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News from the PAL Ham Radio Club

One combined newsletter for the Yonkers Ham!

December 2011 Issue

ARRL Hudson Division
Grand Ole Ham!

Headline News



By: Carol K3CWR & Michael KA2FBL Rapp

Carol Rapp K3CWR & Michael Rapp KA2FBL were proud to be part of the nomination process that confirmed what we already knew. Stan deserved this award. We were even prouder to help introduce Stan at the awards luncheon. Your club, The Yonkers PAL Ham Radio Club Sponsored the Award Stan received as well as filling three tables at the luncheon. This would never be able if not for all of your support of the Yonkers PAL Ham Radio Club.

Thank You!

Stan Rothman WA2NRV

Congratulations Stan!

W2XAG Special Event Station

November 5, 2011 was the 76th anniversary of the first FM broadcast. Carmen "Randy" Runyon, a Ham living just blocks North of the Yonkers PAL used the call W2XAG. He worked with his good friend Major Edwin Howard Armstrong on that November day creating a broadcast to showcase the abilities of Frequency Modulation. Runyon was granted an experimental call sign of W2XAG a week before the broadcast. The Yonkers PAL Ham Radio Club is proud to have been granted this call. We worked W2XAG in 2011 as a Special Event Station to inform Hams worldwide of Runyon's work with Armstrong. Eddie WY5O (photo below) has created a 8" X 10" QSL to commemorate this event. This will be an annual Special Event.



Luncheon Anyone?



by: **Eddie WY5O**

TO say the least in all of my experience I have not had the opportunity nor knew of the resources available to be privy to such a function.

I was cordially invited by two very good friends and brother and sister amateur radio operators, to some may have seemed like a regular luncheon. To my surprise turned out to be just on of the most elaborately staged and planned gatherings of expertise and experience I had ever imagined. The surroundings were plush, warm and inviting, the room buzzed with well to do individuals all of whom were wearing name tags to name a few N2FF, W2GLA, N2GA, and the list goes on and on, one would think you just spilled a can of alphabet soup and they landed on plastic cards and every one just picked one up and pinned it on. But that was not the case these were what are referred to as “HAMS”, in short, Amateur Radio Operators from all over as far away as Long Island, New York, Yonkers, Upper Westchester, Connecticut and New Jersey. This seem to rival any social gathering I had been to in a long time and I had never been to one even closely related for this seemingly fruitless some would call it hobby. I mean what do you get out of talking on the radio can you explain that to me, “some would say”. It is a hobby where you do not get paid for, you do not punch a clock and you have no boss to some that would seem like the perfect job. But despite these small incidentals I thought that I had reached an all time high when reintroduced to Amateur Radio with the collecting of hundreds of cards from every corner of the earth. But because of Carol Rapp “K3CWR and Michael Rapp “KA2FBL”, I was having trouble with my car and was told that I had to attend this function and they would not take no for an answer. So they offered to pick me up and brought me to their home where there were several other people that were going to this luncheon. We all got into the car and given a very pleasant and comfortable ride to New Jersey. As we pulled into this large parking lot there were Cars, Jeeps and Vans and

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SUV's of all types with plates from all over. However there is one thing that they all seem to have these custom license plates with an array of different letters and numbers called Call Signs and there was not one car that did not have some sort of elaborate antenna system attached to it. You would not believe the size and complexity of some of the antennas that were fashioned mounted on even the most petite of vehicles.

