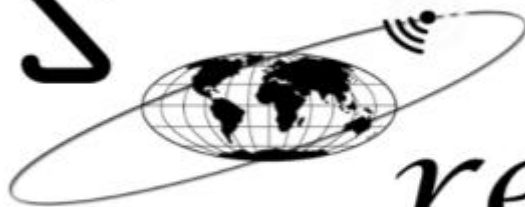


# RAGS



## review

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# JUNE 2026

### RAGS FIELD DAY June 27-28

Camillus Ski Hill

Blackmore Rd., Camillus

RAGS Field Day will be at the Camillus Ski Hill grounds and clubhouse. (see map). It is a very nice facility with lots of indoor space, kitchen and restrooms. It has worked well for us the past few years. We will be operating Class 4A with CW, SSB, and Digital modes. All are welcome to operate or just visit. Set up will start at 8A on Saturday. Operation begins at 2pm! Stop by for a quick QSO or two, and join in the fun! (See FD Chairman's comments, page 4.)



## ANNUAL DINNER

June 11 - 6 PM

Scholarships, Awards  
Eye Ball QSO's!!  
Upcoming Events

### Empire Buffet

3179 Erie Blvd. E, Syracuse, NY 13214

Pay at the door upon arrival

(Approx. \$20 - tip not included)

### REMINDERS

- Annual Dinner – June 11
- Annual Dues Are Due
- Field Day – June 27-28
- RAGS ROGER'S HAMFEST – 7/11  
Details – Page 3
- Combined LARC/RAGS Picnic  
(Aug. 15 Clay Town Park 12N-4P, details to follow.)



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**FROM OUR  
PRESIDENT**

Thank you to last year's Board for your participation and guidance over the past year. Congratulations to Chuck Sanborn who was elected First Vice-President. Thank you for stepping up.

No meeting this month, instead we will be meeting at 6:00 PM (not 7:00) at the Empire Buffet in the side room, 3179 Erie Blvd E, Dewitt for the installation of officers and presentation of scholarship.

Don't forget: Museum Ships Weekend June 6 & 7; Field Day Weekend June 27 & 28; the RAGS Hamfest July 11; and the LARC / RAGS Picnic August 15 at Clay Park Central - Wetzel Road Side.

Good weather is upon us. Get out and participate in a variety of activities for all interests. Our next regular club meeting will be on September 10.

Get involved and have fun.  
73, John K2VTT

**DUES ARE DUE FOR THE 2026 -2027 YEAR**  
**Pay online, at a meeting, or by mail. \$10/Year or \$20 by mail**

### **NEWS FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING**

We had a large turnout for the May Meeting. A number of club members shared their approaches to POTA hunting and activating. NK2C gave a POTA refresher. K9CHP spoke about his use of solar power and batteries for his FT-8 activations. K2UPD presented how he hunts using remote ham radio stations. K1SMK demonstrated his "Pocket POTA" approach to park activations. Finally, NK2C showed how he activates "rain, sleet, snow, or shine" from the confines of his SUV.

During the business portion of the meeting, John, K2VTT listed the many upcoming RAGS activities and solicited all members to get involved.



# ROGER'S



# RAGS HAMFEST

# 2026

**Camillus Elks Lodge #2367**  
6117 Newport Rd., Camillus, NY 13031  
GPS Coordinates 43.06857, -76.32461

**Saturday July 11, 2026 7:30am – 12:30pm**

ADMISSION: \$5/person, Group Discount 5/\$20 Tailgate \$5/car, Inside Tables \$8

Tickets Available At Gate, Or Online At [www.ragsclub.org/hamfest](http://www.ragsclub.org/hamfest)

### From E-W

### Directions

### From N-S

I-90, Exit 39, I-690S/Eastbound

To Exit 6, I-695 to Rt. 5 toward Auburn  
Take Camillus/Warners Exit, Turn Right,  
Hamfest 1.5 mi N on Newport Rd.

**Talk In**  
**146.91/31**  
**pl 103.5**

I-81 to I-690N/Westbound,  
to Exit 6, I-695 to Rt. 5 toward Auburn  
Take Camillus/Warners Exit, Turn Right,  
Hamfest 1.5 mi N on Newport Rd.

## Great Location!!

Lots of Parking /Tailgating  
7:00A Setup / 7:30A Open  
7:30A-12:30P  
Breakfast & Lunch

### **FCC Exams 9:00A** **ARRL VE Team**

Bring A Photo ID, a copy of your  
license and CSCE (if you have one),  
\$15 Cash, black pen & 2-#2 pencils,  
and your FRN.

