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Newsletter

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## June Meeting

At the meeting at Denny's Restaurant on June 22<sup>nd</sup> were: John Soergel-WA2DGC; Fred Legawiec-W2LGA; Tim Colson-N2VZD; Rita Colson-KC2GFT; Bill Kimbell-W2TYO; Charlie Floring-W2AK; Sharon May-KA2TNK; Al May-WA2KFFV; John R0ckdashil-WB2DVE; Gerry Storrs-K2QJB; Fred Herbs-WB2PEM; John McKee-WB2YGN; Chuck Silva-KB2DIO; Ken Blume-K2UPI; Jim O'Keefe-W2SY; Roger Hamilton-WA2AEW; Harold Ferguson-KE2FV; Bob Goettel-WA2LBG; Gerry Voorhies-KA2DDN; Jack Roubie-K2JDD; Steve Auyer-N2TKX; Al Obrist-N2AO; Wes Scriba-K2WFS and Ron Walter-N2DMP.

WB2YGN called the meeting to order at 11:20am and noted that Steve Licht-WF2S who visited us at our April meeting has announced his candidacy for the QCWA Board of Directors. Richard Holley-W2QJH seems to be acting as his campaign manager. Von Campbell-W2RDC had called to say that he was temporarily at Community General Hospital for some tests and would miss the meeting. He plans to attend a future meeting and bring along some "nifty" door prizes with him – Please Von, nothing that explodes!

WB2DVE reported on the status of the LARC Field Day event to be held at William Park on Oneida Lake. Operation will be as class 3A with 3 HF stations using the W2CM call and one GOTA station using the WB2BJW call. Operation will be on 80M, 40M and 20M. All are encouraged to visit the site (maps were

passed out) or, if you cannot, to at least work the operation on the air.

Nets – N2VZD noted that the Wednesday night swap/info/whatever net is holding up well on the 146.910 repeater as is the digital slow scan net on Saturday night on the same repeater. WB2YGN informed us that the Chapter 29 QCWA net on Tuesday evenings at 7pm on the 53.050(-), 71.9PL repeater is going well with the number of check-ins varying between 3 and 10.

Show and Tell – K2QJB brought in a 1920's broadcast microphone, model H812, manufactured by the Gibbs Company of Chicago. There was some discussion of whether it was a carbon microphone or some other type. N2TKX volunteered to disassemble it to see whether carbon granules fell out. K2QJB demurred. WA2AEW brought in a large "mystery tube" that he had been given by a neighbor. Supposedly manufactured by General Electric it had no identifying markings that would help determine its type. However, some photos sent to Lud Sibley-KB2EVN, THE tube guy, resulted in a data sheet that revealed that it was a hydrogen thyratron rated at 12KW. The tube will eventually end up at the AWA museum. W2SY brought in a small tube of rather unusual design that was passed around for inspection – the consensus appeared to be that it was an external grid type of early design.

KE2FV won \$20 in the 50/50 raffle and several door prizes were raffled off: K2QJB and N2DMP won Electric Radio T-shirts; K2JDD won a cubical quad an-

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tenna book and KB2DIO won a book describing how to service tube-type color TV sets – second career Chuck? With that the meeting was adjourned.



## Church Closing

[This contains portions of an article published in the Syracuse Post-Standard on June 17, 2011.]

Most of the important events in Shirley Soergel’s life have taken place in Friedens United Church of Christ in Syracuse. She was baptized and confirmed there, as were many members of her family.

Now Soergel, XYL of WA2DGC, 84, will attend her last service at the church at Lodi and Ash streets. After 111 years, the church will close following a special celebration service at 1 p.m. Saturday and a final private service for members Sunday.

Many in the church have never known any other place of worship and say they are losing more than a building. “You lose lifetime friends,” Soergel said. “Everybody seemed like a big family and this is what I’m going to miss.”

Soergel’s grandmother immigrated from Germany and helped found the church at the turn of the century. Her parents attended the church, as well as her children and grandchildren. Her 12-year old granddaughter was confirmed a week ago and became the fifth generation to attend the church.

Friedens, which means peace in German, was established by German immigrants in 1900 after a falling out between the pastor of St. Peter’s German Evangelical Church and the church council. The pastor left with his followers and they built a new church.

The organization thrived in the ‘20s and ‘30s, but began a gradual decline in the 1950s as more and more people moved to the suburbs. When Shirley Soergel married her husband in 1953, the church was still attracting upwards of 200 people at holiday services. Now the numbers have dwindled.

