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April Meeting

The changeable weather, which can't seem to decide if we are heading into Spring or Winter, did not slow down most of our regular crew this month. There were 26 members and guests present at the April 26th Chapter 29 meeting. Present were Charlie Abbott-K2IWQ; Fred Legawiec-W2LGA; Paul Hammond-K2QCG; David Robinson-KB2HBA and Marge Mahan; Tim Colson-N2VZD and XYL Rita (KC2GFT); Ron Panetta-WB2WGH; Jerry Wright-NK2C; Ken Blume-K2UPI and XYL Diane; Craig Cobb-WA2ZVN; Doug Falcon-N2JOM; Barry Burge-KD4MCB; Amir Findling-K9CHP; Larry Rusch-KD2MTG and guest Karen Johnson; Roger Hamilton-WA2AEW; Frank Wiethuechter-K2RSY; Gary Kimball-WB2SER; Harold Ferguson-KE2FV; Ron Walter-N2DMP; Bob Goettel-WA2LBG and Earl Dewey-KB2VSJ.

After ample time for coffee, food, and lots of conversation, Chapter President Frank K2RSY opened the business meeting at 11:30 AM with the good news that there were no Silent Keys to report this month. A quick survey of the room also revealed no visitors or strangers to welcome and introduce. WB2SER delivered the Treasurer's report, noting a sum of \$712.34 in the till, and no outstanding bills. Frank took a quick show of hands to estimate whether there was enough interest in the proposed Skaneateles Lake boat tour in lieu of our regular July 26th meeting. Cost would be \$20.00 per person, and the Chapter would pick up

the remaining \$17.00 of the fee. The boat leaves the dock at 11:00 AM sharp, and stragglers would be left behind. Parking is available in the nearby Community lot, near the M&T bank branch and Doug's Fish Fry, and the boat is handicapped accessible. The vehicles of those who might have difficulty walking to and from the lot could be moved by other members. With a good number of folks interested, Frank will have tickets available at our May meeting.



Steve N2TKX presented a program on restoring a General Electric Farm Radio at our March meeting

In news from the other area clubs, Barry KD4MCB announced that the May 9th RAGS meeting will feature a talk by Chris Perrine KB2FAF from the

MOST (Museum of Science and Technology about their ham radio exhibit and station. Chris is looking for more volunteers to man the station for more hours each week, and hopes to recruit a few interested parties. For LARC, Ron WB2WGH noted their May 23rd meeting's program is about their planning for the June ARRL Field Days. Bob WA2LGB noted that the Fulton ARC's next meeting would be on May 22nd, and that their April get-together featured a lively ham radio Trivia game. Their Field Day location will be either Fort Ontario in Oswego, or the Oswego County Office Building in Fulton. To be decided soon! Tim N2VZD gave a brief rundown of the area VHF repeater nets, noting this Tuesday's busy QCWA 6 meter net with 29 check-ins joining Net Control, Brian K2VSN. The Friday 220 net, which now has over 40 repeaters linked across the nation via the AllStar system, is also growing weekly. Bob KD2KKG is your friendly Net Control for that one. And Larry KD2MTG and Bob KD2EAQ are still welcoming everyone to their CW practice and chat net on Tuesdays at 6PM and Fridays at 2PM. Band and frequency selection are announced just before starting time on the 146.67 MHz KD2SL repeater. The Saturday at 9 AM edition of this net is on vacation for the summer due to the nearly weekly hamfests filling everyone's weekend schedule.



