



Happy  
Birthday

Ed-KC2RHW  
Miro-KC2YKN  
Kevin-KM2E

Our 2 meter repeater is working great! Please feel free to use it. Try the 449.925 but our 224.280 is temporarily off the air. No one uses the 450MHz or the 220MHz repeaters so we don't know the coverage. If you use them give us a report...

2011 dues are \$25.00 per individual \$30.00 for family \$5.00 for students and active Military are free.

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



On The Air  
Meeting  
July 18  
7:00 PM  
On the 147.210  
Repeater

# MEETING WILL BE ON THE AIR ON JULY 17 ON 147.210 AT 7:00 PM! JOIN US!

## Field Day Raffle

The winners of the FD Raffle are:  
The TV—Carl, WB2TCV  
The Repeater Directory—Tom,  
N2NZD

Thanks for a very successful Raffle,  
Stan, WA2UET

## TARA's Mr Bill

Mr Bill, NY2U, is improving, and is now in Troy at the Diamond Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Please send get well cards to the  
TARA PO Box:  
Troy Amateur Radio Association-N2TY  
PO Box 1292  
Troy, NY 12181

## NEW REPEATER

Hello, this is Dan KC2MZY. I put up a repeater in Sand Lake NY a while back @ 449.350 negative shift no tone. If the guys want to try it out that would be great and let me know how it works. I know it works good on the thruway and up north of here. It IDs W1GRM so don't think it is the wrong one. You can e-mail your comments to, [danfullthrottle@verizon.net](mailto:danfullthrottle@verizon.net)  
Thanks Dan 73s

## RVWARS WEB PAGE

The Web Page has been updated! We added some info on the main page to try to keep folks aware of events. Comments and suggestions are welcome. We will keep Dave Clappers design at least for now. Let me know what you think.

## KB2UUQ Donation to RVWARS

Frank Maloney, KB2UUQ, has made a very generous donation of amateur radio equipment to RVWARS, in memory of David Clapper, WA2FTI, who gave Frank, along with many others, his start in our hobby. This equipment includes:

- Radio Shack HTX-212 - 2 meter mobile radio
- Kenwood TM-G707 dual band mobile radio
- Alinco DJ-582 Dual Band HT
- Cherokee AH-50 6 Meter HT
- Radio Shack HTX-202
- 2 mag mount antennas.
- A 10 Amp power supply

The HTX-212 has been donated to Greene County ARES/RACES for their Go Box.

The Kenwood Dual Band will go into the Noecker66 club house for meetings and demonstrations etc. The HT's will be used as loaners.

We thank Frank for his generosity and for his unselfish tribute to David.

*If you tell the truth you  
don't have to remember  
anything.*

*Mark Twain*

## RVW WORK PARTY

If all goes as planned we will be needing a work party probably some time in July. Homeland is going to remove the tower at some point and I am not sure if we will be needed or wanted at that point. We will certainly need to disconnect antenna cables etc at the least.

## THANKS TO ALL

I would like to take the time to thank all the members that participated in this years field day event whether it was setting up or breaking down or just visiting or operating. I would like to thank Bob Turner WB2DUW for making arrangements to pick up our club tower, Len Sawicky WB2UEB, Tom Gutierrez N2NZD, for helping to get the tower for this year. I would also like to thank Carl Roby WB2TCV for the club generator and Barry Thompson WA2KLP for setting up the server for the logging program. I also would like to thank Peter Franklin NX2X, Norman Chapin KC2YKQ, Tim Chapin KC2YKR, Matt Chapin KC2YKP, Catherine Chapin KC2YKO and Carl Roby WB2TCV for pulling the over night shift, and last but not least all the members that came and visited or operated this years field day. Tom Cody WE2G, Dave Leavenworth WB2TGN and his wife Jan, Mike Alecksynas N2JVE, Patty Lensink KC2PWO, John Gabrielsen KC2AGM, Carl Verderber WA2UJX, Len Signoretti N2LEN and his son little Lenny, Shelly Evans AA2Y, George Schenpf KE2IV, John Noecker W2JSN, Chris Carlsen N2PBN, Dick Leavitt W2CSQ, Shawn Smith AB2H, Stan Engel WA2UET and the non hams Les and Brenda Cagle, Madison Gutierrez and Colin Brackett. This year was a fun year and I was honored to be field day chairman for the year.

Thanks to all of you it was fun. Until next year 73 and God Bless

Todd Brackett, KC2YKM  
Field day chairman

## HOMELAND TOWER PROJECT

We are still waiting. The lease agreement has been written and we are waiting to review that. The Construction Manager is searching for a shelter. They tell me to be patient, these things take time!



