

# Sparks from the Spa



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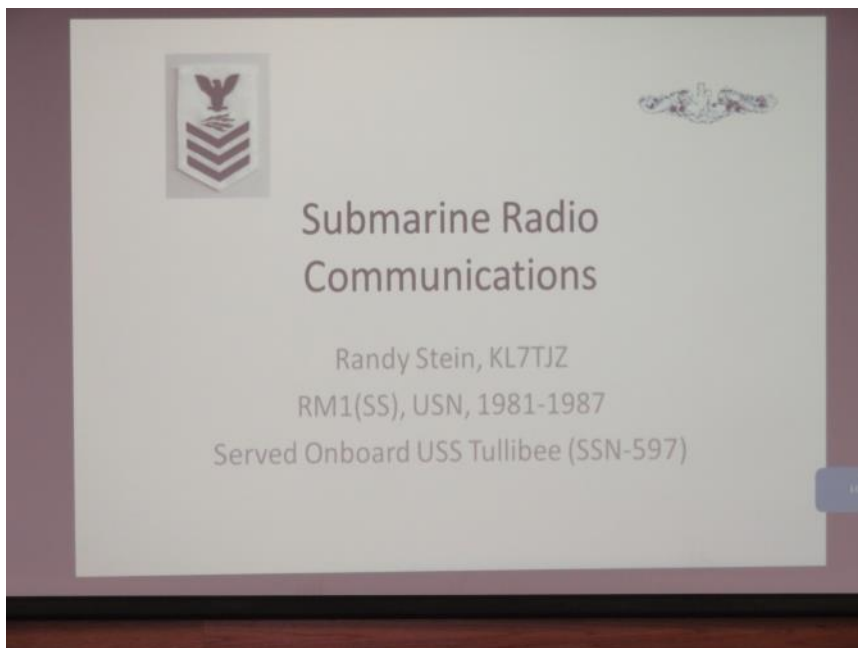
## October general meeting

Randy, KL7TJZ, a member of the Silent Service, was our October 8 speaker.

Randy retired from the military a while ago, but while he was active, he handled communications aboard submarines. He spoke about some of the aspects of radio communications aboard submarines but because of the top secret nature of the subject, he was only able to speak in broad strokes about his experiences.

Never the less, it was an enjoyable topic, and some of his anecdotes about his time in service were quite amusing, especially the story about the 2 submarines which collided while underway.

If you missed this one, you missed a good meeting.



## November meeting Jim KG2H

Our November meeting will be on Monday, November 12, at the Wilton EMS building, just off of Jones Road in Wilton. Meeting time will be at 6:30 for the board meeting, with the general meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

Our speaker will be Brian Szewczyk, NJ1F, He will be speaking about the WRTC 2018 (World Radiosport Team Championship) experience, He has participated in previous WRTC events, so he is no newcomer about this contest. The WRTC was held on July 12 to 16 this year, in Germany.

Please be sure to come to hear about ham radio being operated unlike any other contest you may have participated in.

## Upcoming meetings. Jim KG2H

In December we will be having our annual holiday meet and greet. More details will be forthcoming.

Mike, K2ZIP, announced that we will be having a speaker from the ADA in either February, or April to talk about the Tour de Cure, which will be held on the 2nd weekend in June..

March is our annual spring swapfest being held at the Cooperative extension building in Ballston Spa, that will be the 2nd Saturday in March. It is held in lieu of our normal Monday monthly meeting that month.

We have some meetings to fill up. If you have a topic you would like to hear about, or a suggestion about a speaker, please let either the editor, or a member of the board of directors know about it.

## Did you hear the one about.... This is no joke Jim KG2H

The FCC fined an Amateur Radio operator \$25,000 for operating a pirate FM Radio station.

