



The Long Wire

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April Showers Bring May Hamfests

Lee Badman, KI2K

It's that time of year again- say it with me:

“Dayton”

Ooooh... Are you all tingly? If not, check your pulse, because this annual extravaganza is right around the corner- May 16, 17, and 18. Would love to hear from others who make it out to the Hamvention for feedback/impressions... don't be shy- what happens in Dayton doesn't have to stay in Dayton! Stay tuned for more... and read about the Hamvention at

www.hamvention.org

Also in May- Binghamton and Rochester fests, and SARC gets it done in Cortland mid-June.

See details on all, and more, at

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



innovation: self-powered lighting

C'mon... be a fester!



Holy Carp- A Public Service Opp!

Carp and Radio- A Match Made in Baldwinsville

Fred Herbs-WB2PEM

Wanted: HAM operators for the upcoming CARP TOURNAMENT being held in Baldwinsville on May 14th through May 17th.

A reception and opening ceremonies will be held at the 'Red Mill Inn' (Baldwinsville) May 14 starting around 6PM, all are invited.

We have to cover many positions along the Seneca River south of Baldwinsville to the outlet of Onondaga Lake. The fishermen compete for 50 continuous hours from Thursday May 15 9AM through Saturday May 17th 11AM. HAM operations will run from about 9AM - 7PM Thursday, 7AM to 7PM Friday, and 7AM to 11AM Saturday. We will be using the Onondaga County Repeater 147.90/30 and a simplex frequency.

Headquarters for HAM operations will be at the 'Red Mill Inn' in Syracuse St. (between the bridges) in Baldwinsville. An after competition party will be held at the 'Paper Mill Island' starting at 3PM featuring food, entertainment, etc. with a 20 minute fireworks display at about 10PM for everyone involved and the public. There would be no charge for food for the volunteer operators with proper ID.

This is a fun event. You can drive to your assigned site, set up an easy chair, listen to a

radio/TV and wait for the fish marshals to come to you. No moving around necessary, the only problem you might have is a sunburn (?). Your job would be to communicate the data that the fish marshals bring to you to the base operations in Baldwinsville (mobile radio and/or HT necessary).

In the first year of competition (last year) 34 teams caught over 28,000 lbs. of fish (10 lbs. or greater). The winning team caught more than 3,000 lbs. This year a total of more than 50 teams are expected. This is an international event with teams expected from all over the US, Canada, and Europe.

Please contact Vivian Douglas WA2PUU @ 698-4558 or Fred Herbs WB2PEM @ 635-5947 before May 12th. if interested.

This event requires a lot of people and is part of a RACES/ARES event. This year we hope to get a write-up ready to send to QST/CQ magazines. Any questions/comments etc. call me or Viv any time.

73, Fred WB2PEM



From N2VZD:

- 35 amp Astron supply (plain jane , no meters) works fine. \$50.00 FOB
- Yeasu YO100 monitor scope , like new, with original manual , \$100.00
- Motorola relay rack cabinet with doors on front and back , has 50mc stuff for high power in it. great starter for a super bulletproof amp \$100.0 FOB

All in Memphis, NY. Can probably deliver up to @100 miles for a fee.

Details or pictures on any of this stuff via email from N2VZD@aol.com

Call Tim at (315) 689-3366 before 7pm please. (I listen to the 146.910 *most* of the time.)

Silent Keys- Goodbye to Local Radio Friends:

Albert R. Crocker-W2HOS, 93, of Memphis, NY, was born in Higganum, CT, May 28, 1914 to Albert Nathan and Laura Crocker. He began the first grade in a one-room eighth grade schoolhouse at West Avon, CT, afterward attending East Hartford public schools. He received a B.S. and M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from New York University and later took graduate physics courses at George Washington University and the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. Work included experimental test engineering in propeller design at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, light aircraft development at Engineering and Research Corp., and experimental engineering for the Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Program at Oak Ridge, TN, Cincinnati, OH, and Idaho Falls, ID, AEC National Reactor Station where, as G.E. Manager of Test Operations, he oversaw the first operation of a turbojet run on heat from a nuclear reactor. Also through G.E., he contracted with the NASA Apollo Program for the test instrumentation of the S1C and S2B rocket engines at Bay St. Louis, MS and data processing for the Earth Resources Technology Satellite for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center at Greenbelt, MD. Throughout his life, he was involved with the Boy Scouts of America. In his youth with East Hartford CT's Troop 1, he became an Eagle Scout and earned all 70 Merit Badges available at the time. He wrote "The First Twenty Five Years with Troop One" and published it in 1935. He volunteered at Troop, District and Council levels in Idaho Falls, ID, Fayetteville, NY and Memphis, NY, receiving several awards and honors for his work, including the Silver Beaver. He was very active in family history research and belonged to many local, state and national genealogical societies. His research culminated in the writing of the soon to be published "Thomas Crocker (1633-1716) and His Descendants" which includes over 600 individual histories for 10 generations of Crocker's. During WWII, he volunteered with the War Emergency Radio Service and Civil Defense for Prince George County, MD. He was an amateur radio operator (W2HOS) and a member of the ARRL for over 70 years. During retirement, he was an active volunteer with the Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse, an Onondaga County R.A.C.E.S. Radio Operator, and part of the New York State Emergency Management Team. In his retirement, he volunteered with the American Red Cross, instructing CPR, Advanced First Aid and providing Damage Assessment at flood and hurricane sites. He served as Chairman of the Town of Van Buren's Environmental Conservation Commission and compiled an award winning Natural Resources Inventory for the town in 1980. He enjoyed family vacations of camping, hiking, skiing, and traveled widely to over 20 countries. In his spare time, he grew fruit and vegetables and kept