A Federal Registration Number (FRN)  
and an email address is mandatory to  
participate in any FCC exam session.

If ??, contact Ed Leubner  
[k2edl@w2cm.com](mailto:k2edl@w2cm.com) or 315-396-2096

### Commercial Vendors Note

Can Set-up Fri Nite, 4P-8P. If Over-nite – no  
hookups, no water, electric, or toilets.

## MAIN PRIZES

# \$500

## GIFT CERTIFICATE

To DX Engineering

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ICOM IC-2730A  
VHF/UHF DUAL BAND  
50W MOBILE

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INTELLITRON  
PS-2230MAB  
30A Power Supply

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**ATM On Site!**

For General Info:

[www.RAGSClub.org](http://www.RAGSClub.org)



*Breakfast  
&  
Lunch  
Served  
Indoors*

Prizes Drawn  
Throughout the Day

Main Prizes & 50/50  
Drawing At  
12 Noon

For Additional Info Or To Reserve Tables: Jerry Wright – NK2C at [wrightik@gmail.com](mailto:wrightik@gmail.com)

# LET'S KEEP K2MST ON THE AIR!

As part of RAGS outreach to the youth and potential new hams of the CNY area, RAGS is trying to keep the M.O.S.T. ham station (K2MST) in operation each week during its Thursday to Sunday hours of operation. K2MST is a very nice station with HF and VHF/UHF capabilities. It is easily seen and heard by visitors and is a great way to expose youth and their parents to the excitement of Amateur Radio.

Operators must complete a volunteer applicant form and several RAGS members are capable of familiarizing new operators with the equipment.

Contact John, K2VTT or Jerry, NK2C for more info and an application form.



So far RAGS has a small team of volunteer operators who have committed some time each month to station operation. The station currently has HF capabilities utilizing an Icom IC-7300 (donated by RAGS) and a 40/20 dipole and a large Loop antenna. Operation on 10 thru 80M, (CW, SSB, and Data) is possible and the antennas are quite high. There also is VHF/UHF repeater capability and the MOST 443.15 is regularly tied to the East Coast Reflector. This is fun because stations check in from all over the world. Coming, pending rotor repair, is VHF/UHF utilizing an ICOM IC-9700.

## Field Day 2026 - June 27-28

As the summer starts warming up, it is time to start thinking about Field Day! As we have for the past few years, we will be holding our Field Day event at the Camillus Winter Sports Association lodge at 403 Blackmore Rd in Camillus (next to East Hill Elementary School). Field Day is an annual operating event where hams set up radios, antennas, computers, etc. at locations away from home and then operate for 24 hours to try to make as many contacts as possible. The operating begins at 2:00 Saturday afternoon and goes until 2:00 Sunday afternoon, with setup starting Saturday morning at 8am. Our operation runs on emergency power (generators) and the ski club lodge provides facilities such as a kitchen, and rest rooms, as well as shelter from weather. We welcome everyone: hams, families, friends, and anyone interested in ham radio. Drop by for an hour or so, or stay the whole time! Food is provided for dinner, breakfast, and lunch during the operation. It is a great opportunity to hone your operating skills, work as a team, and just enjoy the company of fellow hams. We will have a brief planning meeting (date/time to be announced) in the next week or so, if you are interested in helping out. Come out and join the fun and camaraderie!

Dave, KC2HO      Field Day Chairman

## Editorial – How to elmer

The meaning of the word *elmer* is known to many hams as a *mentor or tutor who offers personal guidance, technical knowledge, assistance, and encouragement to ham radio operators*. While not exhaustive, this brief guide can explain how you can be an elmer to others, or in other words, *how to elmer*. The term "elmer" was coined almost by accident, in a March 1971 (page 91) QST article by Rod Newkirk W9BRD.

### Kindness

Above all other attributes, make *kindness* your guiding principle in every conversation. If a new ham asks you a rudimentary question, or one that you're simply tired of repeatedly answering, either answer the question politely, or tell him you'd rather answer at another time. It's not kind to remind the person that he or she should have already known the answer from the exam or study materials, because many of us have probably forgotten more than we remember, and few of us passed the exam with a perfect score. Refrain from simply telling people that they should have Googled it or read the manual, because they likely have already done that. Criticism has no place in the conversation of an elmer.

