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September Meeting

Attendance at our meeting at Denny's Restaurant on September 25 was a bit lower than usual – twenty two were present. Actually, we initially thought that it was even lower at twenty but a little detective work turned up the fact that N2AO and W2XF had not signed in. Once that was rectified, those present were: Roger Hamilton-WA2AEW; Jim O'Keefe-W2SY; Sharon May-KA2TNK; Frank Wiethuechter-K2RSY; Bill Kimbell-W2TYO, Bill Kimbell, Jr.-KB1ABW (visiting from his home QTH in Rhode Island); Charlie Floring-W2AK; Dave Moon-N2RGU; Gerry Voorhies-KA2DDN; Jim Mozley-W2BCH; Viv Douglas-WA2PUU; Steve Auyer-N2TKX; Chuck Silva-KB2DIO; Harry Rotherhoefer-W2HLR; Ken Blume-K2UPI; Fred Legawiec-W2LGA; John Soergel-WA2DGC; Jack Roubie-K2JDD; Bob Goettel-WA2LBG; Mark Chamberlin-WB2PKO; Al Obrist-N2AO and Frank Decker-W2XF.

In the absence of Fred Herbs-WB2PEM, K2JDD opened the meeting just as we were finishing ordering. Knowing the WB2PEM had been having some medical problems after a fall in a Wal-Mart parking lot, we were a little concerned by his absence but K2JDD put us at rest by telling us that WB2PEM continues to recover and is now driving and spending time at his camp. Apparently his absence had something to do with Judy dislocating a finger when walking a dog – don't ask how that happened. N2AO had brought in a bag of porcelain antenna insulators ("You can make a 3-curtain Rhombic with them" – yeah, sure, Al) as a door prize which was won by W2AK. (Q: "What am I

supposed to do with these things?" A: "Cook them for a long time at low heat, Charlie.") The 50/50 raffle worth \$20 was won by N2TKX who donated his winnings back to the club. It was mentioned that Tom Cantine-W2TQF is in University Hospital following surgery to amputate his remaining foot. Apparently W2TQF is in good spirits but will have to remain in the hospital for several more weeks and would appreciate cards or visits. WA2LBG thought that it would be nice to mention that a New York State QSO Party, sponsored by the Rochester DX Association, has been scheduled for October 17, 2009 – more details will be found at www.nyqp.org.

WB2PKO let us know that he has been elected President of the Jefferson County Radio Amateurs Club (JCRAC) which has its website at www.kc2elx.net. He also passed on the following. Q: Why do they bury lawyers 12' deep? A: Because deep down they're all good. Groan! The seating arrangements had been changed for this meeting with a more U-shaped arrangement of the tables. While better, it still needs a little refining for the next meeting.

Apparently a television station in the Midwest needed to replace the antenna atop its 2,000-foot tall guyed tower (changing from analog to digital, maybe?) and the operation was so complex that it took a large crew a full day to do the work on the tower. A film crew recorded the operation and it was turned into a one-hour program which ran on the National Geographic Channel. K2JDD recorded the program on videotape and passed the tape on to W2LGA who edited out the

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commercials to produce a 43-minute video which he burned to a DVD. He brought his laptop and a video projector to the meeting and showed portions of the video. W2LGA offered to burn additional DVDs for any chapter members who would like them. He can be reached at flegawiec1@twcny.rr.com. Along with the video he showed some still shots from the recent LARC/SARC Field Day exercise including one spectacular shot of John Rockdashil-WB2DVE using a “potato shooter” to launch an antenna. We hear that the photo will run in an upcoming issue of QST.

N2TKX described Frank Waggoner-W2PTI, now an SK, as a Watertown ham who was an avid DX'er who built all his own equipment and who could operate at full legal power on any band from 160M through to 70cm. When W2PTI died about 5 years ago, his station was dismantled with some pieces of equipment going to the Museum of Science & Technology in Syracuse and some to the Central Square Middle School ARC. N2TKX had been storing about twenty boxes of parts from W2PTI's station and a decision was recently made to donate the parts to the Antique Wireless Association's Electronic Communication Museum. (We understand that the decision was prompted in no small part by N2TKX's XYL.) However, if anyone has a project currently underway that could make use of any of these parts, contact N2TKX at n2tkx@arrl.net in the next week or so with your needs and he'll see whether he can help you out. Photographs of some of the W2PTI “hoard” are shown on page 3.

23rd – Von Campbell-W2RDC

28th – Ike Hathaway-W2IH

December

2nd – Samuel Semel-W2SHE

5th – David Moon-N2RGU

14th – Thomas Cantine-W2TQF

30th – Ken Blume-K2UPI



Upcoming Birthdays

October

9th – Mark Chamberlin-WB2PKO

26th – Robert Jackson-WB2BJW

26th – John Storsberg-WA2U

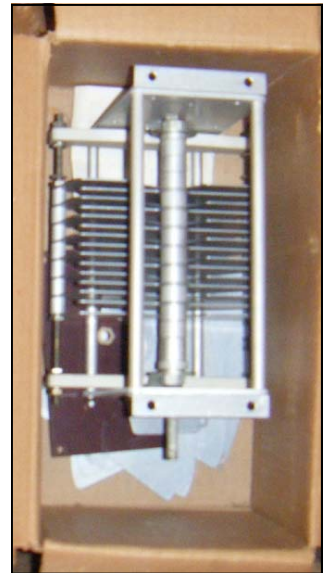
November

1st – John Gonroff-NT2D

1st – James Mozley-W2BCH

7th – Henry Hampel-KA0TUP

The W2PTI Part "Hoard"



October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL VEC Amateur Exam Day • CQWW RTTY Contest ends 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yom Kippur 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) • 7:30pm—Madison-Oneida ARC Meeting, Verona (last) 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Camillus VE Session (KB2ERJ) (1st) 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Service, "Syracuse Chargers Run", Manley FH (WA2PUU) • 7:00pm—Rome ARC VE Session (K2GVI) (1st) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOST Amateur Radio Course (N2TKX)
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL Simulated Emergency test 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) (1st) 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Rome Radio Club Meeting, Griffiss (1st) 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—RAGS Meeting, (AB2PG) (2nd) 	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOST Amateur Radio Course (N2TKX)
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North American RTTY Sprint 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbus Day • 7:00pm—Utica ARC Meeting (2nd) 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—Skyline ARC Meeting (AB2G) 	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—MOARC VE Session (KG2DI) (3rd) 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts Jamboree On The Air • NY QSO Party (RDXA)
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