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## Chapter Information

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## May Meeting

Present at the May meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> were: Harold Ferguson-KE2FV; Chuck Silva-KB2DIO; Ken Blume-K2UPI; Roger Hamilton-WA2AEW; Jack Roubie-K2JDD; John Soergel-WA2DGC; Jim O'Keefe-W2SY; Joe McClusky-NW2A and his XYL Marie; Bill Kimbell-W2TYO; John Rockdashil-WB2DVE; Fred Legawiec-W2LGA; Gerry Storrs-K2QJB; Dan O'Shea-N2MRE; Tim Colson-N2VZD; Rita Colson-KC2GFT; Charlie Floring-W2AK; John May-WA2KFV; Sharon May-KA2TNK; Al Obrist-N2AO; Lou Agresti-W2OPF; Steve Auyer-N2TKX and Warren Cooke-WB2NOG.

The meeting was chaired by K2JDD who rang "THE BELL" to call the meeting to order at 11:25am. He reported that John McKee-WB2YGN was unable to attend either because he was traveling to Missouri, or because of some eye problems – or both. Apparently WB2YGN had a cataract operation some time ago and he was not completely pleased with the results. His original doctor declined to do a follow-up operation but WB2YGN located another doctor who would. Unfortunately, during that operation the plastic lens shattered as it was being removed and that led to other problems. Hope everything is working out well for you, John!

N2AO donated a book "The Big Ear Two" about the development of the large aperture array which was won by N2VZD. N2AO informed us that he will be donating "The Big Ear One" next month. W2TYO was presented with his 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificate which



we had been holding for him while he was wintering in New Smyrna Beach.

K2QJB had brought in an Atwater Kent Model 42 receiver which he had just acquired and which he is preparing to restore. That prompted a bit of discussion on Atwater Kent products, the proper re-forming technique for the capacitors in the power supply, the use of asbestos as an insulator, etc., etc.

Stan Shubsda, a retired GE engineer, had been cleaning out some items accumulated by his father and had given N2TKX a box containing a number of items to be passed on to K2JDD for the AWA Museum. The box contained a 1-tube receiver, some type-201 vacuum tubes, a Johnson key and a Weston Cell. K2JDD and N2TKX were considering passing the items around for inspection, but reflecting on the design of

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## K2JDD, AK-42, K2QJB



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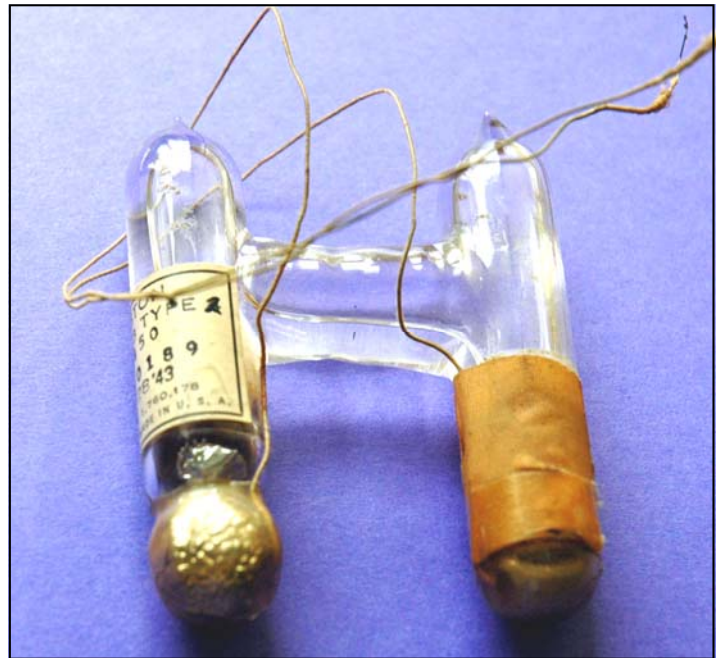
the Weston Cell, decided that the risk of turning Denny's Restaurant into a SuperFund site was too high.

At the RAGS "Ole Timers Night" W2AK had presented his talk on the history of amateur radio in Syracuse prior to World War II. As in previous versions of the talk he mentioned that he had run across a 1x4 callsign, W8ZZBG in this case, and had no idea what this "unique" callsign meant. K2JDD took it upon himself to research some of the callsign books at the AWA Museum and found that in this time frame, 1x4 callsigns were assigned to "portable" stations – in this case Harold A. Dorschug of 1068 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, N.Y. No one at the meeting was quite sure what the difference was between a "portable" callsign and the later "mobile" appendage.

The meeting was concluded when K2QJB won \$18 in the 50/50 raffle – maybe you can use it to buy some parts for the AK42, Gerry – and the food was served.

The chemistry of the cell is an anode consisting of **cadmium** with **mercury**, with a cathode of pure **mercury**. The electrolyte is a solution of **cadmium sulfate octahydrate** and the depolarizer is a paste of **mercurous sulfate**.

The cell is in H-shaped glass vessel with the cadmium amalgam in one leg and the pure mercury in the other. Electrical connections to the cadmium amalgam and the mercury are made by platinum wires fused through the lower ends of the legs.



**Weston  
Model 3, Type 2  
Serial 2450  
EMF 1.0189  
Date Jan 28 '43**

## Weston Cell

The Weston Cell, invented by Edward Weston in 1893, is a wet-chemical cell that produces a highly stable voltage suitable as a laboratory standard for calibration of voltmeters. It was adopted as the International Standard for EMF between 1911 and 1990.