The result, after refinishing, internal repairs, and an internal AC power supply to replace the batteries

The LARC Extra License Class is still going strong with 9 students, at least one of whom has already

passed the exam. The Fulton club's General ticket class is nearly done, with testing in early May. WB2SER read a short list of upcoming ham events, including the Drumlins Hamfest on April 27th, the AWA Spring Meet and Auction on May 4th, the NEAR FEST in Deerfield, NH on the 3rd and 4th, and the Spring Ham Radio Breakfast at the Finally Ours Restaurant on May 11th. A full listing of these and other area events can be found on the www.upstateham.com website, along with links to the sponsoring clubs information pages. For public service, Walt N2IK made a request for additional operators for the June 8th Syracuse YMCA 40th Anniversary Triathlon at Green Lakes State Park. Contact him to sign up, and Google the Y's web site for details. Frank K2RSY mentioned that our QCWA Chapter is always looking for people to present brief programs at our monthly meetings. Roger WA2AEW did a brief sales pitch for RAGS Hamfest tickets for their July 13th outing. The winner of this month's 50 / 50 was Ron N2DMP. Our waitress Joan won a free breakfast, and RAGS Hamfest tickets were won by Bob WA2LGB, Harold KE2FV, Walt N2IK, Bob N2FKW, and Doug N2JOM. With that, the meeting ended, and all headed out for other ventures! Hope to see everyone next month!



Birthdays

May

14th - Donna Walter - N2OMM
 14th - Doc Valdina - W2WB

June

13th - Paul Hammond - K2QCG
 13th - Douglas Falcon - N2JOM
 20th - Fred Legawiec - W2LGA
 23rd - Thomas Sly - K2QCX
 23rd - Frank Wiethuechter - K2RSY
 30th - Tony Testa - W2AJT

July

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



July Meeting: Mid-Lakes Navigation Cruise

Mark your calendars! Plans are underway to hold our July 26 Chapter meeting on one of the Mid-Lakes Navigation cruise boats (Skaneateles Lake). Tickets will be \$20 per person for members, regular QCWA meeting attendees and guests. This will be in lieu of the summer picnic that was previously mentioned. Frank will have tickets available for purchase at the May and June meetings.

The “Long Lake Buffet Lunch” menu was selected by popular demand. That buffet includes:

- Garden salad with balsamic dressing
- Sliced fresh seasonal fruit
- Potato salad
- Grilled chicken Waldorf salad
- Sliced turkey breast, ham and roast beef
- Sliced Swiss and provolone cheeses
- Assorted breads from the Patisserie
- Sliced tomatoes, onions, lettuce, pickles, mayonnaise, cranberry mayonnaise, mustard and horseradish
- Assorted cookies from the Patisserie
- Hot tea and coffee

Departure time is 11AM sharp from the dock. Attendees should plan time to park in the village municipal lot, Individuals requiring assistance (drop off before parking) should coordinate with another chapter member as handicap street parking is somewhat limited. The dock is a short distance from the road and the boat itself is handicap accessible.

Per the village web site, parking in the municipal lot is \$0.75 per hour or \$6/day for non-residents. I would plan on 4 hours minimum Additional information on parking is available at <http://www.villageofskaneateles.com/area-information/parking-information.html>

Additional information on Mid-Lakes Navigation is available at <https://midlakesnav.com/>.



“Morse Code Reader” Android App

Larry Rusch, KD2MTG, pointed out at our last meeting a great Morse code application for Android phones. Larry runs several weekly CW nets locally (check out the monthly calendar at the end of this newsletter), and invites anyone wishing to learn CW to join in. Although I have not personally used this app, I do plan to test it out. In the meantime, download it, get started with Morse code and join in one of Larry’s nets!

Information on the app can be found at https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.jfedor.morsecode&hl=en_US. Thanks Larry for sharing this with the group!



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7p—RAGS Net, 3.922 LSB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7p—Fireside Chat Net, 146.67R • 8:30p WiresX Tech Net 147.39R 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6p—CW Net, 146.67R • 7p—QCWA 6M Net, 53.05R 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7p—Swap Net, 147.00R 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2p—CW Net, 146.67R • 7p—220 Net, 224.12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9a—CW Net, 146.67R • 7:30p—SSTV Net, 146.67R • 9p—Int WiresX 147.39R
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<i>16</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father's Day 	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer begins 	<i>22</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL Field Day
<i>23</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL Field Day 	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30p—LARC VE Session • 6:15p—W2CM Bootcamp • 7p—LARC 	<i>28</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30a—QCWA Luncheon, Denny's (last) 	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i>						

Meeting Photos

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



