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Newsletter

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## January Meeting

After a two month Covid 19 pandemic lockdown period without a QCWA meeting, our group kicked off a series of virtual meetings on Zoom on Friday May 29th, 2020. Ron WB2WGH was our generous host, and ran the behind-the-scenes activity like the professional he is. Sign in and operation went smoothly, and everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting. Those in attendance included: Ron WB2WGH, Charlie K2IWQ, Tim N2VZD and Rita KC2GFT, Roger WA2AEW, Harold KE2FV, Barry WB1FFI, Bob WA2LBG, Fred W2LGA. Larry KD2MTG, Doug N2JOM, Frank K2RSY, Ken K2UPI, Walt N2IK, Bob KD2KKG, Jerry NK2C, and Ron N2DMP and Donna N2OMM, and Gary WB2SER. Sign-ins started before 10:30 AM, and the usual pre-meeting rag-chew session continued until official meeting start at 11:30. Participants provided their own coffee and snacks. Hi hi!!

Chapter President Frank K2RSY opened the meeting with a welcome to all and a regret that we will not be able to meet in person for the next few months, at least. He passed along the sad news that our long time meeting location, the Denny's in North Syracuse, and all six other area Denny's have now closed permanently. We will be looking for a new home for future meetings when we are closer

to a possible start date months down the road. Suggestions are welcome.

Frank called for any information on area Silent Keys, and Tim N2VZD related the passing of Rick Catlin KB2HLB at age 51 on Saturday May 23rd. His obituary has not yet been published, but Tim related his passion for ham radio in general, and his several year hosting of the Saturday evening digital slow scan net on the KD2SL 146.67 MHz and other linked repeaters. Rick was a patient teacher who would take the time to help newcomers get their stations set up for sharing pictures in a matter of minutes, and always welcomed all participants to join in. He will be missed.

The treasurer's report revealed a current balance of \$478.86 in the club coffers, and no income or "outgo" since our last in-person meeting in February, where the 50/50 yielded us \$26.00.

In news from other clubs, Bob KD2KKG indicated that LARC would not have a club participation in the upcoming Field Day activities. He also mentioned that AI WA2KfV and the LARC VE testing team will hold a daytime limited-attendance session at the North Syracuse Community Center on June 20th by appointment only. There will be a limit of seven applicants, plus the three examiners, to comply with the ten person limit on gatherings. Separation and mask-wearing

will be observed. This is the last chance to take the Extra License exam with the current question pool. The new pool kicks in at the beginning of July. Another daytime exam session is planned for the 25th of July at the same location. Contact WA2KFV for details and to schedule an appointment.

Jerry NK2C reminded us that RAGS will hold another Zoom meeting on June 11th on your very own computer. The usual meeting opening of 7 PM will hold, but early chat session sign-ins are encouraged. Dave Rice KC2HO will discuss isolated Field Day participation from home, and how to combine your score with other club members for a group total. The revised ARRL rules will be explained. Walt N2IK said that all of the public service events previously scheduled for the summer (races, triathlons, and fund raisers) have been cancelled for this year. None will be added unless total safety for our operators can be assured by the sponsoring group.

Bob WA2LBG noted that the Fulton ARC is having discussions about their Field Day activity this year, and what approach to take in these unusual times. Like the other area clubs, there will be no in-person club meetings scheduled.

Roger WA2AEW is still selling RAGS Hamfest tickets at the usual price of \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00. While the hamfest has been cancelled for this year, there will still be a prize drawing, likely live on YouTube, on Hamfest day July 11th. The large prizes will be shipped, and smaller prizes may be picked up or arranged for. Ken K2UPI noted that he had already loaded his van for a summer of hamfest selling, and doesn't want to unload it. You can contact him for an in-person inspection of the many classic radio items he has available.

There was no 50/50 drawing this month. The meeting concluded shortly after noon, and we welcome everyone to join us again on the last Friday of June (the 26th) at around 10:30 AM for another QCWA meeting on Zoom. The link will be sent a few days in advance. Thank you all!!