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**John and Shirley Soergel of East Syracuse; their son David Soergel; his daughter; Sarah; and wife, Becky, of Pompey**

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“If we hit 30 we’re doing really well,” Soergel said.

Members say there are many reasons for the closing, the main ones being declining membership and a changing neighborhood. “Slowly, the German background, most of them moved to the suburbs,” Soergel said. “That was part of the problem. Most of the younger people have moved to the suburbs.”

“In some ways I’m still numb about it,” said David Soergel, church council president and son of Shirley Soergel. “It will certainly be something that will be missed.”

More than anything, David said his mother and daughter will miss the traditions. The group still holds a candle vigil at Christmas and sings Silent Night. They sing the last verse in German.

“That’s one of the things my daughter is really going to miss,” he said.

## Birthdays

### 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

### September

- 13<sup>th</sup> – Steve Auyer-N2TKX
- 21<sup>st</sup> – John McKee-WB2YGN
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Gerry Storrs-K2QJB
- 26<sup>th</sup> – James Murphy-WA2MUX
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Howard Clark-K2AN



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## “Summertime, and the living is easy”

[With apologies to George Gershwin.]

After a snowy winter and a wet spring, summertime and warm weather (well, at least most of the time) is finally here. What better thing to do in the summer than to take a leisurely drive through the countryside – admiring nature’s beauty. And what could make the trip even better is a stop at a radio museum along the way.

Here in central New York, we’re indeed fortunate to be within easy driving distance of the Antique Wireless Association’s Electronic Communication Museum in Bloomfield, New York. It is open on Saturdays (2-4PM) and Sundays (2-5PM) from May through September – it is closed on Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends. I personally find the most pleasant route to be to simply take Route 5 west from Syracuse and eventually end up at the museum in about 90 minutes. However a faster route is to take the NYS Thruway west to Exit 44. Upon exiting the Thruway:

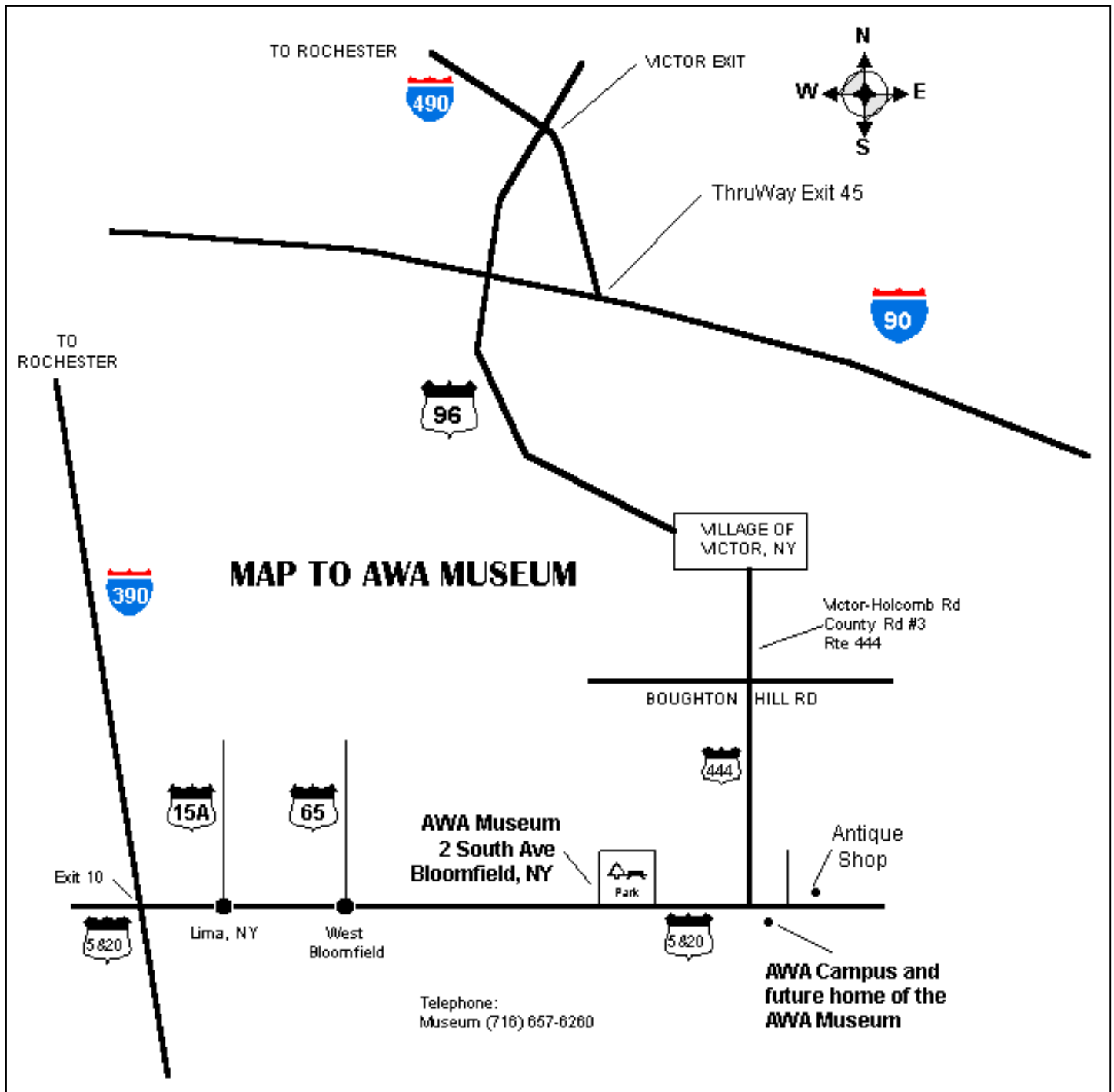
- Merge onto RT-332 S toward Canandaigua/Victor
- Go 3.2 miles and turn RIGHT onto CR-41. CR-41 is 0.1 miles past Perez Dr.

