

WALTON RADIO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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WRA OFFICERS FOR 2007

At it's first full meeting of the year the Walton Radio Association elected the following officers. Due to a sudden illness Adin Miller was unable to fulfill the office of Vice-President and James E. Stewart was elected to replace him at the next scheduled meeting after the initial elections were held. The club misses Adin as a club officer, and we thank him for his past year's service to the club.

President	Craig Loudon
Vice President	James E. Stewart
Secretary	Paul DeAndrea
Treasure	Al Mongardi
CW Net	Horace Staley
2 Meter Net	John Hampel
Del. Co. Emr .Cdnt	John Nichols

WRA CONSTITUTION REVISIONS

Most of this newsletter will be devoted to some proposed revisions in the club's constitution. The constitution and some proposed changes are included below. Revisions are noted either by sentences crossed out or highlighted in bold print.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WALTON RADIO ASSOCIATION

Preamble:

We, the undersigned being desirous to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, by furthering better cooperation among the members, develop individual efficiency, furthering the interest of radio in the general community, do hereby constitute ourselves the Walton Radio Association and do enact this constitution as our governing law.

ARTICLE I

Membership:

Section 1 - All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership.

(Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall by its By-Laws provide.)

ARTICLE II

Officers:

Section 1 - The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Activities Manager.

Section 2 - The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of year by ballot of the members present provided there is a quorum at the first meeting in December.

Section 3 - Vacancies occurring must be filled by special ballot,

at the first regular meeting at which the withdrawal or resignation is announced.

Section 4 - Officers may be removed on motion by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Officers:

Section 1 - The President shall preside at all

meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted; he shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws, decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and none other, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of the President.

Section 2 - The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, and read communications at each meeting. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the club to his successor.

Section 4 - The Treasurer **shall keep a roll of members** (passed 5/3/2007), receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club

or its officers constituting a business committee). At least quarterly, the Treasurer shall provide a report regarding any and all financial transactions of the club. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over everything in his possession to do with the club to his successor.

Section 5 - The Activities Manager shall organize club radio station activities, contests for enjoyment, and general interest maintenance. He shall endeavor to keep local stations organized for cooperation with municipal, state or federal authorities in public emergency. He shall keep informed by questionnaires or other means of the equipment, normal operation frequencies, and hours, and type of operation of such members as possess station equipment, to facilitate emergency organization and to help in planning general interest activities' He shall encourage new stations in reporting activities properly to the club (bulletin) and the elected Section communications official of the A.R.R.L.; all these things to make the standing of the club and amateur radio activities in the community as

outstanding as possible. He may appoint traffic committees or assistants to aid him in specific branches of activity.

ARTICLE IV Meetings:

Section 1 - The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At all meetings, one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V Dues:

Section 1 - The Walton Radio Association by a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization •

ARTICLE VI Amendments:

Section 1 - This Constitution of the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership.

ARTICLE VII Rules:

Section 1 - Robert's Rule of Order shall govern all proceedings of this club.

BY-LAWS

Section 1 -

Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walton Radio Association and have the same with him at every regular meeting and special meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by the members upon request.

Section 2 -

Membership: Applicants for membership must express a willingness to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and such rules as shall from time to time be promulgated by the club. Two-thirds of those present shall approve the applicant before he shall be considered elected to membership.

Section 3 -

Meetings: Regular meetings shall be held ~~the first Thursday~~ of each month at such places ***(to be determined by a quorum of club members)*** as ~~the President shall order~~. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five members of the club, and for this purpose, the President may himself

sign such a request. Only such business as is designated in the said notice shall be transacted at such special meetings.

Section 4 -

Dues: Dues of ~~\$5.00~~ ***(\$10.00)*** per year is hereby assessed in accordance with Article 5 of the Constitution. Annual dues are due at the first regular meeting in the calendar year and will be paid on or before the second regular meeting in the calendar year. Above dues are to be used to cover current expenses.

~~Section 5 -~~

~~R.F.I. Committees: The R.F.I. Committee shall consist of five members. This committee shall have the power to direct investigations that will lead to the resolution of R.F.I. problems that result from any member's operation.~~

* I believe that Section 3 of the Bylaws should be amended. The determination of where and when the meetings occur should be resolved by a quorum of club members and not by the president alone. The existing wording of Section 3 could allow the president to dictate this most essential activity to the balance of the club without consideration of the members or with no recourse. Just a thought!

Paul, WB2JOW

SCOUT NEWS

Jim LeBaron contributed the following articles on some local Boy Scouts work with amateur radio.

Ham Scout Helps with Orienteering Requirement



SPL0D [Senior Patrol Leader of the Day], Jesse Hornbeck KC2NTS, [right] keeps in touch with Orienteering Course leader during Troop campout. Fellow Scouts [L-R] Chris Omahen and Mike Roberts wait their turn to run the course.

The safety factor of Ham radio was in place during troop 99, Sidney NY's Orienteering campout at Melondy Hill state Land in Broome county April 28 – 29, 2007. Under Permit from DEC Ranger Jeremy Oldroyd, the troop braved intermittent showers to help 3 First class Scout candidates complete requirement 2.a, "Participate in an Orienteering Course of at least one mile....". SPL Hornbeck kept in touch with the course designer and continued his leadership by helping younger Scouts with meals and camp protocol. The three Scouts who completed the wet, rough terrain course were Chris Omahen, Mike Roberts and Trey Crawford. A "Field Report" and two personnel messages were sent from camp and one message reply was received. No cell phone coverage was available from

this site. Thanks for home stations KC2MYX, KB2EZR and KC2RGE for passing the traffic.

Troop 99 Sr. Scout is Comm Man for Patrol



L-R Bryan Price, Tom Hoskins, Dillon Gifford, Seth Arnold, Trail Boss Dillon Ives and Radioman KC2NTR Alex Latta show the results of their trash pick-up conservation project under direction of Park Sup't Ron Healt at Oquaga Creek State Park May 12, '07

Pack 88 Webelos: Tom Hoskins, Dillon Gifford, and Seth Arnold along with their dads were guests of Troop 99 for an afternoon/evening of advancement opportunities. The first was a trash pickup in the campsite areas of Oquaga Creek State Park. Sup't Healt gave the scouts trash bags and safety gloves and they gathered about 80 lbs. of litter from the sites. Next, the group split up into 3 patrols, 2 starting 1.5 miles east and the other starting 1.5 miles west of Clark's Pond and hiked to the pond to cook dinner. Requirements earned were: Fire; safety, building and extinguishing, Cooking: say grace, help cook, help clean up. Discussion: Tell why we share camp duties, gear, and clothing and why we eat in groups. Scouts then packed up and

continued their hike toward each other's cars. Along the way the required identification of 6 different trees was earned as well as the finish of the 3 mile hike. While on the hike, radioman Alex kept in touch with the adult radioman from the opposite patrol each 15 minutes to check safety of the groups.

LOCAL NETS AND REPEATERS

2 METERS:

WRA NET WEDNESDAYS @ 7 PM ON
THE 146.745- REPEATER

W2LZ REPEATER 147.315+

H.F. NET

WCN WESTERN CATSKILL CW NET
MONDAYS @ 6:30 PM 3540

