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Picnic August 19

Rip's Report

July 2013

Happy
Birthday

Les-KD2BQB
Kevin-KM2E
Don-W1SWM

**OUR REPEATERS ARE BACK
ON THE AIR!
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2014 Dues

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Stan Engel, WA2UET
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Ghent, NY 12075
Or bring with you to meeting
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**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**



Please join us on the Tuesday night Roundtable on
147.210 at 7:00 PM. ALL are welcome!
Use the EchoLink (K2RVW-R) if need be.



Stan, WA2UET

Summer 2013

Upcoming Events

RVWARS Meeting **Monday Sept 17** **7:00 PM**

ARES Meeting **N2NZD-EC**

Weekly Nets

EVERY TUESDAY at 7:00 p.m.

Informal Roundtable on the 147.210 repeater ALL are welcome.

1st Wednesday of the Month

Columbia Greene-Emergency Net on the N2LEN 147.150 Repeater 7:00 PM

Repeaters

BACK ON THE AIR!!!

147.210/147.810 NO PL tone
449.925/444.925 NO PL tone
224.280/222.680 NO PL tone

Vital Statistics

President — Mike Alecksynas N2JVE
Vice President — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD
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Yahoo Group
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RVWARS/>

RVWARS Meeting June 17, 2013

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President. N2JVE. Attendance 18.
- Secretary's report read. Motion to accept by KD2DMJ, seconded by WB2TCV, Carried.
- Treasurer's report Checking \$2091.32, Savings \$1011.29, Petty Cash, \$50.00, Total \$3152.61.
- **Repeater**
Some issues. Scratchies. Caused by RF? Receiver was swapped out. Will investigate.
- **Field Day**
Everything set. Will have back-up generator. N2NZD will supervise tower set up.
Discussion on overnight operations. Generators should be monitored so they do not run out of fuel. Discussion on rigs.
- **Old Business**
Antenna analyzer and jackets will be discussed in the fall.
- **New Business**
Picnic will be held August 18 at Claverack Town Park. Field Day will be held there also. Card from Mary Beth Watrous with \$100 donation. 10 years since WD2K's passing.
- Meeting closed at 7:31pm. Motion by WA2KLP, Seconded by KC2OGK. 50-50 drawing won by K9BSL.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J Cody, Secretary, RVWARS

Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, Inc. **Treasurers Report** **June 20, 2013**

Balance Fwd. Checking Acct \$1845.40

Repts: Dues	\$25.00
50/50	\$14.00
Raffle	\$270.00
Donation	\$100.00

Total \$409.00

Exp: NYSEG	\$53.01
Subway	\$21.60
Lowe's	\$80.97
ARRL	\$7.50

Total \$163.08

Checking Bal	\$2091.32
Petty Cash	\$50.00
Savings Acct Bal	\$1011.29

Total RVWARS monies \$3152.61



**I NEED IN-
PUT FROM
OUR
READERS!
THE
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TO GET
SMALLER
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TIME IN-
STEAD OF
BIGGER.**

[illegible]

Call Used: WD2K GOTA Station Call: K2RVW ARRL/RAC Section: ENY

Participants: 31 Club/Group Name: Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

Power Multiplier: 2X

100% Emergency power	300
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Media Publicity	100
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Set-up in Public Place	100
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Information Booth	100
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W1AW Field Day Message 100

Site Visit by invited elected official	100
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Site Visit by invited served agency official	100
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Youth participation	40
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Youth operators=2

Youth participants=3

GOTA Bonus	40
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Submitted via the Web 50

Total Bonus Points	1,030
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CW Digital Phone Total

Total QSOs	732	8	377
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Total Points 1464 16 377 1857 Claimed Score = 3,714

CW	Digital	Phone
QSOs Pwr(W)	QSOs Pwr(W)	QSOs Pwr(W)

160m

80m	95	100	168	100
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40m	118	100	6	30	72	100
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20m	333	100	2	30	67	100
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15m	180	100	35	100
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10m	6	100
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6m

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1.25

Other

Quick tellite

Satellite
GOT

GOTA	35	100	TOTAL
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Name/Call	QSOs	Bonus Points
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Karen Roby, (NONE)	20	40
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Nathan Campbell, (NONE)	6	0
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Nick Krizar, (NONE)	8	0
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Maryann Woods, (NONE)	1	0
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ANTENNA RAISING PARTY AT WB2FDK'S QTH

By: Carl J. Verderber WA2UJX
June 8, 2013

Rain, rain, rain and then it finally stopped on Saturday! Bob Owens WB2FDK was finally able to call a crew together to raise his new GAP Titan vertical HF antenna he had been assembling for weeks. WA2UJX Carl Verderber, KD2BQB Les Cagle and W1SWM Don Peterson arrived at 10:00 AM on Saturday June 8, 2013 to finalize the assembly and raise the 45 ft. ant on a 18 ft. pole attached to the eave of Bob's house.

