

Finger Lakes

Chapter #29

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Newsletter

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## November Meeting

Our annual "Day after Thanksgiving" meeting kicked off at 11:31 AM on November 29th with 21 members and guests present, and no strangers attending. In attendance were Tim Colson-N2VZD and XYL Rita (KC2GFT); David Robinson-KB2HBA and Marge Mahan; Dave Moon-N2RGU; Ken Blume-K2UPI and XYL Diane; Charlie Abbott-K2IWQ; Barry Burge-KD4MCB; Larry Rusch-KD2MTG; Walt Bordett-N2IK; Frank Wiethuechter-K2RSY; Steve Auyer-N2TKX; Philip Dosmer-KC2YLB; Dan O'Shea-N2MRE; Ron Walter-N2DMP; Frank Decker-W2XF; John McKee-WB2YGN; Gary Kimball-WB2SER; Bob Goettel-WA2LBG and Earl Dewey-KB2VSJ.

Chapter 29 President Frank K2RSY greeted all with the hope that everyone had enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration, and had recovered from the inevitable food coma. This month we incurred one area Silent Key, David Swartz WA2DLH, who had pursued a career in Broadcast Engineering, mostly in Pennsylvania and Louisiana.

During the past month, we had received a donation request from Honor Flight Syracuse to help with their cause of providing assisted flights to Washington, DC for veterans of the various military branches. Frank W2XF made a motion and Dave N2RGU seconded, with a voice vote from those

attending today's meeting authorizing a \$25.00 gift to be sent to assist in this cause. Next, we presented our long suffering waitress, Joan with a Christmas card and \$75.00 for tolerating us for another year (hi hi!). This month's treasurer's report from Gary WB2SER indicated a balance of \$292.36 in the till, and no outstanding bills.



Larry KD2MTG and Barry KD4MCB having a chuckle over breakfast at our October meeting

Frank next noted that with the year's end rapidly approaching, it was time to open nominations for Chapter 29 officers for the New Year. Anyone interested in opposing the current slate of officers should make themselves known before or at the December meeting. Voting for next year's officers will take place at that December 27th meeting.

In news from other area clubs, Barry KD4MCB reminded everyone of the RAGS / LARC combined Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14th at the Cicero American Legion Post on Route 31. Festivities kick off at 4:30 PM. A full buffet dinner, door prizes for all, the presentation of the LARC Ham of the Year Award, and lots of ham radio fellowship will be featured. This is always a fun event!! Bob WA2LBG from the Fulton ARC noted that their annual Christmas Party would be on Sunday, December 1st at RFH's Restaurant on Route 57, just south of Fulton. Bob also mentioned the passing of Dean Reichard WD2AFI. Dean's father, Fred had also been a ham for many years, starting back in the 1960's. The Fulton club's December meeting will feature a program on FLdigi.



Dan N2MRE placing his breakfast order with Joan at our October meeting

Gary WB2SER mentioned that the 2020 Hamfest season was fast approaching, with the Marathon, NY event on January 11th opening the season at the usual location, the Marathon Civic Center. Opening time is 7 AM and admission is only \$5.00, with sales tables another \$5.00. Table reservations are encouraged, as they often sell out by Christmas. Walt N2IK thanked those who helped with the Liverpool Turkey Trot Race on Thanksgiving Day morning. Tim N2VZD did a quick rundown of the area nets, and encouraged all

interested parties to check in when possible. WB2SER gave a brief listing of upcoming contests for December, and someone mentioned the Santa Claus Net on or near 3916 MHz at 7:15PM Central time every evening until Christmas. Details are at [WWW.CQSANTA.COM](http://WWW.CQSANTA.COM).

Larry KD2MTG won this month's 50-50 pot of \$22.00 and donated his winnings back to the club. Thanks, Larry!! With that, Frank closed the meeting, wishing all a Happy Holiday Season and a hope to see everyone at the December meeting and in the New Year!