In an FCC Enforcement Bureau case going back to early 2015, a Paterson, New Jersey, Amateur Radio licensee has been penalized in the amount of \$25,000 for allegedly continuing to operate an unlicensed FM radio station. The FCC issued a **Forfeiture Order** on October 30 to Winston A. Tulloch, KC2ALN, a General class licensee.

That's scary. I remember as a kid building a transmitter from a kit which you could use to send your voice out on the lower end of the AM broadcast band. (probably a Knight kit, but probably not a Heathkit). I'm sure this incident is a magnitude up from that cheap kit I built as a kid.

## New CEO Wants ARRL to Serve All Ages and Amateur Radio Interests

11/01/2018

Newly elected ARRL CEO Howard Michel, WB2ITX, is still on the uphill side of the learning curve as he acquaints himself with ARRL Headquarters and the nearly 90 staffers who work there. The New Jersey native arrived at HQ on October 15 and has spent much of his time since meeting with department managers and others to get his bearings, with an eye toward building consensus and aligning people, programs, and services in the same direction.

[You can continue reading this article at the ARRL website, ARRL.ORG](#)

[www.arrl.org/news/new-ceo-wants-arrl-to-serve-all-ages-and-amateur-radio-interests](http://www.arrl.org/news/new-ceo-wants-arrl-to-serve-all-ages-and-amateur-radio-interests)

### U.S. Ham is First Woman Elected to ITU Leadership Role



Doreen Bogdan-Martin, KD2JTX, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (ITU Photo)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin, KD2JTX, has been elected to head the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU's) Telecommunication Development Bureau. According to the ITU, Ms. Bogdan-Martin is the first woman elected to a top leadership position in the UN agency's 153-year history (*The ITU predates the United Nations - ed.*).

Bogdan-Martin has been involved with ITU at various levels for more than 20 years, according to the ARRL, which notes that she also launched an international program to bring more women into technology and directed the first ITU global youth summit. She was elected at the ITU's 20th Plenitentiary Conference in Dubai on November 1.

You can read this article at: <http://cqnewsroom.blogspot.com/2018/11/us-ham-is-first-woman-elected-to-itu.html>

**Is it that time already??**

I know, why are they bugging me again? Sorry, but I thought I would get a leg up on my annual begging. Yes, its dues time !!

Our dues year is the calendar year, so I thought I would start on this early.

Actually you guys are great this year, maybe its our bargain rate of only \$10. Here's the stats: We have 123 dues paying members (defined as having last paid dues for calendar 2017 or newer

9 people are paid thru December 2017, and we have not received anything since  
45 people are current thru December 2018  
77 people have already paid 2019 (or further on even)

I'm happy to accept dues in advance. We even have 3 people paid thru 2022 !!

If you don't know your status, please drop me a line at KG2H@arrl.net, and I will email you back.

Below is a form I ask you to send me with your dues, so I can double check my list (do I sound like santa?). The ARRL question is important to us, since we are ARRL affiliated, and need to know our membership level so the club can keep its status with them.,

Thanks, and Happy Holidays.

**Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association      Membership Information**  
**Please Print CLEARLY**

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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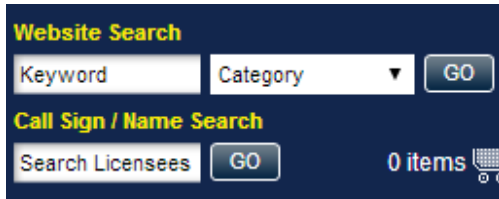
City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member      YES      NO

Dues are \$10 per year, Payable to **Saratoga County R.A.C.E.S.**

You can mail your dues with this form to Jim Polewczak KG2H, 231 Northline Road, Ballston Spa 12020

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](http://WWW.ARRL.ORG), and just fill in your 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 +600 Hz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode.  
147.360 MHz +600 Hz (add 91.5 Hz CTCSS to connect to the NYS Network

Sacandaga Reservoir  
147.03 MHz +600 KHz 91.5 Hz CTCSS encode/decode

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