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November Meeting

Rearrangement of the tables at Weber's restaurant on November 28th was necessitated by the fact that we had a record crown of 30 folks in attendance. Present were: Jack Roubie-K2JDD; Tim Colson-N2VZD; Rita Colson-KC2GFT; Charles Floring-W2AK; John Rockdashil-WB2DVE; Fred Herbs-WB2PEM; Jim Mozley-W2BCH; Al Obrist-N2AO; Dave Moon-N2RGU; Joe Molinaro-W2FUU; Gerald Voorhies-KA2DDN; Frank Decker-W2XF; George Cook-W2RBK; W2RBK's second harmonics George and Donald-KC2MGO, and third harmonic Andrew, all of New Jersey; John Soergel-WA2DGC; John McKee-WB2YGN; Sharon May-KA2TNK; Al May-WA2KFV; Jim O'Keefe-W2SY; Frank Wiethuechter-K2RSY; Norm Hinkle-W2NNJ; Joe Dreher-W2TKG; Mark Chamberlin-WB2PKO; Bob Goettel-WA2LBG; Von Campbell-W2RDC; Viv Douglas-WA2PUU and Dan O'Shea-N2MRE. And if you add up the names and come out with 29 instead of 30, you're right; we apologize to whoever has been left out.

The club agreed to donate \$200 to the QCWA General Scholarship Fund in honor of W2RBK who has been licensed more years than we can count. A \$50 tip for our waitress at Weber's will be presented during the December meeting. WB2PEM described how WorldRadio has been acquired by CQ Publications (see the SK listing). The 32nd edition of the QRZ CD ROM is now available – and your editor didn't even know that CD ROM hamcall directories were even being published any more.

K2JDD recounted how when he went to visit W2MTG at St. Camillus, he was subsequently joined by Roger Hamilton-WA2AEW and the trio then decided to declare an impromptu Hamfest and visit Phil Lambrinos-WA2IMX, also a resident at St. Camillus. WA2IMX will be selling off his HF gear through WA2AEW – including, get this, a BC-610-J in excellent condition. The BC-610, by the way is the military version of the Hallicrafters famed HT-4 transmitter.

In other business, KA2TNK won the 50/50 raffle, kept \$10 to pay for her lunch, and donated \$12 to the treasury. Thank you Sharon.

That brings our treasury balance up to almost \$259. WB2PEM discussed some ISS passes over Syracuse during the month of December and there was some discussion of the February 2009 shutdown of analog TV broadcasting. Well, except, that what was originally supposed to be a complete shutdown of all analog broadcasting may not be. Turns out that the FCC is apparently allowing existing low power analog TV stations to remain on the air – for at least some period of time. This change will affect WSTQ-LP in Syracuse, and also low power analog stations in Rochester and Watertown. We'll try to come up with a better list of the affected (or unaffected as it may be) stations for the January newsletter. If anyone is interested in TV-DX this may offer an opportunity as the higher powered analog stations will be off the air – although the higher powered digital stations may still be providing interference.

Happy Holidays!



Upcoming Birthdays

December 2008

2nd – Samuel Semel-W2SHE
5th – David Moon-N2RGU
14th – Thomas Cantine-W2TQF
27th – Ed Gersten-WB2MWW
30th – Ken Blume-K2UPI

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10th – Roger Hamilton-WA2AEW
12th – John Soergel-WA2DGC
14th – Al Obrist-N2AO

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17th – Donald Taylor-KB2BU
25th – Lloyd Caves-N2PU
27th – James Murray-K2HN

February 2009

9th – James Mallette-W2PFD
13th – Charles Floring-W2AK
18th – Phil Lambrinos-WA2IMX



SKs

WorldRadio

WorldRadio, 38 years old, passed away on November 12, 2008. Based in Sacramento, California, it had been published monthly since its birth on July, 1971, with a primary focus on the human side of ham radio. Open subscriptions to WorldRadio will be transferred to CQ, a general-interest ham radio magazine best known for its support of DXing and contesting, which has been in print since January, 1945.

Armond Noble-N6WR, father of WorldRadio, said that at the age of 74 the time had come for him to retire. "I wanted to be sure that WorldRadio found a good home, and that our readers would continue to be served by an independent voice in amateur radio," Noble said.

CQ Publisher Dick Ross-K2MGA, said, "WorldRadio has filled an important niche in our hobby for nearly four decades. We welcome WorldRadio's readers to the CQ family, and we look forward to meeting their needs for many years to come."

