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## RaRa Annual Meeting May 1st

by D. H. Drennan, W2EBF

The May 1st RaRa meeting will feature an excellent film entitled *7JIRL Okino-Tori-Shima*. This film covers the exciting adventures of a Japanese DX operation from a small island that is completely under water during high tide.

In addition to our regular business meeting, the annual business of electing officers and board members for 1981/82 season will take place. Elsewhere in this issue, the report of the Nominating Committee and those nominated from the floor at the April meeting are listed. Further nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the election. Remember it is common courtesy and practice to obtain prior acceptance from the individual before you nominate them.

As usual, the meeting will start at 8 p.m. at the Statesman Club, 19th Floor, First Federal & Loan Building Plaza located at State and Main Street intersection.

Let's have a big turnout for the annual meeting. See you there.

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## Notice of Annual Meeting: May 1st

To the members:

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Rochester Amateur Radio Association, Inc. will be held at the Statesmans Club of the First Federal Bank, One First Federal Plaza, West Main Street & State Street, Rochester, New York on May 1, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- (1) To elect officers
- (2) To elect a Board of Directors
- (3) To determine the dues for 1981-82.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
*David W. Coleman, Secretary*

Rochester, New York  
April 8, 1981

## CLUB OFFICERS, DIRECTORS NOMINATED

One function of the annual meeting of RaRa is to elect its officers to serve for the following year. To ensure continuity and provide well qualified candidates the President appoints a Nominating Committee. This year the Committee was made up of the following: Ash Palmer, K2EAW; Al Mumby, WB2MCP; and Roger Dennis, WB2HWO. In addition, President Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB; and Vice-President Don Drennan, W2EBF, sat in on the meeting of the Committee on March 17th. This year the RaRa Board asked that the Committee seek candidates that were sure to have the time to devote to the Club Meetings and the Board Meetings both, in addition to time spent upon other Club functions. It was also desired that those serving as officers have prior experience on the RaRa Board.

The annual election is an important event for the members of RaRa as it determines the leadership of the organization for the coming two years. The By-Laws state that "Full Members" shall elect a Board of not less than seven (7) nor more than eleven (11) full members. The By-Laws provide that the current Vice-President succeeds automatically to the Presidency.

The Nominating Committee took as its guiding philosophy a balance of new and old to provide greater involvement by new and old members, and at the same time providing a continuity of leadership from the more experienced members. The Nominating Committee developed the following list of candidates, using its guidelines and best judgement for the Club. Also, the opportunity exists at the April and May meetings for nominations to be made from the floor by members.

Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in May. Only Full Members are eligible to vote, so be sure to bring your current membership card if you are a full member. If you have been an Associate Member, bring proof of your full member status, your currently valid amateur radio license.

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Peter Secrist, WB2SUN

William White, K2KAD

The following members were nominated from the floor during the April meeting and accepted the nomination:

DAVID W. COLEMAN, N2AOB

ALAN H. KOMENSKI, AC2K

GEORGE A. MULLER, WA2IEO

## GILBERT R. CHAPIN, WB2UTI

"Gil" Chapin has been active in amateur radio since 1974. He presently holds the Advanced Class license. He is employed with Eastman Kodak as an electrical engineer in the Apparatus Division where he evaluates product safety of most of the Division products. Gil resides at 35 Haymarket Road in Chili with his wife Valerie (KA2BHF) and their sons Brian and Jeff. He is active primarily on 2M FM and has taken part in many RaRa public service activities including the Hospital Emergency Communications. He is our present RaRa Treasurer.

## DONALD H. DRENNAN, W2EBF

"Don" was first licensed in 1939 and was active on forty cw until World War II when he became Radio Officer for the Seventh Corps. He taught ham radio for 2 years for the Boy Scouts in the Town of Webster. His activities are church committees, golf, bowling and ham radio where he can be heard both on phone and cw on the low bands as well as 2 meters. Don, his wife Robbie, and their son Donnie (WA2LNZ) reside in West Webster. Don graduated from the University of New Mexico with a BSME in 1949. He joined Eastman Kodak Company in 1967 and is an Engineering Associate in the Facilities Engineering Division where he has been Project Engineer for several steam/ electric plants and refrigeration plants. Don is currently RaRa Vice-President and will automatically become President after the Annual Meeting. In prior years he served RaRa as Club Secretary.

## JOHN GOLDEN, W2IRG

John is currently a RaRa Director and Senior Member of the Xerox Corporation Information Management Staff. First licensed KØCHH in 1955, he was instrumental in re-establishing the Caltech Amateur Radio Club(W6UE) and chased tornados as a break from teaching math at the University of Kansas.

In moving to New Jersey in 1964 to join the research staff of RCA Laboratories, he acquired a WB2 call (hopefully forgotten) and became W2IRG after moving to Rochester to join Xerox in 1972. Having obtained an advanced license at the 1978 Hamfest, he remains determined to expand his current limited 2 meter activity downward in frequency. John is an RIT Adjunct Faculty Member, a past Chairman of the Xerox Management Association and gave his most recent talk on computer software at the invitation of NASA. Affiliations include ARRL, RaRa, RRRRA, GRA, QCWA, AWA, ACM, IEEE, and AMA.

