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June M. Wilson - KA2VEK

Election of Officers

Silent Key

It's with a very sad heart that I tell each of you that June M. Wilson (Smith), KA2VEK, passed away last evening (6/10) at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy.

June is a long time member of TARA and served as our Secretary back in our earlier days. Over the year's she was ALWAYS very supportive of TARA and she proudly helped in any way she could. For those of you that attended a Field Day back in the early to mid 90's I'm sure you can remember June's Spaghetti Dinner that everyone loved. She worked faithfully every Field Day and she never missed one since she became a member.

June had a way of making everyone feel right at home at any of our functions. I'm sure many of you can recall her boisterous way of catching your attention and that will be sorely missed at this year's Field Day. She also loved listening to the gang on the repeater even though she didn't feel up to getting on and chatting like she used to. I can remember many of times that she'd give me a call and we'd start chatting and she knew of all the TARA gossip that happened on our repeater. If somebody had been missing from the repeater group she knew that too. And, if I picked one Karen, KS2O, that usually pushed her over the edge and she had to key up her radio. She'd get on and backed her "Buddy Karen" up 100% no matter what, more so just to pick on me! As I mentioned even though she didn't get on the air much over the last year or so she knew what all of us were up to.

I'll have more info on the funeral arrangements as we learn of them. If you would like to send her family a sympathy card I suggest you send them to her home address:

JUNE M SMITH
752 5TH AVE
TROY, NY 12182

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June 19th Meeting

There will be a great deal to cover at our next meeting. We have our Annual Election of Officers on the Agenda for the first piece of business. Remember to Vote in the Annual Elections your Annual Dues must be paid up to the current year. Also, be advised that your Annual dues are DUE on JUNE 1, 2007. If you can't afford to pay all of it at once, just speak with our Treasurer -Randy Stein, in private and work out a payment arrangement.

We have the usual slate of Officers running unopposed, but that does not mean that someone cannot be nominated from the floor to run and written in on the ballots. In fact, we encourage the club participation.

The second thing on the agenda for the evening is that we have to finalize our plans for FIELD DAY, which will be on that upcoming weekend of 6-22/23/24-2007.

There will be a lot to discuss about some of the new equipment that we have for Field Day, this year. We need as many members as possible at this meeting, in order that we have an idea who will be there for set-up and tear-down. None of us in this club are getting any younger. So the more of us that show up, helps ease the burden on everyone.

Hopefully, our newer younger members will be able to pick up the slack for those of us that worked Field Day for many years and just cannot do what we used to any more.

Like our Motto Says, "We're more than a Club- We're a Family."



More than a Club



We're a Family



Upcoming Public Service Events

Congratulations, on a Very Busy
Public Service Month in May 2007
Thanks to All who Worked These Events



GHI WORKFORCE RUN

On Thursday, May 17th, 2007. We did the Annual GHI Workforce run in Albany and they had a record breaking number of runners....6500 and our very own Mark NK2Y was one of the many runners.

Those who assisted with this event were:

KEN WA2TQK SUE KC2IBI RAY N2ZQF
BETH KC2BSC TOM KC2FCR
DAVE WA2IGM HOWIE...KC2MNW
MAC KB2SPM

Thanks again, to all who volunteered!

73, Karen-KS20

Watervliet Memorial Day Parade

On May 28th, 2007 the City of Watervliet held it's Annual Memorial Day Parade and as always the city requested our services. It was a really nice day for a Parade.

Thanks to my faithful group of volunteers for helping out....

STEVE...KF2WA
MARGARET...NEPEK
BETH...KC2BSC
SUE...KC2IBI
RAY...N2ZQF
KEN...WA2TQK
MAC...KB2SPM

73, Karen-KS20

NEXT PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT

October 30-31, 2007

6-10 PM

Pumpkin Patrol

Rensselaer & Albany Counties

29th Annual Freihofer's

Run for Women

On Saturday, June 2nd, 2007 we helped with the 29th Annual Freihofer's Run for Women.

It turned out to be too warm for the runners and had several women down from the heat. We as a team did an excellent job getting the medical units to where they were needed and everything went along smoothly!

Thanks too all who helped me with this run.

ART...KB2JZJ who worked finish, Start and medical
FRANK...W2FPG TOM...KC2FCR
ED...KC2HNC KEN...WA2TQK
PAUL...KC2QPT MAC...KB2SPM

We had Paul as a new volunteer and he did an excellent job!

