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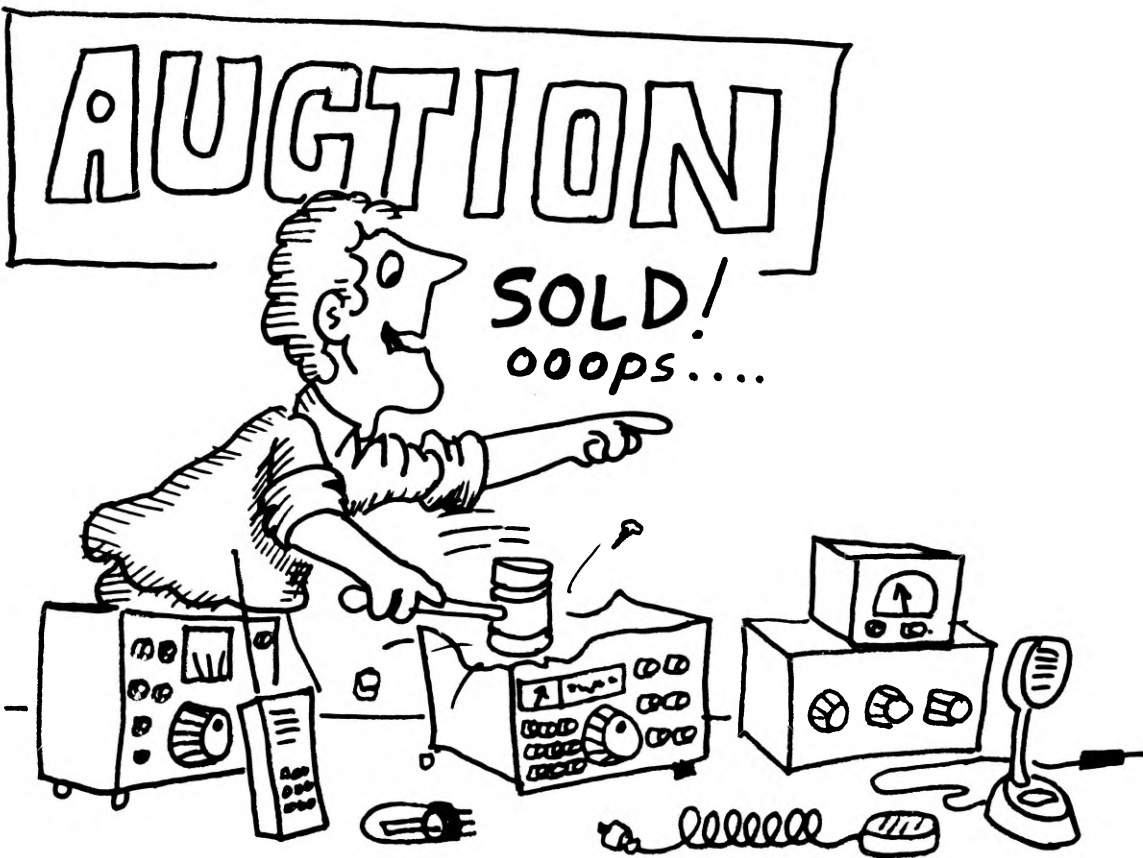
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ANNUAL RaRa AUCTION NOVEMBER 7th MEETING

by D. H. Drennan, W2EBF

The November RaRa meeting, as usual, will be devoted entirely to an auction. Also this year, as usual, the auction will take place at the Rochester Police and Fire Academy on Scottsville Road opposite the Monroe County Airport. Ed Gable, K2MP, and Ray Demers, W2KVP, will be the auctioneers.

To assist in promoting an effective and efficient operation the following guide lines should be followed.

(1) Clearly label or identify each item or box of goodies.

- (2) Include your Name and Call Sign.
- (3) Indicate an opening price and whether or not you wish the item to be "Chinesed" should there be no bids.
- (4) State whether the item is in "working condition" or "needs work", etc. Items other than those in common amateur use should include a note indicating any information which will help the auctioneers present your item in an informative manner.

Immediately after each item is sold, both the buyer and seller should step up front where necessary exchange will be made. RaRa will receive 10% of the final price for each transaction. The club welcomes donations of items to RaRa to boost the treasury.

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RaRa AND YOU

by Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB

Our October meeting of RaRa held at our new location, The First Federal Statesman Club Auditorium on State Street, by all appearances was very well received. Your enthusiasm in regard to the meeting place and meeting format is very encouraging. Please continue to give "The Board and Officers" your concerns or suggestions keeping in mind our phone numbers listed on the inside cover of this publication.

