

QSY Society Newsletter September, 2025

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MEETING NOTES

Notes from the September 25 meeting were compiled by Shirley N2SKP and Adam AE2AN.

The meeting was held on Thursday September 25 in the Boardman Rd Library, with 11 in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Adam AE2AN.

Mark WA2NYY reported that on 9/25 there was \$2778.89 in the treasury.

There were the usual attendees, plus Skip W2ZA. Skip introduced himself, and said he attended with the hope of finding someone to help him with some work on his 40ft tower. He has always done the work himself, but now he's been advised to let a younger ham help out. After some discussion, the general consensus was that he needs to keep looking, perhaps a roofing professional may be able to assist.

There was discussion re the Antenna Kit project, it was agreed to send out an email to the club requesting prepayment, with plans to do the project in the Galleria Community room. With an estimated cost of \$50, it was agreed to have members prepay as well as order an additional one or two kits so all parts are available.

The next QSY meeting could be a joint one with MBARC due to unavailability of dates at the Boardman Rd Library. This will be proposed to Rich N2FZG, president of MBARC.

We discussed the need for someone to do updates to the QSY website, but there were none present with experience in this, and there is a hope that there could be one member who could agree to do updates.

Shirley N2SKP has 4 Field Day signs in her car that need to be stored in someone's basement or garage; Adam agreed to find space in his trailer.

SET – Simulated Emergency Test is upcoming, on Saturday and Sunday, during the weekend of October 5. It will require 2-3 hours each day. Please contact Adam AE2AN to sign up for Sunday.

HOLIDAY Party – Can anyone suggest a new place to hold this? We try to gather at a restaurant, first Saturday afternoon in December. In the past it's been at Perkins, on Rt 9 in Wappinger Falls in our own room, ordering and paying individually from the menu. It would

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be nice to do this where we can get up and move around more, either individually or from a buffet. Suggestions are welcome!

Mark WA2NYY did an informative presentation on the background and theory of repeaters, leading up to the CHIRP programming of some members' HTs. Discussion included such websites as repeaterbook.com and nyrepeaters.com getting the highest praise, with repeaters from 2 to 10 meters. K2KH and K2QH are most often used.

50-50 was won by N2BOC, donating his winnings of \$20 back to the club. Thanks Bob!

Next meeting is planned for October 9 at the Galleria Community Room.

Note: we failed to include an announcement from the 8/15 meeting. During the go-round Steve K2GOG shared that he is the new ARRL Advertising Sales Manager. It will be a longer commute, but he is enthusiastic about this new role. Congrats, Steve!

NEXT MEETING

- Oct Thursday, October 9th from 6:30 – 8:00
 - Setup and social time from 6:30 to 7:00, meeting begins at 7:00
 - Galleria Community Room
- Nov Date to be announced.
 - Setup and social time from 6:00 to 6:30, meeting begins at 6:30
 - Boardman Road Library
- Dec Holiday Party – Details to be announced.
- Jan Date to be determined – awaiting date from the library.

*The **Galleria Community Room** is located on the upper level of the Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall near the food court.*

*The **Boardman Road Library** is located at 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie, Meetings may be cancelled in inclement weather.*

On even numbered months the meetings are held in the Galleria Mall on the second Thursday of the month.

On odd number months the meetings are held in the Boardman Road Library. The day and date will be announced when available.

A special holiday meeting will be held in December. The date and location will be announced when available.

Additional meetings may also be scheduled if needed.

CLUB NEWS

BEREAVEMENT

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With regrets, local amateur John Rautenstrauch, N2MTG became a silent key on August 22nd. He was very active locally on the HF bands for decades. His obit highlights his love of amateur radio. Many amateurs in the area knew John fondly. Our sympathies to his family.

<https://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/obituaries/pnys1262832>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hopewell and Beyond 2m Simplex Net meets on 146.55 on Thursday Nights at 8:00pm. Reminder notes are sent to the QSY members and others prior to the net.

UPCOMING POPULAR CONTESTS

NEW YORK QSO PARTY	1400Z, Oct 18 TO 0200Z, Oct 19
CQ WORLDWIDE DX CONTEST, SSB	0000Z, Oct 25 TO 2359Z, Oct 26
ARRL SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP	1300Z, Oct 20 TO 2359Z, Oct 24
CQ WORLDWIDE DX CONTEST, SSB	0000Z, Oct 25 TO 2359Z, Oct 26
CQ WORLDWIDE DX CONTEST, CW	0000Z, Nov 29 TO 2400Z, Nov 30
ARRL 10-METER CONTEST	0000Z, DEC 13 TO 2359Z, DEC 14

A full list of contests with details can be found at

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

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SUBMISSIONS

Member submissions wanted. What have you done lately? Built any kits? Made any unique contacts? Have you any special knowledge, information or news you might share about our hobby? Write a paragraph or two and share it with our readers.

Send submissions to Bill at ng2d@arrl.net.

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