## Birthdays

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- 13<sup>th</sup> – Paul Hammond-K2QCG
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Melville Sherman-K2CCQ
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Frank Wiethuechter-K2RSY
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thomas Sly-K2QCX

### July

- 22<sup>nd</sup> – James O'Keefe-W2SY
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Tim Colson-N2VZD
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Gerald Voorhies-KA2DDN

### August

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Sharon May-KA2TNK
- 12<sup>th</sup> – William Kimbell-W2TYO
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Michael Lang-W2ANL
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Molinaro-W2FUU



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### WA2PQG

Victor W. Buddie-WA2PQG, 85, of Richfield Blvd., Mattydale, passed away Saturday, May 28, 2011, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Buddie was a life resident of Mattydale and was the son of the late Victor and Elizabeth (Renk) Buddie. He was a naval veteran of WWII and served as a radio operator aboard the USS Alchiba (AKA-6) in the Pacific Theater. He and his shipmates witnessed the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He was an avid musician and played the guitar and harmonica. In his youth, he and his brother recorded a record as the Buddies. Vic retired in 1991 after 18 years as a technician supervisor in the video services of Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University. He received an honorary degree from Syracuse University for his continuous assistance to the student body during his tenure there. Prior to that he worked with the Semiconductor Products (SPD) Division of General Electric in Liverpool. He also owned and operated Mattydale TV for over 50 years. Vic was an amateur radio operator and was a past president of the Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse (RAGS) in 1963. He received his advanced license and operated under the call sign WA2PQG. He was a communicant of St Margaret's Church and a former member of VFW Post #3146, both in Mattydale. Vic is survived by his wife of 64 years, the former

Margaret Breyer; five children, Patricia (Peter) Schinto of Liverpool, Thomas (Marianne) Buddie of Raleigh, NC, James (Linda) Buddie of Cato, Donna (Dennis) Votra of Baldwinsville and Christopher (Rita) Buddie of Phoenix; 13 grandchildren, Elaine, Aileen, Cynthia, Michele, Jacqueline, James, Daniel, Tonya, Brian, Caron, Kyle, Justine and Victoria; and seven great-grandchildren, Stacy, Timmy, Peter, Christina, Ronald, Alexa and Curtis. Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Krueger Funeral Home. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, 2619 Brewerton Rd., Mattydale. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery. Contributions may be made in memory of Victor to the Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse, PO Box 88, Liverpool, NY 13088.



## Recipe of the Month

Several members of the chapter have expressed great concern that our newsletter does not include a monthly recipe. Well, to keep those members happy, here is QCWA Chapter 29's Recipe of the Month as originally printed in the 1941 edition of the "WFBL Cook Book of the Stars."

### SPAGHETTI AND BACON

- 1 can Franco-American Spaghetti
- Bacon strips

Directions: Heat the can of Spaghetti in boiling water; meanwhile sauté the bacon strips. When piping hot, put bacon strips on top of the Spaghetti with its delicious tomato and cheese sauce. Eat.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•CQWW WPX CW Contest</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Memorial Day</li> </ul>	<b>31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Madison-Oneida ARC Meeting (last)</li> <li>•7pm—QCWA Net, 53.05R</li> <li>•8pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R</li> </ul>	<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins</li> <li>•7pm—Swap/Info Net, 146.91R</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7pm—Camillus VE Session (1st)</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7pm—Rome ARC VE Session (1st)</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rochester Hamfest, Bernard</li> <li>•ARRL Atlantic Division Convention</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•9am—Communicator Breakfast, Ramada Inn (1st &amp; 3rd)</li> <li>•LIMARC Hamfest, Bethpage (K2KNB)</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (1st)</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7pm—QCWA Net, 53.05R</li> <li>•8pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7:30pm—Skyline ARC Meeting (2nd)</li> <li>•7pm—Swap/Info Net, 146.91R</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7:30pm—RAGS Meeting, "Retiring/Installation Dinner" (2nd)</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Skyline ARC Hamfest, Cortland (KB2LUV)</li> <li>•Pioneer Radio Operators Society Hamfest, Chaffee</li> <li>•ARRL June VHF QSO Party</li> <li>•Public Service—Green Lakes Triathlon</li> </ul>
<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ARRL June VHF QSO Party</li> <li>•Hall of Science ARC Hamfest, Queens (WB2KDG)</li> </ul>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ARRL June VHF QSO Party</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Flag Day</li> <li>•Lyrids Meteor Shower</li> <li>•7pm—QCWA Net, 53.05R</li> <li>•8pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7pm—Swap/Info Net, 146.91R</li> </ul>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7pm—MOARC VE Session (WF2V) (3rd)</li> </ul>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Kids Day</li> <li>•7pm—SSTV Net, 146.91R</li> </ul>
<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Father's Day</li> <li>•9am—Communicator Breakfast, Ramada Inn (1st &amp; 3rd)</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Amateur Radio Week Begins</li> <li>•7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (3rd)</li> </ul>	<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1st Day of Summer</li> <li>•Public Service—Syr. Chargers Run</li> <li>•7pm—QCWA Net, 53.05R</li> <li>•8pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•6pm—Fulton ARC VE Session</li> <li>•7pm—Fulton ARC Meeting (4th)</li> <li>•7pm—Swap/Info Net, 146.91R</li> </ul>	<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•5pm—LARC Meeting,, "Elections &amp; FD Update" (4th)</li> </ul>	<b>24</b> <b>QCWA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•11:30am—QCWA Luncheon, Denny's Restaurant</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ARRL Field Day</li> <li>•7pm—SSTV Net, 146.91R</li> </ul>
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