

QSY Society Meeting

Saturday, January 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:26am by Coordinator Dave (KC2QFS). 18 members were present.

Old Business:

There about 200 members in the QSY Society – membership is for life, and beyond! There were 20 new members for 2007 and about 25 active members.

New Business: (general discussion by membership)

Ideas to recruit new members and get more young people interested in amateur radio:

Request made for each active member to recruit a new member or bring a returning member.

Kids Day, Jan. 6: several QSY members will participate.

Kids Day June 21: possible radio activities with young people. Possible operation in a local park. Several QSY members may participate: N2SKP, KC2RMY, WA2WMJ, KC2AFK, WA3VDG, WA2JTX, KC2BNX, KC2QFS, KC2RAD

Suggestions to reach out to youth groups: Mark KC2RAD will contact high school teacher. Shirley N2SKP will contact granddaughter's science teacher. Chet AB2FF will contact a 3rd grade teacher he knows. Will also scout the internet for school websites, for teacher contacts. A letter could be sent to Science departments, to invite teachers to a meeting. We could have a table at the John Jay High School Science/Technology Fair (March 15)

Radio activity could be coordinated with a town community day, or other specific events.

4H Fair participation – revise storyboard. QSY will be more assertive and approach visitors. Can we identify events that are geared towards the sciences?

JOTA – make an HF rig available for Scouts. Make radio contacts available so that scouts can fulfill the requirements for earning a Boy Scout badge. There's a youth in Yorktown who needs people to talk to.

Radiograms have been sent to members as thank you for service to QSY Society.

Different modes of operation to be used at different events – e.g. large key for 4H Fair

Digital and RTTY modes use a computer to generate interest.

Site for fall VHF Contest – at Bear Mountain – Shirley (N2SKP) will reserve

Field Day site at Bowdoin Park has been applied for but not yet been approved. Brian (W2BJP)

Discussion group to be set up on the QSY website. E-Mail will be sent to members to sign up. (KC2QFR (Fred)

Code event to be set up for young people in Library – Frank W2IX – summertime, Tues?

Mark KC2RAD has made a no-solder code oscillator, that could be a kids project.

Go to utube.com - W1AW Operating Event – 3 Steves & Kurt. New links are on web site

Treasurer's Report:

There is currently \$362 in the QSY treasury - N2SKP (Shirley)

Hudson Valley Happenings:

Jan. 19 – Eskimo Run

Jan. 26 Dutchess County ARES meeting – Neptune Road, Poughkeepsie

Radio class to upgrade to a general class license will be held by PEARL – dates are Jan. 25
Feb. 1, 8 & 15 from 7 to 9 PM at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services.

50/50 Raffle:

Won by Dave (KC2AFK), \$19 to treasury

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.