



## Happy Birthday

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Jackie-KA2GAD  
Todd-KC2YKM  
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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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

A graphic of a spiral-bound calendar showing a grid for the month of November.

**Meeting  
November  
21  
7:00 PM  
At the  
Noecker66 Club  
House in  
Hudson.**

# NOVEMBER MEETING NOECKER66 CLUB HOUSE

## 11/21/2011

Hope to see everybody there!

**If you don't know where  
you're going how do you  
expect to get there ?**

**TARA's Mr Bill-SK**

### 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.

[www.rvwars.com](http://www.rvwars.com)

### HOMELAND TOWER PROJECT

The antennas arrived this week and we were back on the air on Thursday. The crews worked in a hard rain making the connections on all of the antennas. All of the repeaters were on the air by the weekend. I have had good reports about the 2 meter repeater. The 450 repeater seems to be a bit down in the dumps. We will work on that. I think the audio needs some adjusting as well. I need to get a pair of good ears up at the site with me sometime and we can work on that. All of the ground work is done. We have a nice step poured in front of the door and stone all around it. Our site looks really nice. All that is left for the tower crews is some ground kits and painting our cables going up the tower. And turn the yagi more to the north. We still have to install the weather antenna and a link antenna. The link antenna was donated by Charles Coons, WB2CAC. THANKS!!!

All are welcome to drive up to the site and look around, if you want to go in the shelter let me know and we can make arrangements.

### RVW WORK PARTY

Thanks Len, WB2UEB and Carl, WB2TCV and Jim, KC2OGK for their help with the installation and cleanup of the repeater site. It is looking good until next spring when we might want to put some finishing touches on the area.

### What is the NTS?

The National Traffic System (NTS) is a structure that allows for rapid movement of message traffic from origin to destination and training amateur operators to handle written traffic and participate in directed nets. These two objectives are the underlying foundations of the NTS. It's a system that operates daily, even continuously with advanced digital links.

The NTS consists of operators who usually participate for one or two periods a week, and some who are active daily. The National Traffic System is an organized effort to handle traffic in accordance with a plan that is easily understood, and employs modern methods of network traffic handling.

NTS is not intended as a deterrent or competition for the many independently-organized traffic networks. When necessitated by overload or lack of outlet for traffic, the facilities of such networks can function as alternate traffic routings where this is indicated in the best interest of efficient message relay and/or delivery.

One of the most important features of NTS is the system concept. No NTS net is an independent entity that can conduct its activities without concern for or consideration of other NTS nets. Each net performs its function and only its function in the overall organization. If nets fail to perform their functions or perform functions intended for other nets, the overall system may be adversely affected. Nets may sometimes find it necessary to adopt temporary measures to ensure the movement of traffic, however. - ARRL Public Service Communications Manual

The best way to get to know the National Traffic System is to hook up with a local NTS traffic net in your area where messages (Radiograms) are entered and others are accepted for delivery by mail or phone. Local clubs, repeater groups, and ARES operators are all good sources for local info on NTS activity. -- K1CE



### *Upcoming Events*

**ARES/RACES Meeting**  
**first Monday of the month**  
**WB2DUW-RO**  
**N2NZD-EC**

**RVWARS Meeting**  
**Monday November 21**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Noecker66 Clubhouse, Rt 66  
& Graham Avenue, Hudson

### *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 — Tom Gutierrez N2NZD  
Vice President — Mike Alecksynas N2JVE  
Secretary — Tom Cody WE2G  
Treasurer — Stan Engel WA2UET  
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Club Special Event Call—WD2K  
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NEWS E-mail — [wa2uet@taconic.net](mailto:wa2uet@taconic.net)  
Yahoo Group  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RVWARS/>

## **RVWARS Meeting 10/17/2011**

- Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by President. N2NZD. Attendance 20.
- No Secretary's report
- Treasurer's report Checking \$483.70, Savings \$1011.12, Petty Cash \$50.00 Total \$1544.82.
- **ARES/RACES**  
No Report
- **Repeater**  
Antennas should be up by the weekend. As soon as Verizon's antennas are up, ours will go up. Stan brought photo of the shack.
- **Old Business**  
None
- **New Business**  
Shelly read Newsweek article about executioners, which included Dow, WA2QQY, who was a member of RVWARS.  
Chairman needed for nominating committee. Carl, WB2TCV, volunteered if nobody else took it.
- Adjourned 7:20pm Motion by WB2TCV, seconded by N2FN.
- 50-50 drawn, won by WA2UET.

Respectfully Submitted,

WE2G, Secretary

### **The below changes to the By-Laws have been voted on and changed.**

- 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.

