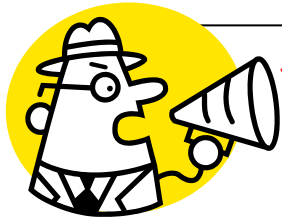


LongWire

The Newsletter for the Liverpool Amateur Repeater Club - LARC - W2CM



**The Next LARC Meeting will be on
Saturday December 13th, 2008**

Christmas Party!

5:00 PM at *Twin Trees Too*

1029 Milton Ave. Solvay, NY

Advance Tickets are \$20 each (before 12/6!) or \$25 at the Door

Mail In Form on Page 2

A message from your President

Hello to all. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and you are looking forward to the rest of the holiday season. As you probably read in the minutes from the November general meeting, the amendments to the club constitution were approved at that meeting. I would like to thank the members of the board for their work on this project over the past year. The changes and updates to the constitution will allow the club to function more efficiently and better serve the members. It was great to see such a large turnout for the November meeting and tour of the News 10 Now studios. A big thank you to Carrie Cheevers and Todd Kerkman for hosting the tour. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas party on the 13th. Our secretary, Fred Legawic, has been hard at work securing a great selection of door prizes for the party. Also mark your calendars for the annual LARC auction on January 22, 2009 at the Pitcher Hill Community Church. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

73, John, WB2DVE

January's Meeting will be the Annual LARC Auction at the Pitcher Hill Community Church - Support Your Club! Bring something / Buy something!

On the Web: www.liverpoolamateurrepeaterclub.com

Send us Email: LongWire@twcnny.rr.com

Date: Sat. Dec. 13th

Time: 5:00pm

Where: Twin Trees Too

1029 Milton Ave.

Solvay



LARC

Christmas Party



ADVANCE SALE TICKETS!

\$20 each for LARC Members and Guest

Checks Payable to LARC mailed to arrive

No Later than December 6th:

Walt Bordett

1200 Meadowbrook Drive

Syracuse, New York 13224

\$25 after December 6th or @ the door

- Door Prizes ...
 - Great Food ..
 - Great Company ...
 - A night out !!!
 - And best of all ...
- NO DISHES !!!!

Cut along here and mail this form with payment to Walt Bordett To arrive by December 6th

Name: _____ **Call:** _____

Phone Number: _____ *(for contact only)*

Number of guests _____ **Total enclosed:** _____

Ham Shack of the Month – WB2DVE

By Fred Legawiec, W2LGA

WB2DVE Biography: *I was first licensed as WN2DVE in 1962 while in high school. I upgraded to general in 1963 and became WB2DVE. Unfortunately after 2 years in the service and getting married, I let my license expire. In 1999, while commuting to Rochester for work I decided to get back into the hobby and use some of my 3 hour a day drive time to play radio. I was relicensed as KC2EQH, but was able to acquire my old call through the vanity system. I enjoy many parts of the ham radio experience, including contesting, chasing special event stations and just operating in general. My favorite band is 10 meters, when the sunspot gods are in our favor. I am a VE and work with the Camillus team and have had the privilege of being your president (LARC) for the past year.*

WB2DVE Station Layout: *The main rig at WB2DVE is a Yaesu FT-920. Back-up and future satellite radio is a Yaesu FT-847. A Kenwood TM-261A is used for 2 meter fm. I also have a Collins 30L1 amp, but it is rarely used. I also have a small collection of boat anchors waiting to be restored and put on the air. The shack computer is an older HP, Pentium 3, running at 650 mhz. Logging and contest software is from N3FJP*

WB2DVE Antenna Layout: *Due to a limited lot size, the antenna set-up is concentrated on a 20 foot section of tower on the roof. At the top is a 5 band Hex Beam from Traffie Technology. Below that is a 14 element, Cushcraft, 2 meter beam. Mounted on the side arm is a 16 element 440 beam, from Gulf Alpha Antennas. Behind the tower is a Cushcraft Ringo Ranger II for 2 meter fm. Finally, there are wire dipoles for 40 and 6 meters.*

WB2DVE Mobile: *The rig in the car is a Yaesu FT-100 with the matching ATAS 100 screwdriver antenna for hf and a Diamond dual bander for vhf.*



WB2DVE



WB2DVE Antenna Array

Special thanks to John Rockdashil, WB2DVE, for this interview and sharing his "shack" with us. John has been LARC president for the past year and has done a great job leading LARC to a premier club in the area. His Ham Radio expertise shows in his field day and public service participation as well as his "on the air" prowess.

