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W2PPS**



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Newsletter**

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March Meeting

Twenty gathered at Twin Trees Too on March 27th: Jack Roubie-K2JDD; Sharon May-KA2TNK; John Soergel-WA2DGC; Mark Chamberlin-WB2PKO; Tim Colson-N2VZD; Rita Colson-KC2GFT; Jim O'Keefe-W2SY; Roger Hamilton-WA2AEW; Frank Wiethuechter-K2RSY; Charlie Floring-W2AK; Fred Legawiec-W2LGA; Joe Dreher-W2TKG; Fred Herbs-WB2PEM; John Rockdashil-WB2DVE; Frank Decker-W2XF; Dick Steinbach-WA2MRU; Joe Molinaro-W2FUU; Gerald Voorhies-KA2DDN; John McKee-WB2YGN and Norm Hinkle-W2NNJ.

George Cook-W2RBK, a "regular", was not in attendance but a later check revealed that he just had a schedule conflict. Phil Lambrinos-WA2IMX who was at St Camillus was reported to be back in the hospital – reason unknown. On a happy note, a certificate was signed honoring Don Langham-W2CVJ on the 80th anniversary of his first becoming licensed and that, along with a birthday card congratulating him on his 100th birthday has been sent to him. Our latest member is W2LGA and we welcomed him. The 50/50 raffle pool totaled \$35 and Jim Murray-K2HN, of Long Lake, drew the winning ticket and donated his winnings back to the club – seems like that's twice in the past year that K2HN has won! WB2PEM noted that he will be out of town in April and May and mentioned a good ISS pass that evening around sunset. Joe Zampini-KA2RZD was mentioned as an SK. And we were reminded of the upcoming QCWA QSO Party (April 4th and 5th) and NY QSO Party (October 17th).

In terms of the logistics of the meeting that were problematical last month, things were much improved this month. Tables were set up in a square configuration similar to what we had been using at Weber's Restaurant, those who ordered soup or salad now received bread, and everyone received an individual tally of the amount owed. Speaking of Weber's, we've heard nothing about the possibility of their reopening and plan on holding meetings at Twin Trees Too for at least the next several months. A demographic check showed that attendees had traveled from the following locations to the meeting:

Baldwinsville – 5
Syracuse – 4
East Syracuse – 2
Liverpool – 2
Auburn – 1
Bridgeport – 1
Chittenango – 1
Cicero – 1
Moravia – 1
North Syracuse – 1

Hmm, maybe we should look for a meeting location in B'ville? Seriously, members are encouraged to check out and suggest alternate meeting locations to the newsletter editor who will pass them on to WB2PEM and K2JDD. Rather than just suggesting a location, it would be appreciated if you were able to get a copy of their luncheon menu, look at the meeting room and ascertain its availability on the last Friday of every month, and discuss individual "tabs" with the manager. N2TKX has volunteered to check out the Pier 57 restaurant in Liverpool.



Upcoming Birthdays

April

9th – Al May-WA2KFV
9th – Louis Agresti-W2OPF
13th – Norm Hinkle-W2NNJ
15th – Richard Goslee-KG2I
17th – Harry Rothenhoefer-W2HLR
25th – Jack Roubie-K2JDD
25th – Richard Steinbach-WA2MRU

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1st – David Spillett-KA2CTN
12th – Dave Vittum-WIDV
17th – Ken Hauenstein-AA2OU
24th – Hugo Keller-K2HH



We Get Mail

I enjoyed your article on the blue ray DVD player. I elected to leave it alone. It has been billed as maybe a flash in the pan, or otherwise another "betamax". I did pursue a new DVD recorder that has two tuners in it, digital and analog. SONY was the only one I found, and it is not advertised or carried by anyone in town. RaLin got it for me, about \$300. It is the only way I can use the PIP system on my flat screen tv. Also, you can up convert standard DVDs to 480p, 720p, or 1080i or p, and the results are dynamite. I brought my older recorder down here in Florida and it does the upconverting with an HDMI cable but only has an analog tuner. Not a problem with Comcast which converts everything.

Been a cold winter down here this year. It still s 40-50 in the morning, high of 68-70! Better than you folks. I enjoyed the newsletter very much. Sounds like you had a good turnout at TT2.

See you around the end of May.