Thanks to all...

73, Karen-KS20

16th ANNUAL
HAMFEST
Southern Berkshire A.R.C.
Goshen, CT Fairgrounds
150 Old Middle St., Goshen, CT
Sat., June 16
8:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Admission \$3
VE Session at 9:30 a.m.

NEAR fest A Series of Articles

By *John "Steve" VanSickle* WB2HPR

SEARS *Silvertone* Table Radio

(Who could resist this little gem at the NEAR Fest?)



Al Plouff looks around to see if he can find where Steve –WB2HPR disappeared to, Again

A few weeks back yours truly took a trip to the NEAR Fest, at Deerfield, NH. Several other TARA members attended the inaugural run of what is hoped to be a twice-annual ham fest. The weather was about as good as it gets, and the large crowd of amateurs and their families enjoyed the camaraderie, food, and most important – all those irresistible goodies being offered for sale.

During one of my strolls through the numerous flea marketers' displays, as well as the commercial exhibits, I spied this little gem - a SEARS *Silvertone* table radio – ca. mid 1940's. The seller obligingly plugged it in, and it hummed and squealed – a ray of hope that it would, one day, play again.



SEARS *Silvertone* Table Radio

After arriving at an agreed price, I returned to Troy with my little prize. It sure looked neglected; the metal case was rusty and grimy, as were the knobs and dial. But it was complete, and contained the original four tubes! After performing an internal inspection, I visited Trojan Electronics where Herb located replacement capacitors. I began.



After cleaning the chassis and dusting off the tubes, I replaced all of the capacitors. Everything else was ready for the moment of truth. I deployed the trailing wire antenna (commonly used before ferrite bar antennas) – I switched on the power – and waited. There was a reassuring glow from the tube filaments, and I began to hear static. Turning the dial, I heard several AM stations – loud and clear. I quickly retuned the IF transformer (yes, there's only one) and squirted some contact cleaner into the volume control. The electronic portion of the job was complete.

Next, I tackled the case. Using progressively finer grades of aluminum oxide (sand paper) – I was able to smooth out the corrosion. Some primer and paint completed the job. It was time consuming and tedious, but not impossible. I located the proper color paint for the dial at a nearby Auto Zone. After re-assembly and final checkout (the tube were just fine!) the little radio found a new home on a bedroom dresser. Yep – they sure don't build 'em like that any more!

If you like Hamfests, I bet you'll enjoy NEAR Fest at Deerfield. The fall version is scheduled for Oct. 12 and 13. Hope to see you there!

73,

Steve WB2HPR

Check the NEAR Fest website: <http://near-fest.com/>



YOUR AMATEUR LICENSE IS A PRIVILEGE, TREAT IT AS SUCH

**You are responsible for all Transmissions from your Equipment
whether it be intentional or accidental**

**ADJUST YOUR TRANSMITTER SETTINGS FOR A "3 MINUTE TIMEOUT"
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE YOUR RADIO FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME
SHUT IT OFF**

TSO Trains Amateur Radio Operators to Support Disaster Preparedness

May 2007

Pensacola Transportation Security Administration Officer Jeff Smith trained 30 TSA volunteers to use emergency high frequency radio equipment during disasters. The 30 also qualified for Amateur radio technician class operator licenses.



Employees participating in the May 9 training traveled from Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arizona and New York State.

"Pensacola is fortunate that we have a TSO who is a highly experienced amateur radio operator, trainer and examiner," said FSD Steve Earnest. "His volunteer efforts have given the agency tremendous in-house capability that would have been expensive for the agency to replicate using contractors."

The Federal Communications Commission requires licensing for HF – or ham – operators, who can be invaluable when telephone and cell phones are inoperable.

**** **WANTED** ****

**Field Day Amateur Radio Operators
Needed to Work the Saturday Night Shift ,
Late Night Shift and Early Morning Sunday**

Don't Forget, Randy is Back with Sunday Breakfast, Too !!!

Soda Drive Still Needs Your Help!

Although there's only a few days left until Field Day we can still use your help with our "Soda Drive".

We're well aware for some of you it's a hassle to stop and get soda & then remember to bring it to the meeting. So, if you would like to donate a few bucks, we then can purchase the soda that we need. This really works out best for there have been a few year's that we get overloaded with let's say 10 cases of Root Beer but no 7UP, Coke, or of course the best one...Diet Pepsi!