## Birthdays

### June

13<sup>th</sup> - Paul Hammond-K2QCG  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Frank Wiethuechter-K2RSY  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Tom Sly-K2QCX

### July

10th - Fred Cole - N2NRV  
12th - David Robinson - KB2HBA  
18th - Frank Decker - W2XF  
21st - Ron Panetta - WB2WGH  
28th - Tim Colson - N2VZD

### August

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

### September

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



## June Virtual Meeting

The June meeting, scheduled for Friday, June 26 at 10AM Eastern Time will be a virtual Zoom meeting as was the May meeting. Meeting details follow:

Ron Panetta is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Topic: June QCWA Virtual Meeting  
Time: Jun 26, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84914576579?pwd=eGJEWtJmZDA2TUE1UEcxTE5nUDFvQT09>

**Meeting ID: 849 1457 6579**  
**Password: 089666**

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Find your local number:

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## July Face to Face Meeting

The July meeting (**July 31**) will be a face to face meeting at the Clay Town Park pavilion on Wetzel Road adjacent to the YMCA. This is the same pavilion where LARC has 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.
- 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.



# Silent Keys

## Rick Catlin, KD2HLB



PULASKI – Rick J. Catlin, 51, of Pulaski passed away unexpectedly. He was a Master Instructor for NTTS, working at the Liverpool branch from May, 1994 to May, 2010, after which he then built the Fort Drum branch from the ground up.

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

Rick is survived by his wife, Deb; son, Tom, and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at Bowen's Corners UMC at a later date. Cards and donations may be sent to: Deb Catlin, 277 County Route 28, Pulaski, NY 13142. Foster Funeral Home, Fulton, has care of arrangements.



## Douglas Loveland, KB2MOS



MASSENA – Douglas J. Loveland, KB2MOS, 77, of 432 Leslie Road, passed Thursday, March 19, 2020 at his home with his wife by his side.

Doug was born April 5, 1942 in Watertown, New York, the son of the late Clarence and Helen

(Bancroft) Loveland and was a graduate of Watertown High School. On July 16, 1988, he married Jane M. Doughty in Virginia Beach, Virginia. After high school, Doug entered the US Navy, where he served for five years.

During his time away out of the Navy, he worked for a telephone company. He re-enlisted in 1975 and continued to serve his country until his honorable discharge on February 28, 1993. He was a member of Fulton Amateur Radio Club and enjoyed fishing and ham radios.



## John Schwartz, KD2JRS



John R. Schwartz June 9, 2020, age 74, a loving father and grandfather passed away at The FASNY Firemen's Home on June 9, 2020.

John was predeceased by his parents Iva (Reed) and Robert Schwartz. He is survived by his children; Brian (Patricia) Schwartz,

Laura (Michael) Tomasino, Carolyn (Dave) Gaulke , and James Schwartz. His Grandchildren; Christian, Neo, Dominic, Desiree, Emylee, Ellie, Eli, Roland, and Elsie. He is also survived by his sisters; Kathryn (Rodney) Welton, Kathleen (Dave) Heighton, and Jean (Johnny) Amidon. John was a very passionate firefighter and dedicated his life to volunteering. A volunteer firefighter for over 50 years through Brewerton and Constantia Fire Departments, eventually serving as Assistant Chief for Constantia. He volunteered for the Northshore Ambulance as an EMT, Watkins Glen International Raceway as a member of the fire rescue crew and belonged to Fort Brewerton Masonic Lodge, Toad Harbor Rod and Gun Club, Bear Bait Radio Club serving as Sergeant at Arms and the Pulaski-Boylston Snowmobile club. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunter, bicyclist and photographer for many years. As a Harley Davidson lover, he also rode his Harley for many charity events. He worked for GE (Martin-Marrieta/Lockheed Martin) for 50 years. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. John will be dearly missed and never forgotten. Services will be held privately at the Firemen's Home. Interment will be in the Firemen's Home Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be to the FASNY Firemen's Home. To leave a message of condolence for John's family please visit [www.batesanderson.com](http://www.batesanderson.com)

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

# July 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>
			1	2	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independence Day</li> </ul>
5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30p—LARC Board</li> </ul>	7	8	9	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAGS Ham-fest</li> <li>• IARU HF WC</li> </ul>
12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IARU HF WC</li> </ul>	13	14	15	16	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batavia Ham-fest</li> </ul>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noon—LARC Picnic</li> </ul>
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents' Day</li> </ul>	27	28	29	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30a—QCWA Luncheon, TBD (last)</li> </ul>	

Due to COVID,  
 Confirm any events