**TARA Fall Fund Drive Winding Down** If you haven't purchased your raffle tickets the time is running very short. You only have a little over 24 hours to get in on this great raffle. Either contact Bill or Karen tomorrow

or look up a TARA Member at the Saratoga Hamfest Saturday.

If you still owe on your tickets and need to send the money -MAKE PAYABLE TO: TROY ARA MAIL TO: William Eddy 2404 22nd Street Troy, New York 12180-1901

Please, review the list below and if you have <u>NOT</u> sent your funds in yet please do so immediately. We need to get this taken care of by Saturday's Saratoga Hamfest. Here are the supporters I have heard from personally with support of the TARA Fund Drive as of September 11, 2008 as of 23:30 UTC.

Ticket Sales:

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LEE. K2HAT - \$40.00 \*\*PAID\*\* DAVE. WB2TGN - \$15.00 \*\*PAID\*\* BILL, NY2U - \$50.00 \*\*PAID\*\* PETE, N2YJZ - \$50.00 \*\*PAID\*\* MARY ANN & STAN, WA2UET - \$25.00 \*\*PAID\*\* DICK, N2MOA - \$10.00 \*\*PAID\*\* MARYILYN & KEN, KB2KFV - \$20.00 \*\*PAID\*\* MIKE, KC2RPX - \$5.00 \*\*PAID\*\* ERIC, KC2TSW - \$20.00 \*\*PAID\*\* BETH, KC2BSC - \$30.00 \*\*PAID\*\* MAC & KAREN KS2O - \$50.00 \*\*PAID\*\* FINN, WB2UWU - \$5.00 \*\*PAID\*\* MARGARET & ROY, N2OWC - \$30.00 \*\*PAID\*\* LEE, K2HAT - \$25.00 \*\*Additional Tickets\*\* \*\*PAID\*\* JOHN, KC2PGL - \$25.00 \*\*PAID\*\* DAVE, W2VS - \$25.00 \*\*Additional Tickets\*\*

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More than a Club



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**18th Consecutive Season** 

**TNT Trader Net Returns for** 

September 2008

This notice is to let all of you know that the TNT Trader Net has returned to the TARA Repeaters starting as of August 28 at 9:00 PM.

This net is the Capital District oldest net (since 1990) of this kind and we look forward to having each of you join us each Thursday night for this new season. Please, look around your shack or out in the garage/basement/attic for some of those items you are looking to part with. Make a list up and then bring them into the net come each Thursday night and see if we can't find a new home for those goodies. Plus, that will give you some extra \$\$CASH\$\$ to take with you up to the Ballston Spa Hamfest on Saturday -September 13! Now, doesn't that make sense.

I'll be looking for you!

## 73 de NY2U "Mr.Bill"

P.S. If there is someone that would like to serve as net control for some of these weekly nets, please let me know.

We're a Famí

# **Upcoming Public Service Events**



# **Pumpkin Patrol 2008**



We have our Annual "Pumpkin Patrol 2008" which will be

coming up on Thursday, October 30th and on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for numerous volunteers to help out on either one or both nights

and in multiple Counties this year. If you are interested or need more information, please call me anytime at 273-6594 or email me at <u>KS20@N2TY.ORG</u> Thank You.

73,

Karen - KS20

# Last TARA Picnic at Hudson Shores Park a Rousing Success

Howdy Folks:

We'll what else can I say but THANK YOU to each of you that attended the TARA Picnic last month. Man alive, what a crowd. In fact, we had a couple of head counts and one said 55 the other said 58 so that's pretty darn good!

On behalf of TARA I want to thank each an everyone that brought along some of the finest hot & cold side dishes we ever had. Plus, the desserts were outstanding too! I cannot remember exactly who brought each dish but again I thank ALL OF YOU!!

Also, A big tip of the hat to those that helped us setup and teardown. I would also like to thank all those that helped with serving the food tonight. What a great job.