The GAP Titan antenna is a vertical multi-band HF dipole that is simple in thought but complex in design. To be able to resonate on all HF bands (75 to 10 Meters) requires a number of resonators and parasitic elements attached at precise points to either the upper or lower dipole sections. Once in place atop the 15 foot pole Carl's antenna analyzer was used to verify the SWR and impedance within each band. From the upper half of 75 M to 29 Mhz all bands were under 2.1:1 SWR with most being below 1.5:1 SWR.

Bob drives the Titan and G5RV antennas with a Ten-Tec Argonaut (a 10 W QRP rig) into an HF "T" tuner. SSB is Bob's favorite mode and he wants to see if the vertical will be more effective for DX contacts.

It will take a number of operating hours to get the feel of the new vertical but I'm sure Bob will have a great experience using it. Good luck with the DX contacts Bob! END



Figure 1 L to R : Les KD2BQB, Don W1SWM, Bob WB2FDK



Figure 2 Carl WA2UJX with Les



Figure 3 A look at the 25 ft. long antenna



Figure 4 WA2UJX on roof with Titan



Figure 5 Bob WB2FDK tuning-in the Ten-Tec Argonaut



Figure 6 The end of a long morning for the crew at WB2FDK's QTH !



MUSING OF A CURMUDGEON



The repeater has been noticeably quiet the last couple months outside of drive time except when someone happens to bring up a controversial subject.

The regular chatter has disappeared and even that annoying group of DXers has been missing, there must be a reason. Sure it always gets a little quieter in summer but not silent as it has been many nights lately, I wonder what could be happening.

Could it be that we have all switched to the internet, could we be communicating by e-mail or do we have nothing to say or a combination of these factors?

That's hard to believe since certain topics bring folks out. Talk about antennas and we all have an opinion, mention restructuring licenses and bands and there is a crowd so the rigs are not turned off.

At the set times we become communicators again in but day in and day out we are becoming group of passive listeners waiting for someone else to begin a discussion.

Let's get on there and discuss the events of the day, politics, books, movies and the myriad of other things that interest us. We don't need to be socially correct all we need do is respect others and their opinions. If you have a great recipe tell us, if you think CW should be dropped say so, if books or music or cars are important to you talk about them.

There are others who share the same interests, still others that will disagree heartily but if it is done with respect we all learn and grow.

We are communicators let us begin to communicate before that ability becomes another of the lost arts.

Editors Note: The Curmudgeon is never wrong but will respect your opinion and get it in the next issue.

He can be reached at wd2k@capital.net, and the club packet BBS or on the repeater.

Dave Watrous, WD2K—10/98

Antique Radio Club of Schenectady Informal Meeting Notes of December 23, 2012

Meeting at St Rose College, 997 Madison Ave, Albany NY

14 Members were present who braved the cold 20 degree weather two days before Christmas.

Tailgate Highlights: 11:30 AM. Free Antique Radio Magazine. A large assortment of Radio and TV test equipment for sale a reasonable prices. Ex a VTVM and Substitution box was offered for \$7.

Formal Highlights: Dilemma with local vendors when procuring replacement parts resolved. Several crystal sets exhibited and their operation discussed. A brass variable capacitor was exhibited and questions were raised as to its application and use. A Crosby 8 radio was brought in by a new member who was seeking advice on rehabbing it. A radio listener gave us a trip down memory with an account of a program aired on Dec 7 retelling famous broadcasts of WW2. Trouble in disassembling a frozen knob and tuning sleeve was investigated on a Westinghouse H198. A bull horn was displayed. A member displayed a multiband radio in mint condition and told how it was purchased for \$10.

Events: Report on Dec 1, Antique Radio Club of Conn were favorable.

Tips: When installing a new component in place of an old one, just cut the leads of the old component and remove it. Take the new component, make a pig tail at each end and insert it over the old lead and solder. The trick is to get a nice tight pigtail. I used to try doing this with a soldering aid but the pigtail was not a tight fit and it did not give me a good "mechanical" fit before soldering. I approached a parts vendor for help and he recommend you use a paper clip as a "mandrel" to wrap the wire around. This idea worked.

Laments: Waiting for February when the Balston Spa mini sale comes.

Refreshments: Good comments on the eggnog, DD coffee and donuts.

Looking for: Found a Knob for Halicrafters S38E. Looking for a pair of 6SJ7s. Found Documentation on Westinghouse H-198. Found a National NC-98? Transformer.