## Birthdays

### December

- 5th - David Moon - N2RGU
- 22nd - Peter Sochocki - NY2V
- 24th - Richard Holley - W2QJH
- 30th - Ken Blume - K2UPI

### January

- 10th - Roger Hamilton - WA2AEW
- 27th - Jim Murray - K2HN

### February

- 12th - Clyde Washburn - K2UE



## My Novice Station Articles Wanted

I'd like to thank Fred Legawiec, W2LGA, who submitted his novice station for this month. Right now I have no one on deck for the January newsletter so get your keyboard or paper/pen out and throw together a quick historical glimpse at your novice station to share with the group. Please email me, Ron Panetta ([ron@panman.us](mailto:ron@panman.us)) and I will share with the group.



## My Novice Station Fred Legawiec, W2LGA

I was first licensed in 1964 as WN2PJT. Missed one question on the theory but “aced” the 5 wpm needed for the Novice ticket! As I had six brothers and sisters, having a station in the house was totally out of the question! My dad let me have a little corner in our detached garage to set up a station. A friend of my dad’s, who was really into CB radios, gave me an old Hallicrafters S-38B shortwave receiver that worked but needed two of the five tubes in the unit. As for a transmitter, an “elmer” who lived in Minoa, had a partially built Heathkit DX-60 he was willing to sell for \$50. Being too young to work, I managed to raise the money via pop bottles, odd jobs for neighbors, and crushing boxes for Wrights Pharmacy in Minoa! I really enjoyed finishing the DX-60 and Radio Shack had the 12SK7 and 12SQ7 tubes I needed for my receiver. For an antenna. I strung a 14 gauge wire from the garage to a tree out behind the garage. I ordered the crystals with the old FT-243 base for 80 meters. A matching VFO was available for my transmitter but I was lucky to get the money for the rig. ***Finally I was “On the Air”!!*** I only operated CW but enjoyed the hobby from the first minute the radios lit up!! My first contact was with a ham in Toledo, Ohio. He was very patient with me as I was messing things up big time. I had never used a “Zero Beat” transmitter / shortwave system before ***so like a rookie I “assumed” if the dial on the receiver said a certain frequency it had to be true!*** As the years progressed and I moved up to a General Class, Advanced, and Extra I would like to think I got better but I am sure there are those out there who would beg to differ!

I still have both my DX-60 and my S-38B. I “play” with them once in a while, but as with the hobby ... progress is inevitable. DSP, H/T’s, DMR, etc. When in high school at East Syracuse-Minoa, I was the

only licensed operator in the Ham Radio Club. Mr. Meltzer was the instructor and we had a nice set up in a small room at the rear of the Physics classroom. I really enjoy setting up and operating Special Events stations like the International Lighthouse / Lightship Weekend, Museum Ships on the Air, and National Parks on the Air. Great hobby with many, many great people!! Been a HAM for many, many, many years and would trade them for anything!

*Fred Legawiec, W2LGA*



# Silent Keys

## Christopher Schmidt, KC2LZC



Christopher M. Schmidt  
November 29, 2019  
Christopher Michael Schmidt,  
25, went to his peace in  
Philadelphia, PA on November  
29, 2019. Born December 19,  
1993 in Syracuse, he lived in  
Pompey, graduated from

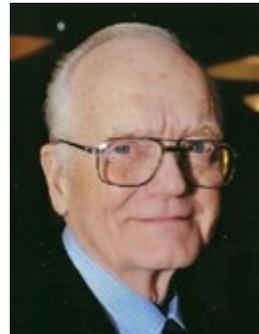
Fabius-Pompey High School in 2012 and received his AAS from Onondaga Community College in 2018. He was proud to be the House Manager for Independence Recovery in Ephrata, PA, where he found his purpose in helping others. Chris received his amateur radio license at the age of 10 and his first degree black belt in 2007. He was a music buff with eclectic taste, preferring vinyl to digital, and an avid reader with wide-ranging taste from manga to psychology. A video gamer known to his friends as the King of Tetris, he was incredibly intelligent with a quick wit. He was kind, compassionate, caring, genuine and so very loved. He is survived by his parents, Donald E. and Susan A. Schmidt of Pompey; sister, Sara A. Schmidt of Long Island City, NY; grandparents, Beverly J. Schmidt of Camillus; aunts and uncles, Ellen and James Muench of Jordan, Karen and Bradley Lettsome of Royal Palm Beach FL, and Carol Muench of East Syracuse; and cousins, Eric Muench, Kristin Muench, John Muench, Matthew Lettsome and Andrew Lettsome. He was predeceased by grandparents, Karl E. Schmidt and Margaret N. and William F. Muench; uncle, William Muench; and cousin, Michelle Muench. Calling hours will be 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Newell-Fay Manlius Chapel, 8171 Cazenovia Rd., Manlius. There will be a Memorial Service immediately following the calling hours at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Independence Recovery to create a scholarship