honey bees. For a period of time he sold the products at the Baldwinsville Farmers Market. He was an intelligent man with a wonderful mix of kindness, generosity and humor. He was an exemplary son, husband and father; a leader and a friend. He was predeceased by his wife, Gertrude Jewell Crocker in 1987. Surviving: children, Jewell Ann Huxen of Madison, MS, James Albert Crocker of New York, NY, Jonathan Alan Crocker of Houston, TX and Jane Alice Achee of Morgantown, WV; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and dear friend, Margaret Utting of Manchester, CT. Calling hours will be Thursday 5 to 8 p.m. at B.L. Bush & Sons, 10 Genesee St., Camillus. There will be no services. Burial will be at a later date in Connecticut. Contributions, in lieu of flowers, to Boy Scout Troop 143, C/O Greg Holbrook, 1754 Whiting Road, Memphis, NY 13112.

James J. Richards-WC2V, 80, of Bridgeport and Hobe Sound, FL, passed away March 27, 2008, at home. Born in Scranton, PA, James served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He retired after 33 years at Western Electric. James was an amateur radio operator with the call sign WC2V (WA2MQM). James is survived by his wife, Charlotte; two sons, Charles and Gary; four stepchildren, Charlotte (Greg) Foringer, Susan (Troy) Van Allen, James (Sharon) Ryan and Jay (Anne) Ryan; three sisters, Ann Douglas, Sherie Dapson and Arlene (Larry) Redmond; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family. Donations may be given in Jim's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 441 West Kirkpatrick Street, Syracuse, NY 13204. Online guest book at www.traubfh.com. Traub Funeral Home, Inc. Central Square, NY

WB2PEM adds: Jim Richards-WC2V (formerly WA2MQM) and Mahlon "Doc" Sears-WA2MQN had such similar calls and voices it was hard to tell them apart when they talked to each other on 2M. I talked to them in the 70's and early 80's. Then they retired from Western Electric and moved to Florida - usually came back in the summer. "Doc" died many years ago.

The FCC is Held Accountable on BPL (finally)

Suggested by Walt Bordett, N2IK

From The ARRL Letter, Vol 27, No 16

- ⇒ COURT FINDS FCC VIOLATED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT IN BPL DECISION

The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit today released its decision

<http://pacer.cadc.uscourts.gov/commo...1343-1112979.pdf> on the ARRL's Petition for Review of the FCC's Orders adopting rules governing broadband over power line (BPL) systems. The Court agreed with the ARRL on two major points and remanded the rules to the Commission. Writing for the three-judge panel of Circuit Judges Rogers, Tatel and Kavanaugh, Judge Rogers summarized: "The Commission failed to satisfy the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act ('APA') by redacting studies on which it relied in promulgating the rule and failed to provide a reasoned explanation for its choice of the extrapolation factor for measuring Access BPL emissions."

The Court agreed with the ARRL that the FCC had failed to comply with the APA by not fully disclosing for public comment the staff studies on which it relied. The Court also agreed with the ARRL that the Commission erred in not providing a reasoned justification for its choice of an...

This piece is quite long- but also very interesting. See the complete read at

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/08/0425/>

April VE Testing Results- Camillus Session

David M. Rinaldo **KC2RHO** of Elbridge, NY upgraded from Technician to General Class. Well done, David!

(Find an excellent history of test results as well as an impressive collection of radio links at kb2erk.com- thanks to John Patchett, KB2ERJ.)

April LARC General Meeting Minutes

submitted by Carrie Williams-KC2OPF, Secretary.