73s, Harry-W2HLR



Silent Key

KA2RZD

Joseph J. Zampini-KA2RZD, 75, of Cicero, died Wednesday, March 18. He was a 1961 University of Connecticut graduate, with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. In 1993 he retired from General Electric after 35 years. He was a member of the Elfun Society and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He had been an electronics adjunct instructor at OCC. A veteran, he served in Germany with the U.S. Army. Mr. Zampini flew radio control aircraft with the Grenadiers and was a short wave radio operator. He was a communicant of St. Rose of Lima Church. An avid fisherman, walleye and perch were his favorite. Most importantly, he loved his family. Surviving are his wife since April 28, 1962, the former Elizabeth A. Betty Coughlin; four children, James (Lisa) Zampini of Brewerton, Mary Zampini of Clay, Alisa Houston of Cicero and Debra (Bruce) Warwick of St. Louis, MO; 11 grandchildren, Victoria, Adriana, Veronica, Dominic and James Zampini, Katerina Zampini, Christopher and Rebecca Houston, and Alexander, Joseph and Jacob Warwick; two sisters, Arlene (Robert) Revaz and Deanna Zampini, both of Torrington, CT; and many nieces, neph-

ews and cousins. Services will be 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2009, at Ferguson Funeral Home and 10 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, North Syracuse. Burial with military honors will follow at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery. Friends may call on Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse. Donations may be made, in lieu of flowers, to the American Cancer Society, 6725 Lyons Street, East Syracuse, NY 13057 or to St. Rose of Lima School, 411 South Main Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212.



2CVJ Hits 100

[From the Hamilton County News, March 4, 2009]

RAQUETTE LAKE—Don Langham-W2CVJ, a long-time resident of Rondaxe Lake and Raquette Lake, will celebrate his 100th birthday March 9. Check it out on Willard Scott and the Today show.

Early interest in radio introduced Don to the world of HAM radio operation. He got his license in 1926 at the age of 17, while in high school. That started a long career in the world of radio.

After graduation he worked for WMBO and then WFBL in Auburn as a control room operator and announcer.

He married Betty Chappel in 1932, but World War II happened, so he left the radio station and joined the Army.

WORLD WAR II VET - Don is the oldest WWII veteran in the area, having served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps at Pearl Harbor for three years starting 1943. Captain Langham, stationed in Hawaii, spent his wartime years building and repairing radio communication stations on the small islands in the South Pacific, where the U.S. Army needed to improve surveillance of the Japanese after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

After the war he came back to Syracuse, where he returned to the radio business, working at WFBL and later WHEN radio. In 1947 he worked on the set up of the then-new FM station on Pompey Hill. There he was transmitter operator.

ON TO TELEVISION - In 1948, the owner of WHEN radio decided to set up the first TV station in Syracuse. WHEN-TV was born in 1948 and Don was chosen to serve as its director of operations, broadcasting from Court Street in Syracuse (WHEN-TV is now WTVH channel 5). Don worked there until 1958, when a piece of his heart was longing to move to the Adirondacks full-time. So Don and Betty left the city behind.

TO THE ADIRONDACKS - They owned and operated cabins and Cedar Cove gift shop in Eagle Bay for a few summers.

In 1958 they purchased The Antler's motel, bar and restaurant, the boat livery at Raquette Lake and North Point Cottages. They operated the two businesses until 1965, when they sold the cottages at North Point indi-

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vidually and The Antler's to State University of New York College at Cortland. They then retired in their home at Raquette Lake.

Don continued his favorite activities in retirement: fishing those special spots, hunting the woods and regularly playing in the infamous Raquette Lake pitch club. Although Betty passed away in 2002, Don continued to live in his beloved Raquette Lake home.

AN ACTIVE LIFE - Don is a life member of Raquette Lake Fire Department and has served as an elder at Raquette Lake Chapel. He is a long-time member of the American Legion and a lifetime HAM radio operator.

He was an avid woodsman who spent much of his free time fishing and hunting. He was also a licensed Adirondack guide and used to guide fishermen and hunters into his favorite spots in the woods.

BIRTHDAY INVITE - Don suffered a fall recently at home and is now living at the Lutheran Home in Clinton. He misses Raquette Lake and his friends in the area very much and would love to see everyone. A special birthday celebration will be held Sunday, March 8, from 2-4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Martin Luther Wing at the Lutheran Home, 108 Utica Road, Clinton. Everyone in the area is invited to share this remarkable milestone day with Don.

