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SEPTEMBER 5th MEETING: "ENERGY" at Gleason

Our RaRa Meeting on September 5th will feature a program from Rochester Gas and Electric Company to be presented by Mr. Frank Orienter. The title will be "*Energy Sources Today; Alternate Energy for the Future*" and will be supplemented by slides, a movie, and discussion with the members.

We are no longer able to hold meetings at the Farm and Home Center on Highland Avenue. *Do not* go there expecting to find RaRa, as the entire facility has been rented for every weekend, and Friday night for a whole year. We are looking for a centrally located meeting spot. If you have an idea for one please get hold of Don Drennan, Vice-President. All ideas are welcomed, whether a place is temporary or permanent. So be advised that each RaRa meeting may occur in a different spot each month this year. But none will be held at the Farm and Home Center anymore.

The gavel will fall on the 1980/81 season at 8 p.m. on September 5th. Come see your old buddies. Come see our new tee shirt. Come to see where your future electrons might be coming from. Come see us!

1981: RaRa's 50th ANNIVERSARY

Bruce Kelley, W2ICE

Fifty years ago was a low point in amateur radio. We were just entering the Great Depression. The average amateur was still using a regenerative receiver and self-excited oscillator transmitter with little hope of owning a factory-made piece of equipment.

Contrary to the principle of strength in unity, Rochester's ham activity was divided into two overlapping groups. The story of how one big club (R.A.R.A.) was formed will be told in future issues of the *RAG* by Ken Gardner, WBGN, our first secretary.

September RaRa
at
Gleason Recreation Center
1044 University Avenue
Rochester, New York

"No Further Meetings at Highland Avenue"
Do not go to the Farm and Home Center!

RaRa is Moving

LICENSE CLASS

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

The Novice licensing classes will start Monday, September 22, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. They will be held, as usual, in the County Office Building located at 350 E. Henrietta Road.

The Novice course will only be offered once this year but with an expanded program. The General course will be held only once this year, starting after January 1st, but will also have an expanded program. The first session of the Novice course will run from September to the end of December and will lead to the Novice license. The second session will start in early February and will concentrate on operating procedures and selection and operation of radio equipment.

Those interested can register at the September meeting or by contacting Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, at 624-1929 evenings or 546-2700 ext 3304 days.

ELMIRA HAMFEST INVITATION

The ticket chairman for the Elmira Hamfest got us on the air recently to invite Rochester area hams for their hamfest on September 27th at the Chemung County Fairgrounds. Hamfest hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to equipment displays there will be both indoor and outdoor flea markets to take care of our famous upstate weather. Tickets in advance are \$2.00. Tickets at the gate are \$3.00. Contact John Breese, WA2FJM, for complete details, at 340 West Avenue, Horseheads, New York 14845.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB

Thus far the year 1980 has presented unusual challenges for many people all over the world and here at home there is no exception. Like "Mt. St. Helens", "Hurricane Allen", and the economy, we find things shifting, changing, always a bit stormy. To be specific it would appear that somehow we more frequently seem to find a "wrench in the works". Oh yes, we call that "Murphy's Law", don't we?

On the 6th of November 1964, as for each meeting in November, RaRa held their annual auction, no different than our current program other than that this was to be the last time that RaRa was to meet at the museum on East Avenue and Goodman Street. The December meeting was to be held at a new location, "a most desirable appearing meeting place" as stated in the *RaRa Rag* for December of 1964.

Now that is to change. For reasons of economics the Farm and Home Center has been rented out on a regular basis, all weekends including Friday evenings. We, the officers and board of directors of RaRa now have the challenge of finding a new suitable location, one that is centrally located and one which will be available on a regular basis. We hope to provide a comfortable location, one you will continue to enjoy as we have enjoyed the Farm and Home Center for the better part of 16 years.

Under consideration are several locations. None perhaps as desirable as the last. As you note elsewhere in this paper our September meeting place is already set but our new "home" as of this writing is not yet fixed.

You can help in the interim. Please continue to give the officers and board your support. Note that our phone numbers are published in this issue and will continue to be issued in the future. Please hang on to a copy as in my case, my number is unlisted. Please feel free to call however. Give us your suggestions. We are here to serve you.

