

# 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.

As of this printing the newsletter will have a change in design and designer. Alice G Tyler KC2OKL, a new club member, will be working on the newsletter.

She came highly recommend by RobRoy McLean KC2MHH, at the April 14, 2005 Directors Meeting. Alice gave the Program for the April 21, 2005 General Member's Meeting on Desktop Publishing. (Continued on page 2 – Newsletter)

## GRAM HAMFEST - - FUN & FOOD

By Alice G Tyler KC2OKL

GRAM's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hamfest was one of the most successful in spite of the brief rain. Over 400 were in attendance, along with several club members, non-members volunteers, plenty of vendors and the Alexander Lady's Firemen Auxiliary; whom we would like to thank for the wonderful breakfast and chicken dinner they prepared and served.

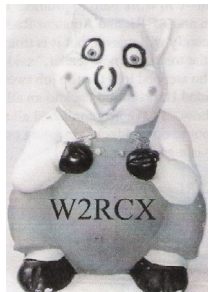
It all started on Friday with our Hospitality Nite Dinner. Mike and Ronnie Gioka WB2SQS and KC2RON treated us all with a lovely BBQ spread that volunteers, club members and early arrivals enjoyed. The Hamfest began early next morning and was in full attendance by 9:00am. The Fox Hunt was at 10:30 with two hunts and prizes given. A large Flea Market inside and out held many vendors and Camping was available. A Talk In on 147.285 MHz and Mobile Check In on 146.52 MHz (Continued on page 2 - GRAM Hamfest)

## GRAM POLE

Are you in favor of the FCC's proposal to eliminate the CW Testing?

Send you responses to bluebird1956@yahoo.com they will appear in the next month's issue.

Miss Piggie  
The Club Mascot



## FCC PROPOSES ENDING CW TESTING

The FCC, in a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (WT 05-143 amendment to WT 05-235), wants to eliminate the Morse Code requirement for all license classes. Links to the text of the proposal can be found at QRZ.com and ARRL.org. Interested parties may file their comments with the FCC. Final decision is at least six months away. (Taken from World Radio August 2005Website)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

Included in this issue is your renewal form. Please return to the Membership Chair Person.

## GRAM PICNIC - -

The annual Club Picnic was held on August 13 this year at the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Grounds. It was a lovely day not too hot or chilly, though there was a threat of rain, it never came.

Several members and their families enjoyed the company of those present. Games were played and prizes given. All had a good time.

Thanks to all the wonder food items donated by all and thank you Mike WB2SQS again for cooking we all missed Ronnie KC2RON who was under the weather. Also thanks to RobRoy KC2MHH for all the arrangements and for the use the church's property. A suggestion was made to host a second Picnic.

## ROCHESTER NY HAMFEST - -

**By Alice G Tyler KC2OKL**

I was a bit leery of the drive to Rochester, I'm not much for city driving but RobRoy KC2MHH and I started out Saturday morning early, me hoping for as little traffic as possible.

I took the NY State Thruway, it was always a good easy drive, but as we neared Rochester we encountered construction areas and missed our turn for the I-390. It was good that Rob was with me as I was starting to panic but Rob got us on route again and soon we were at the Fairgrounds. We paid our way in and were upset at the cost but 'it's only once a year so don't fret it!' We found our site and unloaded our material, we just sat down and it started to rain. No problem Rob had been to many of these and I have had many yard sales a little rain is nothing. We covered everything and sat it out under Joe's W2DIG canopy. The weather cleared and the fun began. It was like a switch was flicked people from every direction were walking by looking, buying, talking and just enjoying the day. Before long the sun came out from behind the clouds and dried the puddles.

The time soon passed and we were back on the road again and on our way home. Anyway, I did get something for all my troubles: my laptop hard drive was fixed!

## THE UNDER 25 GROUP - -

It has been suggested that an article be included in each issue to entice the younger Ham's to the club.

It is a wonderful suggestion and I will try to find something in the coming months.

## GRAM HAMFEST - - (from page 1)

was ongoing. At noon, the main prize and 50/50 raffle were selected as the rain fell outside. The event broke up shortly after due to the weather.

A special Thanks goes out to RobRoy McLean KC2MHH for all the he did and too all those who volunteered their time.

## NEWSLETTER - - (from page 1)

Alice graduated from Genesee Community College in January 2003 with an A.A.S. in Information Technology. In the fall of 2002 she received a Certificate in Web Publishing and also worked as a Lab Assistant for the Student Computer Lab. She just received her Technician's License this year and is studying for her General Class upgrade.

If you have any items of interest call her at 585-343-5752 or drop a line at bluebird1956@yahoo.com RE: GRAM News. She will be glad to hear from you.

## SUMMER SCHOOL - -

Over the summer Jim Cochrane, KC2EZL conducted a Multi-Class teaching session with four students. Three of these students were studying for the General Class test while the last was studying for the Technicians Class test. It was interesting for the students and teacher as well, seeing how the two Class books were almost the same and that the same subject could be taught for both test at the same time. Testing is scheduled for September 26, 2005; classes will continue until that date. Thank you Jim for taking this on.

## SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES - -

With the growing number of new lady members, it is now our time to add input to the newsletter. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please feel free to send them to Alice by phone or email.

**CLUB OFFICERS - -**

The Club Members voted in June and elected new Officers, below is the new List. Please note that we are in need of many new Committee Chair Persons if you are interested, please contact a Club Officer or Directors.

**President -**

RobRoy McLean, KC2OKL

**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 -**

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 -**

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**Program -**

Open

**Publicity -**

Tom Rosica, W2GIR

**Repeater -**

Open

**RFI -**

Open

**VE Testing -**

Jim Canty, AA2XA

**Ways & Means -**

Open

**Website -**

Brian Stricker, N2XNY

<p><b>FREE ADVERTISING</b></p>	<p><b>Big Strike Guided Fishing</b> with Bob and Dan - Trout Salmon &amp; Ice Fishing 585-813-5751</p>	<p>This space could be yours</p>	<p>Submissions for Newsletter are due by October 14.</p>
<p><b>Tyler Times Two</b> Web Design &amp; Desktop Publishing 585-343-5752 www.geocities.com/ty lertimestwo/</p>	<p>This space Could be yours</p>		<p>This space could be yours</p>
<p><b>Thrift Shop</b> Every Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church East Main St Batavia 585-343 9006</p>			

**Email: bluebird1956@yahoo.com**

- - 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--SEPTEMBER15, 2005

Program - - Guest Speaker Geoff Briggs on  
Windmill Power -or-

Every 2nd Thursday of the month  
7:30pm at Salvation Army  
Corner North Spruce and East Main St, Batavia  
All are welcome!

BOARD MEMBERS MEETING - - NEXT  
MEETING--OCTOBER13, 2005

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

\*Meeting locations and Programs  
are subject to change.

CLUB REPEATER

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

**The repeater also uses a PL tone of 141.3 Hz.**

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

REPEATER CONTROL PERSONS

**Howard Flint, KC2EJZ  
John Maha, K2ZUT  
Joe DeFazio, W2DIG**

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