Current plans call for WorldRadio to continue to be published online as part of the CQ family of magazines, with Editor Nancy Kott-WZ8C, continuing in that position. WorldRadio subscribers will also have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.



Remember When—

This is a list of scheduled air carriers in the US as of September 1939, as published in Radio News:

Airline Feeder System, Administration Building, Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey.

American Airlines, Inc., Chicago Municipal Airport, 5036 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Boston-Maine Airways, Inc., Boston Municipal Airport, East Boston, Mass.

Braniff Airways, Inc., Braniff Building, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Canadian Colonial Airways, Inc., Room 901, 650 5th Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Chicago and Southern Air Lines, Inc., Lambert Field, Robertson, Mo.

Condor Air Lines, San Francisco Bay Airdrome, Alameda, California.

Continental Air Lines, Municipal Airport, Denver, Colorado.
Delta Air Corporation, Box III, Monroe, La.

Eastern Air Lines, Inc., 1775 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Inland Air Lines, Box 1807, Casper, Wyoming.

Inter-Island Airways, Ltd., Fort and Merchant Streets, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Marine Airways, P. O. Box 2808, Juneau, Alaska.

Marquette Airlines, Inc., Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, St. Louis, Mo.

Mayflower Airlines, Inc., East Boston Airport, East Boston, Mass.

Mid Continental Airlines, Inc., Municipal Airport, Kansas City, Missouri.

National Airlines, Inc., Albert Whitted Airport, P.O. Box 868, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Northwest Airlines, Inc., Holman Municipal Airport, St. Paul, Minn.

Pacific Alaska Airways, Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska.

Pan-American Airways, Inc., 135 E. 42nd Street, New York City.

Pennsylvania Central Airlines Corp., Allegheny County Municipal Airport, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Transcontinental and Western Air, Municipal Airport, 10 Richards Road, Kansas City, Mo.

United Air Lines, 221 N. La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Western Air Express Corp., P.O. Box 697, Burbank, California.

White Pass Airways, Inc., Skagway, Alaska.

Wilmington-Catalina Airlines, Ltd., Catalina Airport, Avalon, Catalina Island, California.

How many of these airlines have you flown on, and how many still exist as independent operations?

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SHORTWAVE

Current Shortwave High Frequencies

Shortwave service is provided by the Navy as an option for their ships without the Navy's Direct-to-Sailor (DTS) capability. Shortwave also serves as a backup to those customers with DTS. Shortwave service is also an option for land-based listeners in remote locations that do not have access to local or satellite-delivered AFRTS full Satellite Network (SATNET) services. Shortwave services are intended to operate 24/7 but do experience disruptions due to maintenance and atmospheric conditions.

Location	Band	Daytime	Nighttime
Diego Garcia	Upper Sideband	12,759 KHz	4,319 KHz
Guam	Upper Sideband	13,362 KHz	5,765 KHz
Key West, Florida	Upper Sideband	12,133.5 KHz, 7812.5 KHz and 5,446.5 KHz	same as daytime
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	Upper Sideband	10,320 KHz	6,350 KHz

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American Forces Network

W2FUU reports that recently while he was scanning through some of the shortwave bands, he came across a broadcast from AFN—the American Forces Network. They broadcast on the frequencies shown above, and more information may be found at their website:

MyAFN.dodmedia.osd.mil/ShortWave.aspx



Surgery

Some of you have heard that I recently had surgery for prostate cancer and I understand that there is great concern in the Western Hemisphere for my well-being so I want to report that the surgery went well. Here are a few details:

Donna and I arrived at Crouse sometime before 6am to find that the Surgery Recovery Center on the 5th floor where you have to check in doesn't open till sometime after 6am. But check-in was rapid and I was shown to my double room where my roommate was groaning and thrashing and yelling that he was dying – maybe he was, he never returned after his surgery. Anyway, the nurse told me to strip and put on one of those hospital gowns because someone would be right in – yeah, someone finally came in an hour later when it was only 20 minutes before my scheduled surgery at 7:45 am. After that things went fast with everyone

wondering why everyone else hadn't done their "thing" earlier. I also found out that everyone in the hospital takes a really personal interest in you – at least everyone I talked to asked me my name, date of birth, last four digits of my SSN, who my doctor was, and what procedure I was scheduled for. Being that they're the medical personnel and I'm just the patient, I had assumed that they would know what I was there for, but apparently not. At least I had the presence of mind to tell them that I was there for prostate cryosurgery, instead of a colostomy or a hair transplant, or something else like that. And after hearing some of those stories about how patients have had the wrong part of their body operated on, I asked Donna if she could get me a magic marker so I could draw a big arrow on my stomach pointing to my prostate. Donna looked at me and said, "Don't be stupid."