## 73 de NY2U "Mr. Bill" Volunteers Needed at Ballston Spa

TARA is in need of several volunteers to assist with the Sale of Raffle tickets up at the Ballston Spa HamFest on Saturday. We would like to get folks there as early as 8:00 AM if possible in the same spot we were last year.

 So far we have:
 KAREN, KS2O 9:00 AM

 DICK, N2MOA - 10:00 AM
 KAREN, KS2O 9:00 AM

 BILL, NY2U 9:30 AM
 GEORGE, W2SFD 7:30 AM

 CRAIG, W2XAD 9:30 AM
 We Need You
 You

MAC, KB2SPM - 9:00 AM KEN, WA2TQK - 9:15 AM

## NEW TNT 10 Meter Rag Chew September 7th at 8:00 PM

Howdy Folks:

I've got good news and bad news to for you. Okay, here's the bad news first. As many of you know the

summer months are just ago behind us and we're about to enter the fall season. Now for some that might not be a bummer, but let me tell you I certainly hate the thought! Now for the good news.

With the fall time rapidly approaching us it's time to gear up for some good nights on our radios. Over the summer George Burns, W2SFD and myself have talked several times about getting a TARA HF Net on-the-air for everyone to enjoy. George felt as I do that this would offer a perfect opportunity to help foster those new budding hams with a place to meet and share information/training on how to use our HF bands. So, with that in mind I'd like to announce the "NEW" TARA TNT 10 Meter Rag Chew to be held each Sunday evening at 8:00 PM on 28.470 MHz (+/- QRM) - USB, starting on September 7, 2008. Also, we are looking to try the last Sunday (first one on September 28) of each month on 29.600 MHz (or we might try another simplex frequency) using FM. I believe most of us have the FM ability with our radios so we could really have some fun with it.

Wouldn't you and your buddies like to join us? If so, start talking it up and we'll be looking for you come September 7 on 28.481 MHz. It should also be noted this is NOT just a TARA member group either! This group will be open to all interested amateurs that wish to join us.

## 73 de NY2U "Mr. Bill"



# **Good News for Six Meters**

### World Wide Six Meter Club Saturday, May 31, 2008 9:58 AM

I engineer for a TV Station, and with the turn-off of the analog transmitters, next Feb 17, it occurred to me that this may be the greatest boost ever to six meters.

Six meter audio won't be detected. There will still be overload issues, but the sets won't be able to detect AM, SSB, or CW. The sets will just mute or freeze. Detecting "who" is creating the overload will be much harder.

Another factor is the outside antenna that has ( up to now ) been banned by various homeowner associations.

Good six meter antennas can be built to resemble VHF TV antennas and with more non-hams demanding good outside antennas to pick up DTV, now seems to be a> good time for some manufacturer to build a "look-alike" six meter "stealth" antenna.

This could open the door to many amateurs who might not have the space for a low band antenna, but COULD be on six meters.

Quoting from the WAAY-TV web page :

Right To Bear Antennas Regardless of Homeowners Regulations Posted: May 30, 2008 10:17 AM CDT

The FCC gives TV viewers a right to put up an outside antenna regardless of what their homeowner regulations or neighborhood regulations are.

In this new era of digital TV, some TV viewers are going to want to add outdoor antennas but be harassed by restrictions set forth by their community, which, of course, the FCC overrules. If someone calls complaining of not being able to put up an antenna, please point them to this web site for more information:

http://www.fcc.gov/mb/facts/otard.html

Hi everyone!!! It's good to be back. As I am pondering, I hear the sound of CW in the background. It is Howard - W2AFD doing a CW training course on the 147.300 repeater. As the [TARA WEST] repeater dits and dahs away I am sad that soon the leaves will be gone. Then the only thing green is me!

It was a good summer, Picnics with great food, friends and fun and a lot of friendly conversation. It could not have been a better time.