As we got out of the car looking around there were small groups milling around talking about each of the cars and its antenna that it was so ingeniously displaying. When after a short while people started to go into the restaurant and selecting a place card so as to the table that they belonged and be seated. With its dark hard wood trim and deep rich look of elegance tables were fashionable dressed with white linen and matching linen napkins to match and the shining silver flatware placed so diligently at each setting along with the bone white china. The tables started to fill up as did the room dozens of people were walking around and greeting each other and shaking hands, and some gave a brief embrace as if to have been not seen for some time. As you mingled around the room this gathering was to honor a few who have dedicated their time effort and knowledge to the hobby of Amateur Radio for their unselfish efforts to see that the trend continues and does not die off and is properly passed on to our posterity to be taught and handed down to their children and their children's children as it was done to them, creating a legacy and strong ties to a foundation of good morals, character, and fellowship amongst men and women alike to further the education, understand and support of those who want to learn what it is to become a Amateur Radio Operator and what it takes and the type of people that help make it what it is today.

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Well my ultimate thrill and overall excitement was not the lavished gifts and the giveaways, nor was it the elegant cuisine that had been bestowed on us nor the rich and lavished presence of the surroundings. But the treat of the entire event that again I must reiterate a hearty and well deserved thank you to Mike and Carol for their untiring efforts to get me to join them and not to diminish their company in the least but was something I had never experienced before this day. Again I thought I had it all when being able to get a return QSL card (a post card with the radio information confirming that you made a contact with that person in that city, state, or country) from every corner of the globe. But I was wrong, today I had the opportunity to meet people that I had been speaking to for more then two years but never had seen before and it was as if we knew each other like we were long time neighbors. Sitting to our rigs (radios) with a hot cup of coffee in hand and just rag chewing (hashing over the days events) But to walk around this room and actually meet and put a face to the call sign (a designated call or radio ID from the FCC). It was a first time meeting but it was as if you have known each other for years and years, hand shakes hugs, kisses pats on the back were exchanged, and snap shots were taken to permanently mark the occasion. This to me was the greatest feeling that I could ever have I am so at ah with my self even as I write this I hope you can understand I am still overwhelmed with that tremendous feeling of satisfaction and joy of meeting people I have come to know and spoken to for such a long time and had good conversations, laughs and jokes with as if they were family and yes they are family we are all family we are all members of the Amateur Radio Family a rare but not forgotten group that seem to strive to enrich and give till there is no more and seem to dig a little deeper and find even more to give. I am not talking about money, but friendship, camaraderie, closeness and a felling of self worth toward the furthering and advancement of knowledge of something that this world seems to lack in many ways and that is communication. I feel that if there were more communication then we would not need police, soldiers, nor fences because we would all be equal, we would all be helpful and we would all be our brother and sisters keeper. I hope to try to my best ability to keep up and carry on what was left for us to pass on to our future so that there is a future to pass it on to.

Thank you all.

This is my little story as well as a deep and honored thank you to Carol & Michael Rapp for this and every other day of their unselfish efforts.

Thank You!



Yonkers PAL Classroom

Earn your Ham Radio license

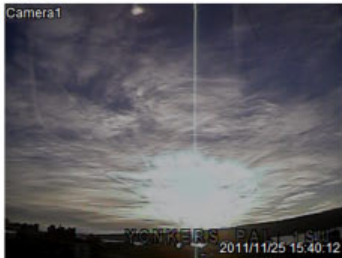


The Yonkers PAL Ham Radio Club "YARCKidZ" classroom is open to all who would like to get "on the air" and have Ham Radio fun! Many who come into the classroom have marveled at how easy it is to chat around the world!

How do you make Good Better? We now have a Keureig coffee/Tea maker. So come in, have a cup of coffee or tea and chat!



PAL Weather Station & Cameras



The PAL Weather Station pictured top left transmits weather from the PAL through Weather Underground 24 hours updated every two seconds!

The picture top center is our weather camera array. Picture top right is a view cut from camera #4 of the Armstrong Tower.

On the left are pictures from different times of day from Cameras #1, #2, #3, & #4.

We will soon be streaming live video from our cameras on the Yonkers PAL Ham Radio Club Web Site.

Congratulations!