Precisely at 7:45am they wheeled me into a small operating room where everyone again wondered what my name was and who my doctor was, and why I was lying on a gurney with an IV, and what procedure I was supposed to have. About that time the spinal anesthetic and the sedation kicked in and I don't remember anything till I woke up two hours later. "Hope I remembered to tell them the correct procedure", I remember thinking. I reached up and felt the top of my head, "Nope, not the hair transplant", I found. Then I remember lying on my back on the operating table and looking at these two things suspended in stirrups in front of me. After awhile I figured out that even though I couldn't feel or move them, they were probably my legs. I won't describe the procedure other than to say that it involves lying on your back on the operating table with your feet up in the air in stirrups while tiny tubes are inserted into your prostate and the argon gas that flows through the tubes freezes the prostate. At least that's what they told me the procedure was – they could have played poker for two hours for all I know.

Then they wheel you to a recovery room where they won't discharge to back to your room on the 5th floor until you can wiggle

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those things sticking out in front of you that you can't feel – that took about two hours. Finally I wiggled the things, the nurse patted me on the head and said something like, “good boy” and said that they'd send me right up to my room. Except that all the people that move you up to your room were at lunch and then at some training session (it really isn't that hard to take an elevator from the 1st floor to the 5th floor) so that took about another hour and I finally got back to my room around 12:30pm.

At that point I started negotiating my release. I was told that I had to be able to do four things: 1) be able to drink liquids without throwing up; 2) be able to eat solid food without throwing up; 3) be able to walk without falling down; and 4) be able to pee clear liquid. I won't go into the last point in any greater detail other than to say that my you-know-what was now about 4 feet long, which I thought was kind of neat, except that the last 45 inches were clear plastic tubing which drained into a clear plastic bag. I kind of think that they may have had an exaggerated impression of the amount of you-know-what that I could generate as the plastic bag appeared to be about a 3-gallon size.

So anyway, item 1) above wasn't any problem. The stale turkey sandwich they gave me was a bit of a problem with item 2) but I did manage to swallow a few bites and Donna hid the rest in a waste basket. About 3pm I got up and walked 6 laps around the 5th floor which convinced them that I qualified for item 3). And after drinking multiple glasses of water, tea and Ginger Ale to qualify for item 4), I really was glad that they had given me the 3-gallon size plastic bag. So when the nurse came back into the room, I proudly held up the bag, offered to let her run some tests on it (she declined) and asked when I could be discharged. “Are you sure you want to go home?” she asked, “Most people look forward to spending a night in the hospital.” I explained that I really wanted to spend a night with them but that we had a black Labrador that threw up on the kitchen floor whenever I wasn't home at night. Guess that convinced her as she said she'd be right back with the paperwork.

“Right back” in this case was around 6:30pm at night which put us driving past our church in Liverpool around 6:55pm. I looked over at Donna (who was driving because with the painkillers that I'd been given, I kept confusing the car radio with my seatbelt) and suggested that we could drop in on the Administrative Council meeting scheduled for 7:00pm that evening for a few minutes. Donna looked over at me and said: “You've taken too many Vicoden.”

Actually, the best part of being up at Crouse was that Donna ran into one of the former security guards at the Liverpool Public Library who now works up at Crouse and he got her a free parking pass for the garage.

So that's what it's like to have prostate cryosurgery – at least the parts I can remember. The worst part of the whole procedure? The turkey sandwich.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) (1st) 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm—Camillus VE Session (KB2ERJ) (1st) 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm—Rome ARC VE Session (K2GVI) (1st) 2200Z—ARRL 160 Meter Contest begins 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARRL 160 Meter Contest continues
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 1:00pm—Fulton ARC Christmas Party, RFH Hide-away (W2TQF) 1559Z—ARRL 160 Meter Contest 	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00pm—RAGS Holiday Dinner (W2BCH) 	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00pm—LARC Christmas Party, Twin Trees Too (N2IK) 1300Z—ARRL 10 Meter Contest begins
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2359Z—ARRL 10 Meter Contest ends 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) (1st) 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm—SARC Christmas Party, Cindy's Restaurant (KB2LUV) 	20
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter begins 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanukkah 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Eve 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas 	26 QCWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am—QCWA Luncheon, Weber's Restaurant (WB2PEM) 	27
28	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Years Eve 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Years Day 0000Z-2359Z—ARRL Straight Key Night 	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1800Z-2359Z—Kids Datsy2009 Contest