Under consideration for the meeting is a minor rearrangement of the chairs to better utilize space in the rear for refreshments. We will continue to form a line to the east side of the room for refreshments. Please move away from the table once served as to eliminate "the pileup" in the rear area near the door. It is necessary that we use the area just outside the meeting room door for smoking. We appreciate your cooperation.

Meeting attendance was approximately 130 while around 60 vehicles came into the parking area. To facilitate entrance in the future to the parking area it is suggested we show our RaRa membership cards. Whereas that is not a requirement for parking, it would eliminate the necessity for individual checks while entering. Certainly there will be no problem for visitors and guests.

Looking forward to our November meeting, the annual auction, the location as usual is the Police and Fire Academy on Scottsville Road. Do come early to browse around the tables in order to see if there is a possible bargain for you. We will have pre-printed forms available for you to label your items for sale. Looking forward to a fun time at the auction!

ANNUAL AUCTION

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Please note that RaRa does not assume responsibility for the condition of items. That matters between the purchaser and seller of items. It therefore enhances the quality of the auction if items are carefully inspected by the prospective buyer and properly labeled by the seller prior to auction time.

Auction time is 8:00 p.m., however, the doors will be open at 7:00 p.m. to allow for setup and inspection of items. All RaRa members are welcome and members may bring one guest. The membership chairman will be at the door for anyone wishing to renew or join.

TV PROMO: SENT TO ARRL

September 23, 1980

Mr. Harry Dannals, W2HD
President
American Radio Relay League
225 Main Street
Newington, Connecticut 06111

Dear Harry;

I am pleased to send the video tape of the P.S.A.'s that you and Jim O'Brien, K2UDP, discussed at the Rochester Hamfest recently. The tape is color and includes several very professional, network quality commercials on amateur radio. This was a collective effort by RaRa hams and could not have been produced without the aid of WHEC/TV. Bob Erskine and Paul Tanner, W2NVZ and WA2MVK respectively, share the credits as does the station management.

I hope that you can put this to good use as it sure has resulted in a significant increase in our membership.

I have one request of you as you use it. Please give credit to RaRa of Rochester, New York each time you loan it out. You may want to have a few copies made to prevent loss. We are indeed happy to make this contribution to the ARRL and to the overall expansion and betterment of amateur radio.

Cordially,

Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB
President
OB:cb
cc:Secretary

RaRa ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Several members have submitted ideas to be considered by the RaRa Board Members. It seems that the exact date of formation is proving more elusive than first thought. And, just to complicate this a little there were other clubs that preceded RaRa. Right now we are searching for the present holder of the John Long Trophy. John Long, W8ABX, was the first President and a founder of RaRa in early 1931. If you know the current holder, or whereabouts of, the John Long Trophy please contact either Bruce Kelley, W2ICE, and/or Dwight Hill, K2KWK. Ideas for a contest are still invited.

Next of Kin Need Ham's Property Checklist

from: Syracuse Post Standard
Vivian E. Douglas, WA2PUU

Unfortunately our lives have a limited number of years, and unfortunately we don't know that limit, but if our limit is reached, what becomes of all our equipment and supplies?

If there is only one Ham in the family, does your XYL, OM or friend know the value of the total gear in your private quarters called the "shack" or radio room?

It's a "must do it sometime when I am not busy" or "I sure don't need it yet" kind of a job. But a few minutes now can save your loved ones or friends having to make the big decision of how to dispose of your Ham assets a lot easier.

A small notebook could be used to list all of the gear you own, with an approximate value as of the date you are entering it. You might list any equipment you have loaned out and to whom, with the dates. Or, has someone loaned you something? It's easier to let the party know who might be dealing with the problem if it is really "yours" to dispose of.

Do you have a daughter, son or some other member of the family or close friend interested in Ham radio or licensed? Do you want a certain piece of gear saved especially for them? Note it down, so your wishes can be fulfilled.

Persons not involved in amateur radio can't be expected to know the value of what you have in your inventory and have no other choice but to rely on someone else's judgement, be it relative, friend, or stranger. Then for some reason we always have that question in the back of our minds, "did I get the going value for the item, or was the buyer speaking for himself?"

