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Newsletter

### Chapter Information

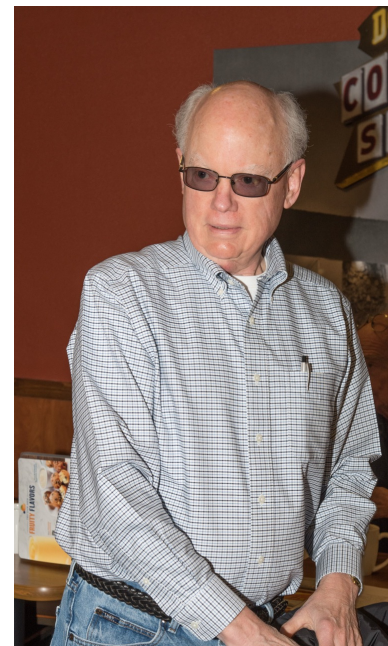
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## March Meeting

The March 29th QCWA meeting at the Denny's in North Syracuse was attended by 29 members and guests, who were treated to an excellent presentation by Steve Auyer N2TKX about his restoration of a 1940 GE JB-520 farm radio. Present for the meeting and Steve's excellent presentation were Ron Panetta-WB2WGH; Gary Kimball-WB2SER; Frank Wiethuechter-K2RSY; Roger Hamilton-WA2AEW; Ken Blume-K2UPI and XYL Diane; Fred Legawiec-W2LGA; Bob Powell-KD2KKG; Charlie Abbott-K2IWQ; Tim Colson-N2VZD and XYL Rita (KC2GFT); David Robinson-KB2HBA and Marge Mahan; Doug Falcon-N2JOM; Walt Bordett-N2IK; Larry Rusch-KD2MTG and guest Karen Johnson; Amir Findling-K9CHP; Barry Burge-KD4MCB; Steve Auyer-N2TKX; Harold Ferguson-KE2FV; Paul Hammond-K2QCG; Jeff Houck-N2LYR; Aivars Davidsons-W2AKD; Rose Marie Davidson-WA2RMD; John McKee-WB2YGN; Bob Goettel-WA2LBG; Earl Dewey-KB2VSJ and Henry Mensch-N6HCM.

Steve's well-illustrated power point series ran on the LCD TV in our dining area, and he distributed a 45 page handout to all present. Starting with the history behind the need for "farm radios" in the era before rural electrification was completed (the late '20's through the early '50's), Steve then discussed

the radio power sources available to rural listeners of that era; wet cell and dry batteries, wind generators, and small gas powered electric plants among them. Steve's careful radio restoration process included cabinet refinishing, replacement of defective or suspicious parts and deteriorated wiring, and careful alignment. Steve opted to purchase a universal radio battery replacement kit from Antique Electronic Supply and adapt it for his specific needs. Extra handouts are available for those who missed this meeting.



**Steve N2TKX warms up for the talk. Farm Radio photos next month!**

After an active question and answer session, Chapter President Frank K2RSY opened the regular business meeting. This month, there were two area ham radio related obituaries to report. They were Juanita Soper WB2HGO, widow of Charles Soper K2HPT, and mother of Richard KA2IKV, Marc KB2JVB, and James Soper KB2GOC. Also passing was Douglas Hyde ex-N2FJS of Fulton. A quick treasurer's report noted \$682.34 in the till with all bills current.

Frank next mentioned the option of taking a group tour boat luncheon cruise on Skaneateles Lake this summer in lieu of the previously discussed club picnic. Enough interest was shown by those present to encourage investigation into the options and costs of a boat tour. More next month. Roger WA2AEW gave a health report on Fred Herbs WB2PEM. Fred is now residing at the Syracuse Home Association in Baldwinsville. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged, with advance notice please.

