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Section Communications Manager for WNY to be Featured Speaker at October 8th Meeting

by Phil Turkap, AKA, W2MPM

"Well, that's nice," you say, "but what is a Section Communications Manager anyway?" This very question was asked of me earlier in the year when the SCM election results were announced. What really struck home was the fact that the person asking the question was an ARRL member and did vote in the election!

Therefore, the RaRa Board has decided to enlighten the membership in such matters as; first of all what is a Section Communications Manager, what are his duties, and of most importance how can he serve you, his "constituents." Other topics concerning the organizational make up, duties, and services provided by the League and its various departments and appointees will be covered.

Who better to speak on these subjects than the SCM himself? We are very fortunate to have our very own Joe Hood, K2YAH, as the SCM for the ARRL Western New York Section. Joe is a past President of RaRa and along with his SCM duties finds time to head the Technical Committee for the Rochester Radio Repeater Association.

Once again we will be altering the meeting date by one week. The meeting will be the second Friday, October 8th, 8 p.m., at the usual meeting hall, 249 Highland Avenue.

The following November and all subsequent monthly meetings will revert back to the normal first Friday of every month schedule. Unless otherwise stated the meeting time will always be 8 p.m. (the doors will be opened by 7:30) and the location will be the Farm and Home Center on Highland Avenue.

AUCTION IN NOVEMBER

The regular club meeting in November is the annual auction. Plan now to package the items you will offer for sale. But, keep the "junque" me. Items should be clearly marked with a description of what it is and what it is supposed to do and if it works. Prices asked should be reasonable. Although you may have paid a fortune for your item, it may be almost worthless on today's market. Complete details in the next edition of the Rag.

Welcome To New Members

RaRa is proud to announce the addition of 137 associate members to its membership rolls. Those people are members of the novice licensing course. Welcome!

RaRa meets the first Friday of each month (except this month -- October) at the Monroe County Farm and Home Center, 249 Highland Avenue. Meetings start promptly at 8 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Your club paper the RaRa Rag is mailed directly to you and is scheduled to arrive the Monday or Tuesday before meeting date. Whenever there is a change, notification will be in the Rag. Other activities include an auction in November in lieu of the club meeting, and a Valentine Dinner-Dance in February. In May, the annual Rochester Hamfest combined with the New York State ARRL Convention is held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Concluding the year is a picnic scheduled on a Saturday in June.

Details about all the events will be published in the Rag.

SYRACUSE HAMFEST OCTOBER 9

The 12th annual Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse Hamfest will be on Saturday, October 9 at the Syracuse Auto Auction, Route 11, between exit 15 and 16 of I-81.

Activities include flea market, exhibits, complete food service, talks. Tickets at the gate only \$2.00. See you there!

DUES DUE!!!

This is the month of the year when all RaRa memberships expire. Expiration date is October 31. Many have already paid their dues. If you have not, plan to do so at the October club meeting or by mail.

Dues are still only \$5.00 regular; \$2.00 associate and \$1.00 extra for family membership. Life memberships are available at 20 times the annual dues or \$100.00 at this time. Life memberships may be paid in full or in four equal installments (quarterly).

All members receive a copy of the 1976-77 Rochester Area Amateur Radio Directory when their dues are paid. The directory lists all Rochester area amateurs by call and by last name.

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RRRA Rochester Radio Repeater Association, WR2AEI

by Fred Shippey, WA2BQA, 76-77 Chairman

Our October meeting will be held as usual on the third Friday of the month which will be October 15. The meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Pittsford Library. The October program is one of our most popular and important programs for FMers - our annual FM clinic. If you get tones when you use the 28/88 repeater (or worse yet, can't get in at all) bring in your rig to have it's transmitting frequencies and deviation checked and adjusted. Even if your rig seems to be working well bring it in for a check-up. Please DO bring in your AC supply for your rig if you have one or at least bring in a power cord that can be hooked up to someone else's supply. Please DO NOT bring in any rigs that are 'basket cases'. We will have limited time, test equipment, and manpower available and it's not fair to the others who are waiting to expect your bag of parts to be turned into a functioning radio.

At the time this is being written (mid-September) we hope to have two 'parking lot' clinics for the large, in-car mobile radios that cannot be easily brought in to our October meeting. We expect to check frequency, deviation, and power output only at these clinics. The first clinic should be on Sunday afternoon, October 10 someplace on the west side of Rochester, while the second clinic should be on November 6 someplace on the east side. More information will be given at the October RaRa meeting and on the Sunday night Monroe County FM Nets.

Membership Applications

It is important that each RaRa member complete an application form, even for renewal. The postal service requires that we have a form on file indicating that you have paid for a subscription to the Rag (which is a portion of your dues). The additional information is being gathered so we may create a file on our computer showing who has facilities which can be utilized during a disaster and how you can be reached to aid.

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137 Register for Novice Class

A record number of prospective amateur radio operators registered for the annual novice licensing course sponsored by RaRa. All but a few of the 137 who registered filled the hall at the Office of Emergency Preparedness (Civil Defense) on Monday, September 20.

Although the initial meeting usually is only introductory in nature, the group got their feet wet with code practice and learned five letters.

The course continues for approximately 12 weeks. After the novice course has been completed, the classes will continue for those who wish to continue for their General or higher class licenses. The classes will conclude just prior to the Rochester Hamfest in May. The FCC is expected to be here to conduct tests then.

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HAMFEST CALENDAR

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October 9, Greater Syracuse NY Hamfest.
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TORONTO

October 22-24, RSO Convention. Info: RSO Convention Committee, PO Box 313, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 2S7

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November 13-14, ARRL Hudson Division Convention. Info: Al Piddington, WA2FAK, 4 Acorn Drive, East Northport, NY 11733.



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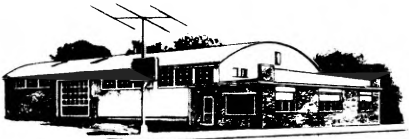
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