

Gram Newsletter

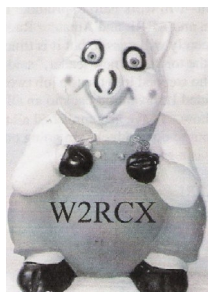
Genesee Radio Amateurs, Inc.

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The Club is always Looking for new Ideas to make Meetings More Interesting. We also are looking Into other Club Activities outside Of the meetings. If you have any Suggestions Please contact a Director or Club Officer.



Miss Piggie
The Club Mascot



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - -

As you probably know, GRAM is represented on the Citizens Corp Council through the ARES committee. Howard—KC2EZJ, Pam—KC2NRM, Les—WA2GUP and it meets monthly (second Mondays) at the EMO. Primary purpose is to address emergency preparedness in the County. It composed of county department heads and volunteer agencies that are concerned about, and involved in, emergency preparedness.

What has GRAM has done recently? First, there is a station set up at the EMO with a 2M rig. Shortly the dual-band rig will replace it. Before long, there should be a low band rig and antenna installed. There is also a backup repeater there which has had some minor repairs done and has been checked out. It will work whenever it might be needed. Plans are for the station to have a list of the various fire and police departments so that the NCS will know to whom to address communications in the event of an emergency.

In addition, ID badges are being designed so that registered amateur radio operators can be easily identified.

Next, it is important to have a pool of committed ham radio operators who will serve when needed. It is obvious that we need more people. For example, whenever there is a need for people to cover a fund raising walk/run/race it is difficult to get enough people. The same was true for the Pumpkin Patrol. Therefore we need to reach hams who are not a member of GRAM who will respond. There will be a general meeting held in January. We will probably advertise or mail to hams to inform them of the date. After that, we probably have a regular ARES net, and monthly or bi-monthly meeting for training and information. We will also rely on club members to spread the word to hams they know. More details about the meeting will be presented as it develops.

Your continued cooperation will be needed and, thanks in advance.

Les Wilcox—WA2GUP
Emergency Coordinator
Genesee County ARES/RACES

UNDER 25 GROUP - -

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/youth/>
and
<http://www.youthtech.com/hamradio/>
and
<http://home.ec.rr.com/n2wg/student.html>
and
<http://www.kidshamradio.com/>

SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES - -

by Alice G Tyler

A new businesswoman is a member of GRAM. Pam Ware, KC2NRM has put together a collection of t-shirts and posters based on her grandmothers painted watercolors of Smokey the Cat. Pam's grandmother Charlotte Campbell Ware illustrated children's books, painting her cat Smokey, leading to Pam's interest in her own venture.

Pam and her friend Annette Blanchard are putting the collection together for sale on posters and t-shirts Pam also sees room for expansion of the product line. She would like to make a series of journals with pictures of Smokey through out.

The collection is available for clubs and charities for use as fundraisers, and can be purchased by mail order at:

The Smokey Portfolio
PO Box 272
Corfu, NY 14036

<http://www.smokey-portfolio.com>.

Congratulations Pam, and good luck in this undertaking.

Reference: Daily News - Amy Givens - 6/9/01

GREETINGS - -

With the help of some friends, we are putting together 100 goodie bags for the Genesee Co Animal Shelter for their "Iams Home 4 the Holidays" on Dec. 10. In keeping with our Citizens Corps focus, the bags will contain first aid items for pets - anyone who adopts an animal will be given a bag. Nice kick-off for our "Smokey T. Ware: Be Prepared" campaign. I have asked Merial and Pfizer for assistance; we are also asking local businesses for contributions. These names will be listed on an insert in the bag as well as on our Website.

If you know of any individuals, groups, or

businesses that might contribute money or products or coupons, please let me know ASAP. We will be filling 100 bags so hopefully we can raise enough money to get wholesale/volume prices for the first aid supplies. We need to have contributions by Friday, Dec. 2 so as to fill the bags over the weekend. I have asked the E. Pembroke Jr. Grange to hand out the bags - kids & pets are always a winning combination.

Thanks!!

Pam KC2NRM

NOVEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING - - EDITOR'S NOTES

Program. Bill Fava - His experiences in Iraq
Treasurer's report was given and approved by the Members.

Membership 2 new members 8 renewals total 60 members.

Newsletter went out on Tuesday November 15, 2005.

Publicity no report

Education no report

Christmas Party See page 6

Field Day no report

Summer Hamfest Date set for July 29, 2006

Ways and Means Committee met and submitted Budget to Board who accepted then presented to Club Members.

RFI repeater having some interference

Station and Equipment miss1 MFJ 249 SWR antenna analyzer

Benevolence will send out 1 sympathy and 1 wedding card

Repeater no report

ARRL no report

ARES/RACES Pam and Dennis joined Lancaster ARES to bring info to us and we can take group or online classes

VE no report

Trailer is reported as safe and secure but needs to moved to side of driveway

Ham of the Year needs nominations and 1 member.