Minutes of the April 24, 2008 Meeting of the Liverpool Amateur Repeater Club, submitted by Carrie Williams-KC2OPF, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by John Rockdashil-WB2DVE. Present were: N2KQL, AB2MN, N2VZD, KC2GFT, KC2SKG, WA2DGC, KC2SAB,

KC2BHE, N2ZPI, W2AKD, WA2RMD, KA2VEE, N2RGU, WB2DVE, N2IK, K2JDD, KB2VSJ, and KC2GIW.

Old Business:

Secretary –

The minutes of the March 27, 2008 General Membership Meeting as recorded by N2MRE and published in the April LongWire were corrected as follows:

- N2BZD should read N2VZD under members present.
- John Rockdashil's name was changed to WB2DVE in the Treasurer's Report.
- "ground radio reconstruction" under Program should read "ground radial reconstruction".

The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by WA2RMD, seconded by K2JDD.

Treasurer –

The balance in the checking account on April 24, 2008 is \$43.09.

The balance in the savings account (repeater fund) on April 24, 2008 is \$1301.10.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by N2IK, seconded by WA2DGC.

Membership –

Members were instructed to use the renewal form in the May LongWire or on the club web site going forward. Dues will be \$10.00 for the 2008-2009 year, with the cost of a hardcopy LongWire increasing to \$10.00 for 10 issues.

Repeaters –

146.91 – working properly.
147.21 – working; still has some issues.
224.12 – still awaiting site.
443.30 – off the air; Mike Bush is repairing the amp.

Future Programs –

May – KB2TTT will give a program on the NWS/Skywarn; officer nominations

June – Election of officers; information on Field Day at Camp Owahta in Cortland

July – No meeting

August – Picnic at new location – Cedar Bay Park in Dewitt, Sunday, August 24th

December – Christmas Party at Twin Trees Too, Saturday, December 13th at 5:30pm (note time change)

Suggestions for meeting topics are always welcome – see any board member.

Constitutional Revision –

A vote was taken on the proposed change to the quorum requirement as published in the April LongWire. All 18 members present voted in favor, and there was one e-mail vote in opposition.

New Business:

Announcements –

The club is still looking for a new secretary, and is now looking for a new newsletter editor, as KI2K will be stepping down at the end of June.

N2TKX will be teaching a General Class licensing course at the MoST the four Saturdays in June. Cost is \$25.00 and space is limited to 10 students. Registration forms are available at this meeting.

Program –

Matt Antonio-KC2GIW, a Training Representative for National Grid, presented a great overview of the transmission of power in the National Grid system and beyond. Included were pictures of the Syracuse control center, the huge equipment used at substations, and photos of linemen repairing live, high voltage transmission lines.

The May Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22nd, at 7:00pm at the Roxboro Road Middle School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Wanted: LARC Secretary and LongWire Editor



LIVERPOOL AMATEUR REPEATER CLUB (LARC)

Membership Application / Renewal Form

New Member
Renewal

Date: _____

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (Optional) _____

E-Mail: _____

(Required for Newsletter delivery by e-mail – lowest cost option)

LARC Members may have Family Members as additional LARC Members for an additional \$1 each

Family Member: _____ Call: _____

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Are you an ARRL Member? _____ (Y/N)

Are you a Volunteer Examiner? _____ (Y/N) (circle one ARRL W5Y1 Other)

What is your License Class? _____ (T,T+,G,A,E,N)

LARC Membership fees: *Please Note Changes!*

\$10.00 per membership year (runs from 7/1 to 6/30) – includes emailed Newsletter (10 issues/year)

\$7.00 for seniors (62 or older) – includes emailed Newsletter (10 issues/year)

\$1.00 per additional family member

\$1.00 for student membership (through High School) – includes emailed Newsletter (10 issues/year)

\$10.00 for a hard copy of the Newsletter mailed to member via First Class mail (10 issues/year)

For **new members** who submit this application after 12/31, the fees are reduced by 50% for a membership good thru 6/30 of that year.

Membership: \$ _____

Hard Copy Newsletter: \$ _____

Additional Family Members: \$ _____

I would like to make an additional donation to the Repeater Fund: \$ _____

(Thank You! – The Repeater Fund is used exclusively to maintain LARC's repeaters.)

