

Auction & Meeting March 15

It's not to late to join the Tech Class!

Happy
Birthday

Bob-KC2RHZ
Lou-KD2MU
Cliff-N2FN
Mike-N2JVE

Paul-N2PEN
Alex-N2UAO
Len-WB2UEB

Our repeaters are working great! Please feel free to use them. Try the 449.925 and if you have the capabilities try 224.280. No one uses the 450MHz or the 220MHz repeaters so we don't know the coverage. If you use them give us a report...

2010 dues are \$25.00 per individual \$30.00 for family \$5.00 for students and active Military are free.

**PLEASE pay your
2010 dues!**

Mail to:
Stan Engel, WA2UET
PO Box 153
Ghent, NY 12075

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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 Echo-Link (K2RVW-R) if need be.

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**



**Meeting
MAR 15
7:00 PM
Noecker66
"Club House"
Talk-in 147.21**



Tech Classes Get Under Way

The Technician License class is getting under way on Tuesday nights. The Course is 10 weeks long with a VE Session set for early May.

A snow storm curtailed the first night's class, but 7 hearty souls made it to the Noecker Clubhouse. They, and we hope, many more will show up for the following week's class.

Dave, WA2FTI, is the chief instructor and with the help of several RVWARS members (Elmers) will lead the students to a successful completion of the class and a Technician's Ham License.



Club Constitution Up for Amendment

The RVWARS, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws is up for amendment to change the date of the bi-annual election. The election had originally been held in October but when the fiscal year was moved to end in December the elections were changed to December also. This proved to be a mistake as the Annual Goodie Fest party was held at the same time. The amendment would move the election to January.

The Constitution and By-Laws are printed on pages 5, 6 & 7. Changes are printed in red.

WA2UET Elected as Club Safety Officer

Stan Engel, WA2UET, was elected RVWARS Safety Officer at a Special Election at the February RVWARS meeting.

Stan wears many hats in the club: he is Treasurer, Historian, and Safety Officer. Beyond that he also oversees the food for the Meetings, sends out the RVWARS Roster, and probably a dozen more duties we aren't aware of.

Thanks Stan!



Field Day Raffle

RVWARS is going to have a Raffle for Field Day 2010! First prize will be the FT-1900 2M 55W MOBILE with MH48A6J MIC. 2nd prize will be an ARRL Repeater Handbook. Drawing will be Saturday June 26 at noon at Field Day. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are \$3.00 each. They will be available at the meetings and Field Day before noon or by mail. See Page 8 for more details.



Meeting Minutes To be Published

It was decided by a vote of the members present at the February Meeting that the Minutes of the RVWARS meetings be published in *Rip's Report*.

The Minutes may be found on page 4 of this issue.

Annual Auction On March 15th

The RVWARS club auction will be held during the regular meeting on March 15th. Club



members from our club as well as neighboring clubs are urged to attend to both buy and sell good working ham

radio equipment. Students from the current Tech. Class are also invited to attend the auction as they will soon be needing HF rigs as well as VHF/UHF rigs.

The 7:00 p.m. meeting and auction will be held at the RVWARS "Clubhouse," Noecker's auto dealership, at the corner of Rt. 66 and Graham Avenue, Hudson.

As in past years, Shelly AA2Y and Wayne K2WG will be the auctioneers. Both have requested that the "junk box" be left at home in the garage or attic and only actual Ham radio rigs and accessories be brought to the auction. In years' past, many "boxes o' stuff" unrelated to ham radio have been offered without any takers.

Stop at the head table and register with Stan WA2UET who will issue identification tags for auction items.

The club gets 10%, up to a maximum of \$25, per item sold at the auction. Remember, this is a major funding event for the Club.



Upcoming Events

Monday, March 1 — 7:00 p.m.
ARES/RACES Meeting
Columbia County EOC.
Hudson-Greenport

Monday, March 15 - 7:00 p.m.
RVWARS Meeting
ANNUAL AUCTION!!!
Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 &
Graham Ave. Hudson

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-9:00
Technician License Class
Noecker Clubhouse, Rt. 66 &
Graham Ave. Hudson

RVWARS Weekly Nets

Tuesday — 7:00 p.m.
Informal Roundtable Net. 147.21
Repeater

3rd Thursday — 8:00 p.m.
ARES/RACES Emergency
Training Net: 147.21 Repeater

Thursday — 9:00 p.m.
TNT Trader Net, 145.17 &
444.075MHz (with 127.3Hz PL
on BOTH input & output)

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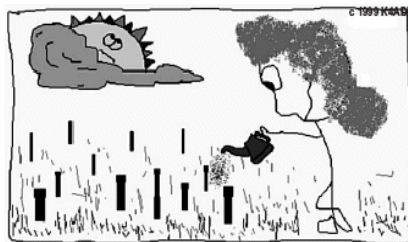
VITAL STATISTICS

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
Newsletter — David Clapper WA2FTI
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Repeaters — 147.21 224.280 449.925
Club Call — Kilo 2 Rip Van Winkle
Web Page — <http://www.rvwars.com>

Injured Colorado Skier Uses Amateur Radio to Summon Help

When Steve Priem, NØYIV, of Boulder, Colorado, decided to go backcountry skiing near Yankee Doodle Lake in the Guinn Mountain area of Colorado's Roosevelt National Forest on Friday, February 19, the 60 year old ham made sure he was well prepared: Not only did he take along a rescue whistle, he made sure his handheld transceiver was fully charged and in his pack.

It's a good thing he did: When Priem was injured while skiing, he used his radio to summon help. According to ARRL Colorado Section Manager Jeff Ryan, KØRM, a ham more than 100 miles away in Colorado Springs answered Priem's call for help and called 911. Priem was able to provide GPS coordinates for his position.



