

THE KLARION

Quarterly Newsletter of the Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association

Keshequa Radio Club Receives Major Grant

by KLARA Member Chris Romanchock, KD2PFE

The Keshequa High School radio club may be brand new, but it already has the beginnings of a solid radio shack in the Technology department. Thanks to the Amateur Radio Relay League's (ARRL) Education and Technology Grant Program, The **Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association** (KLARA) and club advisor Chris Romanchock (KD2PFE) the club now has a VHF/UHF radio base station, power supply and six hand held HT radios as well as the antenna and cabling to make the school a hub for radio in the valley. The equipment grant totaled somewhere around \$1500 and is a major step up for the club, which had been manufacturing its own gear after school with help from Mr. Adams in technology and James Stoufer (KD2RLS) in science.



While the club advisor Chris Romanchock was the first to obtain his FCC license, three students in the club studied hard to pass the Technician test given in March and can now operate the club equipment. "Our immediate goal was to get the kids licensed so that we could begin training them

on the equipment. After that we would like to offer emergency communications for sporting events like cross country meets or even Nunda Fun Days." said Romanchock.

The grant application was seconded by the **Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association** (KLARA) in Bath, NY where Mr. Romanchock is a member of the board of directors. They have agreed to support the KCS club and to provide testing at the school whenever the kids are ready. KCS students have attended meetings of KLARA to thank them for their support and to hear the educational presentations that the club provides. "We are hoping to bring ham radio to a younger generation" said Romanchock "there are a lot of different directions to go in the hobby, from bouncing radio signals off of passing satellites to building our own radios."

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2019
Summer to Fall Edition

Major KLARA Events

September 11

KLARA Monthly Meeting and Annual Elections

October 6

Wineglass Marathon

October 12

Annual End of the Season Picnic

October 18-20

Boy Scout Jamboree at Howard Community Center

December TBD

Annual Christmas Dinner

January 25-26, 2020

Winter Field Day location TBD

Spring 2020 TBD

KLARA 2 Meter FM Simplex Challenge

June 20, 2020

Annual Picnic at Kanakadea Park

June 27-28, 2020

ARRL Field Day (setup on June 26)

July TBD

Annual Red House Picnic
National Warplane Museum Airshow
Wine Country Classic Boat Regatta

August TBD

KLARA Booth at Steuben County Fair

August 14-15

KLARA Hamfest

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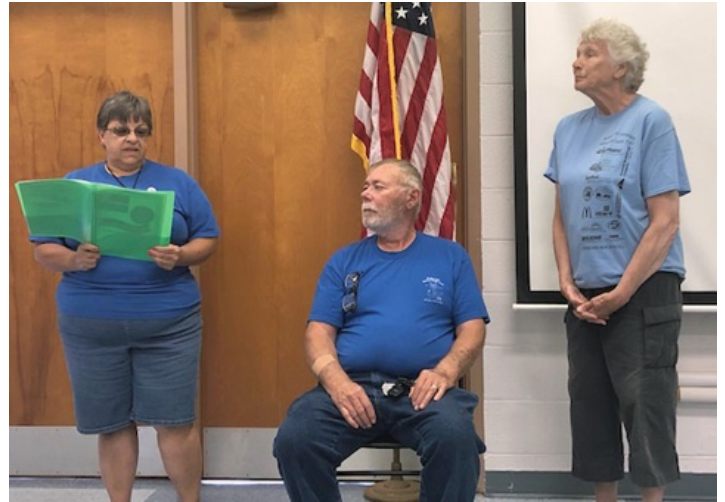


“So far the club has been a lot of fun” said club member Wyatt Szulewski, senior, “we worked on an antenna project for WIFI, and the material on the technician test is right in line with my physics class.” The students have enjoyed learning the basics of repeater operation, antenna building and soldering. Before the end of the school year the club planned to hold a fox hunt with homemade Yagi antennas.



Don Whitehead presented with a Quilt of Valor

by KLARA Member Jerrilyn Baker, KE2YB



Jerrilyn Baker (KE2YB) per request of Debbi Whitehead (KB2WEY) and in honor of Don Whitehead (KC2JLQ) presented him with a Quilt of Valor. QOV is an organization of quilters that receive requests for a quilt to be awarded to any veteran who was in the military. All quilts are made with love by people that volunteer to sew one day a month. Jerrilyn’s sister made this quilt. Previously, a Quilt of Valor was presented to KLARA member Dick Walters (K2RDW) now a silent key.