RAG CLOSING DATES:

All items to be printed in the *RaRa Rag* may be submitted to the editor by the thirteenth of the month previous to the desired issue of appearance. Excepting for the month of December when items should be in by the eleventh of December for the January issue. This applies to articles, meeting notices, display and members advertising. Everyone who co-operates will not receive the usual "wouff-hong". Contributions are to be sent in done in double space typed format.

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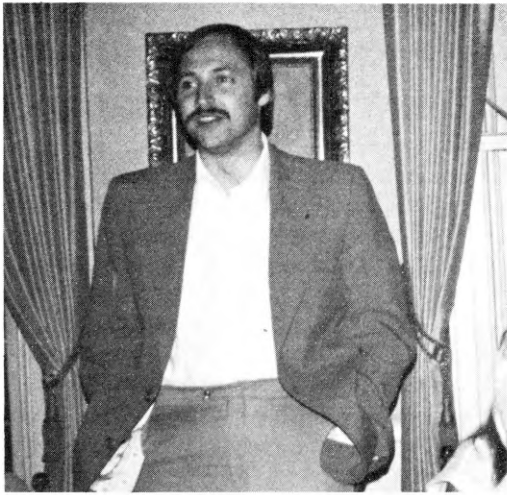
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"AC2K conveys a Farewell"

73 to AC2K

Jim O'Brien, K2UDP

On July 15th, nearly forty radio amateurs gathered at the Spring House to bid farewell to Alan Komenski, AC2K, and his lovely bride-to-be, Julie Bosch. Alan departed Rochester on July 17th.

Alan was President of RaRa last year and very active as such. Through RaRa he was able to make many important contributions to our community. Several years ago he was instrumental in setting up our "fuzz-buzz" system. That alone has resulted in lives saved, injuries prevented and less property damaged.

He likes his new job and the challenge that it offers. He spoke very highly of the repeaters in his new area and especially one on the I.D.S. Building 2200' above sea level. It covers several states, he says, and even has satellite receivers placed in select locations. Other than sleeping on the floor of his new apartment until his furniture comes, he's doing fine. He asked that I say hello and pass along his regards. To all who attended his party he added a special thanks. I'm sure you will agree Alan's leaving is St. Paul's gain and a big loss for us and RaRa. Good luck Alan, stay warm, keep in touch and come back soon.

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THE NEW RDXA MEETS SEPT. 16th IMPORTANT CHANGES REVEALED

The Rochester DX Association will hold its first meeting of the new season on Tuesday, September 16 at 8:15 p.m. promptly. The Colonial Hotel, 1129 Empire Boulevard, has offered their establishment for our use throughout the club's entire 1980/81 season. Unless otherwise notified there will be a meeting on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. All paid up members shall each month receive a meeting notice and program announcement.

All RDXA meetings are open to anyone who would like to find out more about dx'ing. Present RDXA members are encouraged to bring someone with them each time they attend out meeting.

For many years the custom has been to have a dinner meal precede the regular meeting, and mistakenly considered by non-members as a necessary part of the evening. Therefore we find many prospective members have avoided the RDXA for monetary reasons, which resulted in a sharp decline in new members over the years. We have made the following change in an attempt to correct this problem. For those who wish to have dinner before the regular meeting, there is the RDXA Dinner Club. The Chairman this year is Clarence "Clay" Vanderbrooke, W2OUM, whose phone is 381-6255. Each diner will be served promptly at 7:00 p.m.; and, if possible, in a room separate from the regular meeting room. Dinner requests will be accepted by the Colonial Hotel in advance up to three days before the meeting date. This should allow ample time to enjoy your meal in the fellowship of your old friends and avoid the past confusion and delays due to a late serving of the meal.

Our meeting September 16th will discuss ARRL affiliation, a new constitution, club participation in dx contests, and an awards program. Also there will be a movie, not of a DX nature, but covering the fascinating topic of electronic warfare. The Cubic Communication Company of Oceanside, California produced this film along the lines of the movie "Star Wars".

RDXA is looking forward to having many new faces among our get-togethers this season. We will try very hard to have RDXA be a worthwhile organization to join. 73 es DX.

*Rick Berg, WA2RLQ
Chairman, RDXA*

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST OCTOBER 18 and 19, 1980

Preparation is now underway for the ARES Simulated Emergency Test in Monroe County. Regardless of what other dates you may read in various places, our October 18-19, 1980 dates are correct for the Rochester area.