Don may be reached at: Lutheran Home of Central New York
P. O. Box 324
108 Utica Road
Clinton, NY 13323-0324
(315) 853-5515



LORAN Bites The Dust

Last month, the US Coast Guard <http://www.uscg.mil/> announced that due to economic conditions, they would be closing down the 24 LORAN-C (Long Range Aid to Navigation) <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/loran/default.htm> stations operated under the auspices of the USCG. LORAN stations provide navigation, location and timing services for both civil and military air, land and marine users. According to the USCG, LORAN-C is approved as an en route supplemental air navigation system for both Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) and Visual Flight Rule (VFR) operations. The LORAN-C system serves the 48 continental states, their coastal areas and parts of Alaska.

LORAN-A stations were developed beginning in World War II, and signals were transmitted on frequencies in and around our present-day 160 meter band. LORAN-A was responsible for reduced amateur radio operations, including frequency and power limitations, on 160 meters in the United States. In 1979, the Coast Guard phased out the LORAN-A stations; they were replaced by LORAN-C stations. The newer stations operated on 100 kHz, enabling the restrictions on the 160 meter amateur band due to LORAN functions, to be dropped.



According to the Coast Guard, the nation's oldest continuous sea-going service will continue to operate the current LORAN-C system through the end of fiscal year 2009; it is in the process of preparing detailed plans for implementing the fiscal year 2010 budget. According to USCG Vice Commandant and Chief Operating Officer Vice Admiral V. S. Crea, further details of the LORAN-C termination plan will be available upon the submission of the President's full budget. -- Some information provided by Cliff Appel-W7CGA.

Locally, the LORAN station in Seneca-Romulus was established in 1978 and operates today with a transmit power of 1,000 KW into a 700' stainless steel tower. If you happen to be driving

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through the area, routes 414 and 96 pass just to the east of the tower and transmitter building.



Some Q-Signals You May Never Need To Use

[Taken from the 1938 edition of General Electric's Radio Operators' Manual.]

QRC – What government agency settles the accounts for your station?

QRD – Where are you bound and where are you from?

QRL – Are you busy?

QSJ – What is the charge per word including your internal telegraph charge?

QSP – Will you retransmit to free of charge?

QSR – Has the distress call received from been cleared?

QTG – Will you send your call sign for 50 seconds followed by a dash of 10 seconds in order that I may take your bearing?

QTM – Send radioelectric signals and submarine sound signals to enable me to fix my bearing and my distance.

QTO – Have you left the dock?

QUF – Have you received the distress signal sent by ?

QUG – Are you being forced to land in the sea?

The last one is my personal favorite – I think I'll try it on 20M one of these days.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CQWW WPX SSB Contest ends 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—Madison-Oneida ARC Meeting, Verona (last) • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) • 7:00pm—SARC 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • April Fool's Day • 7:00pm—Rome Radio Club Meeting, Griffiss (1st) 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Camillus VE Session (KB2ERJ) (1st) 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Rome ARC VE Session (K2GVI) (1st) 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1800Z—QCWA Spring QSO Party begins • 12:00n—Syracuse VE Team, NOPL (WA2PUU)
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1800Z—QCWA Spring QSO Party ends 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) (1st) 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) • 7:00pm—SARC Weekly Net, 147.18R 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 7:30pm—Skyline ARC Meeting (AB2G) 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—RAGS Meeting, "Spring Auction" (W2BCH) (2nd) 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am—MoST Amateur Radio Project (N2TKX) • 7:00pm—Utica ARC Meeting (2nd) 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am—MoST Amateur Radio Project (N2TKX) • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) • 7:00pm—SARC Weekly Net, 147.18R 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am—MoST Amateur Radio Project (N2TKX) • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am—MoST Amateur Radio Project (N2TKX) 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am—MoST Amateur Radio Project (N2TKX) • 7:00pm—MOARC VE Session (KG2DI) (3rd) 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drumlins ARC Hamfest, Newark (KB2KBY)
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) (3rd) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) • 7:00pm—SARC Weekly Net, 147.18R 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm—Fulton ARC VE Session (KC2PAM) • 7:00pm—Fulton ARC Meeting (W2TQF) (4th) • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—LARC Meeting (WB2DVE) 	<p>24</p> <p>QCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30am—QCWA Luncheon, Twin Trees Too Restaurant (WB2PEM) (last) 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00n—Syracuse VE Team, Betts Branch Library (WA2PUU)
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Beacon ARC Hamfest, Lagrangeville (K2JIM) 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) • 7:30pm—Madison-Oneida ARC Meeting, Verona (last) • 7:00pm—SARC Weekly Net, 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Rome ARC VE Session (K2GVI) (1st) 	<p>2</p>