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## GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO AT APRIL 11 MEETING

The program for our April 11th Meeting should meet the approval of all members who are sentimental about the past. A revised version of this popular Antique Wireless Association show, which uses dual projection and stereo sound, starts with cylinder phonographs and crystal sets and ends with the early days of television.

The show includes early pictures of WHAM's studios and transmitter which were manned by radio hams. Oldtime movies, nostalgic music and TRF receivers set the pace for this entertaining program.

Meeting place is the Monroe County Farm and Home Center, 249 Highland Avenue. Be sure to be there Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., for this terrific fast moving presentation of the Antique Wireless Association. It will be an evening remembered. Don't miss it!

## VHF CONTEST WINNERS

Chuck Oneske, K2YCO - 28,096 - Top Single Operator; Hank Blodgett, W2UTH - 24,618 - Top Multi-Operator; Mike McHugh, Tim Magee, W2AV - Second Multi-Operator; Irv Goodman, AF2K - 228 contacts - Top FM; Bill Gillette, WB2KIW - Top Phone; Ed Valmore, K2EVJ - Top CW; Paul Jacobs, W2IOG - Most improved (9996 over 79); John McCadden, WB2JKF - Best DX (694 mi. on 2); John Yells, N2JY - Top Score 220 MHz.; Bob Nezeleck, W2CNS - Top Score 432 MHz.

### TOP TEN SINGLE OPER. STATIONS, SCORES:

WA2ZNC - 16,700 - Len Gessin; K2MP - 15,744 - Ed Gable; WB2JFL - 14,064 - Milt Salisbury; WA2YEK - 12,452 - Nancy (Lee) Vangrol; DL7KX/W2 - 12,000 - Klaus Gueldenpfennig; K2RHS - 11,424 - Ed Vangrol; K2VCZ - 10,710 - Dick Goslee; WA2MCB - 10,604 - Ron Faro; K2OS - 10,400 - Frank Pollino; WB2RJB - 9,180 - Otto Bluntzer.

## ROCHESTER VHF GROUP: APRIL 18

Our famous Rochester VHF Group will hold its April 18th meeting at its usual meeting spot in the new office building of the Harris Corporation, RF Communications Division. The program details are not yet final (*this is written in mid-March*) but will be announced in the usual newsletter that precedes the meeting.

Don't forget there is a new VHF Group Net that meets on the air Wednesday night of each week. This will help you to test rigs and antennas that you may be experimenting with. The Committee is made up of stations WB2KIW, K2MP, WB2HWO, and WB2IEY. These stations and others serve as net controls so if they don't hear you its not working yet! The Six Meter session starts at 8 p.m. on 50.120MHz; the Two Meter session begins at 8:30 p.m. on 144.120MHz; and, the 70cm net starts at 9 p.m. on 432.120MHz. Activity started in March and there have been a large amount of stations checking in.

The ARRL EME Contest has two dates this year, April 12 and 13, plus May 17 and 18th. The June VHF Contest dates are June 14 and 15th, and hopes are high that the 'Russian Woodpecker' will have all the snow off the roads by then!

## ADVANCED LICENSE CLASS

The RaRa Advanced class theory class will be offered starting Tuesday, March 25, 1980. They will be held at the club station, 350 East Henrietta Road from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. If this is the first you have heard, you can still feel free to come down since there are no classes held on April 1st and 8th but will be on each Tuesday starting April 15th until May 13th.

The fees are \$2.00 registration, \$2.00 for manuals plus club membership. These will be taken care of at the beginning of the class on March 25th. Harold Mundy, KD2K, will be the instructor.

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## RaRa BOARD NOTES

Thanks to Mr. Lee Vroom, V.P. Engineering, Ferronics, Inc. for his fine presentation on the manufacturing of ferromagnetic material for electronic use.

Bob Erskine reports membership of about 735.

The Rochester Chamber of Commerce is working on a postcard to be used for QSL's, with space for call letters and QSO data plus address.

Final action has not been taken in the matter of volunteer examiners. Now is the time to voice your opinion. Alan Komenski is drafting letters to Mr. Conable and Mr. Horton.

About 60 showed up for the K2JD open house that proved to be quite a success. Several signed up for license class.

There are about 52 in the Novice class and about 48 in the General class. Advanced class should start March 25.