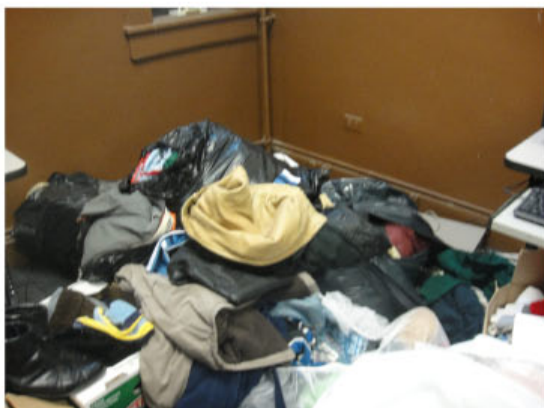


Nicole KC2BHV & Mike KC2UJU
Proud Parents of Mathew Paul

Karen WD2AHI
Proud Grandma

Paul AC2T
Proud Great-Grandpa

Yonkers PAL Ham Radio Club Before and After



Before



After

Open to the public daily for enjoyment of the amateur radio hobby
and proper operation of amateur radio station equipment.

The Emily Fund

Helping Young People Become Young Hams



A donation to The Emily Fund goes to buy text books for young people to borrow in order to pass their Amateur Radio exams. The fund also pays for exam fees. 100% of money donated go to education of future Hams!

Win Win... Can't get better than that!

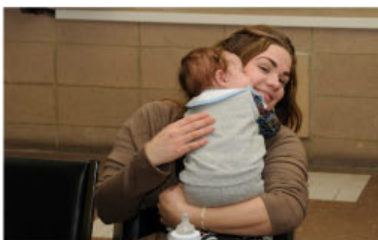
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at The PAL Ham Shack (914) 375-1080**

Yonkers Amateur Radio Club Holiday Party

by: Efrem W2CZ



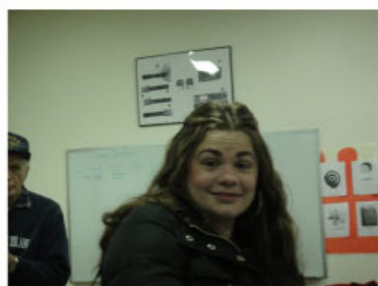
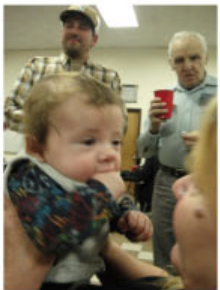
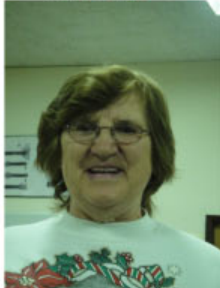
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Yonkers Amateur Radio Club Holiday Party



by: Carol K3CWR
& Mike KA2FBL



ARRL Hudson Division Awards Luncheon



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Yonkers PAL



BINGO!

Family Bingo Night

\$ CASH PRIZES \$

\$10.00 Admission

Includes booklet of 8 game cards

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127 North Broadway - Just South of Ashburton Ave

BINGO HELD MONTHLY

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Call for future dates

Contact: Vic (914) 815-7552

Or: Dave (914) 494-2888

Visit: www.FamilyBingo.org

YARCKidZ

Club Station Update

By Paul Maytan, President

The annual PAL Holiday party is over and our Classroom/Ham Shack was again for the second year in a row, the talk of the PAL! We always sparkle and shine during these parties. Stop in for yourself and see how nice our Ham Shack really is!

The PAL Ham Shack (914) 375-1080
or write us at
YonkersPALHamRadioClub@live.com
73,
Paul - AC2T



Birthplace of FM Yonkers, NY



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Please excuse the delayed edition.

Due to lack of interest to submit info to the YAGI from the club I was forced to delay publication until there was enough to pack such a large edition. Thanks go out to all who supported us with info, as well as to those who look forward to receiving it. This is truly a labor of love!