### Patience

You might not be aware that the person you're helping has a learning impairment, is highly self-conscious, or is otherwise disabled in some way. Working with some can test your patience, so try never to speak sharply or harshly to them; speak in a kind voice. Avoid correcting the person's mistakes, if at all possible; instead, present another point of view. If the new ham states that a dipole is made of two half-wave length elements, simply state that you tend to find better results when you cut them to quarter-wave lengths, which total a half-wavelength. The person might suddenly realize his or her mistake without you resorting to correction.

### Be reachable

Every so often, turn on your radio and announce that you're *monitoring*, indicating that you're willing to converse with whomever is listening. We live busy lives, and don't have time for every person who wants our attention, but make time for, and befriend those you don't know, as well as your close clique of ham buddies. Your generosity will pay off.



### Set the example

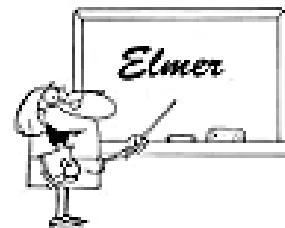
Whether you're helpful or otherwise, people hear you and see you in action, and they look to you for an example of what an experienced ham should say and do. As impossible as it might be at times, try never to be negative on the radio; be positive. Never berate anybody or resort to personal attacks or name-calling; instead, build them up. Be agreeable, even when you don't agree. When you sense a pointless argument brewing, be the first to stand down.

### Humility

You can tell by now that you don't need to know a lot, to elmer others; even the newest licensee has something to teach and share with the rest of us. Still, none of us knows everything, and there is no shame in saying that we weren't aware of a technical detail or a particular circumstance. People tend to have greater respect for those who can admit that they're wrong. Refer the ham to another who is better qualified to answer a question.

### Finally

Does this describe you? Of course it does, and down deep you know that's true. You have a lot that the rest of us can benefit from. Don't be afraid to take a person under your proverbial wing, and kindly show him or her how to elmer.



Anything to add? Email [editor@utaharc.org](mailto:editor@utaharc.org)

## Public Service & Emergency

## Preparedness News



Our next Event is the Workforce Run on June 9 followed by the Y-Triathlon on June 13. We need volunteers for each event. Please email Walt, [n2ikwkb@gmail.com](mailto:n2ikwkb@gmail.com) or Andriy, [kd2kub@proton.me](mailto:kd2kub@proton.me) or sign-up on the website, [www.ragsclub.org](http://www.ragsclub.org).

To join the P/S gang, you can sign-up online on the Rags website, [www.ragsclub.org](http://www.ragsclub.org) or you can give Walt, [n2ikwkb@gmail.com](mailto:n2ikwkb@gmail.com), or Andriy, [kd2kub@gmail.com](mailto:kd2kub@gmail.com) a shout and volunteer!

73, Walt, N2IK  
Public Service Chair

The **ARES/RACES** Group is beginning a new monthly repeater net for all to learn net control protocols. It is planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7P. The next net will be June 18 on the 146.775 repeater. Please check-in and join in the learning process!

### Amateur radio's public service mission

FCC Part 97 explicitly lists advancing public safety communications as one of the fundamental purposes of the amateur radio service. When Hurricane Helene struck western North Carolina in 2024, ham radio operators coordinated road closures and relief operations after cell networks failed. After Katrina, over a thousand amateur operators converged on the Gulf Coast. EmComm is not a specialised branch of ham radio — any licensed amateur can participate. The foundation is knowing how to operate reliably, follow net procedures, and work within an organised incident command structure when needed.



## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUBS

### LARC

#### Liverpool Amateur Repeater Club

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month – 7P  
N. Syracuse Community Center  
700 South Bay Rd, N. Syracuse

### QCWA

#### Quarter Century Wireless Assoc.

Last Friday of each month – 10A  
Denny's Restaurant, 6591 Thompson Rd,  
Syracuse, NY 13206  
ALL ARE WELCOME

### Yay!!! - Upcoming Hamfests – Yay!!!!

- Cortland – 06/13
- Rochester – 06/20
- RAGS – 07/11
- Ithaca – 08/01
- ROC City – 08/29



### Nets Of Note

**OCTEN Traffic Net - Nightly at 8:00P**  
Oneida 145.17- MHz, Auburn 147.00, Syracuse 147.30

**CNY Amateur Radio Swap and Information Net**  
Weekly, Wednesdays at 7:00PM  
Auburn 147.00 +, 71.9 tone Cortland 147.225 +, 71.9 tone  
Remsen 145.33 -, 71.9 tone Ithaca 146.97 -, 103.5 tone  
Lafayette 145.15 -, 123.0 tone Syracuse 53.67 -, 103.5 tone