You can give your donation to Karen Smith, KS20, and after we collect all of the soda donations we can then go out and purchase the flavors we need most.

Remember, the soda that's left over is what we use for our picnics and meetings, too. So it all comes back to our members & guests anyway.

Please Call Karen at 273-6594 or stop by her house.

"I want you there"
FIELD DAY 2007
June 23rd & 24th
Frear Park
Troy, New York

Troy Amateur Radio Association



An Ongoing Discussion

ARES E-Letters

Red Cross/ARRL Relations in Major Disasters

The discussion Re: ARES and Red Cross is a good step. It should be emphasized that in the field in a major disaster, the Red Cross must coordinate with the local ECs upon arrival. No incoming volunteers for Red Cross or any other organization should attempt to usurp the authority of the EC in the affected area. This is still a very sore spot among the Gulf Coast hams who were so abused after Katrina. We are there to assist but are not be subservient to these agencies. And lastly, when Red Cross arrives with their own amateur equipment, they still are required to coordinate with the local EC or DEC as appropriate before setting up, and they have no authority to commandeer repeaters nor other private equipment for their own use

Darryl J. Goldman, KD5CQT, EC,
Jackson County, Mississippi

It was opinioned in the last issue that the Red Cross needs to coordinate with local ECs upon arrival at a major disaster scene. The problem is the Red Cross is already there, and when national reinforcements arrive it is too late to start trying to coordinate. Red Cross doctrine is that the Local Chapter staff will be the lead in any disaster; this means the local EC should have already approached the local chapter long before any incident and established a relationship.

In our area the local EC assigns an individual ARES member to be stationed at, and as liaison for, each major local served agency. This is so the agency knows who to contact with questions, and who their operator will be long before they are needed. And the operator becomes familiar with the agency's needs and what operating conditions exist so they are better prepared.

In my case I am assigned as our local Red Cross liaison. The Red Cross in turn made me their Communications Section Lead and a Red Cross Supervisor. This means that the local Red Cross Chapter not only knows who we are and what we can do, but also that their communications plan directly integrates with the ARES plan. We play a part in their drills and training, and when "the big one" hits we will already know how to work together. National reinforcements who arrive for communications would report directly to me; I then contact our local EC to see where they are needed and what repeater resources they can be assigned if they don't join the current net directly.

Brian Cook, KI4HLW, EmComm Forum,
www.emcommforum.org

KD5PLA replaces KD5PLB on ISS

ARRL Headquarter, Newington, Ct.

June 4, 2007

NASA gave the go-ahead for the launch of the space shuttle Atlantis which had a flawless launch, Friday, June 8. The STS-117 mission will carry US astronaut Clay Anderson, KD5PLA, to the International Space Station to succeed Suni Williams, KD5PLB, as ISS Expedition 15 Flight Engineer.

Anderson will join Expedition 15 Commander Fyodor Yurchikhin, RN3FI, and Flight Engineer Dr. Oleg Kotov. Williams will return to Earth aboard the Atlantis. She arrived on the ISS last December and has been among the most active ISS crew members on Amateur Radio.

NASA originally planned the astro-swap for the STS-118 shuttle mission, now targeted for an August launch. Atlantis Commander Rick Sturckow and his six crewmates will spend 11 days in space and take part in three spacewalks.

Work planned for this mission will increase the ISS's power capability in preparation for the arrival of new science modules from the European and Japanese space agencies.

Joining Sturckow and Anderson on STS-117 will be pilot Lee Archambault and mission specialists Patrick Forrester, Steven Swanson, John "Danny" Olivas and Jim Reilly.



"So Charlie, I guess I had better think about signing off, as I just heard a clap of thunder..."

Riley Reiterates Recommendation To "Lighten Up" On Ham Bands

FCC Special Counsel in the Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth's main message at the Dayton Hamvention® <<http://www.hamvention.org>> 2007 FCC Forum may not have been a new one. But it's certainly one he believes bears repeating -- at least until it starts cutting through the QRM and QRN that pervade more communication channels than our Amateur Radio bands.

"Well, you could have gone to the flea market, but you came to church instead," Hollingsworth quipped to his Dayton forum audience. "I've got you now."