I hope to hear some of you on the TARA 10 meter rag chew. This is the time to get our antenna and radio projects finished. I know I have a couple of antenna projects that have to be attended to. I hope to see you at the TARA meeting This coming Tuesday! I bet all of the chatter will be who won those prizes on the TARA raffle. I hope its me!!! I have to say bye for now, but I can't wait to see on Tuesday! Anyway 73 and stay green. de, schreck

### Craig M. Wood



Greetings to Everyone, I hope everyone had a wonderful summerand I would like to thank my old faithful friends for taking photo's and keeping me posted of what's going on.

Unfortunately though we are starting to slip again with stories and articles from and about the members themselves. I would like to see more pictures of your shacks and stories about you and what you are doing,

This is your newsletter and I want it to be about you. Otherwise, it is just a bunch stories gathered from other sources for your reading pleasure. I don't really thing that is what we want.

Hoping to hear from all of you with some interesting stories in the future. I will close this communication for now.

### 73. Ken Davis – Editor – KB2KFV

## From the Green side of life! TARA Fall Fund Drive Winding Down

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Separate Donation to the Fall Fund Drive: SKIP, N2ZKZ - \$200.00 \*\*PAID\*\*

T.A.R.A. - T.N.T. W2TRY - N2TY - W2PTR SWAP NET **Every Thursday at 9:00 PM** on the 145.170/447.075 Repeaters also via Echolink & I.R.L.P.

# N2QZ retires, KC2PNI joins the team

This is a release of the announcement that I am sending to ENY members. Please pass on the word to NTS members outside of ENY that I do not have an e-mail address for and also please thank Nick for his efforts these last 3 years and welcome Phil to the team. Phil is a little new to all this but has a good heart towards NTS and a good head on his shoulders.

Thanks, Pete N2YJZ ENY SM

N2QZ retires, KC2PNI joins the team.

Unfortunately, I must announce that Nicholas S. Castellano, N2QZ will be stepping down as Section Traffic Manager for our Eastern New York Section. Nick has served as STM since 2005. I seem to lose more good volunteers to great employment promotions, which is the case with Nick. Nick has done an outstanding job as STM. His work in developing the nets, it's volunteers, NTS education and serving as Net Manager have been amongst the best I have seen in all the sections. Volunteers like Nick don't come along too often. With that I give a heartfelt thank you to Nick (and his lovely wife and children for letting him spend the time) and I can only hope that one day he will find the time to volunteer again on a Section level. Good luck Nick! Fortunately, we have a volunteer who is stepping up to the plate as Section Traffic Manager. Phil Simonis, KC2PNI will be serving as STM as of September 2008. Phil is already a hard working volunteer in our Eastern New York Section serving as Vice-President of the Mount Beacon Amateur Radio Club and as an AEC ARES member of Dutchess County. Phil has been a traffic handler for some time now and has participated in NTS instruction classes. Phil is a member of local VHF and state wide HF traffic nets. My thanks goes out to Phil for deciding to take the job considering his busy schedule with work and family.

Please take time to join me in thanking Nick for his fruitful hard work and to welcome Phil to his new appointment.

73...Pete N2YJZ

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## FCC Vanity Call Sign Fees to Increase September 25

On August 11, the Federal Communications Commission announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 25, 2008.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The notice in the August 26, 2008 Federal Register, entitled

"Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008," includes regulatory fees expected to recover a total of \$312,000,000 during FY2008, encompassing all the services the FCC regulates.

More information is available at,

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/08/11/10257/? nc=1.



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



# **George W2SFD catches the Big One**

Well it just goes to show you that when George -W2SFD breaks from that beautiful FT- 940 and isn't pulling in all the big ones on HF Bands he knows how to pull in a totally different type of big one when he heads out to the lake.

George had sent me an email with the picture of this great fish so it was only proper that I did a little story about it.

So I emailed him back and asked him which lake he was at and the response that it was around five pounds but we are not sure of the length, and he was at Alpine Lake Campground, private small lake. Sacandaga doesn't have any fish? Don't you know that...lol.

