



KEYCLICKS

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2023



Most folks don't know it, but Herman Munster was a HAM RADIO OPERATOR! In episode number 18, which first aired on January 21, 1965 Herman is goofing around with his ham radio set (which is apparently a homebrew -naturally- transceiver with headphones, microphone, large horn style speaker, a large quantity of tubes, one HUGE tube and a bank of dry cell batteries) when he overhears some kids playing Martian with their walkie-talkies. Naturally the kids lead Herman and Grandpa into thinking there really ARE Martians on Earth, and being good citizens they notify the airforce. Most significant trivia we learn from this episode is Hermans call: W6XRL4 above is a rare copy of Hermans QSL card:

credit to the KCØJEZ KCØLUA KCØSBC for this info found here
<http://www.bcpink.com/KB3IFH/herman.html>

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NEWSLETTER OF THE LANCASTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 1987-2023

FROM THE W2SO PRESIDENT

Presidents Report for 10_ 2023

Greetings Everyone,

Well, here we are winding down 2023! I think it was back back in March or April, I mentioned it was going to be a fast and busy year. It's already October...where oh where did this year go.

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As most of you know by now the W2SO 2 meter repeater antenna was finally replaced on Sept 23rd 2023. We had a great crew that made the transition of pulling down the old and installing the new EASY! THANK YOU, again to all that helped out.

Follow up reports are coming in stating the coverage has increased once again, as should be. I believe Steve Pio(AG2AA) and Dave Sep(KD2PMU) found that the upper harness had become corroded causing the drop in signal.

We ask everyone using the 2 meter repeater antenna to make comments as to how well you can hear and transmit with the new antenna. Send your comments to Sal / W2SAL at sal_zarbo@yahoo.com - subject line "ANTENNA" !
Soon, I will back down around Dansville NY and will see how I get into the repeater. I use to at one time. Also, when we get to Dunkirk again, we can test the signal out that way.

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Last evening at the Oct 3rd Membership Meeting was Keith Hibbert's (WB2VUO) demonstration on loop antennas. Keith brought in 3 different type loop antennas and demonstrated how they were build and operated. He answered many questions on building and operating the magnetic loops and tuning capacitors.

It was also club nomination night.

Here are the nomination results:

VICE PRESIDENT - Vote for 1 - David Sepulveda (KD2PMU), Andrew Fisher (KE2AAC)
TREASURER - Vote for 1 - Tom Webb (W2TEW)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Vote for 3

Chuck Lawson (KC2BCH)
Chris Griesbaum (W1OCK)
Tim Poliniak (N2LCJ)
Ryan Buono (KD2YXS)
Joe Fox (W2ZTL)

MEMBER OF THE YEAR - Vote for 1 (Chosen by the Membership)

Jen Griesbaum (KD2OHD)
Tim Poliniak (N2LCJ)
Joe Fox (W2ZTL)

Voting will take place at the November General Membership meeting on November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Emergency Management building (across the drive from the clubhouse).

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FROM THE W2SO PRESIDENT

I, Sal(W2SAL) will be selecting the Rookie of the Year once again! This, along with Member of the Year will be held in secret until the Awards/Christmas Party on Dec 12 at Ripa's.

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Gen is requesting pictures from any inside/outsideclub events for the awards banquet. Please send pics to llamajen@msn.com or jen@.griesbaum.us or to me at sal_zarbo@yahoo.com and I'll forward them on.

LARC 2024 MEMBERSHIP dues! We are now accepting Club Membership Dues which is still \$25.00. When using the online payment, DO NOT use the dollar sign, just input two five point zero zero(25.00).

If making payments in person see Chris(W1OCK), Dave(KD2PMU), or Sal(W2SAL). Please, cash or checks only - no credit cards in person. Shall you choose one of two other options you can snail mail us a check or use the W2SO.org website and use the PayPal option, or use your credit card. Hopefully, we can get this done by the Awards Banquet.

