**0300**	**1.8-28**	**ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB**	**Ph**	**Serial, precedence, your call, check, section**	**www.arrl.org/sweepstakes**
20	1300	20	1700	3.5-7	Homebrew & Oldtime Equipment Party	CW	RST, serial, class	**www.qrpcc.de**
21	0200	21	0400	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	**qrpcontest.com/pigrun**
23	0000	23	0200	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	**www.skccgroup.com**
24	2000	24	2100	3.5	RSGB 80 Meter Club Sprint, CW	CW	Other's call, your call, serial, name	**www.rsgbcc.org/hf**
26	0000	27	2359	1.8-28	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, CQ Zone	**www.cqww.com/rules.htm**
30	2000	30	2100	3.5	UKEICC 80 Meter Contest	CW	4-char grid square	**www.ukeicc.com/which-contest**

1	1800	1	2200	28	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid square	**www.nrau.net/activity-contests**
2	**2200**	**4**	**1600**	**1.8**	**ARRL 160-Meter Contest**	**CW**	**W/VE: RST, ARRL/RAC Section; DX: RST**	**www.arrl.org/160-meter**
3	0000	3	2359	1.8-28	TARA RTTY Melee	Dig	W/VE: RST, SP. DX: RST, serial	**www.n2ty.org**
3	0600	3	0800	7, 14	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	CW	RST, serial, suffix of previous QSO	**qrp.ru/contest/wakeup**
3	1600	4	1559	3.5-28	TOPS Activity Contest	CW	RST, serial, club abbreviation (if any)	**www.procwclub.ro**
4	0000	4	2359	28	10-Meter RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, SP or serial	**www.rttycontesting.com**
4	1300	4	1600	3.5-14	SARL Digital Contest	Dig	RST, serial	**www.sarl.org.za**
6	0200	6	0400	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, power	**arsqrp.blogspot.com**
10	**0000**	**11**	**2359**	**28**	**ARRL 10-Meter Contest**	**CW Ph**	**W/VE/XE: RS(T), SP or XE state. DX: RS(T), serial**	**www.arrl.org/10-meter**
10	1200	11	2359	1.8-50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	**www.skccgroup.com**
10	1600	11	1559	3.5-28	International Naval Contest	CW Ph	Members: RS(T), club, mbr. Others: RS(T), serial	**www.marinefunker.de**
10	2300	18	2300	1.8-7	AWA Bruce Kelley 1929 QSO Party	CW	RST, name, QTH, eqpt year and type	**www.antiquewireless.org**
11	2100	11	2259	14	CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	CW	RST, SPC, antenna class, mbr or power	**www.coloradoqrpclub.org**
14	0130	14	0330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	**naqcc.info**
16	2000	17	2359	1.8	Russian 160-Meter Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), Oblast code or serial	**qrz.ru/contest/detail/90.html**
16	2100	16	2359	3.5	AGB-Party Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, mbr (if any)	**www.ev5agb.com**
17	0000	17	2359	1.8-50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	RST, mbr, SPC, grid	**sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub**
17	0000	17	2359	3.5-28	OK DX RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, CQ zone	**okrtty.crk.cz**
17	0000	17	2359	1.8-144	RAC Winter Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), province/ territory or serial	**wp.rac.ca**
17	1400	18	1400	1.8-28	Croatian CW Contest	CW	RST, serial	**9acw.org**
17	1500	18	1500	1.8	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	CW	4-char grid square	**www.kkn.net/stew**
18	**1800**	**18**	**2359**	**3.5-50**	**ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW**	**CW**	**Name, 2-digit year first licensed, SP or XE area or "DX"**	**www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup**
19	0200	19	0400	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	**qrpcontest.com/pigrun**
22	0130	22	0330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	**naqcc.info**
25	0000	25	1159	3.5-28	RAEM Contest	CW	Serial, latitude and longitude (eg, 57N 85W)	**raem.srr.ru/en/main**
26	0830	26	1059	3.5, 7	DARC Christmas Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), DOK or serial	**darc.de/referate/dx/contest/xmas/en/rules**
28	0000	28	0200	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	**www.skccgroup.com**

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

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