

# GRAM Newsletter

Genesee Radio Amateurs, Inc.

## NCVEC'S QUESTION POOL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEW SCHEDULE FOR QUESTION POOLS - -

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The Club is always Looking for new Ideas to make Meetings More Interesting.

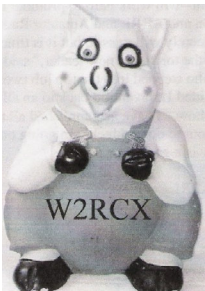
We also are looking Into other Club Activities outside of the meetings.

If you have any Suggestions Please contact a Director or Club Officer.



GRAM POLL

Who would like to have CW practice sent over the club repeater? Send you responses to [bluebird1956@yahoo.com](mailto:bluebird1956@yahoo.com) they will appear in the next month's issue



Miss Piggie  
The Club Mascot

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) announced today that the Question Pool Committee (QPC) has adjusted the schedule for revising question pools used in the Amateur Radio Service. This decision was prompted by recent announcements by the FCC, as well as by changes in radio communication technology and recommendations from VEC organizations around the country. The QPC feels it is imperative to produce a new Technician Class pool now to better position the Amateur Radio Service for growth in the years ahead.

The new schedule impacts the previously announced release dates for all 3 pools. The revision cycle has been reset, with a new Technician Class (Element 2) pool as the first on the new schedule. The new Technician pool is being prepared now, and will be released to the public in January 2006. It will become effective on July 1, 2006.

Updates to the General Class pool (Element 3) were previously scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2008. This has been changed, and the new General Class pool will be released on December 1, 2006, and become effective July 1, 2007.

Finally, the release of an updated Extra Class pool (Element 4), which was originally scheduled for 2005, has also been changed. The new Extra Class pool will be released on December 1, 2007, and will become effective July 1, 2008. Barring any major rules changes, subsequent updates to all pools will follow the traditional 4-year cycle.

Members of the QPC were selected and approved by representatives from the 12 VEC organizations attending the NCVEC's annual conference on July 22, 2005. The QPC consists of Chair Jim Wiley, KL7CC, from the Anchorage (Alaska) VEC; Perry Green, WY10, of the ARRL VEC; and Larry Pollock, NB5X, of the W5YI VEC.

Reference: <http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=333>

Submissions for Next Month's  
Newsletter due by November 5th.

## UNDER 25 GROUP - - HAVE FUN

Harmonics Word Search By Jean Wolfgang  
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/youth/find-word-1.html>

A W D I P O L E J O T A  
E A N E R W S R E T E M  
N U A S N U I E L M A Y  
E T B N F G F S M H R T  
R O E E L E I I N E I N  
S P D C E R S S T T T E  
K A I I H S A T L I T R  
E T S L I N A A S L Y R  
Y C D O T B I N C L A U  
E H N E V O I C E E S C  
R N N S A E F E I T Q Q  
I N H H T I W D N A B B  
A E T T O P S N U S N R

ANTENNA	AUTOPATCH	BANDWIDTH
BATTERY	CALLSIGN	CQ
CURRENT	DIPOLE	EMMISSION
FCC	FUSE	HAM
JOTA	KEYER	LICENSE
METERS	QSL	RESISTANCE
RIG	RITTY	SATELLITE
SIDEBAND	SUNSPOT	SWR
TECHNICIAN		VOICE

Answer will appear in next month's issue.

## GRAM POLL RESULTS - -

There is nothing to report from last month's Poll.  
If you have any input for future polls let me know at  
[bluebird1956@yahoo.com](mailto:bluebird1956@yahoo.com) or 343-5752.

## SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES - -

I found an interesting article in the October 2005 Issue of WorldRadio Magazine. It talked about the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL). According to the piece the League started in 1939 and has celebrated conventions every three or four years. This year's event was held in Denver, CO in mid August. The League is planning a 70-year Anniversary Convention for the year 2009. The YLRL has a Website at [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org) for more information and for membership.  
Reference: WorldRadio Magazine Oct 2005.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK - -

There are a few things brought up at the September Meeting that I would like you all to think about: the fall picnic, the winter Hamfest and a push to bring new members into our club. Remember the new members don't have to be hams but have an interest. Please think about this and bring your ideas to our next meeting Oct 20th at the Salvation Army North Spruce St.

Yours truly, RobRoy McLean KC2MHH

## PUMPKIN PATROL - -



The Pumpkin Patrol for 2005, an event in which we cover the Thruway overhead bridges in Genesee County will be on Sunday and Monday, 30 & 31 October. Zone Sergeant Brian Guise will be at the club meeting to deliver the letters of authorization, placards, etc. and to make a 10-15 minute presentation to the membership prior to the program for the night. This public service is provided by amateurs at the overhead bridges on the Thruway across the state and has made Halloween travel much safer. Thanks in advance to Genesee (and other) amateurs who will serve this year. If we have enough operators available, we can cover all the bridges both nights.

