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Newsletter

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July Meeting/Picnic

Our first in-person QCWA meeting since February was held on Friday, July 31st at the Clay Town Park, on a perfect summer day. Blue skies and a welcome light breeze that moderated the 85 degree temperature made for an enjoyable time under the pavilion. Nine members and guests met up for a BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything) picnic, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone came equipped with face masks, and kept spaced apart on several picnic benches. Ron, WB2WGH, had covered the tables with plastic sheeting for isolation from previous visitors. Those attending were: Frank K2RSY, Ron WB2WGH, Jerry NK2C, Doug N2JOM, Gary WB2SER, Bob WA2LBG, Walt N2IK, Ron N2DMP, and Earl KB2VSJ. Several other regular meeting attendees had decided not to risk the possible exposure to the public, due to concerns about their or their spouses health issues. Charlie K2IWQ was having a medical procedure today, and was missed.

After a long ragchew session, where Field Day, the June VHF Contest, antenna projects, new Icom 7300s, and other topics were discussed over tasty BYO food and beverage items, Chapter President Frank K2RSY opened a brief business meeting. After Frank welcomed everyone, WB2SER gave the treasurer's report, noting the unchanged balance

of \$478.86. Future possible meeting sites were discussed, including the Finally Our's Diner, which is open, but with severely reduced seating capacity; and our old home, the Denny's in North Syracuse, which has reopened under a new franchisee. They also are limited in capacity and now operate with reduced hours. But it is too soon to return to indoor meetings anyway, as neither of those locations have enough free space to allow for our usual crowd while observing social distancing. Ron noted that we probably could return to the Clay Town Park Pavilion for our August meeting, and he would check for availability. The other option would be a virtual meeting on Zoom. The group opted for the Park, keeping Zoom as a backup for times of cooler weather. With that, Frank adjourned the meeting, thanking all who attended, and hoping for brighter days in the future.



Birthdays

August

- 1st - Moe Clayton - WA2ICB
- 2nd - Mike Lang - W2ANL
- 12th - Joseph Molinaro - W2FUU

September

- 4th - Gary Kimball - WB2SER
- 26th - James Murphy - WA2MUX

October

9th - Mark Chamberlin - WB2PKO

26th - John Storsberg - WA2U



August Face to Face Meeting/Picnic

The August meeting (**August 28**) will be a face to face meeting at the Clay Town Park pavilion on Wetzell Road adjacent to the YMCA. This is the same pavilion where we held the July meeting and LARC held its summer picnic in recent years. Come rain or shine. Based on current social distancing guidelines we're limited to 25 people and masks are required. We have the pavilion reserved from 10AM until 2PM.

Logistics are as follows:

- Alcohol is not permitted. A complete list of park rules is located at <https://www.townofclay.org/recreation/parks-green-areas>
- The Chapter will **not** be providing any food, drink, plates, utensils, etc. It is the responsibility of all attendees to bring their own food and/or drink.
- No 50/50 this month.
- There are picnic tables in the pavilion which should accommodate the group. Feel free to bring a folding chair just in case.
- There are plenty of food services in the area that can provide breakfast and/or lunch. Besides the usual fast food restaurants (McDonalds, Burger King, Wendy's, etc.) there are plenty of other food services in Liverpool, North Syracuse, Mattydale and surrounding areas. There is also a new Brooklyn Pickle at 7175 Buckley Road just south of Taft Road adjacent to the Medical Center. I did contact them, they open at 10AM, will take phone order the day before and have them ready for pickup at 10AM when they open. Their web site is at

<https://www.brooklynpickle.com/> and phone number is (315)671-2185. This is not an endorsement for Brooklyn Pickle as I rarely frequent the establishment. Having said that, I do plan to get my lunch from there.



Future Meeting Venues

Several have asked about future meeting venues. Several suggestions have been made including Finally Our's, the IHOP currently being built on Route 31 near Great Northern Mall and the recently re-opened Denny's.

Several challenges exist for hosting meetings at restaurants with indoor dining. They include:

- A large percentage of our group fall into the COVID high risk group. Meeting indoors in close quarters is not prudent.
- A group our size would occupy a large area of restaurant seating. To socially distance we would need a room 3 to 4 times the size of the Denny's meeting room.
- Restaurants are financially challenged with the current business environment and would rather make available seating to diners who vacate the facility after completing their meal. Groups that hold meetings after the meal occupy valuable seating that would otherwise be occupied by paying customers.

Frank, K2RSY, talked to the Denny's manager last Monday. He informed me Joanie no longer works there. As far as meetings go they will make no commitment as to meeting availability at that location. He informed me that the future of that location is in doubt.

Given all of the above, the Chapter will continue with outdoor meetings at Clay Town Park based on availability and weather. Once the temperatures begin to drop, we will resume with Zoom meetings. Once the COVID environment improves, we can

find a suitable venue and members are comfortable meeting indoors, we will resume face to face meetings. That will likely be sometime in 2021 based on the way 2020 is playing out.



Silent Keys

Rick J. Catlin



Rick J. Catlin, KD2HLB , 51, of Pulaski passed away on May 23, 2020. A Master Instructor at National Tractor Trailer School (NTTS), working at the Main Campus in Liverpool, NY in May 1994 to May 2010, when

he transitioned to the Fort Drum branch. For the past 10 years Rick has been in charge of the Fort Drum program. He worked tirelessly to build the program at Fort Drum for our servicemen and women. Rick had a passion for teaching which was evident to the many students that benefitted from his instruction. He also loved to develop new curriculum that kept up to date with pivotal changes in the trucking industry. His knowledge made him the perfect choice to work with and teach current and new instructors.

In his free time, he enjoyed computers, singing, playing the guitar, and working on cars, especially his Jeeps. Rick was an amateur radio operator, working under the call sign: KD2HLB, he is now a silent key.

Rick is survived by his wife Deb, his son Tom, many friends and his NTTS family of students and co-workers. A private memorial service will be held August 23, 2020. Cards and donations may be sent to: Deb Catlin, 277 County Route 28, Pulaski NY 13142. Foster Funeral Home, Fulton has care of arrangements.

fosterfuneralhome.com

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1st = first week of month, 2nd = second week of month, ..., Last = last week of month

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7p—RAGS Net, 3.922 LSB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7p—Fireside Chat Net, 146.67R • 8:30p WiresX Tech Net 147.39R 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30p—CW Net, 146.67R • 7p—QCWA 6M Net, 53.05R 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7p—Swap Net, 147.00R 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7p—220 Net, 224.12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9a—CW Net, 146.67R • 7:30p—SSTV Net, 146.67R • 9p—Int WiresX 147.39R
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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Day • 6:30p—LARC Board 	8	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6p—RAGS Meeting (2nd) • 7p—Utica ARC Meeting (2nd) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patriot Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL VHF Contest • Lancaster Hamfest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandparents' Day • ARRL VHF Contest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL VHF Contest 	15	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizenship Day 	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL 10GHz & Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL 10GHz & Up 	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7p—Fulton ARC Meeting (4th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30p—LARC VE Session • 6:15p—W2CM Bootcamp • 7p—LARC Meeting (4th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Day • 11:30a—QCWA Luncheon, TBD (last) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elmira Hamfest
27	28	29	30			

Meeting Photos

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