K2JD is getting considerably more use, although some equipment has suffered due to operator inexperience. George Walker, N2BIR, is our QSL Manager and handles the awards like WAS, DXCC, and "buro" envelopes. New antenna traps were donated by Microwave Filter Company of Syracuse.

The Rochester Hamfest exams will have four examiners from the Buffalo FCC office. Send your application to *BUFFALO*, that's *BUFFALO*, shaggy and wooly *BUFFALO*, NY. Harold Smith, K2HC, WA2KND, has been Hamfest Chairman since 1963.

Sister Cities Net - by George Negus, K2OIU  
Sunday Mornings - 28.8MHz @ 1400z  
and also - 21.4MHz @ 1400z  
more Rochester participation wanted.

## HUCKLEBERRY ISLAND DX-PEDITION

The second annual "Tom Sawyer" mini DX-pedition to Huckleberry Island will be held May 10 and 11, 1980. Call letters will be WA2MST and operations will be on 2-6-10-20-40 Meters, both cw and ssb. The group is led by Herb Haddleton, WA2MST of Greece. Other members are Bob Cole, WA2KUP; Will Hodges, WA2KUN; George O'Gara; WB2IGO; Gary Mitchell, WA2ZPL; Dennis Nau, WB2FYA; Bert Kavanaugh, WA2CTC, will be QSL Manager; and Nelson Nail, WA2ZPE, will be coordinator. A special QSL will be sent to all who contact the DX-pedition, a s.a.s.e. will be appreciated.

## RRRA MEETS APRIL 25

The Rochester Radio Repeater Association will hold its April meeting at the Pittsford Town Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, the 25th. As yet the program is not quite confirmed, but it is hoped that the topic will involve the use of mini-computers in the home and hamshack. When the program is confirmed, it will be announced in the newsletter mailed before the meeting. All are welcome to the meeting, y'all come now, y'hear!

## Wayne County Simulated Emergency Test a Success

The Wayne County simulated radiological emergency test on February 7th known as "*Checkerboard 80*" was rated an unqualified success. Simulating an emergency at the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Generating Facility, Ontario, NY, 15 Wayne County RACES members participated. The RACES group handled all radiological monitoring and the placement of auxiliary police, plus traffic from the NYS Health Department, through the Lakes District ODP Headquarters. All check-ins were within 7 minutes of drill inception.

Participants in the drill were: RACES Chairman WB2EWR, WB2RKJ, WA2REC, WB2JSB, K2IMO, K2OEQ, WA2MCA, WB2LTN, K2ZIF, WB2TGU, WA2FJL, WB2MBO, W2EVH, WB2TRI, and WA2MCB. AB2F and WA2YRG contributed equipment. W2ESS recorded the entire drill. Thanks to all. Want to get involved? Contact Bob Fox, WB2EWR.

**FOR SALE:** Bearcat Scanners, Ringo Ranger and Larsen 2 meter antennas.

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454-7116 Wally, W2PG, Pres.

## Genesee Repeater Meeting

Joe Calzaretta, K2VI

Dear G.R.A. Members:

Our association will hold its annual business/dinner meeting on Saturday, April 19, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. The location will be the Rowntowner Motor Inn, 800 Jefferson Road, across the street from the Heathkit store.

A short non-technical program will be presented as well as a short up-date on the 19/79 machine. We hope that you will be able to attend with your wife, husband or friend. It should be a good opportunity to meet and socialize with the "79" group.

Menu (Buffet) includes: Steamship round, Fried Chicken, Italian Meatballs, Cold Sliced Hickory Smoked Ham, Fruit Compote, Potato Salad, Assorted Cheese Tray, Garden Crisp Tossed Salad, Assorted Relishes, Rolls and Butter, Coffee or Tea, and Ice Cream.

The above meal is \$10 per person and includes one free drink of your choice. A cash bar will also be available prior to the dinner. In addition, awards were be presented. Please make reservations by April 11, 1980. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

## RDXA DOES IT AGAIN!

I. J. Goodman, AF2K, ZB2EN

Rochester DX Association, now in its 33rd season, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday evening, April 8th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Colonial Hotel, 1129 Empire Boulevard. Featured will be a slide and talk show, "*Reminiscences of Sicorro*", presented by Sax Ringler, W2SAW, on the December, 1965 DXpedition. All DX'ers are welcome.

Persons desiring to include dinner as part of their evening should contact Irv Goodman at 671-4430 for reservations before April 4th. Cocktails commence about 6:30 p.m. See you there. Everyone is welcome.

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The American Radio Relay League, Inc.  
Newington, Connecticut

Re: Clara C. Reger, W2RUF  
435 Best Street, Buffalo, New York  
Deceased - February 1, 1980

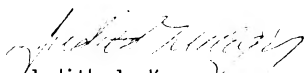
Dear Sirs:

I am the granddaughter of Clara C. Reger, one of your members, who was killed in a traffic accident on February 1, 1980, when struck while crossing a shopping mall parking lot.

As a Paralegal, I have been contacted by the insurance carrier for the truck which struck my grandmother. They appear to be taking the position that, because of my grandmother's age (she would have been 82 this March), her "useful and productive life" was over. The only way I can prove her vitality and continued service to others is through letters from other amateur radio operators who knew her personally or had contact with her over the air. I would greatly appreciate receiving brief letters or notes from as many "hams" as possible, but I have no idea how to begin such a large project.

I would appreciate any help you can give me concerning members of The American Radio Relay League, Inc. who might have known my grandmother.

Very truly yours,

  
Judith J. Krueger

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Ms. Judith J. Krueger  
c/o Mr. Robert D. Kolken  
Attorney at Law  
580 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222

Dear Ms. Krueger:

Thank you very much for yours of February 26. I am forwarding a copy of your letter to prominent radio amateurs in New York State (see enclosure) who can provide any documentation that you may require. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert Halprin, K1XA  
Assistant Communications Manager

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## EDITOR'S inch: NO NOAA ?

The FCC recently turned down a petition to permit use of the NOAA weather reports in the amateur bands when directly and/or automatically relayed. The present rule (97.113) goes back to April 4, 1930 and it's not hard to imagine what could happen to our bands if this rule was not in force. Ham radio exists as a two way communications service while broadcasters exist as a one way service to the public. And while we amateurs are still free to exchange such weather information, being unable to use the information by direct automatic means serves to unduly impair the public service aspect of ham radio. So many public emergencies in the USA are weather related that the old info is useless when one is on the scene or enroute and providing the vital public service communications.

Secondly, it could be pointed out to the FCC that the facts and history of this NOAA system indicate that it is not serving the public convenience. Rather than put this system into the more commonly available *AM* and/or *FM* "Broadcast Bands" they established it high up among frequencies used for police, fire, marine and government services. The FCC later re-affirmed its location by adding two more channels for a total of three. Thus placed, it is not where the public has easy access by existing equipment they have in nearly every home and car. The original purpose was to provide weather information for marine interests, and it was established first in the busy ports (like NY city) and where the weather was complex.

If ham radio is avoid an identity crisis in its future it shall need to serve the public without being hasseled such as this. Many of us are willing and able, but sometimes I wonder about the FCC...

*Dwight B. Hill, K2KWK*

## The Rochester VHF Group Announces April VHF Contest

Tom Richmond, WB2IEY

### VHF CENTURY CLUB CONTEST

**Dates** - 12:00 noon April 12 (local time) til 11:59.59 p.m. April 19, 1980.

**Object** - To contact *EXACTLY* 100 stations, while working as many multipliers as possible, on the bands above 50MHz.

**Rules** - a. Repeater operation, or operation on recognized repeater input or output frequencies are *NOT* permitted.

b. Stations can be contacted again on the same band for contest credit, provided it is via a different mode (ssb, cw, fm, am, sstv, rtty, ascii, etc.)

c. Multipliers count again each time you work it on another band.

d. Oscar contacts count 4 points each, Mode A, B, or J.

**Scoring** - A. Each contact on 6 or 2 meters is worth 2 points each.

Each contact on 220 is worth 6 points each.

Each contact on 432/450 is worth 4 points each.

Each contact above 450 Mhz is worth 8 points each.

B. Each station shall transmit signal report, consecutive serial number and Zip Code (which count for multipliers). Mobile stations give out home Zip code.

**Reporting** - Use any reasonably neat form (January SS logs are fine).

Indicating complete exchange sent and received, plus time and date of QSO.

Send reports by May 3 (*no later*) to Tom Richmond, WB2IEY, 131 Church Avenue, Macedon, NY 14502 or bring in person to May VHF Group meeting. In the event of any ties, the log with the earliest postmark is winner.

**Awards** - A handsome certificate will be presented to all participants. Two top scores will receive trophies.

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## Correct Credit to W2PBJ

The issue of *HR Report*, March 7th, gave credit for the idea of using ham radio for the Olympic Torch Run to the wrong call. The correct credit should go to Brian T. Fovel, W2PBJ, of Pittsford and Lake Placid, NY. Brian has worked for the LPOC for the past two years, is a member of RaRa, and an employee at the Xerox Corporation, in Rochester.

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# The List Method of DXing - "The Way of the Future"

Rick Berg, WA2RLQ

Back in the old days, DXing was a fairly simple matter. When you heard a DX station you needed, you waited till he finished up with the one he was working and then you called. Sometimes you did not get him on the first call, but if you chased him long enough, you would eventually come up a winner. Not so anymore. Gone are the days of those nasty pile-ups where the boys with the California kilowatts and big beams get in there first leaving the little fellows with their tribanders buried in the dust. Nowadays DXers are being transformed from a bunch of yelling, screaming rowdies into a respectable, well-mannered bunch of operators by the list method of working DX.

Just think of it. . . you, with your backyard vertical, can work any place on earth by simply getting on the appropriated list. You may ask how this all came to be? Well it seems that the Great Divine, over the past few years, has visited many hams instructing them to be overseers of any rare DX station that may come on the air. This way, all DXers will be treated equally and those big guns with their six element beams at 100 feet can't cheat you out of a contact that is rightly yours.

In a quick spin of the dial you can find out what lists are being run, and if you need that country, then you stand by patiently and wait for your chance to make your presence known to the list taker. Remember, this person is infinitely wise and unbiased in choosing candidates for the list and you should never get upset if he takes one of his friends instead of you, for how were you to know he liked Scotch and had a private, unlisted number which you could call and charge on your VISA card a notable amount to compensate for his placing of you on the list. But, in time, you will also become privileged to these time savers putting an end to the frustrating experiences of the past where you chased that rare one and came up empty handed. The day will soon come when you can chat with other DXers sharing with them the professionalism of working DX by the list method. Now that prestigious title of Honor Roll Member is nothing more than a few hundred dollars and some well directed toll calls away.

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## SILENT KEY

Marvin J. Vinkey, Williamson, NY - K2DPW

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## RaRa ROAD RALLY

Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

The first road rally for RaRa members to enjoy will be held Sunday, May 4, 1980. It will start from Westmar Plaza (corner of Pixley and Buffalo Roads) at 2:00 p.m. This will be approximately fifty miles with two or three checkpoints. This will not be a crash and burn type rally like some of you have heard of but rather a beginner type fun which is set up to be driven at no faster than the posted speed limit.

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the first car will leave at 2:00 p.m. plus the car number - hence 1st car leaves at 2:01, 2nd car at 2:02, etc. You will be furnished "easy to follow" instructions at registration which will include the location of the last stop. You will be able to get something to eat at the end while the scores are being computed after which awards will be given to the first three places plus last place (no fair sandbagging)! We hope to have a good turn out so we can plan on doing another rally outing in the future.

Pre-registration would be helpful to assure enough supplies and to make arrangements for the restaurant. You can do so at the April or May meeting or by calling Roger Harnaart, WB2BWQ, at 235-0662 or Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, at 624-1929.

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to the short list of common "Q" signals and abbreviations following).... NCS: "WNY de N2APB NEED QSP BATAVIA ANI HELP? K" - WA2SYR: "Y" - NCS: "Y" WA2SYR: "N2APB de WA2SYR GE GEO QTC FAIRPORT QSP BATAVIA K" - NCS: "WA2SYR R GE STU TU AS".

(The NCS asked if anyone could take a piece of traffic for Batavia. WA2SYR checked in with traffic for Fairport and also said he could handle the Batavia traffic. The NCS acknowledged and asked him to standby.)

## PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

The Susquehannock Pro Road Rally will be run again this year, June 7th and 8th, sponsored by the Sports Car Club of America, Finger Lakes Chapter. We will again be furnishing communications support as in the past. If you would like to participate, please contact Roger Harnaart, WB2BWQ, or Ed Holdsworth, N2EH.

United States Western New York Regional Pony Club Rally will be held Saturday, July 19, 1980, in Victor, New York. We will be furnishing communications from the field to their Officials for safety and scoring. If you would like to participate, contact Ed Holdsworth, N2EH.

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