## Upcoming Events

### No ARES/RACES meeting in July

73,  
Tom, WE2G, DRO, Columbia County

**Monday, July 18 — 7:00 p.m.**

On the air meeting on 147.210 repeater. Tom WE2G will be control operator.

## 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

147.210 no PL tone  
449.925 no PL tone  
224.280— no tone and temporarily off line.

## Vital Statistics

President — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD  
Vice President — Mike Alecksynas N2JVE  
Secretary — Tom Cody WE2G  
Treasurer — Stan Engel WA2UET  
Historian — Stan Engel WA2UET  
Safety Officer — Stan Engel WA2UET  
Repeaters — 147.21 224.280 449.925  
Club Call — K2RVW  
Club Special Event Call—WD2K  
Web Page — <http://www.rvwars.com>  
NEWS E-mail — [wa2uet@taconic.net](mailto:wa2uet@taconic.net)  
Yahoo Group  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RVWARS/>

## RVWARS Meeting 6/20/2011

- Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by President. N2NZD. Attendance 25.
- Secretary's report read. Motion to accept by N2LEN, second by N2FN
- Treasurer's report Checking \$1154.84, Savings \$2010.65, Total \$3165.49.
- **ARES/RACES**

Columbia County RACES participated in hospital drill on May 25. WB2DUW, K2WG, WE2G, KC2OGK, KC2SAG, N2JVE and WT2C participated. It was successful, with 8 messages passed locally and 30 by all counties. WB2DUW has the report from the NCS.

Greene County- Emblem made by W4NYF. Len showed it. Members voted on it. One for members will say ARES/RACES. Members accepted it. Members will have 12" magnetic signs with emblem. Vests were chosen and members purchased them. They will make up t-shirts. Working on go-box using Stanley mobile toolbox. Members will donate equipment and the group will start the project on July 9 at Len's house. Two 12ah batteries are being donated. The 147.090 repeater will be repaired by the manufacturer since it's county owned. Len will provide antenna and feed line. The county will pay for installation. A UHF repeater will be installed at High Hill. Columbia County- Nothing in the works.

We went around the room for introductions.

- **Repeater**

Not much to report. Homeland Tower has written the lease agreement, but we have not received it yet. They are shopping for shelters. The intermod is no longer bothering the repeater and it's working quite well. Nothing is happening at the site.

- **Field Day**

Computer needs were discussed. Help is needed Saturday at 9:00am to pick up equipment from the county highway garage. WB2UEB's and the balun for the club's tribander antenna were discussed. We will run 3A with a GOTA station. N2NZD has a 50-1296 log periodic for use. KC2YKM got antennas etc. from K2WG. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers.

- **Old Business**

Vote to change Constitution and By-Laws. Motion to accept by AA2Y, second by N2JVE. **Adopted**

- **New Business**

Frank Maloney, KB2UUQ is donating equipment to RVWARS in memory of David, WA2FTI. There are 3 handhelds, a 2 meter mobile rig and a dual band mobile. WE2G proposed giving a mobile rig to Greene County ARES/RACES, seconded by N2JVE. **Approved.** Len thanked RVWARS for the donation.

July and August meetings will be held on the air at 7:00pm on 147.210.

We should have a space in the new 911 office if changes are made there.

There will be no Columbia County ARES/RACES meeting July 4 due to the holiday.

Club picnic will be August 14 at the Claverack Town Park beginning around 11am.

VE session 2 Generals and 2 Techs.

- Adjourned 7:29pm
- 50-50 drawn

Respectfully Submitted,

WE2G, Secretary

**The below changes to the By-Laws have been voted on and changed. View entire document on page 8.**

#### 4. Dues. The Dues Structure is:

- A. Single Member, \$25 per year.
- B. Family Membership, \$30 per year.
- C. Student Member, \$5 per year until he/she graduates.

**D. Any unlicensed member of a RVWARS sponsored License Class who successfully passes the VE exam shall be awarded a free membership in RVWARS for the balance of the current year.**

**E. Membership is from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining the club after July 1 of the current year will be charged ½ year's dues for the current year.**

**F. Dues for active members of the military are free.**

## SWAP AND SHOP NET

Will resume on Saturdays starting October 1, 2011 at 8:00 PM on the 147.150 repeater. Todd, KC2YKM will be net control.





