

QSY Society Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Coordinator: Stan Levandowski, WB2LQF

Co-Coordinator: Fred Lauricella, KC2QFR

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Business Meeting Overview

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Stan followed by a Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 4th

Meeting adjourned at: 9:00 pm

Minutes recorded by: Stan Levandowski

Attendees

There were 28 in attendance, the highest number this year.

Rudy WA3VDG	Kathryn KB3ROK	Stan WB2LQF	Henry KB2VJP
Chet AB2FF	Scott W2NTV	Eric WA2LSV	John N2OXV
Scotty N2AEE	Julius W2IHY	Walt WB2GTY	Richard K2DTE
Bill KC2LIX	Mike KC2HEI	Bill NG2D	Ulrich N2DE
Fred KC2QFR	David KC2QFS	Tony W1ZMB	Bill K2EJX
Paul N2DXL	Nick N2QZ	Keith KD2AOF	Liz KD2AOI
Paul WA2JTX	Julian WA2WMJ	Gary KB2PQE	Jim AC2EU



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Announcements

Stan WB2LQF began the meeting with a few announcements:

1. OMARC is conducting a General Class upgrade class for Technicians. The dates are October 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3 and 10. The exam will be held on a day agreed to by those in the class. The location is 721 Broadway in Kingston. More information is available on the OMARC website or on the QSY Society Blog.
2. Local ham Ron Rosen K2UXP has recently had hip replacement surgery. His all band Windom antenna is down and he needs help getting it back up. Anyone who may be able to assist him can contact him at adm4pps@aol.com .
3. The USS Slater trip has 25 persons committed to attending at this time. All information is “pinned” to the top of the QSY Society Blog (www.qsysociety.org). Our guide for this specially arranged tour will be Joe Breyer N2LL. Joe is an ex-navy radioman (high speed Morse op) who is an integral part of the all-volunteer ‘crew’ aboard the Slater. He lives in Woodstock, NY. If you are going, please review the info on the Blog at the QSY Society website so you know where and when to appear.
4. Julius Jones, W2IHY, owner of W2IHY Technologies will present a program on audio processing at the next meeting scheduled for October 4th. Julius will donate to the QSY club an 8 band equalizer, one of the products he manufactures. We are selling raffle tickets at \$2 per ticket or three (3) tickets for \$5. See Fred KC2QFR. Tickets will continue to be sold up to and including the October 4th meeting, with the proceeds going to the club treasury. A drawing will follow Julius’ presentation. QSY expresses its sincere thanks to Julius for his generous donation.
5. The remainder of 2011 looks like this: October – Julius’ program; November – election of new Coordinator and Co-Coordinator; December – no meeting but Holiday Party instead. David Gong is organizing this affair. The East Fishkill Community Center on Rte. 82 has already been booked and paid for. More info to follow.
6. The QSY Society presented “Introduction to Ham Radio” at the request of the East Fishkill Library. Unfortunately the turnout was low. This was most likely due to the hurricane Irene. A full report can be found at the QSY website under Blogs.
7. A new Coordinator and Co-coordinator are needed for next year. If you can serve please contact Stan WB2LQF or Fred KC2QFR as soon as possible. These are not difficult jobs but they are necessary positions. The worst case scenario is that no one accepts these responsibilities. In that unfortunate eventuality, QSY would cease to exist and the treasury would have to be assigned to either ARRL or another worthy organization by law. Elections are to be held November 1.

Show and Tell

Following the announcements, we began our round-the-room session.

- Rudy WA3VDG admitted to enjoying woodworking as his ‘other’ pastime.

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- Chet AB2FF advised that our club treasury is in great shape. This must be his 'other' hobby!
- Bill K2EJX is actually Bill Eberle, the host of Old Time Radio on WVKR (91.3 FM) on Sundays from 6 to 9 p.m. Bill also hosts a classic country program on Wednesday mornings between 9 a.m.
- David Gong KC2QFS surprised a lot of us with his inventory of hobbies – he is a coin collector, a magician, a firearms instructor for the NRA...and his latest hobby is origami with dollar bills. David admitted that when leaving an 'origami tip' at a restaurant he is guaranteed to be 'remembered.'
- Kathryn KB3ROK just got her ham license and so all her hobby energy is currently directed toward ham radio.

Her sister, Denise, who accompanied her tonight, enjoys crocheting.