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

**CLUB OFFICERS --**

**President-**

RobRoy McLean,  
KC2OKL

**Vice-President-**

Jim Cochrane, KC2EZL

**Secretary-**

Mike Gioka, WB2SQS

**Treasure-**

Joe DeFazio, W2DIG

**Post-President-**

Ted Karpenko KB2LXD



**CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS --**

**ARES/RACES-** Les Wilcox, QA2GUP

**ARRL-** Dr. David Bell, W2YCS

**Benevolence-** Mike Gioka, WB2SQS

**Christmas Party-** Open

**Club Picnic-** Open

**Education-** Jim Cochrane, KC2EZL

**Equipment-** John Maha, K2ZUT

**Field Day-** Open

**Hamfest-** Open

**Historian-** Open

**Membership-** Alice G Tyler, KC2OKL

**Newsletter-** Alice G Tyler, KC2OKL

**Program-** Open

**Publicity-** Tom Rosica, W2GIR

**Repeater-** Open

**RFI-** Open

**VE Testing-** Jim Canty, AA2XA

**Ways & Means-** Open

**Website-** Brian Stricker, N2XNY

**CLUB DIRECTORS --**

**2006-** Howard Flint, KC2EZJ

Tom Rosica, W2GIR

**2007-** Dave Bell WB2YCS

Brian Stricker, N2XNY

**REMINDER:**

Membership Dues are Due

**PLEASE NOTE:**

A Membership Application is

Included in this Issue

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<p><b>FREE ADVERTISING --</b></p>	<p>585-343 9006 <b>Big Strike Guided Fishing</b> with Bob and Dan – Trout Salmon &amp; Ice Fishing 585-813-3521</p>	<p><b>Reminder</b> <b>October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.cancer.org/docroot/GI/gi_2.asp">http://www.cancer.org/docroot/GI/gi_2.asp</a></p>	
<p><b>Tyler Times Two</b> Web Design &amp; Desktop Publishing 585-343-5752 <a href="http://www.geocities.com/tylertimestwo/">http://www.geocities.com/tylertimestwo/</a></p>			
<p><b>Thrift Shop</b> Every Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church East Main St Batavia</p>			

## -- EVENTS --

### GRAM NET\* --

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

\*\* New Location \*\*



### GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING\* -- NEXT MEETING -- OCTOBER 20, 2005

Every 3rd Thursday of the month  
7:30pm at Salvation Army  
Corner North Spruce and East Main St, Batavia  
All are welcome!

**Program** Pumpkin Patrol 2005 with  
Zone Sergeant Brian Guise

### BOARD MEMBERS MEETING\* -- NEXT MEETING -- NOVEMBER 10, 2005

Every 2nd Thursday of the month  
7:30pm at 1st Baptist Church  
East Main St, Batavia  
All members and interested individuals are welcome!

## PUBLIC SERVICE --

The America Walk for Diabetes—GOW (Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming) was held at Six Flags Darien Lake on Saturday, 17 September. Howard--KC2EZJ served as NCS. Local hams serving were: Dave--WB2YCS; Brian--N2XNY; Mike--WB2SQS; Pam--KC2NRM. And many thanks to the hams from Erie County who helped: Joe--KC2DKP; Ron--KC2P, Gary--N2WLS, Randy--N2UHW, Steve--W2SMW. That gave enough coverage to make communications work more smoothly. Overcast skies and a little rain dampened the walk, but not the spirit of the walkers! And the food, as usual, was delicious. Thanks to those who served—it was essential to the walk.

Also, things are progressing for the installation of the station at the EMO, and will be completed shortly (perhaps by the time you read this).

Finally, FEMA is encouraging amateur radio operators to be informed about emergency duties so they can more efficiently serve as communicators in an emergency. These links will take you to the two recommended courses: IS-700—

## CLUB REPEATER --

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

The repeater also uses a PL tone of 141.3 Hz.  
When off the air, use 147.285rtHz simplex  
to contact control person

## REPEATER CONTROL PERSONS --

Howard Flint, KC2EZJ  
John Mcha, K2ZUT  
Joe DeFazio, W2DIG

## WEBSITE --

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

## VE EXAM --

South Towns Amateur Radio, STARS, will be holding VE exam sessions on 11/12/05, 1/14/06, 3/11/06, 5/13/06 and 7/8/06 at Grace Lutheran Church (McKinley Pkwy. and Newton Road) in Hamburg. All candidates should report to the church by 9 AM. Walk-ins are allowed, but pre-registering will reduce time at exams. For information or to pre-register for STARS tests, contact Terry Rockhold K2OO at 656-0865, Liaison, STARS VE Team.

[www.nimsonline.com/](http://www.nimsonline.com/) and IS 100--  
[www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp)

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Genesee County ARES/RACES

## AREA NETS --

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

STARS South Towns Amateur Radio Society  
Sun 10am 3.925 HF Net, Tue 7pm 147.090 Swap  
Net, Wed 7pm

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

BARRA Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater  
Association, Inc. Wed 8pm 146.91-

OCARC Orleans County Amateur Radio Club  
Tue 9pm 145.27

