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Friday JUNE 8

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Meeting 7:45 PM

Refreshments cookies,
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JUNE Meeting

Setting Up For Field Day 2001

Why we need your help

Insights into [Field Day 2001](#)

June 34-24

June VHF QSO Party June 9-11

K2CT repeater
Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 100.0hz
or 146.67 (-) MHz pl tone 127.3Hz
linked to
444.30 (+) MHz pl tone 100.0Hz

HELP the Amateur Community needs you
to contact your legislator.

Assembly bill A1565 (sponsored by Tocci) has
been motionless in the Ways and Means
Committee (Assemblyman Denny Farrell,
Chair)

Senate bill S2893 (Volker and others) is in the Rules
Committee. Its chairman is Sen. Joseph Bruno, New York
State Senate, Albany, NY 12247 **More on page 3**

ATVET SCHEDULE

Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

If you would like to help the ATVET Team contact Jerry, WA2IWW at 482-8700 or e-mail wa2iww@arrl.net ARRL VEC ANTICIPATES \$10 TEST FEE FOR 2001

ATVET will again be holding their exam sessions in the C.I.I. Building (Center for Industrial Innovations), Room 3051, on the Campus of R.P.I.. Examination room doors will open 40 minutes prior to the exam time, with exams starting at the times indicated above. **NOBODY** will be admitted into the exam room after the starting time. ATVET

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time
			(Doors will Close)
June 27	Wed.	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
July 25	Wed.	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
August 22	Wed.	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
Sept 26	Wed.	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
Oct 13	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
Nov 10	Sat.	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

never requires any pre-registration for any of their exams. A test fee of \$10.00 either cash, or check (payable to ARRL-VEC <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/>), is required for those taking any of the exam elements offered by this team. Make sure you bring two proofs of identification, with one being a picture ID. Also bring all of your original documentation (current license, CSCES...etc.), along with photocopies, calculators, pens and pencils to the exam session. Anyone needing special handicap arrangements is asked to call in advance. The CII Building is handicapped accessible. Cancellations, if needed, will be

announced on both the Capital District Repeater Net (Nightly on 146.94MHz at 6:30 PM) and WGY - 810 AM. Talk-in on 145.17/R .

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NEWINGTON, CT, May 22, 2001--A Kentucky Amateur Radio Emergency Service member died May 20 while installing a 2-meter antenna he'd just bought at the Dayton Hamvention. According to ARRL Kentucky Section Emergency Coordinator Ron Dodson, KA4MAP, Ronald L. Oller, KG4JVT, of Irvington, was killed when the groundplane antenna he was installing fell onto the overhead electrical service line to his house. He had been a ham for about eight months.

Dodson said Oller and a young friend, John Betner, KG4LHQ, had purchased new 2-meter groundplanes at the Hamvention. The pair already had installed one of the units at Betner's home and were in the process of raising Oller's antenna when the incident occurred.

"Apparently from what John, KG4LHQ, said on the phone shortly after it happened, Ron dropped something as they were raising the mast," said Dodson, who knew the victim

well. Oller asked Betner to pick up the item for him.

"John said Ron must have lost his grip on it after he let go, as he had turned around to retrieve the dropped item and heard a pop," Dodson said. "Ron, fearing damage to the new antenna, must have grabbed the mast as it hit the power line." Betner was not injured and summoned help for his friend. Dodson said Oller had a history of heart trouble but said he did not know if that was a factor in his death.

Dodson described Oller as "one of the most enthusiastic hams I have ever met" and as "a generous individual who loved to be helpful in spite of his heart ailment." Earlier in the weekend, Oller had traveled to Dayton Hamvention on a chartered bus with other amateurs from Kentucky's Meade, Breckinridge, Jefferson and surrounding counties. "He remarked on the trip that it was one of the happiest days of his life, and he laughed and rolled over the

Hamvention on his scooter in search of bargains like everyone else," Dodson said, adding that Oller already was looking forward to next year's Hamvention.

Ron Oller got his license last October and became involved in public service. He had attended training in hazardous materials awareness and storm spotting and, as AAT4YQ/T, was becoming involved in the Military Affiliate Radio System. He also had "elmered" the 16-year-old Betner when he studied for his license.

"Ron visited regularly with John and encouraged him to upgrade when he could as he himself was studying to do," Dodson said.

Dodson said Oller was very active in ARES and only days before his death had assisted in reporting severe thunderstorm activity during an American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" event.

Dodson said the May 20 Wide Area Repeaters Net in Kentucky's District 5 and the Kentucky Emergency Net the next day were dedicated to Oller's memory.

"It can happen to any of us at any time," said Dodson, who advised caution when installing antennas. "It's too late to help Ron, but, please, let's not lose anyone else to such a terrible tragedy."