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I have confirmed the date of our Awards/Christmas banquet for Dec 12 2023, that is the second Tuesday of December, at Ripa's Restaurant, located at 4218 Walden Ave, (Walden and Pavement Rds) Lancaster, NY 14086, once again. Kick off is 7:00pm, cocktails available in the front bar at 6:00pm. The cost once again is \$20.00 per head, family and friends are welcome. Please, please, please, I ask you to RSVP early. Last year, we had to set up extra tables during the event/ceremony. (I WILL NOT DO THAT AGAIN!) So RSVP and make payments early.

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From the desk of John Russo(KW2JR)

On the 2 meter net tonight please announce the large Homefest sale at Bill Gittere K2LNU house at 10510 Clarence Ctr Rd. Clarence NY on Oct 10th and 11th.

See pictures. Sale starts at 10am and ends at 6pm on the 10th sale ends at 4pm on the 11th.

Cash only sale. No parking in the driveway.

Lots of ham radio equipment , test gear and parts.

Any questions.....John P Russo, KW2JR

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Winter Field Day - Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center is reserved for January 25-27 2024 weekend. Won't you come out and join us.

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In OTHER NEWS:

Buffalo, NY – On Saturday, October 7, 2023, Erie County ARES/RACES will join other amateur radio emergency communications organizations in the 2023 Simulated Emergency Test. Between the hours of 10AM and 12PM, radio amateurs in Erie County. Drill activation will commence at 10AM from the Erie County Emergency Services Training & Operations Center, 3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY.

Amateurs in Erie County wishing to participate in the exercise should monitor the 146.865MHz /443.525MHz.WB2ECR repeaters at that time.

Contact: Vince Harzewski, N2JRS n2jrs@arrl.net

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Regards / 73

Sal / W2SAL / W2SO/LARC President

Interesting Links: Click Links Below

Ham Study Website
Popular Electronic Back Issues
AmericanRadioHistory.Com
Old Fulton New York Post Card searches
Turn on Win-10 God Mode
RF Cafe Science Crossword Puzzle
All About Curcuits
Space WX
Oldschematic.com
National Silent Key Archive
Signal Identification Guide
worldradiohistory.com
foxdelt.com Kits for All kinds of stuff!
Hotspotradios.com Allstarlink Radios

FROM THE EDITOR

If you have something of interest you would like to see in the Key Clicks. An article, your home-brew project, For Sale or would like to share your experience as an Dxer, FT8 only to mention a few. If you'd like a disk of the past Newsletters get hold of me!

Thank you for your articles.

And Remember:

this is your (you the Members) Newsletter!!

Thank you for allowing me to assemble it for you! -Marty

Send to: kd4hl(at)arrl(dot)net

Announcements

Special Announcement

See President's Report

Dues is still being collected – So for now please use our PayPal link on the W2SO.ORG home web page and at the bottom click on “Pay my Membership Dues” and submit your (\$25.00) membership fee.

A generic Make a Payment link to the clubs website. It is located on the top menu of the homepage. This can be used for any type of payments.

-Luke

Testing Session

See President's Report

Repeater Update:

New Antenna and Hardline has been installed!

Got Signal?

For Sale



Cushcraft R-7 10 12 15 16 20 30 40 meters bands
\$250 still in box bought from the club a few months back

Wouxun KG-UV8E Dual band with extra battery and AA Pack \$100 -New,GC
See Marty KD4HLV kd4hlv(at)arrl(.)net

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Sale is the 10th and 11th of October at the K2LNU qth.
Rear Bilco basement *door opens at 10am both days*, CASH and carry deal, mostly vintage
equipment and lots of parts.

10510 Clarence Center Rd. Clarence NY 14031

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No parking in the driveway.

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There is also a large tower and beam antenna available.

Please pass this on to other interested Hams. We may be in need of one or two more
volunteers to help with the sale.....?

Thank you,

/John P Russo, KW2JR/

CLUB DIRECTORY

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525 PAVEMENT ROAD
LANCASTER NY 14086

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\$25 regular Membership
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Dues run from Jan. to Dec.

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AllStar Link Node 459200 -- Echolink 754795 / W2SO-R

DMR 441.025 color code 1 on Brandmaister Network

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