fund to honor Chris. It was there that he found his calling. He helped so many and a part of him will live on in the people that he touched. Independence Recovery gave him support, purpose, friendship, and love. They gave us our son back, for which we will always be grateful. Independence Recovery, 670 East Main St., Ephrata, PA 17522. For guest book, please visit: [www.SCHEPPFAMILY.com](http://www.SCHEPPFAMILY.com)

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## Edward Baumgras, KD2OTM



Edward Frew Baumgras  
December 1, 2019 Edward F.  
Baumgras, aged 81, returned  
to the Lord on Sunday,  
December 1, 2019. He is  
survived by: Marilyn Elizabeth  
Baumgras, his loving wife of  
59 years; his daughter Lynne

Marie Baumgras; his son, Glenn Edward Baumgras and daughter-in-law, Janine Baumgras; his granddaughters, Halee and Hanna Baumgras; and his sister-in-law (Richard) Susan Baumgras. Edward graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and served from 1955 to 1969 as a 1st Lieutenant with the 73rd Engineer Company Unit. He retired from Pass & Seymour as Plant Manager. Edward enjoyed family outings, computers, hunting, and boating. He was an avid HAM radio operator and recently earned accreditation as a volunteer examiner for the Amateur Radio Service. Edward was truly beloved by his family and friends. He was a kind soul who also had a special place in his heart for all animals. A private family memorial service will be held at

Gates Funeral Home in Baldwinsville. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made in Edward's name to the Wanderer's Rest Humane Association in Canastota, NY. Please sign the guestbook at [syracuse.com/obits](http://syracuse.com/obits)

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

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7p—RAGS Net, 3.922 LSB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7p—Fireside Chat Net, 146.67R</li> <li>8:30p WiresX Tech Net 147.39R</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30p—CW Net, 146.67R</li> <li>7p—QCWA 6M Net, 53.05R</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7p—Swap Net, 147.00R</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7p—220 Net, 224.12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9a—CW Net, 146.67R</li> <li>7:30p—SSTV Net, 146.67R</li> <li>9p—Int WiresX 147.39R</li> </ul>
			<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Years Day</li> <li>ARRL Straight Key Night</li> </ul>	2	3	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARRL Kid's Day</li> <li>ARRL RTTY Roundup</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARRL RTTY Roundup</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30p—LARC Board</li> </ul>	7	8	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6p—RAGS Meeting (2nd)</li> <li>7p—Utica ARC Meeting (2nd)</li> </ul>	10	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skyline ARC Winterfest</li> </ul>
12	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stephen Foster Memorial Day</li> </ul>	14	15	16	17	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARRL VHF Contest</li> </ul>
<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARRL VHF Contest</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martin Luther King Day</li> <li>ARRL VHF Contest</li> </ul>	21	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7p—Fulton ARC Meeting (4th)</li> </ul>	<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30p—LARC VE Session</li> <li>6:15p—W2CM Bootcamp</li> <li>7p—LARC Meeting (4th)</li> </ul>	24	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lockport ARA Hamfest</li> </ul>
26	27	28	29	30	<b>31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30a—QCWA Luncheon, Denny's (last)</li> </ul>	

# Meeting Photos

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

No pictures are available for last month's meeting as the "guy behind the camera" was unavailable to accost the membership. Have no fear, he will return! In the meantime:

