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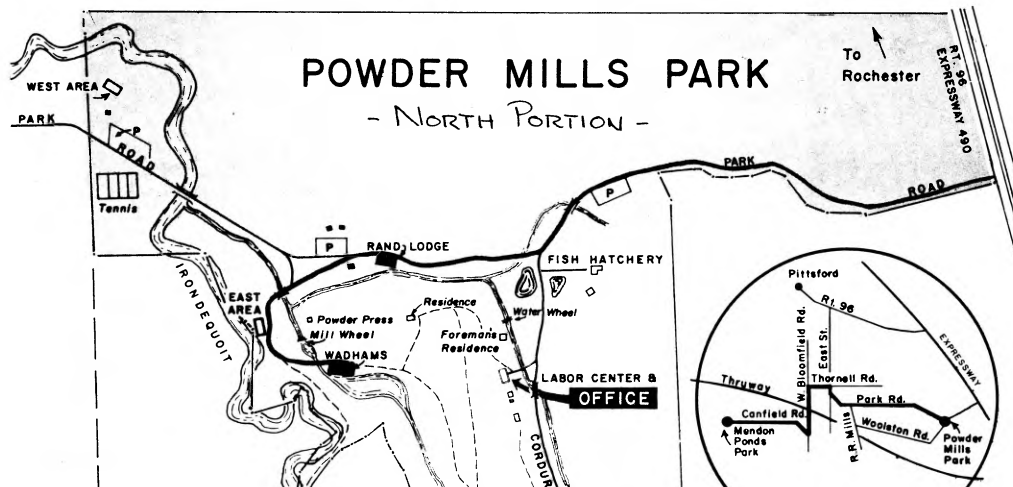
Each year the Rochester Amateur Radio Association sponsors a picnic in the spring (honest folks, he said "spring")ed. for the club members and their families. Although the last meeting was held in May, this June event is one of the last club functions before the summer (he's dreaming again)ed. - season. This year the picnic is Saturday, June 10th, and located at the Wadhams Lodge in Powder Mills Park from noon till dusk. The map here will assist you with directions to the Wadhams Lodge.

Tradition has it that the early afternoon is devoted to sporting activities, conversation, and organized games for the younger children. Sometime between four and five p. m. food will be served including everything from hots to ice cream. Ed Gable, K2MP, performing his last club official act will serve as chef for the occasion.

Members and their families are cordially invited to come and need only bring sporting equipment of interest to them: bats, gloves, etc. (notice he carefully avoids the topic "dressing warmly")ed.

See you at the picnic June 10, Saturday.

HOW TO FIND PICNIC



Four RaRa members receive achievement awards

by Ed Gable, K2MP, President

At the last regularly scheduled RaRa meeting in May, I had the distinct pleasure of awarding four RaRa Distinguished Achievement Awards to some truly deserving members.

Keep in mind that as elected Officers and Board Members, we fully expect to be kept very busy in the everyday duties of running a large organization such as RaRa. However, at times certain members provide services to the Association that rival the dedication and hard work of the elected officials. The awards went to: Irv Goodman, WB2WCE, for his year long service as Assistant Membership Chairman, Dwight Hill, K2KWK, for his year long service as Associate Editor of the RaRa Rag, to Robert Lauzon, K2RL, for his years of service as Director of RaRa's Licensing Class, and to Helen Smith, WA2YRH, for her many years of service as Editor of RaRa's Rochester Area Amateur Radio Directory.

Congratulations to all of you.

WD2WHAT??

In another RaRa first, we would like to welcome a new Novice to our ranks. George A. Biddle is one of RaRa's most recent members. That in itself is not too unusual, but George is reported to be the areas first WD2. If you hear WD2AIB on the air be sure to give him a good RaRa welcome. Now, AA2___ anyone?

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

by Ed Gable, K2MP

At the Annual Business Meeting in May, new Officers for the 1978/79 season were elected. Taking over the helm in September will be: Len Gessin, WA2ZNC, as President; Alan Komenski, WB2ZFM, as Vice-President and Program Chairman; Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB, as Secretary; and Ronald Jakubowski, K2RJ, as Treasurer. Seven members of the Board of Directors were also elected. Your Directors are: James Collinworth, N2JC; Robert Erskine, W2NVZ; Edward Gable, K2MP; Edwin Holdsworth, N2EH; Ashley Palmer, K2EAW; John Schooley, K2NC; and Harold Smith, K2HC.

On a motion by the Board of Directors, the Membership approved the dues structure for the following year. There will be no increase in dues which will remain at \$6.00 per year for full members, \$3.00 for Associate (unlicensed) members, and Family membership at \$6.00 plus one additional dollar for each family member residing at the same household.

NYS Amateur of the Year



Harry Dannals, W2HD, ARRL President accepts New York State Amateur of the Year Award at the annual Rochester Hamfest and New York State ARRL Convention. Harry (Connie-Mac) Atlantic Division Director is on left. The award was a surprise for Harry Dannals, since he was enlisted to help make the presentation to the winner -- who's name was known only to the committee!



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RRRA Annual Business Meeting Notice

Richard J. Koehn, K2UW
Program Chairman

The Rochester Radio Repeater Association will hold its annual business meeting on Friday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pittsford Town Hall. Please note that the starting time is one-half hour earlier than usual. The election of officers will be held prior to the start of the program for the evening. The program will be a transmitter hunt.

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of officers for the RRRA 1978-79 year:

Chairman: Tim Magee, WB2KAO
Vice-Chairman: Gary Sienkiewicz, W2TR
Secretary-Treasurer: Richard J. Koehn, K2UW

Program Chairman: Bill Gillette, WB2KIW
Additional nominations will be requested from the floor at the meeting.

Following the election of officers and other business, all those participating in the transmitter hunt will depart from the Town Hall (the hidden transmitter will be given a head start). Valuable awards will be presented to the winner and runner-up at the end of the hunt. You must register at the Pittsford Town Hall at the meeting to be eligible for the awards.

Everyone will gather at the Pizza Hut on Penfield Road near Panorama Plaza following the transmitter hunt. Those not participating in the hunt are invited to join the group.

See you at 7:30, Friday, June 9.

ROCHESTER VHF GROUP

by Bill Thiel, K2KGE, Secretary

The last meeting was held May 11, and will resume in September. The group made a resolution to have Ed Dunn, W2XT, draft a letter to the ARRL Advisory Committee. Evidently some club or group has suggested that VHF-FM be ineligible for contest credit use. This would considerably change the nature and intent of several VHF contests, and would be detrimental to the general purposes of the ARRL. The Rochester VHF Group letter will be signed by the VHF Group officers. Also, there was a petition at the Rochester Hamfest. If you missed the petition there you may wish to send a card or note to K2KGE.



Ed Gable, K2MP, and Len Gessin, WA2ZNC, receiving proclamation from Mr. J. Richard Wilson.

Amateur Radio Week Proclaimed

by Ed Gable, K2MP

At a night time ceremony in the County Legislature Building, a joint County and City Proclamation announced the week of May 14 - 20 as Amateur Radio Week in Monroe County. President, Ed Gable, K2MP, and Vice-President, Len Gessin, WA2ZNC, received the proclamation from the President of the County Legislature Mr. J. Richard Wilson.

The proclamation cited area Amateurs for their services during natural and manmade disasters, for the establishment of the Fuzz Buzz Emergency Alerting System, and for sponsoring the Hamfest which attracts thousands of visitors to Monroe County each year.

WATCH IT!

Lately there have been some automobile and household breakins in the local amateur community, especially among two meter operators. Whether you are operating repeater or simplex, do not reveal your exact location or duration of visit, on the air. Usually the fact that you are passing a certain store or such and such intersection or spending all day at the dentist or going away for two days is information of little value to the others in your QSO, - but of good value to whoever broke in.

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The repeater site is roughly three miles southwest of where Route 15 intersects the NYS Thruway, near Riverton, in the Town of Henrietta. The use of the repeater is open to all stations, donations are always welcome and are invited. Auto-patch privileges are available to those with the proper equipment who make a special donation for the expense of the facility. The Genesee Repeater Association is always looking for technical assistance and technical assistants for special projects. Some new equipment is planned to improve audio mixing, and to upgrade the burglar alarm system. Present equipment is as follows:

Antenna- Sinclair 6db gain vertical; Two five element Phelps Dodge beams facing city; height - 60 ft.

Duplexer- Sinclair 4 cavity, 7/8" hardline to array.

Receiver- Motorola solid state special for repeaters.

Transmitter- RF Communications RF-1500, 25 watt out.

Amplifier- 4CX250, runs less than 100 watts out.

Control- via radio and wire circuit.
 The address for complete information concerning the Genesee Repeater Association is Post Office Box 69, North Chili, New York, 14514.

RaRa Rag Takes Vacation

This is the final edition of the RaRa Rag until September. No issues are prepared for July and August. Expect to receive your next copy of the Rag around Labor Day. The first club meeting of the fall is slated for Friday, September 8. See you then. Have a nice summer.

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WHY US?

by Dwight Hill, K2KWK

Do you feel slightly persecuted in your ham radio interest lately? Try to get a amplifier for dx on ten! Remember how the FCC took away Novice calls, and now club and special event calls due to work overload.

Now I have to pay more because the commercial amplifier has to go through Type Acceptance. Now the call signs are revamped so it might change each time you upgrade; or to keep an older call you might have to upgrade, MORE incentive licensing. Now the sabers are rattling about phone patches and overseas QSOs that have been on the questionable side of the rule. Well, it was the amplifier docket that really pulled my cork! Why am I taking the rap and becoming responsible for the uses and abuses in another radio service and the illegal occupation of spectrum between the cb and ten meter ham band. Why do we keep getting dragged into this?

