

QCWA History – Chapter 28

The Central New York Chapter of The Quarter Century Wireless Association was born from a “brainstorm” of The Binghamton Old Timers Club. On about March 5, 1965, OTC Chairman/President Berwyn Benedict appointed a planning committee with members Vic Bochenko, W2APE, Bert Martin, K2LBB, and Bob Turrell, W2UWD, to look into the matter of forming a QCWA chapter in the Southern Tier of New York. On January 7, application for a QCWA chapter was made to the National Headquarters of QCWA. Recruiting was begun to grow the membership from the current ten QCWA members to a goal of fifty by the following September.

On March 4, W2APE advised that the request to form Central New York Chapter had been approved and the Charter, dated January 19, 1966, was received. The committee made plans for presentation of the new Charter at the Southern Tier Radio Clubs Hamfest Dinner on March 19. This was done by the Hamfest M.C. Theron “Doc” Philley, K2RRM.

The first Chapter 28 meeting was held April 1, 1966, at the home of Ted Goodison, W2QLQ, following the regular meeting of The Old Timers Club. It was decided to make annual dues one dollar per year with a charter certificate to be issued to each member. Meetings were to be held at least once and not more than twice annually, unless ordered by the Chair and officers; planning began for the first annual banquet to be held in September, which was held at Schrafft’s Motor Inn in Binghamton on September 17 with thirty-five members with spouses attending. On August 15, 1966, the fiftieth Chapter 28 Member had been enrolled.

By 2009, more than two hundred QCWA Members have been enrolled as Members of Chapter 28.

1966 Charter members of Chapter 28 were W2APE, K2LBB, W2UWD, K2PFC, W2DB, W2ICE, W2IRH, W2LVE, W2MAB, W2NFU, W2OSY, W2QJT, W2QZX, and W2RME.

Early year Chapter 28 Officers were:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice Chairman</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>NCS</u>	<u>Director</u>
1966	W2APE		K2LBB	W2QZX			
1967	W2APE	W2UWD	K2LBB	W2QZX		W2NFU	
1968	K2LBB	W2UWD	WB2QCO	W2QZX	W2AXX	W2NFU	
1969	W2NFU	W2APE	WB2QCO/TS	W2SDA	W2AXX	W2NFU	
1970	W2AXX	K2LBB	W2TS	W2SDA	W2APE	W2NFU	K2BOQ
1971	K2LBB	K2BOQ	W2TS	W2SDA	W2QC	W2NFU	W2APE
1972	W2ARZ	W2IEG	W2QLI	W2SDA	W2PWN	W2NFU	K2LBB
1973	W2NFU	W2IEG	W2VDX	W2SDA	W2PWN	W2NFU	K2LBB
1974	W2MAB	W2QLQ	W2RIZ	W2SDA		W2UWD	K2LBB
1975	W2MAB	W2NFU	W2RIZ	W2SDA	K2BOQ	W2UWD	
1976	W2MAB	W2UWD	W2RIZ	W2SDA		W2UWD	
1977	W2SFW	W2UWD	W2RIZ	W2SDA	W2QLQ/TMW	W2UWD	
1978	W2SFW	W2UWD	W2RIZ	W2SDA	W2PWN	W2UWD	
1979	W2UWD	W2QLQ	W2RIZ	W2SDA		W2UWD	
1980	W2UWD	QLQ/YWK	W2RIZ	W2SDA		W2UWD	

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1981	W2UWD	W2YWK	W2RIZ	W2SDA		W2UWD	
1982	W2UWD	KO2Q/SFW	W2RIZ	W2SDA		W2UWD	
1983	W2UBU	UWD/RQH	K2YYF	W2SDA		W2UWD	
1984	W2UBU	W2RQH	K2YYF/SVV	W2SDA/UWD		W2UWD	
1985			K2YYF				
1986			K2YYF				

Chapter 28 remained active after 1984 with a full slate of officers; increasing annual dues to \$1.50 during the period with a lapse of any record/minutes.

In 1992, Bill Valky, K2MFB (SK 2006), became Chapter 28 Chair with a full slate continuing as same through 2004, with Sam Horwitz, W3HOR, as Vice Chairman (Sam moved to Florida in 2001), Merle Rigby, K2AOV (SK 2009), Secretary & Treasurer, and Ted Koranye, W2SFW (SK 2001), as Activities Chairman.

In 2005, Bill Thompson, W2MTA, was asked to reform Chapter 28, acting as Secretary/Treasurer until an officers search had been conducted by him; wherein W2MTA officially became Chapter Secretary, Bob Fuller, WA2PHM, accepted Treasurer, Mike Gruszka, N2NW, accepted Vice Chairman, and Frank Roney, KO2Q, was acclaimed as Chairman of Chapter 28 Central New York.

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2005	KO2Q	N2NW	W2MTA	WA2PHM	W2MTA	KO2Q
2006	KO2Q	N2NW	W2MTA	WA2PHM	W2MTA	KO2Q
2007	KO2Q	W2IFB	W2MTA	WA2PHM	W2MTA	KO2Q

The name of Chapter 28 was changed in 2008 to the Central New York and Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania chapter and dues were increased to \$3.00. Earlier, in 2006, Chapter 28 Emeritus memberships were first established (no chapter dues); now finding some fifteen Members Emeriti aboard by year end 2009, when the Chapter 28 membership totals some fifty six overall.

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2008	KO2Q	W2IFB	W2MTA	WA2PHM	W2MTA	KO2Q
2009	WA2PHM	W2IFB	W2MTA	K2OH	W2MSJ	
2010	WA2PHM	N2NW	W2MTA	K2OH		
2011	WA2PHM	N2NW	W2MTA	K2OH		
2012	N2NW	W2IFB	W2MTA	K2OH		
2013	N2NW	W2IFB	W2MTA	K2OH		
2014	N2NW	W2IFB	W2MTA	K2OH		
2015	N2NW	W2IFB	N2NW	K2OH	W2IFB	
2016	N2NW	W2IFB	W3ZR	K2OH		W2IFB
2017	N2NW			K2OH		
2018	N2NW			K2OH		
2019	N2NW		W2BDN	K2OH		
2020	N2NW		W2BDN	K2OH		
2021	N2NW		W2BDN	K2OH		
2022	N2NW		W2BDN	K2OH		