

Sparks from the Spa



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Club Meeting 5-13-2019

The board approved several purchases:

Field Day Pins - 25 pins @ \$6 each

Field Day Food \$150

2 tuners for the club's Icom 706 radios, approximately \$350

3 new GPS units to fix and update older APRS units we currently use for Public Service events.

Discussions were held on Field Day location. The talk centered on our access to using the Fire Training Center in Ballston Spa this year.

Mike Levy (K2ZIP) spoke about the upcoming Tour De Cure on June 9. He can use 2 or 3 more volunteers.

Peter Miller (W2BEW) spoke about the hamfest. He needs 2 or 3 volunteers to call vendors to follow up on emails he has already sent, soliciting door prizes. RJ Antennas is not able to come to the hamfest this year for health reasons.

Frank Gitto (KA5VVI) has been named the ARRL Assistant Deputy Hudson Division Director.

Fred Halley (W2EMS) presented the ARES Information Report for May. As of now, Saratoga County has 42 registered ARES members. You can register on line at "ARES Connect". The URL is [HTTPS://ARRL.VOLUNTEERHUB.COM/LP/ENY](https://arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/eny) Be sure to use your callsign as your user name.

Lori Prock, the Emergency Services Coordinator for the Saratoga County Public Health Service came to the meeting. We explored with her, our capabilities for helping her organization. Fred Halley (W2EMS) and Mike Levy (K2ZIP) will follow up with her to see how we can integrate with their emergency needs.

Upcoming June Meeting

This month is our annual meeting. The main purpose is to elect officers and directors for the next year. Any current dues paying member is eligible to be nominated for these positions. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact Jim Polewczak, KG2H, at KG2H@arrl.net.

We will also be discussing field day. We need to pin down specifics, especially the location. We have several possible locations. The existing location at the Wilton Emergency Medical Services location. The Schuylerville EMS building, the Fire Training Center in Ballston Spa, or the residence of W5BN in Greenfield.

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Emergency Messaging Demonstration for Red Cross, FEMA is a Success

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With Red Cross and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials monitoring, dozens of radio amateurs along the US east coast on May 23 demonstrated Amateur Radio's ability to deliver messages without commercial power, infrastructure, or permanently established stations. The event took place in coordination with ARRL. The demonstration was a mock response to a simulated disaster scenario — a major hurricane with mass casualties. During the event, radio amateurs at portable stations from New England to the Carolinas delivered message traffic to W1AW, which coordinated and delivered the information to officials attending a joint Red Cross-FEMA meeting in Baltimore.

"About a dozen stations participated in the demonstration, including operators in Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, northern New Jersey, western Pennsylvania, Delaware, and South Carolina," ARRL Communications Manager Dave Isgur, N1RSN, said. "Red Cross officials were on-site at W1AW and at the receiving station in Baltimore. At both sites, they indicated that were impressed with Amateur Radio's ability to deliver messages digitally so that could be displayed on a computer screen and in a format that matched the format for messages that the Red Cross uses." Isgur said ABC, CBS, and Fox TV affiliates sent reporting teams to W1AW.

A few stations, including W1AW and stations in Baltimore, generated local media coverage of their participation, much of it tied into the notion of "Amateur Radio operators and the partner agencies they serve are getting ready for 2018 Hurricane season." Hurricane Season begins on June 1 and continues through November 30.

W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, said the exercise went well overall. "Conditions were a bit tepid at best, but we were able to establish voice contact first, and then proceed with the digital traffic (MT63-1KS) during the roll call," Carcia said. "Digital signals were good. I needed just one retransmit. We used *fldigi* with *flmsg*. This made life so much easier."

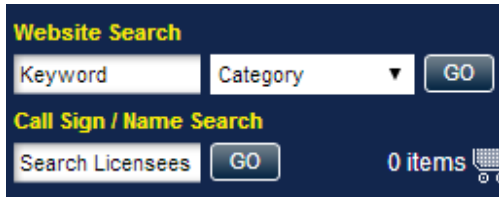
Honda Recalls Several Generator Models

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Heads-up before you head out for Field Day ... American Honda has recalled several models of its portable generators. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says the recall affects models EU2200i, EU2200i Companion and EB2200i, colored red or camouflage.

It says the generators can develop leaks from the fuel valve, posing fire and burn hazards, and advises purchasers to take them to an authorized Honda Power Equipment dealer for a free repair. Some 200,000 generators are involved in the recall. More information is available on the CPSC website at <https://tinyurl.com/y3vol9n2>.

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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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