- Go 4.1 miles and turn LEFT onto RT-444/CR-3. If you reach School Rd you've gone about 0.6 miles too far.
- After a short 0.8 miles, turn RIGHT onto W Main St/RT-20C. W Main St is 0.3 miles past Wishing Well MHP.
- After only 0.04 miles, turn LEFT onto South Ave. South Ave is 0.1 miles past Church St
- 2 South Ave is on the RIGHT. Your destination is just past W Main St.

So, what does the museum offer? Well, just about anything relating to the history of electronic communications: recreations of early stations and repair shops; vacuum tube display; many historical radios of the 20’s, 30’s, 40’s and 50’s; early cellphones; operating spark transmitters; a slowscan TV demonstration; and – well. You get the idea.

Admission to the museum is free – but one word of caution, you have to climb a set of stairs to reach the museum proper on the second floor of the building, and the spark transmitter display requires climbing a second set of stairs.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 •ARRL Field Day	27	28 •Madison-Oneida ARC Meeting (last) •7pm—QCWA Net, 53.05R •8pm—"This Week In Amateur"	29 •7pm—Swap/Info Net, 146.91R	30	1 •7pm—Rome ARC VE Session (1st)	2 •7pm—SSTV Net, 146.91R
3	4 •Independence Day •7:30pm—OCREN Net, 147.30R (1st)	5 •7pm—QCWA Net, 53.05R •8pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R	6 •7pm—Swap/Info Net, 146.91R	7 •7pm—Camillus VE Session (1st)	8	9 •IARU HF World Championship •SKYWARN Training (WA2PUU)
10 •IARU HF World Championship	11	12 •7pm—QCWA Net, 53.05R •8pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R	13 •7pm—Swap/Info Net, 146.91R •7:30pm—Skyline ARC Meeting (2nd)	14	15 •7pm—MOARC VE Session (WF2V) (3rd)	16 •Utica ARC Hamfest, Frankfort (W2MVB) •North American RTTY QSO Party •CQWW VHF Contest
17 •North American RTTY QSO Party •CQWW VHF Contest	18 •7:30pm—OCREN Net, 147.30R (3rd)	19 •7pm—QCWA Net, 53.05R •8pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R	20 •7pm—Swap/Info Net & LARC On-Air Meeting, 146.91R	21	22	23 •12n—Syracuse VE Session, Liverpool Library •7pm—SSTV Net, 146.91R
24	25	26 •7pm—QCWA Net, 53.05R •Madison-Oneida ARC Meeting (last) •8pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R	27 •7pm—Swap/Info Net, 146.91R •6pm—Fulton ARC VE Session •7pm—Fulton ARC Meeting (4th)	28 •Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower	29 QCWA •11:30am—QCWA Luncheon, Denny's Restaurant	30 •Batavia Hamfest, Alexander (W2ABQ) •7pm—SSTV Net, 146.91R
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