In news from other area clubs, Barry KD4MCB of RAGS promoted their April 11th meeting featuring their annual auction. Always entertaining and a good opportunity to move some used gear to a new home or grab a new (to you) treasure to spice up your shack. Also, April means that annual dues are due!! And RAGS will again award two \$500 scholarships to young area hams. Details are on the ragsclub.org website. For LARC, Ron WB2WGH noted that their Extra Class course has started with 9 attendees, and that dues are due for their club too!! Their March meeting featured a live Skype talk by Tim Duffy K3LR, CEO of DX Engineering, about his participation in the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC). Taking place every four years, this event was most recently held in Germany (2018). Tim related the details of his and other team's preparations, and the extreme care that the WRTC takes to ensure that the competition is fair. Bob WA2LGB mentioned that the Fulton ARC's General Class license course continues, and their Tom Cantine W2TQF Memorial

Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for this year's award. Google it for the details! Tim N2VZD gave a quick rundown of the area VHF repeater nets, and Larry KD2MTG noted that he and Bob KD2EAQ are still running CW practice on HF each Tuesday at 6PM, Friday at 2PM, and Saturday at 9AM. Frequency choice will be announced pre-net on the 146.67 KD2SL repeater. All are welcome, regardless of CW proficiency. Roger WA2AEW gave a quick update on this July's RAGS Hamfest. Amir K9CHP recapped the RAGS participation in the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16th, using DMR simplex HTs. Coverage was flawless, including in the former repeater dead spots, and the group will be experimenting with DMR for other public service events. Fred W2LGA noted that he will set up a special event station at the H. Lee White Maritime Museum in Oswego, NY on June 1st and 2nd. The site will be the last surviving restored LT-5 WWII tugboat used in the Normandy Invasion on D-Day. Visitors are welcome, and contacts encouraged! Details follow soon.



**Fred W2LGA and Amir K9CHP share experiences**

Gary WB2SER gave a quick listing of upcoming hamfests and events. Barry KD4MCB mentioned last week's 2 meter "Light up the Night" simplex event, and several others added their comments on the trials of operating VHF without repeaters. This month's 50-50 was won by Amir K9CHP, a clip-on LED reading light by Dave KB2HPA, and a special gift by Joan, our ever-patient waitress. Hope to see you all next month! Also, join Brian K2VSN for the

QCWA 6 meter net on the 53.05MHz and 53.67MHz repeaters every Tuesday at 7PM.



## Birthdays

### April

15th - Dick Goslee - KG2I  
17th - Ronald Walter - N2DMP  
25th - Craig Cobb - WA2ZVN

### May

14th - Donna Walter - N2OMM  
14th - Doc Valdina - W2WB

### June

13th - Paul Hammond - K2QCG  
13th - Douglas Falcon - N2JOM  
20th - Fred Legawiec - W2LGA  
23rd - Thomas Sly - K2QCX  
23rd - Frank Wiethuechter - K2RSY  
30th - Tony Testa - W2AJT



## July Meeting: Mid-Lakes Navigation Cruise

Mark your calendars! Plans are underway to hold our July 26 Chapter meeting on one of the Mid-Lakes Navigation cruise boats (Skaneateles Lake). Tickets will be \$20 per person for members, regular QCWA meeting attendees and guests. This will be in lieu of the summer picnic that was previously mentioned. We anticipate the departure time to be mid to late morning and lunch will be provided. The cruise boats are handicap accessible. Tickets will be available at our regular Chapter 29 QCWA meetings. Additional details will be communicated as they become available.



# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7p—RAGS Net, 3.922 LSB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7p—Fireside Chat Net, 146.67R</li> <li>• 8:30p WiresX Tech Net 147.39R</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6p—CW Net, 146.67R</li> <li>• 7p—QCWA 6M Net, 53.05R</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7p—Swap Net, 147.00R</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2p—CW Net, 146.67R</li> <li>• 7p—220 Net, 224.12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9a—CW Net, 146.67R</li> <li>• 7:30p—SSTV Net, 146.67R</li> <li>• 9p—Int WiresX 147.39R</li> </ul>
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NEARFEST Hamfest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NEARFEST Hamfest</li> <li>• AWA Sprint Meet &amp; Auction</li> </ul>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cinco de Mayo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30p—LARC Board</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6p—RAGS Meeting (2nd)</li> <li>• 7p—Utica ARC Meeting (2nd)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8a—CNY Ham Breakfast</li> <li>• East Greenbush Hamfest</li> </ul>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mother's Day</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dayton Hamvention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armed Forces Day</li> <li>• Dayton Hamvention</li> <li>• Thousand Islands Hamfest</li> </ul>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dayton Hamvention</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:30p—LARC VE Session</li> <li>• 6:15p—W2CM Bootcamp</li> <li>• 7p—LARC Meeting (4th)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30a—QCWA Luncheon, Denny's (last)</li> </ul>	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorial Day</li> </ul>					

# Meeting Photos

(Available at <http://photos.panman.us/>, -> Amateur Radio, password "Frank")







