

Smoke Signal

We are having a good year and there is plenty more excitement to come.

Over the summer the club participated in the annual field day event hosted at the Ontario County EOC, sponsored and ran a special event station at the Geneseo Air show, and held a club picnic in August (thanks again to KB2NCI and his family for hosting the picnic at their wonderful home.) Even though summer is at an end there is plenty of excitement coming up through the end of the year.



ARRL News (from ARLB012)

In Western New York, current Section Manager Scott Bauer, W2LC, of Baldwinsville, was re-elected with 639 votes; challenger Kevin Romer, KC2MLC, of Trumansburg, received 273 votes. Bauer has served as Western New York Section manager since 2000. He is active in many areas of Amateur Radio including the National Traffic System, ARES and SKYWARN, and serves as a volunteer examiner.

Recent Events

Saturday September 20 several of our members attended an Emergency Communications Conference in Rochester. This was the first of what is to become an annual event. If they are willing we will have the attendees to this conference write, speak, present what they learned.

Sunday September 21 the 2008 Triathlon took place. 9 ham operators participated in the event providing valuable communication coverage and an additional safety net for the athletes and other volunteers. Everything went smoothly but we look forward to getting more hams involved next year. An after action report will be presented at this October's meeting.

Ontario County purchased a 2 meter repeater (W2ONT) and it is now operating on 145.450, negative offset, and a pl 110.9 encode and decode. The repeater is located at Gannett Hill and is currently on a temporary antenna. In its current configuration it provides coverage to the east, west, north (no reports from the south yet). Coverage into Canandaigua is sketchy, and there are some pronounced dead/weak spots. Furthest contact with the repeater so far has been Syracuse in the East and Wyoming County in the West. There will be some improvement once the commercial base antenna is installed. The plan is to link this machine to the 146.820. Between these two repeaters we should have good coverage for the surrounding area and beyond. (Thanks to the SIARC repeater trustee Steve Sykes W2SES for his help with bringing this machine on the air). Even though the repeater is for ARES/RACES operations it is open to normal amateur use.

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Patrol

Wayne County ARES/Races is asking for our assistance with the Pumpkin Patrol this year. There are about 8 bridges to man October 30 and 31 from about 6:30 PM to about 11:00 PM. Those participating get a certificate of appreciation from the New York State Police Troop – T. Please consider helping even if you can only do part of a shift. Contact Scott Teresi, N2UMH 585-314-8429 if

interested.

SET

Will set the date at October meeting for some time in November.

JOTA

We will be hosting JOTA at the PSTF again this year. The kids and the volunteers had a great time last year. Try to free up your calendar to attend this event. October 18 from 10am to 3pm.

Set up around 8am.

October meeting

7PM Wednesday October 8 at the PSTF. This month we will hold elections. Please help with the governance of your club by coming to vote, or better yet run for one of the offices. We will also be making appointments for standing and new committees. If you can not attend the meeting but wish to run for office please contact our Secretary or one of the other officers. If you wish to chair or join a committee please contact the president.

(*)President

(*)Vice President

(*)Secretary

(*)Treasurer

Directors

Trustee

(*) Positions up for election

Committees:

Repeater

Technical

ARES/Public service

Fund Raising

Historical

Local SK (This forwarded by WA2SSJ)

Robert L. Hughner Beloved husband, father, and grandfather

CANANDAIGUA - Mr. Robert L. Hughner, age 84, passed away on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at F.F. Thompson Hospital. Mr. Hughner was born in the Town of Gorham on April 9, 1924, the son of Clarence and Eloise (Slack) Hughner. He was a graduate of Rushville High School, class of 1942. Mr. Hughner proudly served with the United States Army in both the European and African Theaters during World War II, and played a major role in the Battle of the Bulge. For many years he owned and operated the former West Avenue Diner in Canandaigua. He was a ham radio operator and enthusiast, a member of the Amateur Wireless Association in E. Bloomfield, and a lover of classical music. He is survived by his daughter, Joanne Hughner (James Brown) of Canandaigua; son Robert J. (Ok-Sun) Hughner of Augusta, Ga.; four grandchildren, David, Vanessa, Bobby, and Dennis; five great-grandchildren, Camryn, Caitlin, Brianna, Connor and Tyler; and several nieces and nephews; and his beloved cat, Shellie. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Hughner; and sister, Marian Rathbun. Friends may call Thursday, October 2nd from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home, Inc., 47 N. Main St., Canandaigua. His funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday morning at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to Happy Tails, at Ontario County Humane Society, 2976 County Road 48, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

Other:

Ontario County has started a citizens corps program. Training has already begun for the first wave but they are still looking for new members. If interested contact Deb Trickey at the PSTF or Scott, N2UMH

Reminders:

VE sessions every 1st Wednesday of the month at the PSTF

Think of the speakers and topics you want to see at our meetings for 2009

Christmas Party at the AWA for December's meeting.