Minutes of the November 20, 2008 General Membership meeting

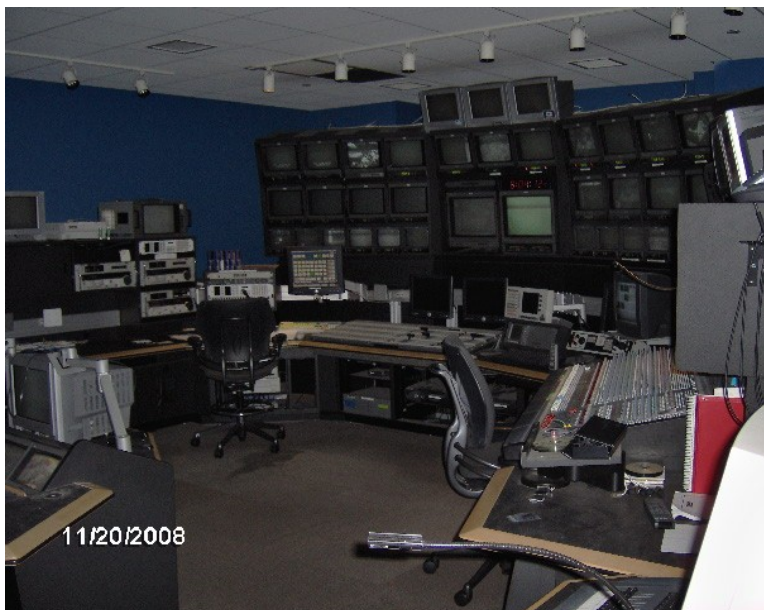
of the Liverpool Amateur Repeater Club held at Channel 10 news, 815 Erie Blvd. east, Syracuse, New York submitted by Fred Legawiec, W2LGA, secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by John Rackdashil- WB2DVE. Present were: K2LGA, N2KQL, N2RGU, K2SYR, W2AKD, WA2RMD, WA2DGC, K2JDD, K9CHP, N2ZPI, N2TAC, KC2OPF, N2MRE, N2JOM, KC2LIV, KC2TZE, KC2BHE, KC2SAB, KC2CZH, WB2BJW, KC2IQM, KB2VSJ, N2MGU, and Josie Nelson (SWL)

Old Business: Motion by WA2RMD to accept new Constitution as amended by club president WB2DVE. 2nd by KC2CZH. Vote by members present unanimous for acceptance.

New Business: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10pm by N2MRE, 2nd by KC2OPF. Accepted.

Tour of Channel 10 facility



Pictures courtesy of N2KQL

Thanks Dan!

On November 6th the Camillus VE's held another testing session.

VE's in attendance were: W2LGA, Fred Legawiec; K2SYR, Bill Bleyle; KB2ERJ, John Patchett; N2KLH, Dave Widrick; WB2DVE, John Rockdashil, and K9CHP, Amir Findling. We had two examinees in attendance. Gary Eschborn became a Technician class Amateur Radio operator with a perfect score of 35 / 35 on his test. His new call is KC2UDO. Andrew Iovanniski , KC2PFJ, upgraded to Amateur Extra with a perfect score of 50 / 50 on his test. Congratulations to both "Hams" and we hope to hear them on the airwaves as well as see them at our LARC meetings. *Fred Legawiec, W2LGA*

Art Needs TUBES!

I am looking for a working pair of 6JB6 tubes for an old amp restoration. Thanks
Art W2YPP - 445-1865 or artb@twcnv.rr.com

New Practice Exams available

I just saw the Liverpool Amateur Repeater Club on the **arrl.org** web site and I noticed that you offer help for newcomers. I just created a set of free online exam practice tests that I hope hams will find useful.

Within the practice tests, online study resources, (Wikipedia, NASA, ARRL, etc...), are provided for many of the questions. The list of resources available for each question is constantly growing because users can add their own favorite links to the study materials. Users can also track their test scores over time and see which sub elements are giving them the most trouble. You can see all the practice tests at:

<http://copaseticflow.blogspot.com/>

Thanks! **73 de KD0FNR Hamilton**

Carter

The tests were mentioned recently on kb6nu.com at:

<http://kb6nu.com/new-online-test/>

You can also see comments about the practice exams on the QRZ forums:

[http://forums.qrz.com/](http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=180904)

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HAMFEST!

The New Year is closing in and that means a new season of Hamfests! Start your year with:

Skyline Amateur Radio Club's Annual January Winterfest 2009

Saturday January 10th

Marathon Civic Center, Marathon, NY

7am—1pm

Info: KC2BQZ@gmail.com

www.skylineradioclub.org



Our Next President

President Elect Obama is committed to using the Internet to communicate his plans and ambitions for America.

