

Sparks from the Spa



A PUBLICATION OF SARATOGA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

November Meeting - KG2H

The November meeting was highlighted by Brian NJ1F, and a discussion of the WRTC 2018 (World Radiosport Team Championship).

Brian and his XYL Kate, N1RQ traveled to Wittsburg Germany this summer to attend this year's events. The WRTC is held approximately every 4 years, in an event similar to the Olympics, but there only one event, ham radio contesting.

There were 65 identical stations set up. They are identical in antenna and operating tents only, the radio and computer equipment is supplied by the individual teams. Each team consists of 2 operators, who participate for 24 hours straight, sort of like Field Day on steroids. The operators are predetermined by their standings in several contests leading up to the selection event.



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All contacts are logged in real time, and the computer server updates the standing immediately. There is a scoreboard back at the hotel which was the home base for the event. There are a large number of hams who attend the event for socializing and providing a comradely spirit to the event.

After the event, Brian and Kate joined with some friends to tour through Germany and Poland for several days. Brian had a great number of pictures of the event and subsequent trip, and he provided a marvelous travelogue.

The next WRTC will be held at Bologna, Italy in 2022. It sure sounds like a fun time to me, are you up for it?

Board of Directors minutes, November 12, 2018

Attending: W5BN WA2TTP, K2ZIP, W2BEW, KG2H

- Treasurer's report given and accepted
- Suggestions for meeting topics: ARES - David Galletly, Section manager John Fritze, SOTA, NPOA, NVIS antennae.
- Adding a For Sale section in the newsletter. KG2H will make a notice in the next newsletter.
- December meeting to be in the WEMS building. Our meeting room is crowded, and is loaded with expensive equipment which the WEMS does not want damaged. Ideas for other meeting spots: Schuylerville EMS, Cooperative Extension in Ballston Spa, a church just off Exit 16. Various individuals will check on availability of these sites and get back to us.
- Bill Passineau made a suggestion about donating old magazines to various professional offices as a plug for ham radio. Doctor's patients are a captive audience who have no place to go, and need something to kill time.

A note from Bob Raffaele, W2XM

You may remember W2XM's Ham Radio Jepperdee from one of our club meetings. Now there are three games available for groups aspiring for new or higher-class licenses. Tech-prep Jepperdee, General-prep Jepperdee, and Extra-prep Jepperdee can all be downloaded from ARRL's web site. Simply enter "Exam prep Jepperdee" into the "Website search" box on any page of ARRL's web site. From that point, the games are not hard to find.

Items for sale

In November the Board of Directors wanted to institute a newsletter "item for sale" column for club members who want to sell a piece of equipment they own. So, we will give it a trial run over the next several months. Here are the tentative rules:

- This is for club members to sell personal items they own. It is not a forum for you to run a business.
- Send a description of the item which may or may not include a price. It is imperative for you to have a method for a potential buyer to contact you. (Perhaps via email?). The club and / or the newsletter WILL NOT be involved as a contact or negotiator, this is your responsibility.
- If you send a picture of the item, the picture may or may not be published depending upon conditions of the picture, space in the newsletter, or other unspecified condition.
- Send your copy to SparksFromTheSpa@gmail.com. Allow it to arrive at least 2 weeks before the scheduled club meeting. Your copy will be cut and pasted into the newsletter, no corrections will be edited, so check you spelling.
- Ultimately the issue of the whether the item is published is subject to the discretion of the newsletter editor.
- These rules are subject to change.

Upcoming Meetings

December: Holiday meet and greet—no speaker scheduled
January: Dan W2XP—Weather Reporting
February: Micky NY2MC and Marc WA2FON—Summits on the Air, and maybe time permitting
Parks on the Air
March: Our Annual Swapfest

Membership Renewal Jim KG2H

Thanks to the following:

New Members KD2QOJ, and K2EU.

Renewals received: KD2FKH, WA2TTP, N2TOM, KG2H, KC2NMT, WA2JAE

Our dues year is the calendar year. I'm collecting dues for the 2019 year (and beyond if you so desire). If you are unsure of your status, you can contact me at KG2H@ARRL.NET. You can cut out the form below and mail it to me. Thanks

Saratoga County Amateur Radio Association Membership Information

Please Print CLEARLY

Name _____

Callsign _____ License Class N T G A E

Email Address _____

Address _____

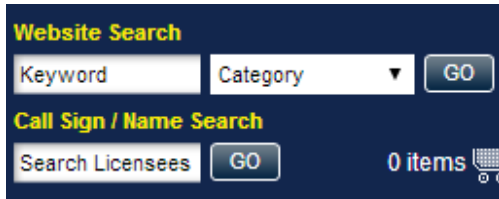
City State Zip _____

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, 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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WWW.K2DLL.ORG

Got News or information you would like to get published? How about your own projects or other things you think would be of interest to Club Members? How about (GASP), a letter to the editor? Contact us at our email address :

SparksFromTheSpa@gmail.com

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