

QSY Society Newsletter February, 2026

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MEETING NOTES

The February 12 meeting was held at the Poughkeepsie Galleria; the meeting was chaired by Co-Coordinators Adam AE2AN and Bob N2XH. Notes were taken by Shirley N2SKP, who apologized for her lateness. Treasurer's report was given by Mark WA2NYY, who reported \$2655.12 is in the QSY treasury.

We had two new visitors, Joseph Olenik KF2IP of Hopewell Junction (and friend of Dave KE2BHG) and Camerin Figueroa, a co-worker of Michelle KM2I. Camerin is interested in learning more about Meshtastic.

Upcoming events include providing communications for the Dutchess County St Patrick's Day Parade in the village of Wappingers Falls. It takes place on Saturday March 7, and amateur radio volunteers are to meet at 11:00am at the St Mary's Church parking lot for assignments and a photo op. The parade steps off at 1:00 pm and lasts until 3 or 3:30pm. If participating, radio operators must bring a 2-meter HT programmed with the 146.970 and 147.045 repeaters, at minimum, with battery capacity for several hours. Bring a safety vest with you if you have one. Call Adam AE2AN directly with any questions at 845 849-3666. This number does not accept texts. The Church parking lot is at 11 Clinton St, Wappingers Falls.

N2SKP asked for a recap of Winter Field Day, Jeff KE2I said everything went well and we may do it at the same site next year. Jeff KE2I reported 17 people attended, including 12 operators and 2 non-amateur visitors. There were 2 stations, 20 and 40 meters, which were manned all day, 11am-5pm. A great time was had by all!

Adam confirmed that a joint meeting of QSY and MBARC will be held on Thursday, March 19 in the same Community room at the Galleria Mall, with a presentation about Meshtastic by Sebastian KI2D.

A question was raised, is Ham Clock going away? Bob N2XH stated yes, it is. (HamClock is a highly customizable, free, open-source dashboard application designed for amateur radio operators to display real-time data like DX spots, solar activity, satellites, and, maps on a

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single screen. It's creator recently passed away, which led to the creation of Open Ham Clock which runs on Windows, Linux, or RPi and is open source.)

It was pointed out that in the Jan/Feb edition of 'On the Air', Michelle KM2I (former K2MJR) was the featured amateur in the 'Up Close' article!

We were treated to an interesting show by QSY member Dave KE2BHG, president of the Metra Rocket Club. The rockets that he brought were without fuel, but when they are prepped and ready to lift off, can reach a maximum of 4500 feet, and come down within a preplanned retrieval area. The club operates within safety guidelines of the Tripoli Rocketry Association with authorization from the FAA. Besides being president, Dave is also the chief safety officer of the club. Members include youth, students in Rutgers' aerospace engineering program, and adults.

The NYTimes featured the Metra Rocket Club in the Sunday section of the 11/20/25 NYTimes. The complete article with photos can be found at <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/20/nyregion/rocket-club-new-york-html> Dave can be reached at djmdiver101@yahoo.com and is often heard on the 146.97 Mt Beacon repeater.

50/50 tickets were sold to attendees, and the winner was Shirley N2SKP, who donated her winnings back to the club. \$42.00 was the total donation to the club from 50/50.



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NEXT MEETING

- Mar Thursday March 19, from 6:30 – 8:00
Setup and social time from 6:30 to 7:00, meeting begins at 7:00
Galleria Community Room *** **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE** ***
- April Thursday, April 9th from 6:30 – 8:00
Setup and social time from 6:30 to 7:00, meeting begins at 7:00
Galleria Community Room
- May Date to be determined – awaiting date from the library.
Setup and social time from 6:00 to 6:30, meeting begins at 6:30
Boardman Road Library
- June Thursday, June 11th from 6:30 – 8:00
Setup and social time from 6:30 to 7:00, meeting begins at 7:00
Galleria Community Room

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

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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 is held in December. The date and location will be announced when available.

Additional meetings may be scheduled if needed.

CLUB NEWS

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.

GENERAL HAM RADIO CLASS

WECA will be offering its annual free class for the General Class license, in-person and via **Zoom**. The class will run for nine weeks starting Wednesday evening **March 18th** from 7-9:15 pm and Tuesday evenings thereafter. Contact Larrie W2UL at Education@WECA.org for information and registration.

UPCOMING POPULAR CONTESTS

ARRL INTER. DX CONTEST, CW	0000Z, FEB 21 TO 2400Z, FEB 22
ARRL INTER. DX CONTEST, SSB	0000Z, MAR 7 TO 2400Z, MAR 8
CQ WW WPX CONTEST, SSB	0000Z, MAR 28 TO 2400Z, MAR 29
ARRL ROOKIE ROUNDUP, SSB	1800Z-2359Z, APR 19\
CQ WW WPX CONTEST, CW	0000Z, MAY 30 TO 2400Z, MAY 31

A full list of contests with details can be found at

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

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SUBMISSIONS

WINTER FIELD DAY PHOTOS

Members of the QSY Society and the Mt Beacon Radio Club joined forces to activate Winter Field Day on Saturday January 24th on Wigsten Road in Pleasant Valley. There were 2 stations, 40 and 20 meters, which were manned from 11am to 5pm.

Photos were submitted by Shirley N2SKP, Craig W2CRM and Bill NG2D.



Tom Quackenbush N2FZC & Michelle KM2I



Bryan N2BRY & Phil AD2KD



Mark WA2NYY & Jeff KE2I

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Shirley N2SKP, Bob N2BOC & Dom WA2GOT



Bill NG2D & Shirley N2SKP



Phil AD2KD & Jeff KE2I



Bob N2BOC & Tom N2FZC



A not visible vertical antenna hung down from the cherry picker.

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Jeff KE2I, Michelle KM2I, Mark WA2NYY, Bob N2BOC



Bob N2BOC, Jeff KE2I, Tom N2FZC, Bryan N2BRY

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Phil AD2KD, Michelle KM2I, Dom WA2GOT, Mark WA2NYY, Bob N2BOC, Jeff KE2I

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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Send corrections, comments news and submissions, to Bill Walsh (NG2D): ng2d@arrl.net.

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