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RIP VAN WINKLE AMATEUR RADIO AND TROY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION ANNUAL "RUMBLE" RENEWAL



Members of the Rip Van Winkle and Troy Amateur Radio Association gathered at the Four Brothers in Valatie, NY for the renewal of the annual "RUMBLE" on January 15, 2012. This event was schedule in light of the recent passing of Mr. Bill, NY2U and Dave, WD2K who main instigators of the original "RUMBLES".

Karen (KS2O) wrote for the newsletter; "Thanks have to go to Chief (KB2KFV) & Tom (WE2G) for talking and getting the TARA-RIPPERS RUMBLE back on again!

The Rumble started many years ago when Dave (WD2K) and Mr Bill (NY2U) always teased each other about their clubs, so they started the Rumble at the Four Brothers restaurant and we met and had dinner every Jan.

When Dave died, they kind of stopped doing the Rumble. Now Chief got talking to Tom and got it started back up and we had about 40 people from the 2 clubs there. We had a nice dinner and then each of us introduced our self and gave a brief story about Bill or Dave.

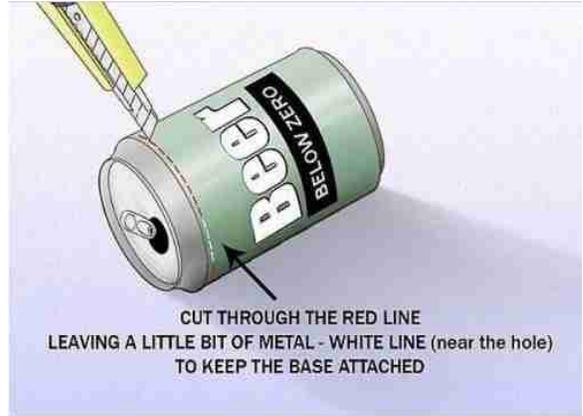
This years Rumble was held on Mr Bill's 59th birthday and we sang Happy Birthday to him...it was very touching. We plan on keeping the Rumble going for many years to come!"



Photos by Steve, WB2IQU



HOW TO BOOST A WI-FI SIGNAL WITH A BEER (OR SODA) CAN*



*Although this antenna of sorts is exclusive for Internet wi-fi one must wonder if this design might be useful for ham radio use, particularly in the micro-wave frequencies.

FRANK CASEY, W2JIO, SK

Frank Casey, W2JIO of Albany NY passed away on January 18, 2012 due to complications from Cancer.



Frank was a Net Controller for several traffic nets, including the Capital District Traffic Net, on local 2m/ 440 repeaters in the Albany area, as well as for the New York State Phone Traffic and Emergency Net (NYSPTEN) and other nets.

Frank was blind, but not handicapped in the Amateur radio hobby.

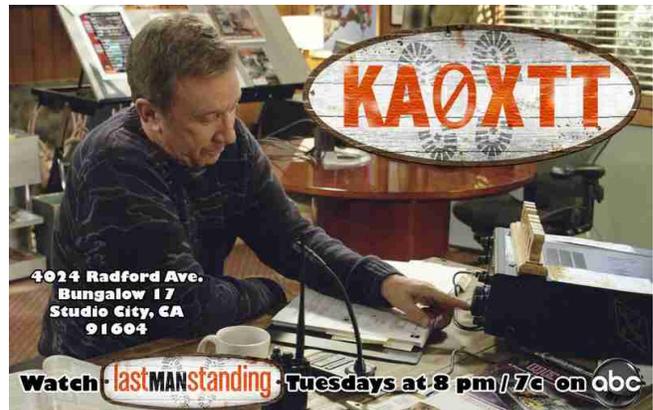
Obituary: Francis R. "Frank" Casey, 62, died Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at Samaritan Hospital. Born in Albany, NY he was son of the late Thomas and Agnes (Thornton) Casey. He was a graduate of the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind, in the Bronx, NY. Mr. Casey worked for the Albany County Sheriffs' Department for 32 years, retiring as a 911 Supervisor in 2001. He was President of the Capital District Chapter of the American Council of the Blind.

He enjoyed amateur radio "W2JIO", was

an avid fan of the New York Mets and was a weather buff. Husband of 25 years of Kathy (Wilkins) Casey of Albany; brother of Thomas "Sonny" (Dorothy) Casey of Bohemia, NY, Mary (Charles) Fullam of NJ and the late Patricia Burns; uncle of Nicole Hornsby, James and Timothy Burns; also survived by several grand nieces and nephews and cousins.

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MIKE BAXTER (AKA TIM ALLEN) IN "LAST MAN STANDING"



The ABC Television series, "Last Man Standing" is about Mike Baxter (Tim Allen), a marketing executive for "Outdoor Man," a fictitious sporting goods store in Colorado.

Mike, is a "man's man" and involved in all kinds of outdoor activities including

hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, boating. Likewise, Mike (and Tim) has a love for all the electronics that go with these activities. Among Mike's interests is Amateur Radio (Ham Radio).

In the episode "Odd Couple Out", we established Tim's character (Mike Baxter), as KA0XTT. This is a call sign the show cleared for use on air. "XTT" is a bit of a private joke as Tim's character name on "Home Improvement" was Tim Taylor. So, ex T. T. - Courtesy qrz.com

known as the C100, assuming no emergencies. This provides a comfortable, heated operating location that's highly visible and a good place for demonstrations.