Date...Ahhhh.. Sunday the 24th around 11:30am. I used Spinner bait, a chartruse. I landed four that day and lost two, and the last one broke my pole, literally, and ended the day. I lost the fish, and spinner bait. So, six fish on, landed four. My partner, skunked. We were going out so he could show me how the Bass like worms......have not used one since I was a kid. Small bait, small fish, Big bait, small and large fish.

Hey Chief, you keep blowing my stealth mode with all these pics in the newsletter. :P

73 my friend, de W2SFD George Having fun on and off the air.





Here's the proud sportsman George -W2SFD with the great looking Large Mouth Bass he caught at Alpine Lake which weighed in at over 5 pounds. Now we know George isn't the only King Size big mouth in the Lake.



The Capital District Traffic Net meets every evening at 23:45 hrs U.T.C. /18:45 local time.

Our purpose is to pass formal written traffic into, out of, and throughout the Capital area of New York State, along with training and practice at Handling Message Traffic.

So, Please tune in each evening and don't be afraid to check in even if you don't have traffic.



# Lifelong Radio Buff Tom Kneitel Turned His Hobby Into a Lifelong Career

We recently Lost Gene Hughes the Editor of Police Call and now we have lost Tom KneiteI. I really enjoyed his articles & books and especially S-9 Magazine and all His Wonderful Contributions to our Hobby. They will both Be Missed and their Families and Friends are in our Prayers

TARA Editor, Ken Davis - KB2KFV

### August 24, 2008

Tom Kneitel, who loved radios from the time he was a kid, turned his hobby into a career, writing magazine articles and books for other radio buffs. Known by his CB handle "Tomcat," Kneitel was a storied figure in the world of CBs, short-waves and scanners.

His 1992 book Tune in on Telephone Calls -- which told readers how to use inexpensive equipment to join the "popular pastime" of listening in on other people's cell-phone calls -- earned him interviews by The New York Times and The Boston Globe.

Kneitel, 75, died Friday. The DeLand man had been ill for more than a year, with a variety of health problems, said Judy Kneitel, his wife of 54 years.

He began writing about radio in the 1950s. "My goodness, I'm having fun and they're paying me," he told his wife.

His last job had been as editor of Popular Communications magazine, but he had also written for CB Horizons magazine, S9 magazine, Popular Electronics and TV Guide. He also wrote a number of other books.



Born in New York City, Kneitel spent part of his childhood in Florida. He was the grandson of Max Fleischer, the cartoonist who had a Miami animation studio that created Betty Boop and Popeye cartoons.

His family moved back to New York when he was a teenager, and Kneitel spent most of his life there. In 2004, the Kneitels retired to DeLand.

He was a funny man but also a workaholic who would "be at the typewriter 18 hours a day," Judy Kneitel said. "He never missed a deadline. He enjoyed writing."

Even as he was entering a hospice last year, "he turned out three more articles," she said.

Most of his columns contained humor, plays on words and strong opinions. A Pennsylvania newsletter for radio buffs last year reprinted this retort by Kneitel, who'd been taken to task for his criticism of an old organization: "I don't care when it was founded, I just want to know when it will be losted."

Kneitel got his first radio from relatives after he contracted polio when he was 14 -- and was hooked.

Though he recovered from the disease, he always walked with a limp, his wife said, and about 15 years ago "postpolio syndrome" landed him in a wheelchair. He'd been suffering from heart disease and diabetes, among other problems, too.

In addition to his wife, Kneitel is survived by seven of his eight children and by 10 grandchildren. The family plans a private memorial service.

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## Kansas Father & Son Hams Electrocuted While Erecting Antennas

While putting up backyard antennas on the afternoon of Sunday, July 13, Edward Thomas, KC0TIG, of Kansas City, Kansas, and his son were electrocuted. The elder Thomas, 65, was pronounced dead at the scene. His son, 27, was rushed to the hospital but died later that day. Initial reports suggest that the antenna they were installing came in contact with 7620 V power lines. Neighbors reported a "loud popping sound" and the electricity went out on the block.

