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# The ESS Bulletin

Pete Gellert W2WSS Memorial Net  
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## Net Control Stations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
K2ABX	WA2YOW	WE2G	W2RBA	WB2GTG	KB2ETO	WI2G

## JULY ROSTER

AB2WB	Pat	Ithaca	18	WA2IAX	Jim	Sidney	1
K2ABX	Paul	Apalachin	24	WA2WMJ	J. B.	Pine Bush	19
K2DYB	Nat	Verona	20	WA2YOW	C. J.	Staten Island	4
K2MMW	Bill	Milford	6	WB2GHH	Jack	Binghamton	8
K2NPN	Phil	Marcy	17	WB2YOR	Tom	Clifton Park	9
K2TV	Bob	Copiague	6	WE2G	Tom	Hudson	25
K4LV	Rich	Marcy	27	WI2G	Anne	Elma	16
KB2ETO	Bill	Dryden	18	K1PJS	Peter	Concord NH	1
KC2HTP	John	Bainbridge	5	N1JX	Arnold	Roseland NJ	27
KT2D	Bob	Latham	7	W1LUH	Joe	Stamford CT	19
N2QZ	Nick	Carmel	1	AA2SV	Willie	Brick NJ	18
N2UC	John	Holland Patent	23	WA3JXW	Dudley	Temple PA	4
N2YHQ	Marcelo	Penfield	4	WB2GTG	Bill	Easton PA	14
W2CS	Gary	North Chatham	3	K3ZYK	Bill	Penn Run PA	7
W2PL	Phil	Lawrenceville	15	AB8CR	Steve	Glenville WV	1
W2RBA	Joe	Mount Vision	26	KA8WNO	Jack	Coalton WV	1
WA2FCQ	Mark	Au Sable Forks	3				

**July Totals:** QNI 397, per session 12.8 (Jun 13.3); QSP 62, per session 2.0 (Jun 2.6). The numbers speak for themselves, and I hope traffic picks up this month with all the August birthdays. ESS is doing well enough at the moment but I fear that without enough traffic to hold people's interest, they'll get bored and stop checking in. Per N1JX, W2MTA will be in rehab a bit longer--hurry home, Bill! This is old news (i.e. I forgot to include it last month) but after a three-month trial the 2RN session at 3:30 pm has suspended operations effective June 30th; 1:45 and 6:30, of course, continue as ever. Congratulations to W2EAG on becoming manager of the venerable Hit & Bounce Net--quite an honor! K2DYB relays an e-mail from WA2FCQ, who was active on ESS several years ago. Mark is now "off the grid" because of health issues and operates his Heath mostly-tube station using solar-powered batteries and, due to power and rig constraints, hopes to divide his net participation between ESS and NYPON. NCSs, try to know your turf; have some idea where your net regulars live, and don't hesitate to ask for help routing traffic (QNW [How do I route messages for \_\_\_\_] ALMA? or ZIP FER ALMA?). The station holding the traffic--or another station on the net--can usually advise you of the county or the VHF-net area to which it should go. **Birthdays:** August--W1LUH 1, W2PL 8, K2ABX 9, W2RBA 12, K2DYB 16, KC2HTP 18 and WB2YOR 22. **September**--WE2G 19 and N2AKZ 26. Additions/corrections as always to Suzi Sunshine, who's *finally* learned--the hard way--not to compost the weeds (her compost pile, even with fresh manure and assiduous turning, doesn't heat up enough to kill those pesky weed seeds!).

### ***Ann Godrie, KA1GWE***

It's not easy writing obituaries for people you've known a long time and of whom you are fond, and I'm sure that if Ann had her druthers she'd just as soon I wasn't writing hers just yet. We lost our second-longest ESS regular (our senior member, in continuous service dating back to the 60s when Joe was a kid on Long Island, is W2RBA) on Sunday, July 11, in Bridgeport Hospital following complications from a brief illness. Ann began her active career in public service on ESS in early 1985; she first became interested in amateur radio when she heard 2-meter repeaters, and CW didn't come easily to her at first (a situation with which I can identify!). After CW Elmering from W2WSS her fist was FB by the time I arrived a few years later and, as twin Ann(e)s, we became friends. I was better copy for her from Queens (despite my big-city antenna constraints) than after the Great Westward Migration Of 1992, but we could still hear each other most of the time. In addition to ESS, Ann was active on 1RN, the Connecticut nets, the Clearing House and (I think; it's been a while for me) the Hit & Bounce Net. Although we had to agree to disagree on teams--Ann loved listening to her Yankees on the radio--we both enjoyed baseball. When she had someone to type for her, Pete (and I, after his passing) enjoyed a regular correspondence. Back then the *Bulletin* was still distributed by mail--I can still taste (gag) the glue on those 60 envelopes--and she always tucked a dollar in with her letters to help with postage. Besides radio (which, to her landlord, she referred to as "her job"), Ann was proud to sing and perform with her church choir. Although plagued with increasing infirmity in later years she viewed her future with serenity, remarking "I have my wits about me and when it's time to go, I'll close my eyes and go." Ann's passing is a great loss, not only for us on ESS but for public service in the whole Northeast (tnx WE2G, KW1U and K1EIC for additional info).

### ***AC4W (Indoor) Yard Sale***

"For Sale" listings are a first for me as *Bulletin* editor, but Brian is an erstwhile friend of both ESS and the Western District Net from Lockport and has accumulated an enviable stash of equipment. As the horsemen say, he's holding a dispersal sale. No discernible junque-boxe specials here--among the inventory (all of which is warranted by Brian to work) are an Icom 756 Pro II, Icom V8000, Alinco DJ-580, HTXs 252 and 242 (plus extra batteries from Mr. Nicad), mobile whips, an MFJ autotuner and SWR analyzer (separate pieces), a collection of Rochester DX Association Field Day antennas constructed by AC4W, spools of wire to roll your own, adapters, and silver PL-259s and SO-239s. If you're interested in any or all of Brian's radio gear--which is packed in plastic totes--you can contact him by phone at (716) 434-1873 (home) or (716) 930-4914 (cell), or email him at brianccq@yahoo.com. I think you'll be glad you did!

### ***Let George (or Martha) Do It?***

While it's true that we welcome the chance to kick back, slow down and enjoy summer's beneficence, at the risk of sounding like a curmudgeon I've noticed an increasing degree of apathy on ESS. The traffic count is abysmal--much lower than typical summer minima--attendance is flagging (and as a result, some of the little traffic which *is* listed goes uncleared) and some checkins don't stick around long enough to make much of a difference. I'm not talking about the occasional need to go QRT unexpectedly due to a thunderstorm or domestic emergency, but the tendency on the part of some stations to move on once they've been "marked present." If thunderclouds threaten when you QNI, just alert the NCS that STORMS NEARBY and s/he will excuse you ASAP. Similarly, if you're headed out to dinner with the family, just say SHORT TIME or OUT IN 10 (or however many minutes you need) and you'll surely be accommodated. Less frequently used (but very useful) is QNT 5 (or however many minutes you need to be excused from the net to answer the door, heat up some coffee, etc.). If at all possible, don't pull a vanishing act after you check in!

*Enjoy the rest of your summer! Very 73 de Anne*