

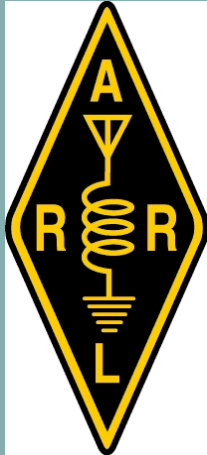


RRC Newsletter

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RRC Hamfest 2013 is now History

Once again the Rome Radio Club held its Hamfest in August. For the second straight year the Hamfest was held in the parking lot of the Eire Canal Village at 5789 Rome New London Road . Prior to having the Hamfest at the Eire Canal Village, the club was holding their Hamfest at the Westmoreland VFD. Although the turnout was light (estimated that 49 people attended) and tailgaters starting packing up and leaving about 1000, the Hamfest was a success. The weather was great—cool and dry and the fellowship was the best. If you missed it, stop by next year, as it's the first Saturday in August.



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APRS Demonstration at Hamfest

Mike Gilmer (N2MG) setup and operated an APRS station inside at the Hamfest. Mike is at the keyboard and Mike Ciotti (KC2ZVB) is listening to an explanation of how APRS works. Mike Gilmer is the Program Chairman for the club. His job is to make sure that interesting topics are presented and discussed at club meetings and events such as the Hamfest. There is a digi-peater for APRS at our club's repeater site.



Tailgaters Setup and Participate at RRC Hamfest

At this year's RRC Hamfest there were 7 tailgaters set up selling and giving away various Ham Radio items. Most started to pack up and depart about 1000 with the last one staying until after 1100. A number of items and cash changed hands—thus, continuing a time honored tradition of passing on “good stuff” to someone that can (or thinks they can) us it to have fun.

One of the tailgaters was our own Dave Geiser (W5IXM). Among his items included a crystal checker that he built many years ago using a design first described in CQ magazine and then refined in an article in 73 magazine. Other items of note included some Heathkit gear, some Motorola mobile radios, and various types of antennas. Likely one of the most unusual items being sold was the broadcast TV monitor.



Only One Vendor at RRC Hamfest

At this year’s RRC Hamfest there was only one vendor participating—the Wire Guy. They were happy to return this year and are planning to return again next year. From the looks of things, given the turn out, they did a good business.

To contact them before the next hamfest:

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Club Member Maintains Repeater Site “Lawn”

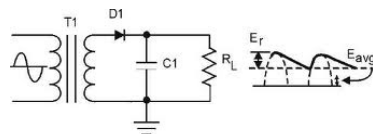
Every year the grass grows at the repeater site—just like with all of our lawns. This year, with all the rain we’ve had, you might just call it hay. Recently, Lou Ciotti, Sr (WB2HFX), our club’s treasurer, was caught moving the lawn for us. He stated that he had been up there a few days earlier with another lawn tractor, but it died due to a bad fuel pump, so he had to go buy a new one (lawn tractor). “Look mom, no hands...” Have fun Lou and TNX!



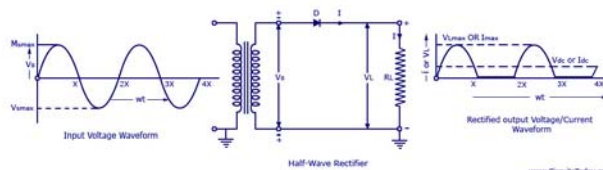
September Meeting—Club Officer Elections, Program

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Rome Radio Club will be held on Tuesday September 3rd. This meeting will mark the club's first meeting at its new location (see article at the bottom of this page). At this meeting, there will be a technical program, a business meeting and the election of club officers for the 2013-2014 year. Since the club voted at the Hamfest meeting to reduce the number of elected officers to 4, the officers that will be elected are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The need for a nomination committee has also been eliminated so all nominations will come from the floor.

The technical program for this meeting will be on half wave rectifiers. Mike (N2MG) will get into the theory of how they work and likely will have one or more live demonstrations - It promises to me very interesting.



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VE Team Conducts Testing at Hamfest

The RRC VE Team conducted a Testing Session at the Hamfest. Three people tested and at least two passed for their technician license.

The team conducts a test session every month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Lake Delta VFD on Elmer Hill road in Rome. Testing starts at 1800 local time. Walk-ins are wel-



come. More info and a frequently asked question page about the testing can be found on the on the clubs website.

Door Prizes Won at Hamfest

Quite a number of door prizes were presented at the Hamfest this year. Some provided to the club from the ARRL, many purchased by the club. The ARRL prizes were \$25 and \$50 gift certificates for ARRL merchandise. Most of the club purchased gifts were tools.

The Grand Prize was a \$125 gift certificate from Ham Radio Outlet (HRO). This year's grand prize winner was one of our club's newest members, Vaughn Combs (N2BHA).



REMEMBER!—RRC Moves to a New Meeting Location



Starting with the annual meeting in September 2013, the Rome Radio Club will be meeting at a new location.

We have been blessed with the use of the conference room at Stiefvater Consultants for nearly a decade now—thank you Ken-ny.

Starting at 1900 EDT on September 3rd, the club will be meeting in the conference room of the Griffiss Institute located at 725 Daedalian Drive, Rome NY. Here are some pictures of the facility and a Google Earth image showing its location.

Hope to see you all there—and bring a friend.



Rome Radio Club—Shorts, Opens & Loads

The following are miscellaneous tidbits of information about ham radio and the club.

- ◆ The August meeting of the RRC was held as part of the ham-fest.
- ◆ RRC meetings starting in September will be held at the Griffiss Institute.
- ◆ Constitution and By-Laws amendments were voted on during the August meeting.
- ◆ A Club survey will be sent out during the month of August—Please take time to fill it out and return to KB2CCD.
- ◆ At least three new or renewing members joined the club at the Hamfest.
- ◆ A lot of good eyeball QSO were conducted at the Hamfest (see picture to the right).
- ◆ If anyone is interested in AF MARS, ask Mike KB2CCD about it.
- ◆ The club is planning a balloon launch this fall.
- ◆ The RRC has a VE team that holds exams monthly at the Lake Delta VFD on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1800 local time. Walk-ins welcome. More info on the club's website.
- ◆ The club's website is RomeRadioClub.com
- ◆ The club's Facebook page is Rome Radio Club, Inc. W2OFQ



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