(If paying by check, please make payable to "LARC") **Total Enclosed:** \$ _____

Give this form and your payment to: Linda Jackson, KC2CZH, LARC Treasurer, or mail to:

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P.O. Box 5623

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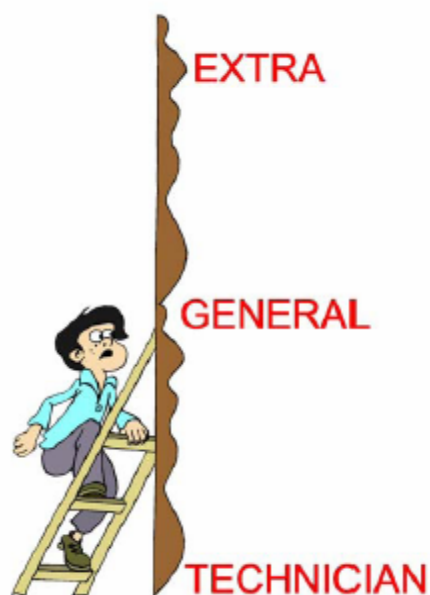
Additional Forms online at www.liverpoolamateurrepeaterclub.org

General Class Licensing Course

OK, you've passed the Technician test, have your callsign, and have begun to explore the wonderful hobby of amateur radio. But wait, there must be more to amateur radio than operating in the VHF and UHF bands and chatting on the local 2M repeaters. Sure, you can use EchoLink and IRLP to make contacts around the world—but these are limited to certain regions of the world—and, ever heard of a DXpedition using EchoLink?

You've heard other hams talking about operating on 80 Meters, and 40 Meters, and 20 Meters— and making contacts across the country and around the world on these frequencies. But your Technician license doesn't give you operating privileges on these bands. So, what's the answer? Upgrade to General!

There's no longer a Morse code requirement for the General Class license, and the test format is the same 35-question multiple choice format that you mastered for your Technician Class license. And a licensing course taught at the Museum of Science & Technology in Syracuse will prepare you for the General Class exam. Read on



WHERE: Museum of Science & Technology; 500 S. Franklin Street (Armory Square); Syracuse, NY 13202.

WHEN: Classes on Saturday, June 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Optional July 5th Review Session. FCC exam to be scheduled.

TIME: 11:00am till 1:00pm.

TEXT: The *ARRL General Class License Manual*.

COST: \$25/person, plus the cost of the FCC Exam (\$14, paid at the exam).

CLASS SIZE: Limited to ten, registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

OTHER: Classes will be split 50/50 between lectures/demonstrations, and hands-on operating experience in the MoST's KC2APG amateur radio Station

To register for the course, tear off and mail to:

Steve Auyer-N2TKX
3925 Cloverfield Circle
Liverpool, NY 13090

Include a check or money order for \$25 payable to "MoST."

Course information and your copy of the *ARRL General Class License Manual* will be mailed to you when your registration is received. Class size is limited to 10 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ARRL VEC Amateur Exam Day •Public Service—YMCA Canoe Race (KC2BQZ) •Great South Bay ARC Hamfest, Lindenhurst (KA2RGI) 	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:30pm—Madison-Oneida ARC Meeting, Verona (last) •8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm—Camilus VE Session (KB2ERJ) (1st) 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm—Rome ARC VE Session (K2GVI) (1st) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Binghamton ARA Hamfest, Owego (KC2JED)
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public Service—Mountain Goat Run (WA2PUU) 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) (1st) 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:30pm—RAGS Meeting, (W2BCH) (2nd) 	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •East Greenbush ARA Hamfest, Rensselaer (KC2FCP)
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mother's Day 	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) •7:00pm—Central District Emergency Net, 147.00R, (N2IK) (2nd) 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public Service—Carp Tournament (WA2PUU) •Skyline ARC Business Meeting (KC2BQZ) •7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public Service—Carp Tournament (WA2PUU) 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public Service—Carp Tournament (WA2PUU) •Dayton Hamvention •7:00pm—MOARC VE Session (KG2DI) (3rd) 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Armed Forces Day •Dayton Hamvention •Public Service—Carp Tournament (WA2PUU)
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dayton Hamvention 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) (3rd) 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm—LARC Meeting, (WB2DVE) (4th) 	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •12:00n—RAGS VE Session, Liverpool Library •CQ WW WPX CW Contest
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CQ WW WPX CW Contest 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Memorial Day 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:30pm—Madison-Oneida ARC Meeting, Verona (last) •8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:30pm—Fulton ARC VE Session (KC2PAM) •7:00pm—Fulton ARC Meeting •7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R 	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rochester Hamfest •ARRL Atlantic Division Convention, Rochester •11:30am—QCWA Luncheon, Weber's Restau- 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rochester Hamfest •ARRL Atlantic Division Convention, Rochester

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Material may be submitted electronically to any of the club officers through the club web site. Articles may be on any subject of general interest to radio amateurs. The deadline is generally about the end of the month. This allows us to meet our goals of having the electronic edition to members by the end of the first week of the month with the hard copy edition following within a week.

The June deadline is May 31

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