



# AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER, INC. AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB



N2YJY, President, called the meeting of the ARAST General Membership to order on September 18, 2014, at 7:10 pm. The meeting took place at the Horseheads Town and Country Fire Department, 130 Gardner Road, Horseheads, New York.

## **Roll Call**

Present - N2AMW, N2QQE, K2GRP, N2RHX, W3QBZ, KD2BRD, KA2ZMT, KB2STX, N2EUS, WB2FXK, KD2DGD, KD5KVI, N2OJM, KA3EQU, N2YJY, KD2DGF

**Treasurer's Report** – Given by N2AMW. A motion was made second and approved to accept the report.

**Membership Committee** – KD2DGD reported that he has set up a new category known as Silent Keys so that he can keep track of our members who pass away. He is accepting membership renewals and new membership forms for the 2015 year. Our Membership year runs from October 1 – September 30. He will have forms at the ARAST table at Hamfest.

**Education Report** – KD5KVI reported on Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). He stated that Kelsey has enough equipment and would like our help by talking to the Scouts on the Air October 17-19. He is working on setting up several trainings- one for new hams and one for the General Licenses. It was mentioned by N2OJM that we may have a signup sheet for those who would like to take a tech and/or a general license course.

**Repeater Report** – N2EUS – County is proceeding on Comfort Road. The Tower and antennas are up, hardline is run and everything is grounded. The power is run into the building but not hooked up yet. The heating and cooling units need to be put in as well as a couple of Microwave racks that still need to be installed. Hawley Hill – the county is in talks with Channel 18 over this property.

N2EUS pointed out that adding a UHF amplifier, a UHF pre-amp unit, and two VHF pre-amp units could assist in increasing the radio distance at the tower site. He pointed out that for \$1,680 we could purchase this system and the miscellaneous materials needed for installation. Barry explained that he requested funds from the Sheet Metal Workers' Brotherhood Fund for assistance with this project. He received a grant for \$800 toward this specific project. He is working to solicit additional grants to cover the cost of this project.

**Hamfest Report**- KD2DGF asked for the names of those who would like to help with the fest. He reported that Kathy Sauder sent her regrets that she will not be joining us this year as she is working third shift. We have 17 tables reserved as of today. This includes KJI Electronics and Grace Technologies. It has also been reported that Quick Silver will be attending as well but they have not reserved tables. He also received an email that the Deputy Zone Director from the ARRL would like to set up an ARRL Table. 8 tables for Norm's Stuff.

Further, four people have called the Hamfest Hotline to inform us that they will be taking the tests for tech and general licenses.

It was discussed that we would use a simplex frequency for the inside communications. 146.580 will be the frequency.

The Door Prize list is on the website.

**CCARES** – N2OJM reported on his need for assistance with the Wine Glass Marathon on October 5. He needs twice the number of communicators as he has already. The List will be placed on the Event google map so that everyone will be aware of it.

The following repeaters will be used for the Event:

Repeater – 449.275 (-) TSQ 110.9

Hornell – 146.435 (s) TSQ 110.9

Bath – 146.445 (s) TSQ 110.9

Corning – 146.455 (s) TSQ 110.9

For our use the best repeater will probably be the Corning repeater.

The roads will close at 6am. No vehicle will be allowed near the start line. All runners will need to be bussed to the start lines. The end of the race will be 2pm. There will be over 6,000 runners. Full Marathon Runner Bibs will be White with 4 digit numbers. The half marathon Bibs will be yellow with four digit number.

Please remember that we will be communicating the number of the first male and first female half Marathon runner to pass your spot. Also you will need to report the number of the first male and female full marathon runners to pass your spot.

N2OJM reported that we will not be assisting with the airport drill.

He also thanked everyone for assistance with the skywarn.

**Unfinished Business** (aka “Old Business”) / *Tom English, President*

- a. HamFest – see above
- b. Wine Glass Marathon- see above
- c. Budget request for the preliminary budget were collected.
- d. Website – KD2DGF gave an update on the website. The minutes of the meeting are placed on the site in their own menu. The agenda for the meetings will be placed on the front page at the end of the meeting notice.

**New Business**

- a. N2qqe reported on the area repeaters. The following repeater is accessible from the Elmira Area

Ithaca 146.895 - 0.6 Tone 107.2

It is also connected to an open linked into the following repeater

Binghamton 146.73 - 0.6 TSQ 88.5 100

The 442.850 machine is also very good in the Elmira area as it is on the Widea Aea Net.

**Calendar of events:**

CCARES Meeting - October 7  
ARAST Meeting – October 16  
Hamfest - September 27  
Wine Glass Marathon – October 5

The minutes were approved.

N2YJY entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Please see below for the notes on the Hamfest Assignments.

Respectfully Submitted,  
KD2DGF  
Albert Comfort

## **HamFest Volunteers**

**Please use Simplex Frequency 146.580**

### **Gate 1 – Flea Market**

N2OJM – Elliott

N2KYT – Dick

**Need three more people for Parking in the Flea Market Area**

### **Gate 3 – Volunteer Gate**

N2YJY – Tom

## **Gate 4 - Tickets and Parking**

N2QQE – Mark

KD2STD – Terry

N2PPE - Ed

KD2BRD – Clint

K2GRP - Wayne

K2ZMT – Laverne

WB2FXK - Jack

## **Kitchen**

N2AMW - Larry

KB2STX – Ted

KC2TOI – Bob

N2QLI – Sherry

W2TXB - Jerry

KD2BJH – Pam

KA2BED – Charlie   Cashier

Charlie's Grandchildren

## **Raffles**

Allysa (KA2BED)

KC2STD - Terry

## **ARAST Table**

KA3EQU - Meade

KD2DGD – Tim

KD5KVI – Mark

## **Talk in**

N2UMR - Mark

## **Red Cross**

KC2SYC – April

KD2BSH – Frank

## **VE Testing**

N2RP – Michael

His team

## **Clean up**

# **WE NEED HELP!!!!!!**

Table Delivery 1pm on Thursday

We also need help with setting up the structure for outdoor cooking

Additional help is needed at the fairgrounds for set up from 9am to 2pm on Friday.