**Rock City Net - Weekly, Wednesdays @ 8P**  
3.986, SSB

**RAGS Chat Net – Sunday Nights at 7:00PM**  
75 Meters - 3.986 MHz – LSB

**CNY Fireside Chat Net**  
Weekly, Monday, 7P 146.670 -, 103.5 tone

**CNY Information Net**  
Weekly, Monday, 8P 146.670-, 103.5 tone

**QCWA Social Net**  
Weekly, Tuesday, 7:00P, 53.050-, 71.9 tone  
(linked to 53.67 -, tone 103.5)

**220 VHF Net**  
Weekly, Friday, 7P 224.12-, 103.5 tone

**Easy-Pal Digital Slow Scan**  
Weekly - Saturday Nites 146.67-, 103.5 tone  
Daily – 3.857 HF  
Note that 147.390 is an ECHOLINK Repeater

**General Ham Info**  
[www.upstateham.com](http://www.upstateham.com) and [www.kd2sl.com](http://www.kd2sl.com)

# Yum! Yum!

# FUNNIES

## Fried Pork Sandwiches



- 1 lb pork tenderloin, sliced ½ inch thick
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 Tbl milk
- 1 sleeve saltine crackers, finely crushed
- ¾ c flour
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- oil for frying
- sandwich buns

Place pork between 2 pieces of wax paper. Using a rolling pin, flatten to ¼ inch thickness; set aside. Whisk together egg and milk. Combine cracker crumbs, flour and seasonings in separate bowl. Dip pork slices in egg mixture then press in crumb mixture until well coated. Heat ½ inch oil in skillet over med high heat. Add pork slices, fry until deep golden on both sides. Serve in buns with tomato and lettuce.

## Cole Slaw

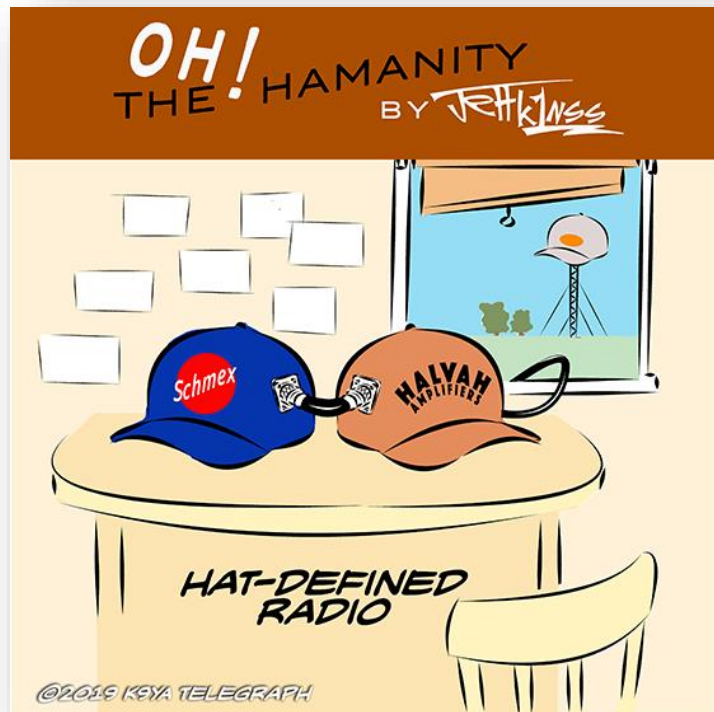
- 5 c finely chopped cabbage
- 2 c grated carrots
- ½ c sour cream
- ½ c mayonnaise
- 1 Tbl sugar
- ½ tsp celery seed
- ¼ tsp dry mustard
- salt and pepper to taste

Mix together sour cream, mayo, sugar and seasonings. Combine with cabbage and carrots.

## Cannoli Dip

- 1 (15 oz) whole milk ricotta
- ½ c confectioner sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla

Mix together and top with mini chocolate chips. Serve with graham crackers or small cookies to dip.



# CLUB INFORMATION

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 Vice President >> Doug Falcon  
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 Field Day >> Dave Rice  
 Membership >> Jerry Wright  
 Newsletter Editor >> Jerry Wright  
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# CLUB CALL SIGN: W2AE

Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month from Sept. to June

>> 315-399-8175 >>  
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## About Us

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by NYS in 1975.

Dues are payable yearly on April 1<sup>st</sup>

To join or renew, membership applications are available  
at meetings and online.

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**NEXT MEETING:  
JUNE 11, 2026 @ 6P**

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