Old Business Red Kettle schedule is set for Dec 7 9am to 9pm at Martin's (formerly Top's)

News Business Board and General Club Meetings will start at 7:00pm beginning Dec 8th

CLUB OFFICERS - -

President -

RobRoy McLean, KC2MHH

Vice-President

Jim Cochrane, KC2EZL

Secretary -

Mike Gioka, WB2SQS

Treasure -

Joe DeFazio, W2DIG

Past-President

Ted Karpenko KB2LXD

CLUB DIRECTORS - -

2006- Howard Flint, KC2EZJ
Tom Rosica, W2GIR

2007- Dave Bell, WB2YCS
Brian Stricker, N2XNY

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - -

ARES/RACES -

Les Wilcox, QA2GUP

ARRL -

Dr. David Bell, W2YCS

Benevolence -

Mike Gioka, WB2SQS

Christmas Party - Don, KB2QKE & Carol, KB2RF1 Yaxley

Club Picnic -

RobRoy McLean, KC2MHH

Education -

Jim Cochrane, KC2EZL

Equipment -

John Maha, K2ZUT

Field Day -

Brian Stricker, N2XNY

Hanfest -

RobRoy McLean, KC2MHH

Historian -

Open

Membership -

Alice G Tyler, KC2OKL

Newsletter -

Alice G Tyler, KC2OKL

Program -

Open

Publicity -

Tom Rosica, W2GIR

Repeater -

John Maha, K2ZUT

RFI -

Dennis Baumgarte, AE2EE

VE Testing -

Jim Canty, AA2XA

Ways & Means -

Joe DeFazio, W2DIG

Website -

Brian Stricker, N2XNY

**FREE
ADVERTISING - -**

Tyler Times Two
Web Design & Desktop
Publishing
585-343-5752
www.geocities.com/tylerti
mestwo/

Thrift Shop
Every Thursday
1st Baptist Church
East Main St Batavia
585-343 9006

Big Strike Guided Fishin
with
Bob and Dan -
Trout Salmon &
Ice Fishing
585-813-3521

The Smokey Portfolio
Pamela Ware, KC2NRM
PO Box 272
Corfu, NY 14036
http://www.smokey-
portfolio.com

**Would any
Ladies like a
Ladies Club
Night out?
If so contact
Ronnie KC2RON
at
ronnieandmike@bluef
org.com**



AREA NETS - -

ARATS Amateur Radio Association of the
Tonawanda's, Thursday 8:30 PM 146.955 - (PL 151.4)

BARRA Tech Net Wed 8pm 146.91(-), 224.82 (-) and
444.00 (+)

LARA Lockport Amateur Radio Sun 8pm 146.820
Swap Net after r net Sept - May

LARC Lancaster Amateur Radio Club, Monday 7:30
PM 147.255+ (PL 107.2)

OCARC Orleans County Amateur Radio Club
Tue 9pm 145.27 (PL 141.3), Simplex net once a month on
the Third Monday at 9:00PM on 147.420

RAWNY Radio Association of Western New York
Mon 7pm 146.91-

STARS South Towns Amateur Radio Society WB2EZU
Memorial HF Sat 10am 3.925 +/- ORM

SKYWARN
Tues 7:00pm 145.310- (pri1930) 146.670-
Tues 7:30 146.670- (107.2 PL) 145.110- (Linked)

EVENTS - -

GRAM NET*

***** New Location *****

On the club's repeater, every Tuesday Night
147.285+ W2RCX Tuesday 7:30pm
Or Eyeball at Wendy's Main Street, Batavia

GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING* - -

NEXT MEETING - - JANUARY 19, 2005

***** New Time *****

Every 3rd Thursday of the month
7:00pm at Salvation Army
Corner North Spruce and East Main St, Batavia

Program:

All are welcome!

BOARD MEMBERS MEETING* - -

NEXT MEETING - - JANUARY 12, 2005

***** New Time & New Location *****

Every 2nd Thursday of the month
7:00pm at Salvation Army
Corner North Spruce and East Main St, Batavia
All members are welcome!

CW NET - -

Nightly at 8:30pm on 147.285+
taken from W1AW



*Meeting locations are subject to change

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTES - -

Zone Sergeant Brian Guise of NYSP sent this note right after the Pumpkin Patrol

Les, This e-mail is to personally thank you for your assistance with this year's Pumpkin Patrol. Once again, we had another incident-free year which can only be attributed to you and your

volunteers...thanks for everything...Brian

And, I repeat by expressing my thanks to all of you who served. As you may know, some bridges were not covered this year on the first night.. We are glad that the night went by with no incidents. *We had quite a few visits by law enforcement officers, especially the second*

CLUB REPEATER - -

We operate a 2m repeater, W2RCX on
147.285+ mHz.

The repeater dsouses a PL tone of 141.3 Hz.