The Rubber Ducky Antenna Farm

Stan's Still Looking



**For
Your
Dues!**

(2010 Dues are Due!)

W1AW: New Schedule for Digital Bulletins

The ARRL says that beginning Monday, March 15th its W1AW digital bulletin transmissions will alternate the modes used. While Baudot, PSK31 and MFSK16 still make up the digital mode complement, Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, says that the schedule will be altered to give more exposure to PSK31 and MFSK16.

The digital bulletin times remain at 6 and 9 p.m. daily Eastern Time.

Frequencies are 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095 and 147.555 MHz.

Einstein On Radio

"I am often asked how radio works. Well, you see, wire telegraphy is like a very long cat. You yank his tail in New York and he meows in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? Now, radio is exactly the same, except that there is no cat."

Attributed to Albert Einstein

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FROM QST...

2009 Sees Surge of New Amateur Radio Licensees

This past year was a banner year for new Amateur Radio Licensees, according to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, the FCC issued more than 30,000 new ham radio licenses.

A total of 30,144 new licenses were granted in 2009, an increase of almost 7.5% from 2008.

Currently there are 682,500 licensed Amateur Radio operators in the U.S., an almost 3% rise over 2008. Broken down by license class, at the end of 2009 there were 17,084 Novices, 334,245 Technicians, 140,970 Generals, 60,795 Advanced and 119,403 Extra licenses.

NEW FCC LICENSES					
ISSUED 2005 THROUGH 2009					
Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	876	1,274	1,647	1,755	1,960
Feb	1,357	1,605	2,435	2,998	2,263
Mar	1,705	2,531	3,478	2,816	3,463
Apr	1,486	1,728	2,673	3,090	3,430
May	1,651	2,283	2,607	2,562	2,717
Jun	1,493	1,967	2,281	2,402	3,011
Jul	906	1,401	1,786	2,077	2,220
Aug	1,500	1,623	2,183	2,084	2,102
Sep	1,139	1,357	1,462	1,763	2,116
Oct	1,385	1,781	2,109	2,303	2,404
Nov	1,540	1,993	2,132	2,197	2,344
Dec	1,330	1,569	1,935	2,019	2,114
Totals	16,368	21,112	26,728	28,066	30,144



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The Annual
RVWARS
March

Auction

March 15,
2010

at the
CLUBHOUSE

(Noecker's)

Corner of Graham & Route 66
Hudson

7:00 pm

Bring your Good Used Ham
Gear

for Auction!

(NO JUNK PLEASE!)

Buy a Rig

or Antenna

for your Ham Shack!

Good Opportunity for

NEW HAMS

to find Equipment!

Refreshments Served!

50/50



SEE
YOU
THERE

SECRETARY'S MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING



RVWARS Meeting — February 15, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by President. N2NZD. Attendance 24.

Secretary's report read. Motion to accept by WA2FTI, second by KC2SAG

Treasurer's report Checking \$1653.79, Savings \$2008.93, Total \$3662.72. Total \$3662.72

Mike, N2JVE, thanked the club for the contribution to the DAV, in memory of his father.

Committees:

Education

WA2FTI reported that preparations for upcoming class are complete. Books have been received. Will give books to students, since the Technician Question Pool will change on July 1. He would like people who were involved with class in the past to attend and Elmer students. WA2KCU will teach code. W2JSN reports there is a lot of interest.

Repeater

No access to repeater site. Repeater is working all right.

ARES/RACES

N2SQW will give talk at CMH about new FCC regulations on emergency drills.

SKYWARN training will be taught at the May 17 meeting

MS Walk at Lake Taghkanic May 2

Greene County. All quiet on the Western Front.

New Business:

Proposal to change date of election of officers will be brought up at future meeting.

N2SQW reports that the 147.09 repeater receiver is not working properly. Greene County sent it out for repair. It came back still not working properly. Was sent out again. Pending.

Special election for Safety Officer. WA2UET nominated by N2JVE, seconded by N2SQW. No other nominations. Motion for secretary to cast one ballot by N2JVE, seconded by KC2OGK carried.

Claverack Town Park has been reserved for Field Day. Do we want to reserve for August picnic?

Raffle for Field Day. Suggest Yaesu FT 1900 and mag mount antenna.

Linking repeaters. WA2UET will get estimates.

Auction will be next month.

50-50 won by KC2AGM. Donated to club.

Adjourned

7:32. Motion by N2JVE, second KC2OGK

Respectfully Submitted,

WE2G, Secretary



Proposals are highlighted in **RED** in Article II Sec.2. and in By-Laws 3.b.
They will be submitted at the March meeting and voted upon at the April meeting.

Constitution and By-Laws
of the
Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, Inc.
As Amended December 20, 2007
Reprinted 12/2009

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 **December**. *** **PROPOSE TO CHANGE TO 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 calendar 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. ***Election of officers shall take place at the December meeting.***
***** Propose deletion as this is covered in Article II, Sec 2. *****

4. 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 one year membership in RVWARS for the balance of the current year and the following year.

E. New members joining the club after April 1st will be consider paid up for the balance of the current year and the following year. Membership is from January 1st to December 31st. Members that pay dues after April 1st will be paying for the following year and will not have full membership privileges 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.

Field Day Raffle

**First Prize: Yaesu FT-1900
2M 55W MOBILE with MH48A6J MIC**



Second Prize: ARRL Repeater Handbook

Drawing will be Saturday June 26 at noon. Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$3.00 each

Tickets will be available at the meetings and Field Day before noon or by mail.

Make checks payable to RVWARS c/o Stan Engel, Treasurer, PO Box 153, Ghent, NY 12075.

A SASE would be appreciated (not necessary) if you want the stubs.

150 tickets to be printed.