Dodson says a memorial service for Ron Oller will be held Sunday, May 27, 2 PM, at the Church of God, US 60 east of Irvington near the Meade/Breckinridge county line. Oller's wife, Alice, is among his survivors.

Pictures from the recent March of Dimes WalkAmerica

April 22, 2001



Assemblyman Paul Tonko, Room 713, Legislative Office Bldg; Albany, NY 12248 **Assemblyman Ronald C. Tocci**, LOB 841, Albany, NY 12248; **Assemblyman John McEneny**, LOB 648, Albany, NY 12248; **Assemblyman Pat Casale**, LOB 546, Albany, NY 12248, **Assemblyman Ron Canestrari**, LOB 548, Albany, NY 12248, **Senator Neil Breslin**, LOB, Albany, NY 12247, **Senator Hugh T. Parley**, 44th District, NY Senate, LOB 412; Albany, NY 12247; **Senator Dale Volker**, NYS Senate, 4729 Transit Road, Suite 6, Depew, NY 14043; **Assemblyman Sheldon Silver**, LOB 932, CAP 349, Albany, NY 12248; **Senator Joseph Bruno**, NYS Senate, 368 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Dear _____,

I am writing to request your support for Assembly Bill A1565A introduced in the State Assembly by Assemblyman Tocci of New Rochelle. In the State Senate the number is S 2893 and was introduced by Senator Dale Volker. This legislation would codify the essence of the Federal limited preemption entitled "AMATEUR RADIO PREEMPTION" 101 FCC, 2nd 952 (1985) 8 issued by the Federal Communications Commission into New York State Law. This bill will help radio amateurs erect legal antenna support structures in New York and to help their neighbors in time of communications emergencies.

The FCC recognizes "the value of the amateur radio service to the public as a voluntary communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communication." Probably the best known aspect of Amateur Radio in the public eye is its ability to provide lifesaving emergency communications when normal means of contact are down. In earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, airplane crashes, and other accidents and disasters effecting a large percentage of our populations, Amateur Radio is often the first contact with the outside world that is available in an effected area. Radio Amateurs (Ham Radio Operators) provide this service completely at their own expense with no cost to the public. Radio amateurs are trained volunteers using their own equipment, knowledge and skills who readily help the public in disasters and emergencies.

Co-sponsoring and supporting this legislation will help make it easier for Radio Amateur to erect and maintain the antennas necessary to assist in these types of emergencies and disasters. I ask for you support of this legislation and to move it from the committee to the floor for a full vote.

Thank you very much for any assistance you might give us with our request.

Sincerely, (your call)

Section 397 - New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law

The following is the complete text of section 397 of the New York State vehicle and traffic law. This section governs the use of mobile scanners in motor vehicles. Following the statute is a brief summary of the case law relevant to this section.

This text is from _McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Annotated.

397. EQUIPPING MOTOR VEHICLES WITH RADIO RECEIVING SETS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING SIGNALS ON THE FREQUENCIES ALLOCATED FOR POLICE USE.

A person, not a police officer or peace officer, acting pursuant to his special duties, who equips a motor vehicle with a radio receiving set capable of receiving signals on the frequencies allocated for police use or knowingly uses a motor

vehicle so equipped or who in any way knowingly interferes with the transmission of radio messages by the police without having first secured a permit to do so from the person authorized to issue such a permit by the local governing body or board of the city, town or village in which such person resides, or where such person resides outside of a city, or village in a county having a county police department by the board of supervisors of such county, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to apply to any person who holds a valid amateur radio operator's license issued by the federal communications commission and who operates a duly licensed portable mobile transmitter and in connection therewith a receiver or receiving set on frequencies exclusively allocated by the federal communications commission to duly licensed radio amateurs.

Annotated Case Law

1. Constitutionality.

People v. McGee, 1978, 97 Misc.2d 360, 411 N.Y.S.2d 514.

Ruled that section 397 is constitutional and not a preemption of an act of Congress. 2. Legal Purpose.

People v. McGee, op. cit.

Stated that the rationale for the statute was to prevent criminals from monitoring police broadcasts in their automobiles, prior to or after the commission of a crime. It further stated that the statute protects police radios from jamming and other interference.

3. Definition of Radio Receivers.

People v. Moore, 1978, 92 Misc.2d 807, 401 N.Y.S.2d 440.

People v. Faude, 1976, 88 Misc.2d 434, 388 N.Y.S.2d 562.

These two cases established that radar detectors used to avoid police speed traps
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were not radio receivers because they could not translate the radar signals into a comprehensible form.

People v. Verdino, 1974 78 Misc.2d 719, 357 N.Y.S.2d 769.