- Keith KD2AOF is another recent licensee, new member of QSY, and his other hobby is "vintage computing". He brought in an old Tandy computer to show.
- Liz KD2AOI is also a new ham but manages to make time for crocheting hats and she loves to fresh-water fish.
- Paul WA2JTX is a coin collector, a golfer, and recently decided to get back into Morse Code. He is the proud owner of a new Begali CW Machine and a Begali Contour paddle.
- Eric WA2LSV was familiar to many as the one time co-owner of Ham Central. Eric is flight instructor, owns a Cessna 180, and admits to being a "firearms accumulator."
- Scotty N2AEE is really into horticulture. Scott W2NTV shares this love of horticulture and landscape design. Scott also enjoys writing short stories aimed at children with disabilities.
- Julian WA2WMJ is a bow hunter who specialized in 40 yard shots and one who always believes in preparing thoroughly for emergencies. He hardboiled all the eggs in his house prior to hurricane Irene.
- Julius W2IHY loves downhill skiing and is very involved in community service, including a prison ministry.
- Walt WB2GTY is into automobile projects and expert at MIG, TIG, and oxyacetylene welding. He is a modern day blacksmith. While most people think of horses when the word 'blacksmith' is spoken, Walt advised us that those who shoe horses are properly referred to as 'farriers'. A blacksmith actually works any kind of metal, such as plows, hinges, etc.
- Paul N2DXL enjoys fishing, motorcycles, and firearms.



David's Dollar Bill Origami

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- Richard K2DTE sails and, along with his wife, navigated the intercoastal waterway in a 28' sloop.
 - Bill KC2IX likes to cut wood. He finds the smell and texture and exercise extremely satisfying.
 - Mike KC2HEI fishes, flies RC model aircraft, and specialized in repairing Lionel electric trains.
 - Bill, NG2D enjoys writing, astronomy, photography, and is about to begin teaching CLS courses at Locust Grove for Marist College. Information about CLS (Center for Lifetime Study, may be found at <http://www.marist.edu/gpp/cls/>). A copy of the current course catalogue can be found at http://www.marist.edu/gpp/cls/program_catalogs.
 - Ulrich N2DE loves to travel and admits to reading a great deal. He mostly reads math and theoretical physics for fun. When not reading he 'tinkers' with both hardware and software. His "tinkering" is what resulted in the invention of the CW Machine.
 - Henry KB2VJP enjoys studying the designs of boats. It is a long time interest of Henry's. He showed us plans which included a Gulf Coast Scow Sloop.
 - Jim AC2EU is also in to martial arts. Biking, hiking, music and working on Model "A" Fords also keep his attention.
 - Fred KC2QFR finds he is now able to spend more time fishing and playing his guitar now that he is retired. Fred is also interested in martial arts.
 - Stan WB2LQF likes to build things. Besides building all his ham equipment he has built his own telescopes, fly and spinning rods, ties his own flies, built an airport along with his friends, then built his own hangar, and finally built three experimental category airplanes.
 - Tony W1ZMB admitted to also being in love with flying and has built two experimental aircraft. Tony also enjoys music and plays the chromatic harmonica from sheet music. He is an accomplished "hobbyist machinist" and has built some precision engines which were the subject of a very engaging presentation this evening.
- A video of



[Tony, Jim and Ulrich examine Tony's engines.](#)

Tony's presentation can be viewed at:

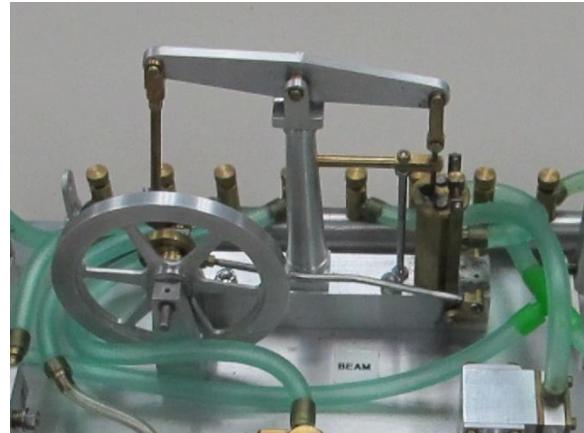
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuPJbf4OG0I>

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Tony's Miniature Steam Engines



Detail of a Walking Beam Steam Engine, the kind used on paddle wheelers.

And Finally

The winner of the 50/50 raffle tonight was Kathryn KB3ROK and she won \$41, with \$41 going to the QSY Treasury. Rich K2DTE sold \$20 worth of ham gear and donated 10% to the QSY treasury. Thank you, Rich.



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