Don't put off this all important task too long. Just get it started, even a simple list is better than none, placed in an envelope and in easy access to the one making the decision on the final disposition. To the non-Ham in a family where there is a FCC licensed amateur -- give them a nudge. It is to everyone's benefit.

Tnx: DARC Newsletter

FOR SALE - Frequency shift 2-tone keyer and rtty converter made by Electrocom. Atlas #210-X Transceiver for 80 thru 10, with power supply, DC Cable, match-box, antenna. Robyn ssb/am/ssb, converted CB set, for 10 meters. Contact Len Gessin, WA2ZNC, at 248-2511.

WELCOME TO THE RaRa CODE CLASS

RaRa is pleased to have you aboard our Novice licensing class, and hopefully our General licensing class in the spring. Perhaps you have been wondering how to put a finger on what ham radio is all about. I'll bet you either have or will run out of fingers. Every one seems to find a different slant they enjoy.. that's "enjoy" which should be a large part of whatever you might get into. Where can this endeavor lead your life? What spice might it add?

Here is what is happening in the life of a graduate of the RaRa classes back around 1966 or so. That's when Wally Kincaid, then WB2HZG and now W2PG, taught the course. Andrew Suter attended class and took his Novice exam from Corny Unruh, WA2EOQ. Andy became licensed as WB2WSP. He went on to attend and graduate from Union College in 1973. Later he got his Masters at the University of Washington in Seattle, in Ocean Engineering which is a branch of Civil Engineering. The U.S. Navy sent him to the East Caroline Islands to put in a airstrip. While there Andy operated as KC6KO from the island of Kusaie. Corny Unruh got into the enjoyment as QSL Manager.

Presently Andy is the Commanding Officer of the winter-over group at McMurdo, home of KC4USB. He is really there to put in a new runway for planes with skis. They are making it from ice. The lowest temperature experienced was -42 at sea level, it went to -100 degrees F. at the South Pole then. Andy will probably have left McMurdo before November as our winter becomes their summer and time for the large work parties to move in. Andy did have a schedule with his father Martin Suter, N2AR, on 14330 kHz Thursdays at 0700z. Both Andy and his family are enjoying amateur radio from several aspects. According to his father Andy credits the RaRa class as the spark of his present advancement, both in ham radio and in his career.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR VALENTINE DINNER-DANCE

by Lee VanGrol

Only a few days more than three months will once again put us in the season for Valentines Day. Very conveniently February 14th falls on a Saturday our customary day for the occasion. You may feel that this article is a bit too soon but we are excited about getting your reservations in early. Tickets will be available at all of the upcoming meetings, at Heathkit, at JR Amateur Radio and from Lee VanGrol, WA2YEK.

Special this year is a four piece orchestra and vocalist. The orchestra leader is Peter Matina who will play clarinet and sax. On piano will be Ron Terpening, Gary Rathjen on Electric Bass, Bob Maher drums and Natalie Flaherty will accompany the group as vocalist. The orchestra, all professional musicians, and a well known group, is noted for their variety and ability to suit the group and occasion. Music for your pleasure will start at 9:00 and will end at 1:00 a.m.

Ah yes, the dinner! To be held at The Party House, 677 Beahan Road (west side of airport) the dinner will be of two choices: Boneless Studded Chicken Breast or Choice Sirloin Strip Steak. The dinner will be brought directly from the oven to you promptly at 7:30. Everyone will be served Champagne Peach Cocktail as an appetizer. In addition to the music and dinner there will be flowers and gifts for the ladies. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 and a cash bar will be set up and operated throughout the evening. Tickets for the evening are \$10.00 for chicken and \$12.00 for steak per person.

RaRa invites you and promises a delightful evening. We are looking forward to a great turnout as we feel this will be a very special occasion for you and your favorite valentine.



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RaRa QSL: To be or not to be?

by Jim O'Brien, K2UDP

As you have heard, we are working on the development of a new QSL card. We have a special price at this time of between 2 and 3 cents per card which is very reasonable. The card will be 4-5 colors and depict something special about our community. We have an artist working on this and the renderings should be available soon. Of course they will be brought to the meeting and advance notice will be placed in the *RaRa Rag*. It is our hope that the card can be used for other things also such as post cards and speed letters for the convention and visitors bureau. We will keep you up-dated, but before we can proceed, "WE NEED YOUR INPUT". Please fill out and mail the attached questionnaire. Don't wait, do it now please. Plans are to buy a significant quantity and we need to know if there is a need for this quantity.