Jacob's 7 year old daughter witnessed the tragedy and ran to the neighbor's yard, calling for help. Byron Kirkwood and another neighbor attempted to perform CPR on the men; the neighbor also called 911.

Robert Mullendore, a spokesman for the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (KCBPU), was quoted by Kansas City television station <u>KSBH</u> as saying it is rare to survive a shock as strong as the two men received: "There are people who will survive -- they're lucky by the grace of God, it's high energy, it's dangerous, that's why it's up in the air -you just have to be careful. Even those who survive have pretty wicked wounds and they are lifelong wounds." In the power business for more than 30 years, the spokesman said these accidents are "really rare," saying that he only sees something like this "every two or three years. If you're doing any kind of work like this, you just really, really need to be aware of your surroundings."

Chuck Kraly, K0XM, used to work for KCBPU; he built and maintained the substation that fed the circuit going to the Thomas home: "This is nothing to take chances with. In my almost 30 years as a ham -- and 27 years in the power utility field -- I have seen way too many 'accidents.' Stop and look. If it is close or seems that way -- *don't*. Find another place. High voltage lines are not forgiving. Your life depends on it. Please follow the warnings. *Anywhere* close is too close."

Thanks to Larry Staples, W0AIB, and others who contributed to this story REVISED Jul 15, 2008 14:45 ET

# **Shorting Lever Insulator Trick**

l often take my rig along with me on my travels. All too often, as equipment is packed and unpacked, the shorting lever on my straight key gets closed. After making all of the external connections (laptop, TNC, tuner, key, etc.) and the rig is powered up, it does not go into the transmit mode (fortunately!) – but it won't do too much else, either! In fact, many of the controls are inoperative (Yaesu FT-897D)

To prevent this, I had considered removing the shorting lever altogether, but opted to make a simple insulator which fits under the base contact's "tongue". I used light weight cardboard, folded in half (a piece of a file folder or business card would do just as well.) See the photo for details.

That's one less item to worry about when I set up operations from my next QTH! –

### 73, Steve VanSickle, WB2HPR 3010 Tibbits Avenue, Troy, NY 12180 wb2hpr@arrl.net







## The SignaLink USB Interface A Plug-And-Play Solution for Digital Modes by John Kasupski, KC2HMZ How It Works And What You Get

Anyone who has experimented with receiving digital format signals by radio has undoubtedly experienced one or more of the difficulties that typically arise when you set out to decode digital signals using a radio and computer. Your sound card is incompatible with your software, or you don't want it tied up doing digital decoding. You have more than one radio you want to use and don't want to have to buy or build separate interfaces for each. Or perhaps you just don't want to pay a fortune for all the software you need in order to decode the numerous digital modes that exist (with new ones seemingly being invented daily). If this is the situation you've found yourself in, you'll find this article to be just what the doctor ordered.

Earlier this year, I purchased a SignaLink USB interface (Photo A) from Tigertronics in Grants Pass, Oregon. This device, which costs less than some of the competing commercially available radio/computer interfaces (\$104.95 if ordered with a cable to fit Kenwood and ICOM radios using a 13-pin DIN accessory port; \$99.95 for everybody else), not only interfaces your computer to any radio, it also contains its own built-in USB sound card. That means that the sound card already in your computer is left free for whatever else you want to do with it. The SignaLink USB connects to your computer's USB port and is powered from the USB port so that no external power source is needed. All the necessary cables come with the device, including the USB cable, the cable to interface the SignaLink USB to your radio, and a mono cable to connect to radios that don't have receive audio on the mic or accessory jack. Additional cables can be ordered if you have more than one radio and they don't use the same cable.