For additional information or perhaps to volunteer, visit the Quilts of Valor Foundation at www.qovf.org or view their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/quiltsofvalorfoundation/>

KLARA at Steuben County Fair



KLARA Special Event Station N2AAR at Geneseo Warplane Museum Air Show

58 SSB QSO's were made. KLARA participates included: Belinda (KD2BPJ), Brian (KD2GEB), Harold (N2FMS), Gary (KC2YTD), Noel (N2OEL), Rick (W2RMT), Annie (W2AGT), Don (KC2JLQ), Debbi (KB2WEY) and Alan (K2ADW).
A Great Crew!



Annual Red House Picnic



Rick (W2RMT) and Gary (KC2TYD) working on station setup.



Noel (N2OEL) operating KLARA's Memorial Station



Alan (KD2ADW) working 20 and 40 meters.





The **Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association** along with the local Five Rivers Scout Council will be participating in the annual Jamboree-On-The-Air. Jamboree activities will take place at the Howard Community Center.

Jamboree-On-The-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio station. Hams will be setting up stations at Scout camporees, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp.

Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers, including girls. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically involves talking on a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication may also be taking place, such as video communication, digital communication (much like sending a message on your smartphone but transmitted by radio), or communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater). The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. The stations you'll be communicating with can be across town, across the country, or even around the world!

Jamboree-On-The-Air is held the third weekend in October. This year it begins Friday evening October 18 and runs through Sunday.

John K2GQG and Gary KC2YTD building a J-Pole Antenna during a break in Field Day activities



Wine Country Classic Boat Show

by KLARA Member Joel Fiske, KC2VAW

There were 5 boats originally signed up to participate. This went to 4 boats when one of the turn boats would not start, at the dock. One of the participants stepped up to fill their space as a turn boat. It was not certain that this was going to work, as the generator in his boat was not functional. He operated for the day on battery only. This boat had Ben and Alan on board; communication back to net control was excellent. Very happy there was no issue there, and no need to arrange a tow ... but we would have been able to deal effectively with it had that situation developed.



KLARA had 8 operators on site. It was a very successful event! Crew was Jerrilyn, Ruth, Nancy, Donna, Alan, David, Ben, and I.

Don't know if you had heard, but Wine Country Classic Boats had a participating boat in Saturday's parade explode (literally). Two passengers, both were injured. One treated locally at Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital (large number of stitches in his scalp and a concussion). The other was airlifted from near the site to Strong Memorial Hospital's burn unit (third degree burns on her legs, feet, toes, etc.). At this point both are expected to recover.

The boat, on the other hand, was a total loss. The hull broke into two pieces and the boat sank in about 70 feet of water. The Steuben County Sheriff's Dept. Dive Team was going to try to raise the hull and motor at a later date.

Best guess at cause (at least at this point) is gasoline fumes in the bilge, which built up to an explosive level. Carburetor may not have been set up correctly; running rich; which dumped fuel and vapors into the engine compartment (this was an inboard boat with the engine in confined space below decks).

Everyone (both KLARA and Wine Country Boats) were smiling at the end of the day on Sunday. I'll take that as a win!



Father's Day Picnic at Kanakadea Park





A Very Successful Field Day 2019 473 QSO's Great Friends and Food



Band	QSO's per mode/band			Totals
	CW	Digital	Phone	
80		21	83	104
40		105	62	167
20	135	34	18	187
15			15	15



12th Annual Hamfest



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Breakfast Menu

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Pancakes
Sausage
Coffee and
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Happy People



A Great Kitchen Crew - Ben (KD2HEM), Jerrilyn (KE2YB), Belinda (KD2BPJ)



Chris (KD2PFE) using
the KLARA
Memorial Station



George (WB2OLJ) manning the
gate under the new
KLARA canopy



Rick (W2RMT) taking a break from
hamfest socializing and haggling
for a photo op



VE Team Members
Glenn (W3LSW) Pat (W2DHB)
Nancy (K2SYL)



Gary (KC2YTD) congratulating
Roy (KC2FSW) on his upgrade
to a General Class License

Roy Butler (KC2FSW) is a
Honorary Member of
KLARA. He hosts the
Arkport Repeater at his
home. He is also a
nationally known authority
on alternative energy
sources. The repeater
battery system is charged
by wind power.