An SET planning meeting will be held at the Civil Defense Building at the corner of Westfall Road and East Henrietta Road at 7:30 p.m. on September 8th. All AREC, RACES, hospital communication team members, and any licensed amateurs interested in emergency communication, are urged to attend. Please come, get involved and meet your public service obligation as described in the FCC regulations.

This year a major part of our Test will again involve emergency communications for hospitals. Each of the Rochester hospitals should be equipped with a 2 meter roof-mounted antenna and with a 12 amp regulated power supply in time for this SET.

Let's show them that this expense was worthwhile!

*73, George Negus, K2OIU
Emergency Coordinator, Monroe County*

The meeting dates for the 1980-81 year have been set as follows:

<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>
September 5, 1980	September 10, 1980
October 3, 1980	October 8, 1980
November 7, 1980	November 12, 1980
December 5, 1980	December 10, 1980
January 9, 1981	January 14, 1981
February 6, 1981	February 11, 1981
March 6, 1981	March 11, 1981
April 3, 1981	April 8, 1981
May 1, 1981	May 1, 1981
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AWA CONFERENCE: CANANDAIGUA SEPTEMBER 24 - 28, 1980

The old time radio afficiandos will gather at 770 South Main Street, Canandaigua on September 24 through 28th for their annual programs, meetings, auction, show and tell, truth telling, dinner, and good times including an old equipment contest. Registrations are a must; with advance requirements for those wishing to join in the meals, and door registration for all other activities. The members wishing to sell equipment *MUST* register that equipment only during the special hours noted in the instruction sheet available either in advance or at the desk. For your registration with meals contact Dexter Deeley, 8 Briar Circle, Rochester, NY 14618 before September 18th. For auction information and registration contact Lauren Peckham, Ormiston Road, Breesport, NY 14816. All should use an SASE. To gain admittance to any activity you must have your registration badge. Come to Canadnaigua to see that 'good old gear' in the worlds most beautiful setting.

RRRA MEETING NOTICE

RRRA will open its 1980 season with a vhf/fm clinic at R.F. COMMUNICATIONS on University Avenue on September 19th at 8:00 p.m.

Volunteers from R.F. will man the equipment inside to check deviation, power and frequency. MetroCom will provide its service van and personnel outside to check power and SWR for rigs too bulky to go inside for an antenna check.

We hope to see all old faces and we invite all new 2 meter operators and recent upgrades to attend our first meeting.

Thanks to Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ, and Gary Sienkiewicz, W2TR, for their help. And, a reminder to bring manuals if you need any tweaking on your rig 73 and see you there.

Frank Cannan, N2AFP

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RaRa Board Meeting

David Coleman, N2AOB, Secretary

The Monroe County Farm and Home Center where the majority of our general meetings have been held for the last fifteen years is no longer available to RaRa.

The final total for membership for the year ending October 31, 1980 was reported by Bob Erskine, W2NVZ, to be 834, our largest membership ever.

The treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$111.03 in the treasury to start the new year.

Ed Holdsworth reported that 53 amateurs (including 46 from the Rochester area) took part in providing communications for the fourth annual Susquehannock Trail Pro Rally in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania on June 7 and 8th. Rochester area amateurs provided communications support for various other activities including the Scotch Bonnet sailboat race and the Mendon Pony Club's regional rally.

Field Day activity for RaRa was held at Northampton Park near Brockport. The group elevation was 650 feet. We were pleased to receive good co-operation from local and park officials.

RaRa also ran race official communications for the Genesee Yacht Club's "Scotch Bonnet Race" thus opening the vigorous part of the Lake Ontario sailing competition for 1980. "Bud" Young, WA2UGE, set up the fine organization.

K2JD now sports a 65' tower.

Len Gessin, WA2ZNC, was named to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Alan Komenki, AC2K, from the Rochester area.

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HEATHKIT	SB301	RECEIVER	190
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HEATHKIT	SB610	SCOPE	125
HEATHKIT	SB313	SWL RECEIVER	185
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NEW HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY	10 - 9
WEDNESDAY	10 - 5
SATURDAY	9 - 1