When off the air, use 147.285 mHz Simplex
to contact control person

REPEATER CONTROL PERSONS - -

Howard Flint, KC2EJZ

John Mcha, K2ZUT

Joe DeFazio, W2DIG

WEBSITE - -

<http://www.hammgate.net/~gram/index.htm>

GRAM Mailing Address:

Genesee Radio Amateurs, Inc.
P.O. Box 572
Batavia, NY 14021-0572

Submissions for Next Month's Newsletter
due by December 20th

night. We were pleased to have Matt, K2EAG drive down from Lockport to assist again this year, and new volunteers: Penny--KC2NRL, Dennis--AE2EE and Anthony--KC2ONT Here is the list of all who served: for two nights: Anthony--KC2ONT, Matt--K2EAG, Howard--KC2EJZ, Pam--KC2NRM, Rev. Allen--KC2HPW, Rev. Les--WA2GUP, and for one night: Penny--KC2NRL, Dennis--A32EE, Mervyn--WA2OIY.

All of us hams need to recruit others to serve in this and other public service events. It is more critical with the preparedness level required by the Citizen's Corps and the need for communications.

Les, WA2GUP,
Emergency Coordinator,
Genesee County ARES/RACES

SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY - -

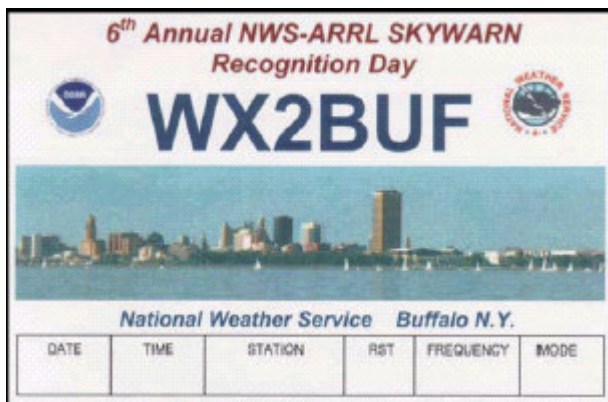
The seventh annual ARRL-National Weather Service SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) event takes place Saturday, December 3, 2005.

SKYWARN Recognition Day pays tribute to Amateur Radio SKYWARN volunteers for the vital services they provide during weather-related emergencies. During the 24-hour activity, radio amateurs set up stations at National Weather Service (NWS) offices and work as a team to contact other hams around the world.

The 2005 activity gets under way December 3 at 0000 UTC (7 PM on Friday, December 2 local WNY time) and continues until 2400 UTC. The object is for amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many National Weather Service stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters, and 70 cm. Contacts via repeaters and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) modes also are permitted. Operators will exchange call sign, signal report, QTH, and a one or two word description of their weather, such as "sunny," "partly cloudy," "windy," etc.

A colorful SRD certificate can be earned by hams working just one National Weather Service office station. Endorsements can be earned for working a certain number of stations in each area of the country. Many of the offices will send special QSL cards for contacts during the event similar to the one from the Buffalo office for the 2004 event shown below. If you're interested in being a base operator here at the Buffalo Office for this year's event, you can contact Judy N2TEZ at judith.levan@noaa.gov.

Information on operating procedures, participating offices, QSL cards, and the SRD Certificates can be found at: www.crh.noaa.gov/hamradio.



Reference: STAR December 2005

SNOWFLAKE NET RETURNS - -

The Snowflake Net, which aired in the early 90's, is returning to the 145.390 MHz K2XZ repeater. The net is an informal, non-directed net designed to have some fun and to get to know others in WNY.

The first net was on Thursday night, November 17. The net will run every evening there is snow on the ground. The net begins at 10:15 PM and runs until everyone drops out or for about 2 hours, whichever comes first. All are welcome to drop by.

Reference: STAR December 2005



January 1, 2006 is the
Purge date for Membership
If your renewal for membership
is not received by that date
you will be dropped



Genesee Amateur Radio, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Dues for
September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006

Please fill out this form and return it to the address below.
Please include all information that is applicable.

All Dues are Payable on August 31 of each year.
If a problem should arise please contact the
Membership Chairperson.

Chairperson: Alice G Tyler

CHECK IF ANY INFORMATION HAS CHANGED

NEW* RENEWAL ARRL MEMBER? YES NO
(Check One)

Do you wish a copy of the GRAM By-Laws? Yes No

Call Sign: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Membership Type:

- Full (\$9.00)
- Associate (\$9.00)
- Retired*
- Honorary*
- Family (\$3.00 each)

*Status Granted by the Board

Make Payments to:

Genesee Radio Amateurs, Inc.
Attn: Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 572
Batavia, NY 14021-0572

GRAM Christmas Party 2005

Bohn's

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005

COCKTAILS: 6:00 – 7:00PM

DINNER: 7:00PM

Banquet Menu (choose by December 7th)

1. Roast Prime Rib of Beef - - - \$19.25
2. Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken - - \$13.25
3. Veal Parmigiana - - - \$16.50
4. Pork Tenderloin, stuffed - - - \$13.00

All entrees are served with appetizer, salad, entrée, potato and vegetable, and dessert.

You will need to signup, make menu choices, and mail your deposit to us no later than Wednesday, December 7th.

A deposit of \$15 per person is required. Make check payable to G.R.A.M. and mail your check to:

Don & Cheryl Yaxley
6301 West Main St.
Byron, NY 14422
548-7762
dwyaxley@cs.com