### ***I NEED NEWS!***

Have a story to share? An experience to relate? Some gear to review? Some gear to sell. A technical tip to dispense? Write it up, add a couple of appropriate photographs and send them off to *Rip's Report* [wa2uet@taconic.net](mailto:wa2uet@taconic.net). Hams throughout the Columbia-Greene area will thank you, and so will the Editor!

I am not able to produce a quality newsletter on my own! I NEED your help! I am sorry for the repetitive content, I am trying to fill some space.





**IT IS BETTER TO STAY  
SILENT AND BE THOUGHT  
A FOOL, THAN TO OPEN  
ONE'S MOUTH AND RE-  
MOVE ALL DOUBT.**

## 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 qrq 5w or better. This can be Any 'working' stable rig, transverter, completer kit rig, (the mxfj-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 Cocksackie, NY 518-731-9854      bub-bycall@yahoo.com

Reminder from: TARA-N2TY Yahoo!  
Group

Title: T.N.T. TRADER NET

Date: Thursday September 29, 2011

Time: 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Repeats: This event repeats every week.

Next reminder: The next reminder for this event will be sent in 1 day, 12 hours, 4 minutes.

Location: TARA REPEATER SYSTEM:  
145.17/R & 447.075/R

Notes: This is a reminder for our weekly TARA - T.N.T. Trader Net which dedicated towards buying, selling or trading your amateur related items. All are welcome to come join us at 9:00 PM on the TARA repeater system 145.17/R & 447.075/R, plus Echolink #1774 or IRLP #4151.

Get reminders on your mobile, Yahoo!  
Messenger, and email.  
[Edit reminder options](#)

I have about 16 -120 volt pan cake fans plus protective guards if you know of anyone 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  
wa2uyy@aol.com

## SWAP AND SHOP NET

The 2 meter Swap n Shop net will return on Sat Oct 1 at 8 pm on the N2LEN repeater 147.150 and 449.025 with pl 114.8 . Net control will be Todd KC2YKM. This is a good time to sell some used gear or maybe find something that you have been looking for. Join Todd on Oct 1 at 8 pm on the net.

**See photos and past  
Newsletters and much  
much more club  
information at:  
[www.w2jsn.com](http://www.w2jsn.com)**

## N2LEN Repeaters

## The N2LEN Repeater Network:

147.150 114.8hz East Windham, NY  
449.025 114.8hz New Baltimore, NY  
448.275 114.8hz Colonel's Chair Ridge  
442.050 114.8hz Sam's Point, NY 2200'

## Yahoo Groups

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

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

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/  
GCNYARESACES/  
Echolink Node #6269  
IRLP Node #4207

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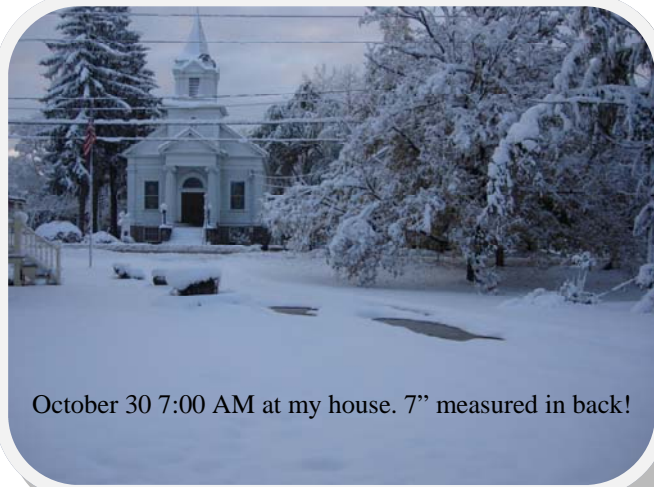
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 Charges 12VDC Vehicle Batteries  
 1 Pull to start (sorry no starter)

1 hour of break in time and about 2 hours of run time

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



October 30 7:00 AM at my house. 7" measured in back!



10/25/2011

**A PEEK INSIDE THE SHELTER**



10/26/2011

**OUR ANTENNAS FINALLY BEING INSTALLED!**



10/28/2011

**ALL DONE OUTSIDE!**



# How far will you go to stay on 160 meters?

By: Carl J. Verderber WA2UJX

The October 29<sup>th</sup> 2011 snow storm has passed but it left the WA2UJX QTH in a mess. A 90 foot Red Oak, tall and slender, happened to fall across the 160 meter antenna and bring it down to the ground. Sunday was dedicated to the repair of that antenna.

A description of the antenna: The antenna is a flat top stretched across my pond between two trees 380 feet apart. The center of the antenna is held up by lanyards strung through the tops of two trees about 70 feet apart. The four trees held their ground throughout the storm so all I needed to do was repair the antenna at its center. Fortunately I was able to maneuver my dingy in the pond to reach the center and affect repairs.

Mid-winter repairs are easy because I can walk on the ice but this repair was certainly different!

END