The mono cable can be used to connect the SignaLink USB to an external speaker jack on a scanner or shortwave receiver, or if using a transceiver, the connection is made using the radio cable. This can be accomplished using a connection to a 4-pin round, 8-pin round, RJ-11, or RJ-45 mic connector, or you may instead order the radio cable to connect to a data or accessory port that uses a 5-pin DIN, 8-pin DIN, 13-pin DIN, or 6-pin mini-DIN connector. An un-terminated cable for radios that use a different type of connector is also available in case you have an unusual situation, such as wanting to build a cable for a handheld radio. Also included with the device is a set of jumper wires that simply push into a socket on the SignaLink USB's circuit board. A software CD is also included with the device and contains jumper settings for the most popular radios. Settings for other radios can be determined by following the procedure in the included manual, or by contacting the Tigertronics tech support staff.

### http://www.popular-

communications.com/PCHighlightsSept2008.html



Q: How many DXers does it take to change a light bulb?



A: All of them. One to change it and the rest to argue about whether it counts as a light bulb.

# **Proper Removal of FLASH DRIVES**

Are you one of the many who use a flash drive these days? I mean, really, how can you resist? They are so simple to use and just as convenient as can be. So, tell me, when you go to remove your flash drive from the USB port it's in, how do you do it? Do you just yank it out and then go on with your day? If you do, that's not really the proper way to do it and if you keep doing it that way, you could end up ruining your flash drive. Well, lucky for you, I have come bearing instructions on how to properly remove a flash drive from your computer!

There are actually a couple different ways you can do it. I suggest you read through them and choose the one you feel the most comfortable with. The first one has a few less steps than the second, so we'll start there. When you're ready to take your flash drive out, double click on the **My Computer** icon on your desktop and find the drive your flash drive is listed under. (It will usually be listed under a "**Removable Disk**" letter). Right click on that drive and choose **Eject**. You can then remove the flash drive with no risk of ruining anything.

The second way is to use your **Safely Remove Hardware** icon, located in your bottom system tray. Double click on that icon (it's a little green arrow with a little gray disk underneath it). Highlight the choice that says "**USB Mass Storage Device**" and click on the **Stop** button. Next, find the entry for your flash drive and click on it so that it's highlighted. Click **OK**. You will then see a little pop up window in the bottom corner of your screen, telling you it's now safe to remove the hardware. Once you see that, you can remove the flash drive and go on your way. As you can see, both ways are very easy to do, but in order to keep your flash drive safe, you need to make sure you do at least one of them! ~ Erin

For more great tips go to http://www.worldstart.com/



## New HF Digital Protocol to Debut at DCC

WINMOR, an HF digital protocol designed for use with the Winlink 2000 network, will be unveiled at the upcoming ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference in Chicago, September 26-28.

According to developer Rick Muething, KN6KB, WINMOR will effectively eliminate the need for external PACTOR hardware. "This new protocol is implemented through a *Windows* application that uses a computer sound card for all the analog-todigital conversion. It provides error-free ARQ transfers within 200, 500 or 2000 Hz bandwidths," Muething said.

In terms of throughput, Muething said that the 200-Hz WINMOR mode appears to equal the performance of PACTOR I. In WINMOR's 2000 Hz mode, its performance rivals PACTOR III. "WINMOR is a work in progress," Muething said. "We won't be pulling the wraps off a finished application at the conference. We're close, though. I'd like to see on-air testing in 3 to 6 months." Conference information and registration is available online or by telephone at 972-671-8277. Rick Muething's presentation paper, *WINMOR*. . . A Sound *Card ARQ Mode for Winlink HF Digital Messaging*, is included in the conference proceedings. Proceedings will also be available for sale on the ARRL Web after the conference.

# **TARA Fall Raffle**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize : Yaesu FT-8900 plus matching 4 band antenna or \$ 100.00 cash

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Yaesu FT-1802 2m Mobile or \$ 100.00 cash

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Bozak Mobile or Base vertcal HAM antenna or \$ 50.00 cash

to be drawn at the

BALLSTON SPA HAMFEST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

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