This critical case established that the statute applies to any radio that is capable of receiving police signals whether or not the radio was actually being operated. In this case Verdino was caught with a scanner that operated from the cigarette lighter but was not plugged in at the time he was stopped. The court ruled that the radio was still "capable" of receiving signals thus making it illegal.

4. Issuance of Permits.

1975, Op. Atty. Gen. (Inf.) 311.

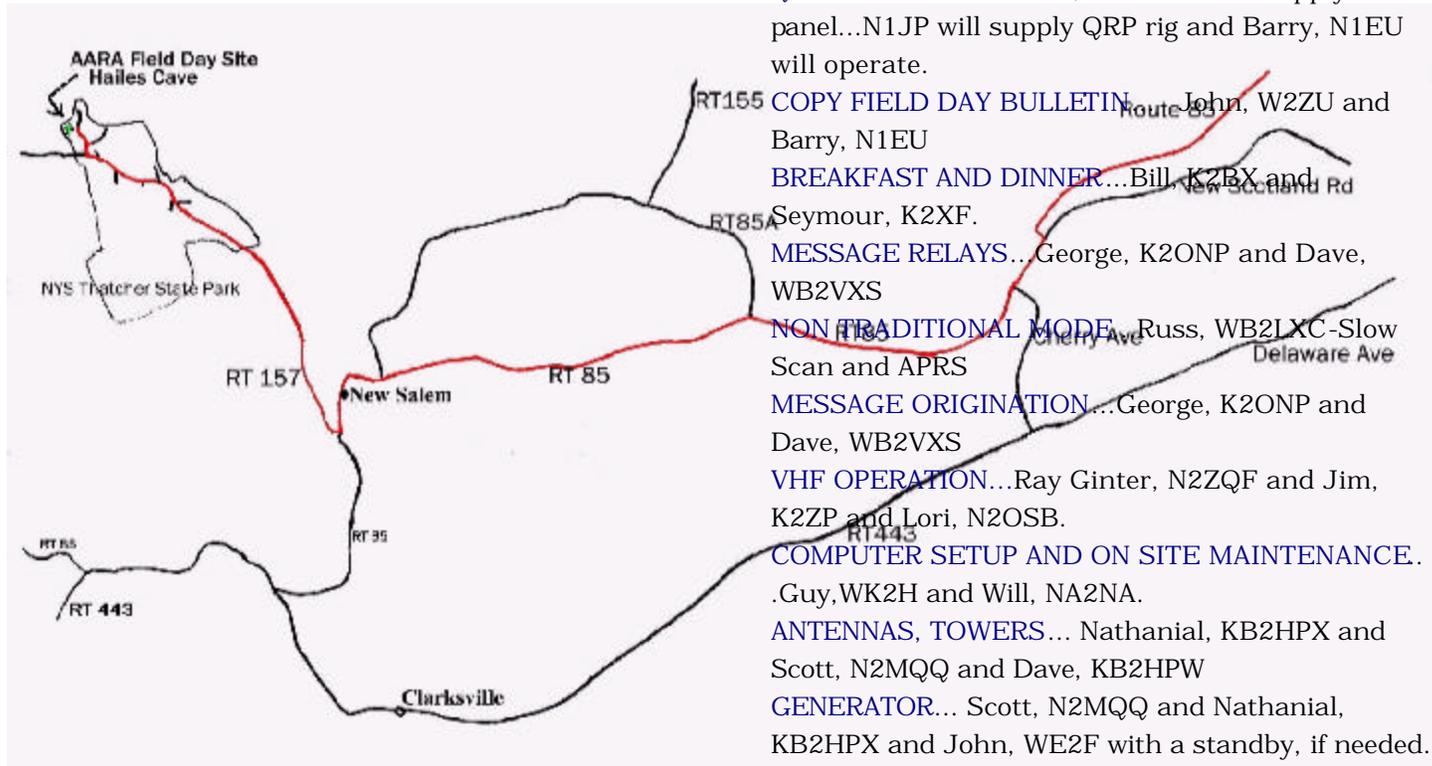
The Attorney General issued an opinion that county boards can designate a person to issue permits only in counties that have a county police department established by a county charter.

5. Confiscated Equipment.

1976, Op. Atty. Gen. (Inf.) 255.

The Attorney General issued the opinion that a confiscated radio is not contraband and must be returned to the individual in original condition even if that person has been convicted under section 397.

