



Sparks from the Spa



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No Meeting—No Newsletter

Because there was no board meeting or general meeting in March, there will be no formal minutes — just this quickie newsletter.

Enclosed are some recent highlights and some photos from the recent SwapFest on March 15.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

APRIL 14 – Club Equipment Show ‘n Tell.
What we own, how it works, and where to find it when you need it. Also the Nominating Committee needs your suggestions for nominations for next year’s RACES officers

MAY 12 – Election of Officers
Beware of slick lobbyists buying votes

JUNE 9 – Field Day Preparations
Bring your ideas about how to help FD Chair-Byron, K2BD, prepare for our club entry

JUNE 28-29 – Field Day

SEPTEMBER 13 – Hamfest & VE Exams

Got any ideas for upcoming programs? Talk with Dave, NR2J, and let him know what you’d like to see and hear at future meetings.



SwapFest Ham Exams March 15 VE Test Session

Our test session on March 15, was a very successful session. It was the largest turnout for our Swapfest exam session that I can remember. We had 17 candidates, and for those, 13 new or updated licenses were issued.-- a very good percentage indeed. We netted a 2 new Tech, 9 General, and 2 Extra class licenses.

We also had a very nice turnout of Volunteer Examiners. We had Ron - N2ATQ, Frank – KA2QYE, Sid – K2LJH, Larry – KC2BIC, Ed – AB2XA, Dave – AA2PS, and Jim – KG2H. Sue – N2EKQ was also available to help with the crowd, if needed. As a pleasant surprise, both Ron and Sid, were walk in volunteers. Thanks for your help guys.

Our next session is set for September 13, 9:00 AM at the same place, the solar building in Ballston Spa. Hope to see you there. — Jim, KG2H

Upcoming Public Service Events

(Ed, AB2XA—PSE Chair)

4-H Walk—April 26

Dave — N2FEP

MS Walk—May 4

Bob—KB2TBB

Boy Scout Camporee—May 17

Tim—N2MXB

ADA Tour de Cure—June 8

Lee — WB2NSC

MS Bike Ride—July 12

Kathy—KC2DOG



“What part of ‘pay your dues’ don’t you understand?”

“Maybe we should give away free coffee or something.”



“Boy I hope somebody buys the whole table at once.”



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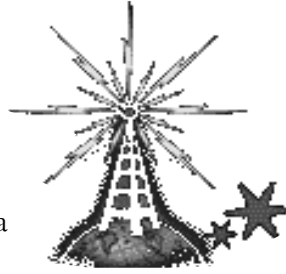
“Nope, sorry, that’s a firm price — \$2 per donut.”





WA2UMX ON THE INTERNET

The club has a website at:
http://www.wa2umx.net.
Here you will find the latest club news and events.



The club operates two 2-meter repeaters. The 147.24 repeater is located 15 miles west of Saratoga Springs at Lake Nancy. This repeater has a members-only phone patch. The 147.00 repeater is located 10 miles north of Saratoga Springs on Spruce Mountain, near Corinth, NY. This repeater offers an “emergency” phone patch. These two machines, in combination, offer excellent North to South and East to West communications far beyond Saratoga County. These repeaters are linked together at various times by the clubs third repeater on 448.225 MHz.
PL Tone for all club repeaters is now 91.5 Hz.

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