- Mike KA2FBL -

From the Mind of N2PAL



Yonkers Police Athletic League Ham Radio/Computer/Weather Station Classroom

First I would like to send Carol and my Congratulations to Paul AC2T, Karen WD2AHI, Nicole KC2BHV & Mike KC2UJU on the birth of future Ham Mathew Paul!

What a beautiful baby!

Second... Want to have a great time for very little money? The Yonkers PAL Baseball League parents are holding Bingo at the PAL Twice Monthly, but it's busy enough to go weekly!

Groups of five or more can arrange for transportation by the PAL. Food is all home made and tasty. Beer is sold along with the standard drinks. There is a 50/50, a bottled wine raffle, and large cash prizes! You can call in advance to reserve tables for friends and family to sit together.

What a great night of wholesome Family Fun!

For info call the YARCKidZ Club Station / Classroom at (914) 375-1080

Thanks,
- Mike KA2FBL -

YARC

As I write this column I tend to look back at all the club events of the past year. Field Day, Our Wonderful Nets, All the VE Sessions I've proctored, The Holiday Party, and of course our monthly meetings. These are important to me because I get to see all of my friends there. Now it's time to pay our dues. I will be glad to accept them in check form. Write them payable to "YARC". Send them to:

Paul Maytan - AC2T
19 Hunts Bridge Road
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Thanks & 73,

AC2T



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Repeaters

2m - 146.865 (-) 110.9pl
70cm - 440.150 (+) 88.5pl
1.25m - 224.940 (-) 88.5pl



The antennas are 160m-6m on an inverted G5RV, as well as a 2m/70cm/6m tri-band, a 220 stand alone and a Discone. We are currently looking for donations of 2m/440 beam, a HF Tri/Quad-Band beam as well as a crank up tower. If anyone is willing to part with a HF Amp, it would also make a nice edition to our shack!

YARC Volunteer Examinations:

Volunteer Exams are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month at the 1st Police Precinct on East Grassy Sprain Road in Yonkers. Bring Original AND copies of your FCC license, CSCE (Certificate of Completion), and Two forms of ID. For Info Call AC2T @ 914-237-5589

YARC Membership Meetings

Held the Second Sunday of the month (excluding July & August). Social half hour with bagels, donuts & coffee at 10:00am the meeting starts at 10:30am. The meeting is held at the 1st Police Precinct Station on East Grassy Sprain Road in Yonkers.

Retired Guy's & Gal's Luncheon

Held the Third Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. We meet at the Mt. Olympus Dinner at the corner of Jackson Ave & Central Park Ave, in Yonkers. All are welcome

PAL Volunteer Examinations:

Volunteer Exams to be scheduled for Saturday afternoons EVERY WEEK at the PAL for Youth testing by appointment.

We are thinking of testing the general public on one evening a month and need volunteer examiners. We are located at 127 North Broadway, Yonkers.

The price of testing will be \$15.00. Bring original AND copies of your FCC license, CSCE-Certificate of Successful Completion, and Two forms of ID.

If you do not meet the requirements you will go home untested.

For Info Call the PAL Ham Club @ 914-375-1080

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(Hi Hi)

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Occupation _____

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ARRL Member # _____ ARRL Exp Date _____

Any Club Activities you would like to participate in? Please circle and answer all that apply.

Field Day: Y/N Fox Hunt: Y/N Net Mod: Y/N Current VE: Y/N VEC: _____ Become a VE: Y/N Become an Elmer: Y/N

Please attach a copy of your valid FCC License.

Registered sex offender? Y/N Where? _____

I hereby attest to all of the above answers being truthful. I understand that it is a federal crime to use a radio station improperly or without a valid license. I release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Yonkers PAL, The Yonkers Amateur Radio & Computer Kidz, Inc., Yonkers PAL Ham Radio & Computer Club nor their agents, affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, any sponsors, participants, owners and lessee of the premises used to conduct an event or activity for any and all liability to the undersigned, their heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages in the event of an injury, including death or damage to property.

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