June 20 club meeting

### Q-Signals for Baby Boomers Jim Key (NT2F) on June 2, 2011

The article by W2NLS made me realize there is indeed a need for Q-Signals to address the special interest of the aging Baby Boomer Ham (including myself). I'm sure this has been done before but perhaps there is something useful here. No offense is intended, just an opportunity for us Old Timers to smile at ourselves.

- QAR:** Is your arthritis acting up today? My arthritis is acting up today.  
**QBP:** How many bypasses (or stints) do you have? I have \_\_\_ bypasses (or stints).  
**QDF:** Does (or did) your ICD (implantable cardioverter-defibrillator) zap you when you key down? My ICD zaps (zapped) me when I key down.  
**QDN:** Are you wearing dentures? I am wearing dentures.  
**QGC:** How many grandchildren do you have (or do you have a new grandchild)? I have \_\_\_ grandchildren (or I have a new grandchild).  
**QGM:** Are you operating golf cart mobile? I am operating golf cart mobile.  
**QID:** What kind of incontinent diapers do you use? I use \_\_\_ diapers for incontinence.  
**QJR:** How many joint replacements have you had? I have had \_\_\_ joint replacements.  
**QLO:** Do you know what LOL (or IMHO, ROFL, etc.) stands for? \_\_\_ stands for \_\_\_\_.  
**QLW:** Do you watch Lawrence Welk reruns? I watch Lawrence Welk reruns.  
**QMD:** Who is your geriatric physician? My geriatric physician is \_\_\_\_.  
**QOT:** Are you an Old Timer and were you licensed before no-code licensing? I am an Old Timer and I was licensed before no-code licensing.  
**QPA:** What is your PSA level (or have you had your PSA level checked)? My PSA level is \_\_\_\_.  
**QPG:** Was that QRM or did you just pass gas? No, that was QRM.  
**QPJ:** Do you drink prune juice? I drink prune juice.  
**QPM:** Did you just pull a muscle? I think I just pulled a muscle.  
**QPP:** Do you need to take a bio-break? I need to take a bio-break.  
**QRX:** What medications are you taking? I am taking the following medications \_\_\_\_.  
**QSS:** Have you gotten your social security check? I have received my social security check.  
**QVC:** Do you know how to program your VCR? I can program my VCR.  
**QWH:** Do you think Betty White is hot? I think Betty White is hot.

Member Comments:  
Add A Comment

Q-Signals for Baby Boomers Reply  
 by WX7K on June 2, 2011 Mail this to a friend!  
 Ouch!!!! Some of those hit pretty close to home. But there are a few more I can think of:

- QON:** Do you remember your own name without looking? I remember my own name without looking.  
**QWS:** Who sent last? I think I sent last.  
**QPP:** Do you need to change your Depends? I need to change my Depends.  
**QFA:** Are you asleep - do I need to resend? I fell asleep, please resend.  
**QCS:** Is \_\_\_ your call or mine? \_\_\_ is your call.  
**QPC:** Are you power chair mobile? I am power chair mobile.  
**QAS:** Are you in assisted living? I am in assisted living.  
**QWK:** Are you living with your kids? I am living with my kids.

There are many more, but that is enough for now. And yes, I am in my 60s so I am poking fun at myself too.

73 QPP :)  
 Newell

## TOM'S "AHA" MOMENTS!

I've recently had several "aha" moments, and one of those revolves around our group.

On the afternoon of June 17, a severe thunderstorm came through the area. My rigs were unplugged and the antennas were disconnected. There was a direct lightning strike at my residence, which took my answering machine out. After the storm passed, I plugged the rigs back into the AC outlets and hooked the antennas up. I flipped the switches on my Icom IC-746 PRO. I heard a crackling noise, then saw smoke and then fire coming from the back of the rig. I quickly unplugged the power supply then put the fire out.

One of the perks of being the secretary of RVWARS is that I maintain the e-mail list, so I can send out mass e-mails.

After the smoke cleared and my heart rate came back down below 200, I decided to put out a mass e-mail asking for assistance with the rig.

Lenny, N2LEN, Stan, WA2UET and Jules, K2KGJ all offered to look at it. Since Lenny was first, I took the rig to him at his place of employment. (Thanks Len, WB2UEB, and sorry about the smell of burnt electronics). I was also offered the use of rigs by John, KC2AGM and Claude, WT2C, and given plenty of advice and encouragement by many others.