The June 1977 Bulletin of the Lockheed Employees A. R. C. reports the indictment of a H. Y. Park of Parks Radio Company in Los Angeles for selling linears to cb operators. Mr. Park "was" W6QNO. One month later the edition reports with sorrow the conviction of Mr. Park resulting from trial in the Los Angeles Federal Court, ending June 22, 1977.

A recent issue of QST reports the lengthy and detailed process necessary to find two very inventive abusers of a repeater system in New Orleans. It was not someone with a stolen rig and disturbed mind. Both were licensed hams, one for a long time.

The May QST reports the FCC removal of licenses of the leader of the illegal "whiskey club". At last, I thought, perhaps without leadership it has a chance to get cleaned up. Sure, they lifted the cb license, in addition to his call WBØRIN.

How long can such a list be? Now it becomes apparent why we keep getting dragged into this mess.

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RaRa Field Day Effort

The planned activity announced in the April issue of RaRa Rag is proceeding under the direction and work of Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB, and Fred Shippey, WA2BQA. ARRL Field Day occurs June 24 and 25th however all the equipment and operators do not appear magically out of the mist! Plenty of advance and honorable duties make things get on the air at the right hour. If you are interested in participating contact Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB, at 247-4976. Both members and not-yet-members are welcome to participate, according to Otto.

IN AN EMERGENCY
LISTEN & LOOK
THINK
ACT CORRECTLY

How to get your 5-year Novice Ticket

The editors of HR REPORT for May 12, 1978 bring up an important point about the new FCC rule resulting from Docket 20282, and effective May 15, 1978. "Present Novice License holders must realize the new five year Novice license terms are not retroactive - their license still expire in two years on the expiration date they bear and must be renewed with Form 610 -" (for the additional three years). Further "ex-novices whose licenses expired less than year ago will be eligible to apply for reinstatement - - -. This means any former Novice whose license expired after May 15, 1977, can submit a Form 610 on or after this May 15, but within one year of his original expiration date, when the new provisions become effective, and regain his license for a full five years - without taking an exam."

If you or a relative or friend know of a novice who failed to upgrade in time under the old rule, be sure to get this information to them. You just might add another to our growing ranks.

Have a nice  summer!
good luck to all finding one.

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RaRa PICNIC RHYME

T'is the RaRa picnic - a kilowatt of fun,
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There are Joe and Moe - a bit a-glow,
passing on the glories of dxing they have done.
Sister Sue is hardy blue
sporting a ticket that's nearly new.
Fred and Ned will check the grounds,
but neat its not, for a Field day site could be
found.

There goes Ike to fly the kite.
Mike will pedal the generator bike.
So rally around the hot dog bun,
This 10th of June could be a kilowatt of fun.
There may be a spark,
So don't forget your ark.

by Dwight Hill, K2KWK

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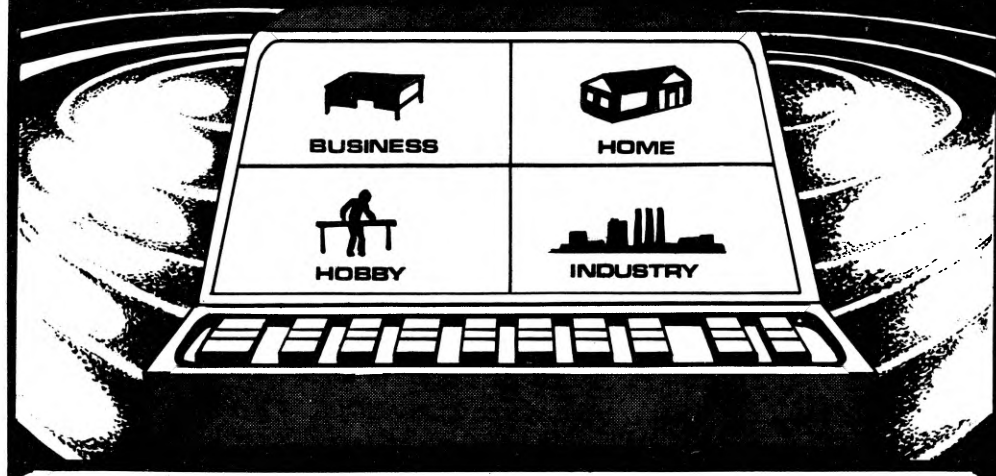
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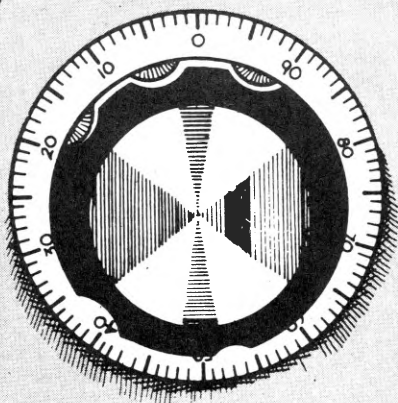
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