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**Newsletter** 

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## **February Meeting**

Editor's Note: With the current COVID-19 situation, many of the events announced in the February meeting and mentioned below in the meeting summary have been canceled. The same may be true for many of the events in the calendars in the newsletter below. Please verify the status of any events you plan on attending.

The February 29th meeting of QCWA Chapter 29 at the Denny's in North Syracuse was attended by 24 members and guests. We welcomed a new attendee, Keith Robison N2SGL, who plans on joining the QCWA and attending our meetings regularly. In attendance were Fred Legawiec-W2LGA; Bob Powell-KD2KKG; Tim Colson-N2VZD; Rita Colson-KC2GFT; Walt Bordett-N2IK; Doug Falcon-N2JOM; Ron Panetta-WB2WGH; Keith Robison-N2SGL; Larry Rusch-KD2MTG and guest Karen Johnson; Craig Cobb-WA2ZVN; Amir Findling-K9CHP; Gary Kimball-WB2SER; Harold Ferguson-KE2FV; Barry Burge-KD4MCB; Roger Hamilton-WA2AEW; Ken Blume-K2UPI and XYL Diane; Frank Wiethuechter-K2RSY; Bob Goettel-WA2LBG; Barry Rabin-WB1FFIEarl Dewey-KB2VSJ and Mark Chamberlin-WB2PKO and XYL Rheta.

Chapter President Frank K2RSY opened the business meeting at 11:30 AM. The treasurer's report revealed a sum of \$452.86 in the till, and no

bills outstanding. Ron WB2WGH noted that there will be an Extra Class license course series starting on March 17th at 6 PM at the North Syracuse Education Association, and running through the middle of May, when VE testing will be available at the last session. This could be the last opportunity to upgrade before the new Extra Class exam question pool takes effect on July 1st.



Steve N2TKX from his January meeting presentation about bed radios from the early 1950s

Larry KD2MTG reminded us that he and Bob KD2EAQ are still running their code practice net on

Tuesdays at 5:30 PM and Saturdays at 9 AM. All are welcome to join in, no matter what speed they may be comfortable with. Interested parties should meet on the 146.67 MHz repeater just before the starting time to agree on a clear frequency on the HF bands. And Larry and Bob are running an FM simplex net on the first and third Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM on 146.58 MHz. Several of these have already been well attended, and the addition of Netlogger to the mix should make these run even more smoothly.



Bob KD2KKG and Harold KE2FV sharing a chuckle at our January meeting

Gary WB2SER mentioned a few upcoming hamfests in our area that could present a good opportunity to swap out or buy "new to you" electronics, and enjoy many eyeball QSO s. Visitor Keith did us the favor of drawing this month's 50 / 50 winner, Barry KD4MCB, and a RAGS Hamfest ticket was won by Mark WB2PKU. Doug N2JOM won a free breakfast from Denny's. With that, the meeting was closed. Our March meeting will be on the 27th at the Denny's.

## **Birthdays**

With the uncertainty of the next few meetings/newsletters, an additional month of birthdays is included. Happy birthday all!

#### March

7th - Jeryl Wright - NK2C

#### **April**

15th - Dick Goslee - KG2I 17th - Ronald Walter - N2DMP 25th - Craig Cobb - WA2ZVN

#### May

14th - Donna Walter - N2OMM

#### June

13th - Doug Falcon - N2JOM 20th - Fred Legawiec - W2LGA 23rd - Thomas Sly - K2QCX 23rd - Frank Wiethuechter - K2RSY 30th - Tony Testa - W2AJT

## **Lifestyle QRM**

Well, as all of you know, we recently had significant disruption of our daily lifestyle due to COVID-19. With that comes much uncertainty. <a href="Important">Important</a> topics on our mind might be, when will ham radio meetings resume; when is the next "actual" hamfest so I can sell all my excess toilet paper; when is the next "Hamie Breakfast"; when can we have eyeball QSOs; when can we have antenna parties.

Until further notice, Chapter 29 QCWA face to face monthly meetings are being canceled. Have faith, the QRM will subside and our meetings will resume at some future time. In the meantime stay healthy and safe.

### **Weekly Chapter 29 QCWA Net**

Every Tuesday evening at 7PM is the Chapter 29 QCWA 6 meter net hosted Brian K2VSN. The net is on 53.05 MHz and 53.67 MHz linked repeaters.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
• 7p—RAGS Net, 3.922 LSB	7p—Fireside Chat Net, 146.67R     8:30p WiresX Tech Net 147.39R	• 5:30p—CW Net, 146.67R • 7p—QCWA 6M Net, 53.05R	• 7p—Swap Net, 147.00R		• 7p—220 Net, 224.12	• 9a—CW Net, 146.67R • 7:30p—SSTV Net, 146.67R • 9p—Int WiresX 147.39R
			1 • April Fool's Day	2	3	4 • Norwich (Bull Thistle) Ham- fest
5 • Palm Sunday	6 • 6:30p—LARC Board	7	8 • Passover Begins	9 • 6p—RAGS Meeting (2nd) • 7p—Utica ARC Meeting (2nd)	10 • Good Friday	11
12 • Easter	13 • Jefferson's Birthday	14	15 • Tax Day	16 • Passover Ends	17	18 - Drumlins Hamfest in Palmyra
19 • ARRL Rookie Roundup	20	21	22 • 7p—Fulton ARC Meeting (4th)	24 • 5:30p—LARC VE Session • 6:15p—W2CM Bootcamp • 7p—LARC Meeting (4th)	24 • 11:30a— QCWA Luncheon, Denny's (last)	25
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## **Meeting Photos**

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