Lenny kept me up to date on what he was doing with the rig, and at Field Day, he informed me that he felt the rig was DOA, and that we should switch to Plan B, which would be to sell the rig. He had a buyer, who was willing to pay a more than fair price for it. My jaw dropped to the floor when Lenny called me at 9:00pm June 28, to let me know that the rig was working. He had replaced a filter board and had to trace other boards very closely to find the other problems. He also did a lot of work on the power supply, using parts he had. He also had to clean all of the areas that were charred by the fire. He then brought the rig back to me at 10:00pm. I fired it up and it's working nicely.

The point of my rambling is that amateur radio and RVWARS are an extended family and we shouldn't be afraid to reach out when assistance is needed or to help when someone else needs assistance. I have been aided and encouraged by many Hams in my years in our hobby, both in radio and personal matters and I hope I did thank all of them.

Please use the tools we have, the RVWARS Yahoo Group or me to get word out that help is needed.

We all have our own personalities and like with any family, we have our spats and disagreements, but in the final analysis, we are here to help each other, and I feel very blessed that I am part of RVWARS and Amateur Radio.

73,  
 Tom, WE2G

## Customizing Boat Anchors

By: Carl J. Verderber  
WA2UJX  
May 29, 2011

We have heard of Hot Rod Autos, custom Motorcycles, and even Body Modifications. Autos and Motorcycles can be changed and tailored to the owner's unique color and design preferences. Body Modification usually means punching holes in the skin and adding piercings or "metal". Tattoos also change the way one looks to reflect their preferences. Amateur Radio Operators sometimes have similar goals.

Many Boat Anchor owners will want to "improve" the audio response of receivers and transmitters by customizing the circuit designs. These modifications can be done by the Operator or modifications can be performed by professionals who offer impressive alternative design changes. Audio, power output, receiver sensitivity/selectivity and ALC response (to name a few) are among dozens of performance enhancing modifications that can be offered for transmitters and receivers. Modification of the appearance of a Boat Anchor is more rare to find.

Wouldn't it be neat to see a Heathkit Apache's case painted purple with bright yellow knobs or a Johnson Valiant with a paint scheme like: pink case, orange face plate and blue knobs (I kind of like that one). Mostly, operators don't go that far and will have the cases and face plates re-painted to reflect the original factory design elements.

I thought you might like to see the Hammarlund SP-600 receiver that is used daily at WA2UJX station. It was modified by a previ-

ous owner with a polished aluminum face plate. Although the circuits are stock the appearance gives the receiver a perceived improvement in performance. Com-



pare the two photos of a stock grey painted SP-600 (sorry for the poor condition) and the appearance of the polished face radio - the Military look vs the custom look.

Whether changing circuit designs or visual modifications, "customizing" a Boat Anchor should be left to the pleasure of



the operator's interpretation of improvement. I would never have polished an SP-600 myself but I'm glad the previous owner did - I enjoy his custom receiver as much as he did. END

## GCARC News

Hello Stan, Hello Rippers.....The Greene County Amateur Radio Club Held it's field day at the home of WT2C with 6 club members operating, although we did not make hundreds of contacts, we had a lot of fun. We worked 80, 40, 20 and some 10 meters. There was allot of food and a lot of pranks and laughter. Members attending were WT2C, WA2MKY, AC2DK, KC2YBK, KC2VUG, KC2USW and a stop in by KC2MZY. We missed KB2SOJ he was ill and could not attend the field day event, however due to his generosity the club had plenty of wire, cable and connectors to make our field day the success that the club feels that it was. The Greene County Amateur Radio Club would like to thank WA2UET for his help in "club building" and we would like to thank The Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society for allowing us to use your repeater for our club nets Thank you.

73 to all .....KC2USW

### My entire station is for sale

1. Yaesu FT-2900 2 Meter FM with Larson 5/8 Wave magmount and coax.
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**New Online Introductory Emergency Communications Course Now Available**

Registration is now open for the new online Introduction to Emergency Communications course (EC-001). Course information, including a description, pre-requisites and instructions on how to register are available on the ARRL website. Slots are still available for the section beginning Friday, July 29; the registration deadline is Sunday, July 17.

The new Introduction to Emergency Communications course includes updated content from the previous Basic Emergency Communications Level 1 course, as well as some content previously included in the former Level 2 course. The EmComm training program has been restructured to offer two courses: This enhanced basic course for EmComm volunteers who want to serve as part of an ARES® response team and the management course -- Public Service and Emergency Communication Management for Radio Amateurs (EC-016, also available on the ARRL website) -- for those who are serving in ARES® leadership and management roles.

ARRL Education Services Manager Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, explained that she is also looking for qualified volunteers to provide support as Mentors for the course, as well as Field Instructors who want to lead classroom sessions to instruct the course material.