Hollingsworth repeated what for many Riley Watchers has become a familiar refrain: That the Amateur Radio community needs to "lighten up" on the air. Acknowledging that he was repeating himself, Hollingsworth urged his audience to take his message more to heart. "All of you can learn from each other," he said, "and you need to work together more and show a little more respect for your diverse interests and for the Amateur Service as a whole. It isn't about you. It isn't about enforcement. It's about Amateur Radio."

As radio amateurs take to the airwaves, he continued, they need to decide what's most important -- the best interests of ham radio or their ego, pride or perceived "rights." "I realize I may be preaching to the choir here, but on the air you need to be more cooperative and less argumentative -- and I need you to take this message with you when you go home," he continued.

As a "homework assignment," Hollingsworth encouraged his listeners to read the "It Seems to Us . . ." editorial, "Most Effective Use" <<http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2007/05/01/1/>>, by ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, in May 2007 QST. In his commentary, Sumner stressed that interference occurring as a side effect of legitimate Amateur Radio activities in crowded bands "is simply a fact of life" and that it's "unfair to your fellow amateurs to assume that every instance of interference you may encounter is a hostile act."

Hollingsworth offered good news and bad news. "The good news: Nothing is wrong with Amateur Radio," he allowed. "It is a good service that is showing its value to the public on a daily basis."

The bad news, he asserted, making a comparison to "road rage," is "that there is an element of Amateur Radio that too often reflects present society generally."

Hollingsworth urged all radio amateurs to cooperate more and depend less on the FCC to solve their operating issues.

"We live in a rude, discourteous, profane, hotheaded society that loves its rights, prefers not to hear about its responsibilities, and that spills over into the ham bands," he said.

Hollingsworth's bottom line: Be flexible in your frequency selection and make regular use of the "big knob" on the front of your transceiver to shift to any of the "thousands of frequencies and hundreds usable at any given time of day or year" as necessary to avoid problems. "The world is ugly enough -- don't add to it," Hollingsworth advised.

"We can enforce our rules, but we can't enforce kindness and courtesy or common sense," Hollingsworth concluded. "And a very wise person, who happens to be standing to my left [FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staffer Bill Cross, W3TN - Ed] once told me: 'You can't regulate stupid.' If we could, we'd be working for the United Nations instead of the FCC."

In his comments, Cross singled out the controversy that erupted recently over fears that automatically controlled digital stations would overwhelm the amateur bands, eclipsing most other modes. Cross cited §97.7 of the rules, which requires each amateur station to have a control operator and, in essence, to employ a "listen-before-transmit" protocol."

When a station is under automatic control, regardless of the transmission mode, Cross explained, the control operator need not be at the control point, but must employ station control devices and procedures while transmitting that ensure compliance with the FCC rules and does not cause harmful interference to ongoing communications of other stations.

The operational rule, Cross said, is: "Your call sign, your responsibility."

June M. Wilson, Age 58

TROY - June M. (Smith) Wilson, 58, of Lansingburgh, died on June 9, 2007, at St. Mary's Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Troy, she was the daughter of the late Seymour and Marguerite Castle Rowley and the wife of the late Paul Wilson Sr.



Our Beloved Friends - "Skipper & June"

Mrs. Wilson was a graduate of Troy High School and was retired from Ames Department Store in Troy. June was an active member of the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA).

Survivors include her beloved daughters Nicholle Smith of Lansingburgh and Christine Demick of Stephentown; son Robert Smith of Connecticut; grandchildren Brent and Kelsey Demick and Ashley and Robin Smith; and her niece Tina Taylor. June was predeceased by her sister Marilyn Mooney.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. from the Frank P. McDonald & Son Funeral Home, 870 Second Avenue between 124th and 125th Streets in Lansingburgh. Interment will be in St. Peter's Cemetery in Troy. Friends are invited and may call at the funeral home on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.



Limerick Radio Club to participate in

Transatlantic re-enactment Flight 1937-2007

On 5th July 1937 the first transatlantic passenger test flight took place from Botwood, Newfoundland and flew to Foynes, Ireland. The Pan American Clipper III aircraft, a Sikorsky 42 aircraft, was piloted by Captain Harold Gray.

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of this amazing event a special re-enactment flight is planned by Captain Patrick White and his son Ian. Mr. White has many years of flight experience as a pilot of flying boats. His family own and operate an active and growing multi-disciplined aviation company at the Gander International Airport.