Field Day 2001 June 23-24 NYS Thatcher Park Hailes Cave Pavilion Route 157 East Berne, NY



Hello Everyone,

Just a reminder to those who volunteered for Field Day duties. Please keep your calendars open but should something arise, make arrangements with your partner so all assignments will be covered. I am hoping for a great turnout this year and hope that all enjoy the breath taking views and commarody. If anyone needs assistance of any kind, please contact me and I will help in any way possible. Here is the Web site for additional information on all of the **Field Day 2001 Rules**, <http://www.arrrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-fd.html>. Please look under section 7.3 "BONUS POINTS" for your specific title and rules. Please don't hesitate to ask others to join in, to help, observe, and to operate. Below, are the names and responsibilities.

PICTURES ...Lori, N2OSB and Russ, WB2LXC more are welcomed **MEDIA**...Lori, N2OSB and Dave,

- WB2VXS PUBLIC INFORMATION TABLE**...Lori, N2OSB and WB2VXS
- SATELLITE OPERATION**...Matt Murry
- QRP OPERATION**...Dave, WB2VXS will supply solar panel...N1JP will supply QRP rig and Barry, N1EU will operate.
- COPY FIELD DAY BULLETIN**...John, W2ZU and Barry, N1EU
- BREAKFAST AND DINNER**...Bill, K2BX and Seymour, K2XF.
- MESSAGE RELAYS**...George, K2ONP and Dave, WB2VXS
- NON TRADITIONAL MODE**...Russ, WB2LXC-Slow Scan and APRS
- MESSAGE ORIGINATION**...George, K2ONP and Dave, WB2VXS
- VHF OPERATION**...Ray Ginter, N2ZQF and Jim, K2ZP and Lori, N2OSB.
- COMPUTER SETUP AND ON SITE MAINTENANCE**...Guy, WK2H and Will, NA2NA.
- ANTENNAS, TOWERS**... Nathaniel, KB2HPX and Scott, N2MQQ and Dave, KB2HPW
- GENERATOR**... Scott, N2MQQ and Nathaniel, KB2HPX and John, WE2F with a standby, if needed.
- TICKETS AND ENTRY PASSES TO THATCHER PARK**...Ernie, K2EP

RIGS IN ADDITION TO THOSE OWNED BY THE CLUB...Saul, K2XA's TS930, Barry, N1EU's TS930 and John WE2F's TS440.

Thanks to all and looking forward to working with everyone.

We still need more folks to help out Please contact me.

FD Chairman, John, N1JP 753-6231

n1jp@arrrl.net **PS SET UP Starts**

8AM Sat June 23rd Please help

Public Service: Upcoming events:

Please contact me or see me at a meeting if you would like to work at any of these events. **Remember**, public service is a way of justifying our use of the spectrum! A new Public Service season is beginning. Last year we donated 675 hours to the community. Way to go, volunteers!!! A list of the events for 2001 of which I am currently aware (I expect a couple more to be scheduled) is below.

Please contact me if you are interested in working. Having volunteers ahead of time can eliminate those desperate last-minute phone calls...

14 July (Saturday) MS Bike Ride:
Saratoga to Ticondaroga

15 July (Sunday) MS Bike Ride: Ticondaroga to Saratoga

15 July (Sunday) Thacher Park Trail Run

14 October (Sunday) Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon

30 October (Tuesday) Pumpkin Patrol

31 October (Wednesday) Pumpkin Patrol

Laurie M. Warner, AARA Public Service Chair
(518) 872-9056 or n2osb@arrl.net

Upcoming Events

June 9-11 June VHF QSO Party
Contact Jim K2ZP 286-3586 if
you would like to help the clubs effort
PLEASE HELP
16-17 Kid's Day Operating Event
23-24 **FIELD DAY** PLEASE HELP

SWAP SHOP

Send items to BPlus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110

FOR SALE: I am helping the family of a deceased friend liquidate his equipment inventory.

The following is a list of some of the items. The prices indicated are not carved in stone (I only allowed myself a short time to evaluate the equipment); however, please be willing to pay approximately the price listed; then, we can talk.

Cantenna 50-ohm dummy load \$ 10

B & W 5-pos. coax switch 5

Several pair of communications headphones, ranging in condition from "working" to "mint" 2 - 8

various rotary and toggle switches

capacitors: 900 microfarad, 165 v 1 ea.

Simpson 260 (non-working ac ranges) 20

Power supplies:

6.3 V, 4A and 300 V, 70 ma 5

6.3 V, 3A and 300 V, 50 ma 3

PL-259's; coax elbows 1 ea.

hand key (mint) 15

Meters: large, lab style, some with wooden cases 5-10

various variacs about 20

Micronta in-circuit transistor checker 15

Hewlett-Packard HP-200 CD sig. gen., 5 Hz - 600kHz . 25

Many PA tubes (for example, RK-65) and mercury-vapor rectifier tubes (for example, type 211); collectors' items or "curiosities" 5-10 ea.

Bob Raffaele, W2XM

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