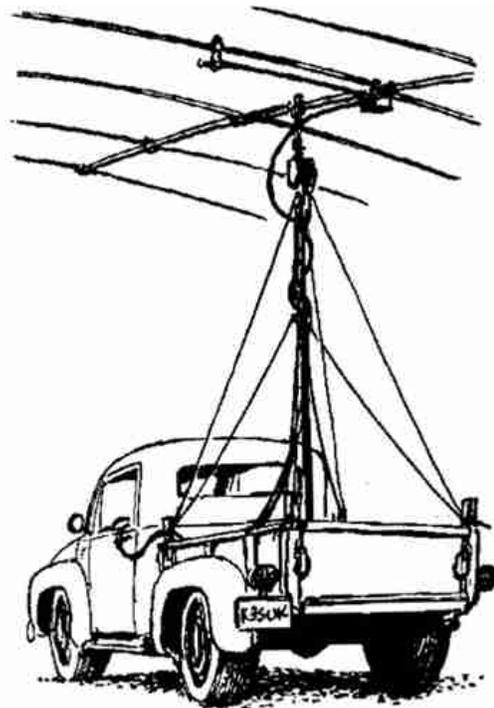
Operations will be on both 2- and 20-Meters, and possibly on 10- and 40-meters. On 2-Meters, we'll be using the WA2AFD 147.300 repeater with the SARA 147.060 repeater as backup. On 20-Meters, we're planning on being at 14.270 or thereabouts. During the event we'll attempt to contact other winter-themed events that have an amateur presence.

HAM RADIO Winterfest 2012

Amateur Radio club members, unaffiliated amateurs, and the Capital District Traffic Net (CDTN) will be promoting amateur radio in a demonstration at **Winterfest 2012** at Indian Meadows Park in the Town of Glenville. Winterfest is scheduled for February 4, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



We'll be using the Schenectady County Emergency Command Vehicle, also



The primary goal of amateur participation in this event is to provide an opportunity for event attendees to learn about amateur radio, see it in operation, get on the air and participate in making contacts. Attendees will also be encouraged to send Radiograms from the event. In past

years, experienced amateurs have introduced non-amateur attendees as well as “Elmering” amateurs looking to get some DX experience.

All amateurs are welcome to participate either at the event or from another location, be it from home, mobile, or someplace else. At Indian Meadows, we’re looking for operators who would be willing to work some DX and talk about it with visitors. We also need a traffic handler or two to send and receive Radiograms and we could also use someone for the talk-in on 2-Meters. If you would like to drop by for a visit, please feel free to do so. Stay as long as you’d like. It makes for a nice mid-winter get together. Set up and tear down is quick and easy and we’ve got it covered. We throw a line over a tree, hang a 20-Meter dipole, and run the feedline through a window. So there’s little to do but show up and have fun.



In past years we’ve had plenty of operators to cover the event (more are always welcome). If you can’t make it to Indian Meadows but would still like to participate, give us a call on the of the frequencies shown above. You can also send traffic to and from the event.

There is a “no snow-no go” policy for this event. If conditions aren’t suitable the event will be canceled. If that happens, we’ll announce it on the 147.060 repeater and send an email notice. If you would like to have your name on the email list to receive event announcements, please contact NT2B@arrl.net.

If you’re interested, you can contact Jim, K2PK, Tim, W2UI, or Larry, NT2B, and let them know. They’ll get you involved. Or just drop by.

A BIT OF RADIO HISTORY

**Radio Sets SCR-193-D,-G,-H,-J,-K
KB,-KW,-L,-M,-P,Q,-R,-S,-T, and U
(Year 1942, World War II)**



Figure 1. Radio Set SCR-193-J in operation.

Radio Set SCR-193-(*) is made up of Radio Transmitter BC-191-(*), Radio Receiver BC-312-(*), Dynamotor BD-77-(*), and additional components required for installation in the vehicle concerned. It is designed for installation in various type vehicles for the purpose of providing communication either while stationary or moving. Although all the models of Radio Sets SCR-193-(*) are basically alike,

special parts are required in different installations because of varying vehicular requirements. The differences in these special components are the only differences between the models. The symbol (*) used after basic nomenclature refers to certain specific models of the equipment. Thus Radio Sets Radio Sets SCR-193-D,-G,-H,-JK,-KB,-KW,-L,-M,-P,Q,-R,-S,-T,and -U

The Radio Set SCR-193-(*) Installed In:

- D Car, Scout, M3A1
- G Car, Half -Track, M2, M2A1
- H Carrier, personnel, Half -Track M3
- J Truck, Carryall, 3/4-ton, 4x4
- K Truck, 1/4-ton, 4x4
- KB Truck, 1/4-ton, 4x4
- KW Truck, 1/4-ton, 4x4
- L Truck, Amphibian, 1/4-ton, 4x4
- M Car, Half-Track, M9A1
- P Car, Armored, Light, M8, 6x6
- Q Truck, Command, 3/4-ton, 4x4
- R Car, Half-Track, M3A2
- S Carrier, Cargo, M29
- T Carrier, personnel, Half-Track, M3A1, M5, M5A1
- U Truck, Weapons Carrier, 3/4-ton, 4x4



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