Are you interested in new or additional QSL's?

Yes No

If yes, how many would you need?

Min 500 Quantity _____

Would you wait til approximate March of 1981?

Yes No

Mail to:

Jim O'Brien
2 Duxbury Heights
Fairport, New York 14450

RaRa NEWS - NOTES

Jim Tiefenthal, W2IS, writes from West Germany where he and Deanna transferred to last winter that they are happily settled in Munich. Jim applied for and received his reciprocal license and was nicely surprised to be assigned the call DJ0CQ. He took a two meter fm radio with him and plans to use it to get acquainted with the German hams. German repeaters are between 145 and 146 MHz and there are several nice ones. He says he still needs to install his small antenna on the roof. Jim says the terrain reminds him of our "finger lakes", with several lakes near Munich. For the present his interest in sailing is dormant as "one needs a license here to operate a sailboat of any interesting size." One must study sailing and learn the German language sailing vocabulary to pass that test.

Rick Mainhart, WB3EXR, is now stationed in NYC and going to more digital school in the Coast Guard. He just left San Francisco Bay, and the waters off Alaska prior to that. We may see him back here over the holidays.

K2JD ENGRAVING

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Tnx: Groundwave

KODAK "YELLOW BOX" QSO PARTY PLANNED

by Dick Critchell, KB2BN

The Kodak Park Radio Communications Club, WB2WXQ, is inviting all Kodak amateur radio clubs, employees and retirees (worldwide) to take part in the Yellow Box QSO Party to begin at 1200Z December 6 and end at 1200Z December 7, 1980. This announcement is being made in the International and North American Kodakeries.

This is an attempt to bring all Kodak hams together during this, our centennial year.

WB2WXQ will issue Yellow Box QSL cards of acknowledgement to stations wishing confirmation.

The primary frequency will be 21.37 to 21.38 MHz. Optional frequencies 28.65 to 28.66 MHz and 14.28 to 14.29 MHz will be used if propagation dictates.

We hope that this will mark the beginning of a series of QSO parties initiated by Kodak clubs around the world.

RRRA MEETS NOVEMBER 21st

by Frank Cannan, N2AFP

We have an interesting program lined up for the November 21st meeting of the Rochester Radio Repeater Association. There will be a tour of the new Fire/Police Communications Center on the 5th floor of the city Public Safety Building. The tour will last about 30 minutes and space is limited so there will be sign-up sheets at all of the meetings so we can approximate the size of each group. We will be offering either two or three groups, at times of 8:00, 8:30, and 9:00 p.m. Lt. Dox and the firemen of his shift will conduct the sessions and answer the questions. Upon completion of the tours we would like to have an informal (no club business) meeting at a location to be named later. Location suggestions are welcome. We hope to see everyone there.

REWARD — EQUIPMENT STOLEN

Wilson model WE-800, a synthesized hand-held unit for operation only on the two meter ham band (146 to 148 MHz) with 8 watt output in the FM mode only. This item removed illegally from the possession of Neil Gibson, WA2EJU, on October 8th. Neil offers a reward for help in the successful recovery of this equipment. There are not many of these distinctive units hereabouts. Anyone with information should contact Neil at 865-3207.

RDXA: NOVEMBER 18

by Rick Berg, WA2RLQ

The Rochester DX Association will meet Tuesday, November 18th, 8:15 p.m., at the Colonial Hotel, 1129 Empire Boulevard. The DX Dinner Club members will also gather at the Colonial, but earlier at 7:00 p.m. If you care to join the dinner group, contact "Van", W2OUM, at 381-6255 no later than 3 days before the meeting date.

Our evening program will feature a talk on a country that every DX'er has been waiting to hear on the air for a long time. This, of course, is mainland China. In light of increased U.S./China trade and good will exchanges the time for Amateur Radio activity may be very soon.

Dr. Jack Williams, K2JFV, recently made a trip to China and will address the club on his observations and possible amateur activity in the near future.

Even if you are not a RDXA member, please come and hear this most interesting discussion.

RDXA Announces Awards Program

by Rick Berg, WA2RLQ

The Rochester DX Association, in an attempt to encourage more DX activity in the Rochester area, has instituted an awards program.

The RDXA Club will be awarding two plaques. Another plaque is being sponsored by Jeffrey Ach, W2HPF, of Macedon, New York.