“A Mentor is someone dedicated to helping other amateurs expand their knowledge and skill in Emergency Communications and other technical subjects important to the amateur community,” Johnson said. “Mentors are also expected to keep themselves current with the course material as it is updated over time, but this doesn’t mean that you have to be an expert. When a student asks a question, you can look up the answer in your own course material or ask for assistance from other mentors to make sure you’re delivering the right answer. Teachers have known for years that the best way to learn something is to teach it. Mentoring is the next best thing since you get questions about the material you may never have thought about. Mentoring is sure to stretch your knowledge in ways you never expected.”

Johnson explained that Field Instructors should explain how the content of the course fits with the kinds of emergency responses that might be used in the local community. "Instructors should familiarize the students with the emergency responders in the community, include practice activities to illustrate the course content and adapt the activities to your local situation to make them as practical and relevant as possible," she said. "The purpose of the instruction is to assure that students comprehend the lesson material which has been developed to provide a common foundation of knowledge for effective participation in an emergency response. The objective is for students to gain practical knowledge as well as hands-on experience, essential -- and crucial -- to being prepared for local activation."

ARRL members who register for online courses will receive a substantial discount on the enrollment fee.

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FRANKLIN**

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**tcody@mhccable.com**

## 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 qrpp 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

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## N2LEN Repeaters

## The N2LEN Repeater Network:

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442.050 114.8hz Sam's Point, NY 2200'

## Yahoo Groups

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/N2LENREPEATER/>

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**Contact Mike at (518)784-3864 and leave message  
(SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY) Thank You**





# Constitution and By-Laws of the Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

As Amended June 20, 2011

Reprinted June 20, 2011

## Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves as The Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, Inc. and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio.

## Membership: Article I

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws.

## Officers: Article II

Sec. 1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Safety Officer.

Sec. 2. The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of Two years by ballot of the members present, at the meeting in January.

Sec. 3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Sec. 4. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

## Duties of Officers: Article III

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail or email written meeting notices to each member. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee). At regular meetings he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Sec. 5. The Historian shall keep all past records, photographs, newspaper clippings, etc. that pertain to the club and its activities and archive them in such a way that the ongoing history of the club can be made available to those interested in researching it. At the

end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Sec. 6. The Safety Officer shall develop and implement on-site safety rules and procedures based mainly on common sense, conduct on-site investigations of accidents or incidents regardless of severity and prepare a report and recommendations for necessary changes, monitor and inspect any equipment that could be hazardous and make sure that no one uses any equipment considered unsafe, and attend any club activities where there are any safety issues. At the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

## Meetings: Article IV

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings.

## Dues: Article V

The club, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of such dues or assessments may be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

## Membership Assistance: Article VI

The club, through designated Interference, Public Relations, and Operating Committees will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

## Amendments: Article VII

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by Email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting. And by regular mail for those that do not have email capabilities.

Roberts Rules shall govern proceedings.

This Constitution and By-Laws shall supersede and replace any other Constitution and By-Laws drawn up at an earlier date.

## By-Laws:

**1. Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.

**2. Membership.** Full membership is open to licensed amateurs with their dues paid for the current year. Associate membership is open to those actively engaged in a class leading to an Amateur Radio license and all other interested persons. Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers. Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for club officers. Applications for membership

shall be submitted at regular meetings.

## 3. Meetings.

A. Regular meetings shall be held on the third (3rd) Monday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

B. The Election of Officers and the annual Corporate Meeting shall take place on the third (3rd) Monday of January concurrent with the regular meeting.

## 4. Dues.

The Dues Structure is:

A. Single Member, \$25 per year.

B. Family Membership, \$30 per year.

C. Student Member, \$5 per year until he/she graduates.

D. Any unlicensed member of a RVWARS sponsored License Class who successfully passes the VE exam shall be awarded a free membership in RVWARS for the balance of the current year.

E. Membership is from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining the club after July 1 of the current year will be charged ½ year's dues for the current year.

F. Dues for active members of the military are free.

**5. Technical Committee.** This committee shall consist of members appointed by the club President. This will be a technical support group for helping club members deal with problems that they might not fully understand or have the necessary test equipment to correct the problem.

**6. Repeater Committee.** This committee shall consist of members appointed by the club President. The committee is responsible for maintaining the repeaters and associated equipment located at the repeater site.

**7. Education committee.** This committee shall consist of members appointed by the club President. The committee is responsible for scheduling and teaching the club sponsored classes.

**8. Other committees.** Other committees may be appointed by the club President as the need arises.

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