Here is an excerpt from his web site that addresses communications:

Modernize Public Safety Networks: Barack Obama is committed to improving the information and communications technology used to support public safety from the antiquated 1970s and 1980s-based technology currently used by agencies around the country to a modern system that will enable us to respond to emergencies and natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. Obama and Biden will implement policies to spur the development and deployment of new technologies to promote interoperability, broadband access, and more effective communications among first responders and emergency response systems.

From the Technology section:

<http://www.barackobama.com/issues/technology/>

"I'm asking you to believe."

"Not just in my ability to bring about real change in Washington ... I'm asking you to believe in yours."

Reminder

The club is still looking for a home for its 220 repeater! If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact one of the LARC Board members or send an email to

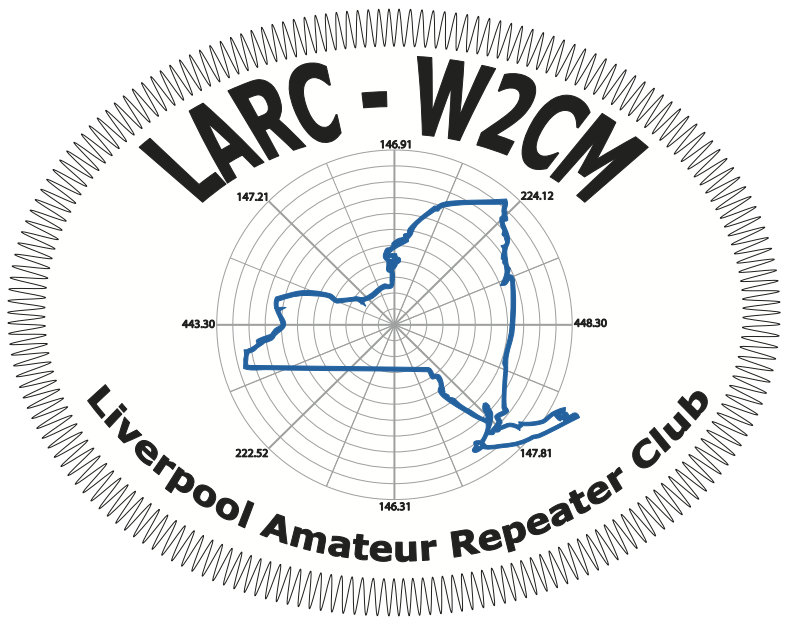
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If you are a member of ARRL (you are a member aren't you!?) be sure to sign up for their great newsletter, **ARRL Contest Update (biweekly contest newsletter)** You can do so by logging into the ARRL website, and modifying your member data. The newsletter has a lot of great Ham information (not just contesting information,) like this:

CQ Communications, Inc has acquired WorldRadio magazine. CQ, based in Hicksville, New York, currently publishes CQ Amateur Radio, CQ VHF and Popular Communications magazines. WorldRadio had been published monthly since July, 1971 with a primary focus on the human side of ham radio. CQ, a general-interest ham radio magazine best known for its support of DXing and contesting, has been in print since January, 1945. Current plans call for WorldRadio to continue to be published online as part of the CQ family of magazines, with Editor Nancy Kott, WZ8C, continuing in that position. WorldRadio subscribers will also have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine.

Field Days circa. 1864

This is a picture from the Civil War showing a field telegraph station. It was taken near Wilcox's Landing, Virginia, in 1864.



November 11th was Veterans Day—His vest says it all...

Thank You to everyone who has contributed to this and past LongWires!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) (1st) • 6:30—LARC Board Meeting, Pitcher Hill Community Church 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Camillus VE Session (KB2ERJ) (1st) 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Rome ARC VE Session (K2GVI) (1st) • 2200Z—ARRL 160 Meter Contest begins 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARRL 160 Meter Contest continues
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day • 1:00pm—Fulton ARC Christmas Party, RFH Hide-away (W2TQF) • 1559Z—ARRL 160 Meter Contest Begins 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm—RAGS Holiday Dinner (W2BCH) 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00pm—LARC Christmas Party, Twin Trees Too (N2IK) • 1300Z—ARRL 10 Meter Contest begins
<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2359Z—ARRL 10 Meter Contest ends 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm—OCREC Net, 147.30R (WA2PUU) (1st) 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm—SARC Christmas Party, Cindy's Restaurant (KB2LUV) 	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter begins 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanukkah 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Eve • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30am—QCWA Luncheon, Weber's restaurant (WB2PEM) 	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm—"This Week In Amateur Radio", 147.18R (KB2FAF) 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Years Eve • 7:00pm—Swap Net, 147.00R • 8:30pm—5WPM CW Practice, 147.00R (K2JMA) 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Years Day • 0000Z-2359Z—ARRL Straight Key Night 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1800Z-2359Z—Kids Datz2009 Contest

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