These awards are open to RDXA members and non-members. As an extra, there will be a large trophy awarded to the RDXA member working the most number of different countries in a calendar year. If you are able to receive this award three years in a row it will be yours permanently. Mr. "Sax" Ringler, W2SAW, of Webster has donated this large and beautiful award. "Sax" is one of the original members of the RDXA and has been helpful in promoting ways to increase club membership.

For a copy of the RDXA Awards Program you are welcome to contact our Awards Chairman Gary Winkelman, KB2NU, ex-WB2LOF.

ESTATE SALE -- There will be a sale of amateur equipment and other related items on Saturday, November 8th, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This will take place at 555 Bay Road, West Webster, New York. For further information, please call Mr. Richard Berg at 544-0776.

RaRa BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The RaRa operating budget for the current fiscal year was discussed. The income projected for the current year is \$5136.00 including \$111.00 left from last year. Anticipated expenses for the year are projected at \$4975.00 leaving \$161.00 to begin next year.

Membership is currently at 529.

Various ways of increasing participation in our annual Valentine Dinner-Dance were discussed. In the past only 30 - 40 couples have attended and enjoyed this activity. Members of the board would like to see greater participation.

A special committee was formed to investigate the procedures and documentation associated with recurring RaRa activities to insure continuity. Named to the committee were K2KWK, W2IRG and N2AOB.

Dave Coleman, Secretary

VHF GROUP TRANSVERTER PROJECT

The following is a very brief re-cap of the VHF Group newsletter. Complete details are available from Doug Wilson, KA8IGS.

The effort and push are now applied to the most complex of the projects, the 432 mHz unit. After completion of the 432 project, work will resume in the 6 and 2 meter units followed by the 220 unit.

Production HQ has been shifted to the RaRa/K2JD area at the County emergency preparedness building. Working space and storage are plentiful. Security is super.

Chairman of the VHF Group is Tom Richmond, WB2IEY. Vice-chairman is Harold Mundy, KD2K. Contest Chairman is John Yells, N2JY. January is only two months away, who is ready now?

RaRa NEWS - NOTES

RaRa Directory, which lists over 2000 area radio hams was snagged by a computer breakdown, it is expected for the November 7th RaRa Auction night.

K2JD, operated by Steve Pink, KB2GG, came in third place for the annual ARRL "PA Contest". Nice going Steve, hope you were able to keep the polish on your Dutch fluency as well as adding some pizzaz to the K2JD logs.

If you wish to be checked out to operate K2JD then come to the station Monday nights, with our Novice class, there's some nice gear to run there.

Ed Gable, K2MP, is one of our teachers in the RaRa Licensing classes.

W2IM: SILENT KEY

On September 29th our community lost a man whose work and interest area touched a lot of people. Raymond D. Jobs was 73. Ray was born in nearby Honeoye Falls. His interest in radio came early and he began tinkering when about 17, during the "exploration days of radio" in the twenties. Ray was a self taught technician, both he and the industry developed together. Ray was well known and liked among Rochester radio amateurs, he was a long time member and pillar of the Rochester Amateur Radio Association.

Ray was involved heavily with the installations of transmitters for WVET radio (now WPXN) and WVET television (now WROC/8). He was active as an aviation radio mechanic with Page Airways. He retired from channel 8 (WROC) in 1970.



SILENT KEY - W2CR

Roger "Van" Wuyckhuysen, W2CR, passed away October 17th after a long illness. Van was an active amateur for over forty years and one the very first to operate mobile on the HF bands in the Rochester area. He also was an active DX'er, achieving the top place on the ARRL DX Honor Roll with only a tri-band beam mounted on a forty-five foot telephone pole.

Town of Webster hams will always be indebted to Van for his successful legal encounter which once again allowed town residents the privilege of erecting radio towers on their property.



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Eighteen amateurs representing the Drumlins Amateur Radio Club and the Rochester Amateur Radio Association provided total communications coverage for the Palmyra, New York Canal Town Days. The event on September 13 and 14 commemorating the Erie Barge Canal is an annual event drawing thousands to this western Wayne County community.

Canal Town Committee Chairmen were extremely pleased with the coverage and have "booked" the clubs for 1981. Participants were: WB2EWR, WB2QKO, W2ESS, N2EH, KA2J, WB2RKJ, KA2HCX, WA2UGE, KA2BNL, WA2CER, WA2GAI, WA2MCD, WB2LTN, WB2QXJ, WB2MBO, WA2REC, WB2JSB, and KA2IEL. A sincere thanks to all.

TNX: DARC News

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