

Sparks from the Spa



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January General Meeting Jim—K2LM

Our January speaker was Dan Gealt, WX2P, who told us about the history of weather observations from sometime pre B.C to present. Since he has a WX in his call, we knew that he liked to talk about weather and boy did he, but his presentation also had him digging into his tub of stuff to pull out various weather goodies. I would like to give you a few of the many facts that were presented but Dan had me and others laughing so much, I didn't take notes.

Want more WX2P talking about "The History of Weather Observation"? On April 29 at 11:30am to 1:30pm at The Academy for Lifelong Learning at Saratoga Springs, he will once again leave them laughing and learning. <https://www.esc.edu/all/>



One Billion QSO's - CQ Newsroom

ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) online contact confirmation system now holds more than one billion contact records. According to the ARRL Letter, QSO number 1,000,000,000 was uploaded by the Sahara DX Club, 7X3WPL, for a December 28, 2016 contact with IW1DQS on 20 meter single-sideband. IW1DQS had previously uploaded his log so the entry resulted in a match and confirmed QSO.

LoTW has been serving ARRL members and DX hams for more than 15 years. Confirmed QSOs on the system may be used for all ARRL awards as well as CQ's WPX and WAZ awards.



January 14, 2014 Board Meeting—Jim K2LM—Secretary

President Fred Brown, W5BN, Vice President Peter Miller, W2BEW, Secretary Jim McKnight, K2LM, Directors: Mike Levy, K2ZIP, Steve Rosenberg, WA2TTP,

W5BN opened the meeting at 6:37pm

A motion to accept the November minutes were accepted and passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report for the period Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018, which had an ending cash balance of \$21,446.02, was accepted and passed unanimously.

Upcoming programs

The February meeting will be about SOTA and given by Marc, WA2FON, and Mickey, NY2MC.

The April meeting will be about the Tour de Cure with the ADA's Nicole DeCelle talking to the club and then followed by a discussion on the 2019 Tour

Old Business:

Peter said that he had submitted the paperwork to Wilton EMS to reserve the meeting room for us during 2019. He also said that he would check with Wilton about again holding Field Day at their building.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm followed by Dan, WX2P, giving a presentation about the history of weather observations.

ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager to Step Down

ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, has announced that he will be departing ARRL on February 15 to pursue another career opportunity. He has been part of the ARRL staff since 2010.

"Mike has accomplished much during his nine years on the job, including expanding the Ham Aid program, national disaster response, working with our national partners, and, most recently, the rollout of ARES Connect," said ARRL CEO Howard Michel, WB2ITX. "The Headquarters team will miss Mike's friendly personality and wishes him well in his pursuits. As Mike is an active ham, there is a good chance we will run into him on the air."

As part of the overall restructuring at ARRL Headquarters, ARRL management will take the opportunity to examine the administration of the emergency preparedness program.

The Toy Exchange February 2019

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 Ham Radio 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.

YAESU FT-897D,FP-30.FC-30 and more
Utilized as base station working special events and JOTA
I am the original owner

It comes with Yaesu FT-897D HF/VHF/UHF transceiver manuals on flash drive with original packaging and packing

Extras include FC-30 Automatic antenna tuner,FP-30 Power Supply (installed) Inrad Filters (2.3 SSB and 300 CW installed) Hand Microphone MH31A8J AC Power Cord ,DC power Cord,LDG FT Meter,Misc cables.

I am asking \$675
USPS money order or check (shipment after check clears),then shipment notification
Email responses preferred
73's Bill KC2NXC ivan.proctor@verizon.net

New General Class Exam Questions Released

The question pool from which General Class amateur radio license exams will be composed starting this coming July has been released. According to the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators, the new Element 3 question pool will be used from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023. Questions (including one corrected diagram) may be downloaded at <<https://tinyurl.com/y7pwoyzm>> in .docx, .pdf or .txt format (with a .jpg option for the corrected diagram).



Upcoming Meetings

February 11: Micky NY2MC and Marc WA2FON—Summits on the Air, and maybe time permitting Parks on the Air

March 9, 2109: Our Annual Swapfest at Cooperative Extension Building, Ballston Spa.

April 8: The Tour de Cure's Nicole DeCelle will talk about the Tour and then the club will review how Tour and Field Day.

Membership Renewal Jim KG2H

Thanks to the following: KG5JEN, W2MLB and KC2CLK and W2RWA. We appreciate your support.

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 _____

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Email Address _____

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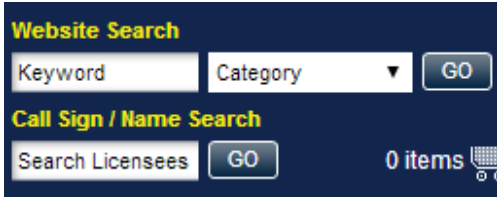
City State Zip _____

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, 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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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