Quote: "It's a great life, if you don't weaken" Edison

Next meeting: I believe January 27, 2013

Antique Radio club meetings 4th Sunday each month 11:30 AM, 998 Madison Ave, Albany NY, St Rose College Media Center

I only have a few of Daves columns left. It would be really neat to have someone take this column over. It makes great reading! PLEASE! There must be a curmudgeon out there!

Getting what you want is not nearly as important as giving what you have.

2013 Field Day Raffle Won by Preston, AC2DK

**Second Prize—ARRL Desktop Repeater Directory
Won by Don, W1SWM**







Items for sale de K2WG

- Two Decibel UHF base station antennas. 20 years old but have not been in use since 2002. Exact model no longer manufactured but similar to current model ASP-705K 10 dB gain, 450-470, 500 watts, N female connector. Asking \$250.00 each or \$400.00 for both.

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Phone: 392-5704

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Trade/Sale/In Search Of

I have some 'used condition' amateur rig's I purchased in the past 'new' eg. -1 Alinco DR-605 2/440 mtr fm dual band'r, 6 mtr fm mono band'r, 2 mtr fm mono band'r some 'cb' rig's (am), 1 is a ssb/am. These rig's either DO or Do Not function! Mostly all are easy/cheap 'radio repair' issues eg. internal 'fusing' maybe final or a digital led 'quirk' whatever! My Quest is to swap/trade (barter?) whatever it 'takes from my 'rig collection' to acquire a simple mono mode cw or better if (Lucky:-) cw/ssb 2 MTR rig. Not qrp but qrp 5w or better. This can be Any 'working' stable rig, transverter, completer kit rig, (the mfj-2mtr is an example). If Anyone is Interested in 'trade' or trade/cash 'barter' I am open ears. :-)
I've had much 2 mtr fun with fm now to go on with cw, and/or ssb. :-)-ke2eb George H. Call West Coxsackie, NY 518-731-9854 bubby-call@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

I sold many of the items from W2HFN's estate that I had for sale at the East Greenbush ARA hamfest May 11. I did not sell the antennas. The antennas are at my home.

For 2 meters: (I don't know much about this one.) A Cushcraft or Diamond brand vertical, which I think is five quarter wavelengths tall (the optimum height for low-angle radiation and, yes, it has gain over a half-wave dipole).

I'm thinking "\$75;" for now, that price is firm.

For 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10: Cushcraft R-7000. With detailed assembly/installation manual. \$250, firm for now.

This one's advertised description has changed: For 75/80 and all other HF bands: 132' of insulation-coated 450-ohm balanced line fed with 75'-100' of insulation-coated 75-ohm balanced line. Fraying at a few spots. \$65

Bob, W2XM, raffaele@nycap.rr.com

I have about 16 -120 volt pan cake fans plus protective guards if you know of any-one that needs one and 2-12volt 6watt.

10-- 10 watt fans----- \$4.00 @
1--12 watt-----\$5.00 @
3-- 20 watt-----\$5.00 @
2-14 watt-----\$5.00

\$5.00 for the 12 volt fans @

Contact Ron, WA2UYY

I have tons of Sams Photofacts here that were donated in memory of Ed Sawicky, WB2UEA. They are free or if you want to donate something to the Club that would be fine. There are 7 large heavy boxes of them. We need to get rid of them. They are too valuable to recycle.
Stan, WA2UET—392-4554

If your ad is no longer valid please let me know.

FOR SALE

For the news letter

Anyone interested in this package.

MFJ 962 tuner
Ten-Tek HF rig
Forty foot crank up tower
CDR rotor & cable
Coax cable
Tri Beam Ant

You have to take it down
Price total-----\$550.00

Wa2uyy
Ron Coons Sr.
518-945-3731

I have a new recently purchased in box, never used: KT 100 auto tuner. This tuner is for Kenwood 'newer' rig's via antenna connection.

I Would like to swap/exchange either or auto tuner with SO239 connectors, or else trade this tuner for a HT or mobile 2, or 2/440 FM rig of compatible cost. This KT-100 was \$199.99 s+h added. This antenna Tuner is Kenwood Only!

I purchased this tuner for a Kenwood TS440S..Not knowing it was not adaptable, for easy operation. I 'decided' I did not wish to pursue 're inventing' any other recourse in making tuner work for my TS440S. So.. I now wish to 'trade' this new KT-100 tuner, as it isn't 'needed' at this time for my personal usage. If this is acceptable for listing with our club rvwars, I'd like to recommend this item for possible 'trade/exchange' resource. thank you. vy 73!-ke2eb george call. 518-731-9854