Patrick and Ian will be flying their "Vintage Lady", a PBY Catalina Flying Boat, from Botwood Newfoundland on the 5th July, landing at Foynes on the 6th July. The arrival of the "Vintage Lady" will kick off the three days Irish Coffee Festival in Foynes from 6th – 8th July 2007.

The return flight is scheduled for the 1st August, arriving in time for the start of the Flying Boat International Festival in Botwood/Norris Arm and the Festival of Flight in Gander Newfoundland

LIMERICK RADIO CLUB

Limerick Radio Club has been invited by the Foynes Flying Boat Museum to operate a special Amateur Radio Station in conjunction with the commemorative Transatlantic Re-Enactment Flight 1937 from Newfoundland Canada to Foynes Ireland.

A special call-sign has been allocated to the station **EI70FOY**. The station will be on the air from the 6th to the 8th of July 2007. On HF, the station will operate from 80 to 10 metres. It will also operate on VHF / UHF using the EI70FOY call-sign.

A special QSL card, commemorating the Re-Enactment Flight, will be sent to all stations worked over the three-day event. All QSL cards should be sent to the Club's QSL Manager Alan Cronin EI8EM at QTHR.

Limerick Radio Club can be contacted at "ei4lrc at circom dot net" or at <http://www.qsl.net/ei4lrc>.

HAMVENTION 2007: TWO MAYORS SAY

IT WILL STAY IN DAYTON AREA

The Dayton Hamvention will remain in the Dayton, Ohio, area for a long, long time. That is, if two well respected politicians have anything to say about it.

Speaking at the Awards Presentation Ceremony, Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin and Trotwood, Ohio, Mayor Donald McLaurin, both pledged the support of their respective cities to keep the Hamvention at its long time home at the Hara Arena. Mayor McLaurin made it very clear that the annual ham radio gathering is very important to the region and its economy:

Mayor McLaurin: "...Our pledge to you all is to work as hard as we have in the past to keep you here in the Dayton region. We believe that it is important for the economy. We believe it is important for our friends who come in from around the world. And we want you here."

Over the years there have been rumors that the Hamvention was seeking to move to a new venue. None of these have ever proven true. Most of the more recent ones were traced to the Chicago area, where the trail went cold. No matter. The Hamvention and the local political leaders have put the matter to rest once and for all. And Mayor McLaurin had these words of welcome for all who travel to the Dayton area to attend Hamvention:

Mayor McLaurin: "We want you to continue to come here and talk about this region because we will love to continue to have you (here). And on behalf of the City of Trotwood, my colleagues and the City of Dayton, we welcome you here and we want you back next year. Thank you so much."

So please pay no attention to what you might read on some Internet rumor blog or hear on the air. The real word is that the Hamvention is keeping its home in Dayton, and it likely there to stay. (ARNewsline™)



Rensselaer County ARES/RACES Nets Meet

Each Wednesday Night at 7:30 PM on 145.17 Repeater

Tune in every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM on the 145.17/447.075 repeater for the Rensselaer Co. ARES/RACE Net. Our group also meets once a month at the Rensselaer County Public Safety Building located at 4000 Main Street, South Troy, N.Y. Our next meeting date will be announced on the weekly.net. We are always looking for New Members. We are proud to say that our group has increased in size in 2007 and we hope that it we continue to flourish.

The East Greenbush Exercise was a great success. Everyone is pumped up about training and preparation. At the last meeting we took a vote **NOT to CANCEL Meetings** for the **SUMMER**. Everyone agreed that the good weather is the best time to get out and possibly do some outside exercises. Also, we has some fun idea's about building projects such as portable J-pole & beam antenna's and possible do a Fox hunt.

WE ARE THE NEW AND IMPROVED RENSELLAER COUNTY ARES/RACES. COME AND JOIN US !

Tough DX-pedition



THE APRIL 2007 EXPEDITION TO SCARBOROUGH REEF

DXCC ENTITY: BS7H

Latitude: 15° 07' N.

Longitude: 117° 45' E.

BS7H IS NOW QRT AFTER 45,830 QSOS

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**(Just Temp for now!) Spring is here so
 lets get Ready for Field Day next month!**

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Regular monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

7:30 p.m.

**Green Island Municipal
 Center**

Intersection of

George St. & Hudson Ave.

Green Island, New York

Ample Parking

Parking Lot on Hudson Ave.

Troy's Full Service Repeaters
145.170/R **447.075/R**