## EDWIN J. HOLDSWORTH, N2EH

“Ed” first licensed as WN2EKR then WA2EKR and presently N2EH holds an extra class license. Ed has served as secretary, vice-president, president and now as a member of the Board of Directors. He is also Trustee of K2JD. Many committees have been enriched by Ed’s presence: Course Director of the Licensing Class; Awards & Facilities; Assistant General Chairman of the Hamfest; active in Public Service, Office of Emergency Preparedness, RACES and ARES.

Ed is employed by Rochester Gas and Electric Standard Technician. His family consists of his wife Joyce and five sons Jim in Phoenix, Arizona; Steve, WA2EJY; Cary; Gerry, WA2IMQ; and Keith, KA2GCG. Besides his radio interest, Ed enjoys camping, woodworking and auto restoration.

## ARTHUR J. MINIER, WA2HVT

“Art” has been active in ham radio for about five years, on the VHF bands. His main interests have been emergency communications, vhf contests, and vhf dxing. He is a member of ARRL, RRRRA, GRA, AMSAT, and ECARS. He has participated in the Genesee Hospital Emergency Radio Team, the Western District Net and is a past Director of the Livingston Amateur Radio Service. He is also one of “*Holdsworth’s Coolies*”. Art and his family live at 896 Grosvenor Road in Brighton. He is employed with Citibank as Risk Asset Manager.

## HAROLD E. MUNDY, KD2K

“Harold” was first licensed in 1978. His main activity in ham radio has been oriented toward the technical aspects of the hobby, interspersed with ragchewing. He is well known to many members and associates as instructor for the RaRa Advanced License Class. He is active on 75 and 15 phone and 2M FM. Harold is employed with the Kodak Apparatus Division as Supervising Development Engineer.

## JAMES D. O'BRIEN, K2UDP

“Jim” has been a radio amateur for over 25 years and still has his original call that he received in 1955 while living in Long Island, NY. He has been involved in electronics for many years as a technician, part owner of an amateur radio repair facility in N.Y.C. and then for nearly ten years with the Heath Company.

His activities as Director of Public Relations for RaRa have touched many with the public service announcements on our tv channels, the RaRa phone number and our improved relationship with the media. Jim is active on 2M FM, was a long time DXer in NYC and has assisted or chaired many committees including the Hamfest Dinner.

Jim is Vice-President of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. He resides at 15 Berverly Street, a newly purchased home in the city, with his wife Carol. His interest in RaRa is the welfare of the members and the organization.

## GARY R. PERKINS, WB2MDC

“Gary” is currently active on 10 meter ssb, using a rig he converted from the cb band and a 4 element quad. Prior to this he was found on 2M FM and the local repeaters. He is employed with the County of Public Safety as Radio Technician. Gary lives at 49 Karnes Street with his wife and their son and daughter. If elected to serve RaRa Gary will be following a family tradition of involvement with RaRa and ham radio activities.

## JOHN L. SCHOOLEY, K2NC

“John” was first licensed as W8PAB from Ohio in 1953. He moved to Rochester in 1964 and changed his call to W2BLU, becoming K2NC in November 1977. John operates the hf bands and is found on 2M FM. He is a member of RRRRA, ARRL and QCWA. He has been very active with the Hamfest Committee as one of those responsible for the FCC exams in Rochester. He is a past Chairman of RRRRA and a past RaRa Board Member. John is a 1966 graduate of RIT, (BSEE). He is employed with Eastman Kodak as Department Head of Telecommunications at Kodak Park. John resides at 329 Fiesta Road with his wife Sally and their two daughters.

## PETER D. SECRIST, WB2SUN

"Pete" was licensed in the mid 1950's holding the technician class. In 1969 he moved to Rochester from Akron, Ohio, to begin work with Xerox. Due to studies at RIT, seeking his BSEE, his license lapsed and he began again as a Novice in 1977. He has now upgraded to the advanced class license. Peter helped organize the amateur radio club at Xerox in Webster, of which he is currently President. Also he is a member of ARRL, RRRRA, and the GRA. He is found most often on 2M FM and operates the lowbands when time permits. His other activity, outside work and family, is with the ATAD student exchange program. His free time in the summer is spent camping with his family.

## WILLIAM E. WHITE, K2KAD

"Bill" has been licensed since the 1950's and has achieved the extra class. His main activity has been recently on 2M FM, and he still retains his major interest of traffic handling on the nets in both hf and vhf bands. He is employed as Teacher in Music Education in the Webster Schools, and is an electrician after school hours. Bill graduated from State University College at Potsdam and has done graduate work at Columbia University in New York and at University of Brockport. He and his wife Joyce, who enjoys the hobby although not a ham, have seven harmonics who are now grown and out on their own. Bill and his family live at 198 Colonial Drive in Webster.

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## NATIONAL MERIT WINNER: GREG QUENELL, WA2BWO

Gregory T. Quenell, WA2BWO, became a licensed radio amateur in June 1975. His activity has been mostly on our 15 meter band where he has collected contacts with several countries on other continents. He has also been chasing some other goals and recently landed a nice academic award, a National Merit Scholarship.

This year the competition was between 1.1 million students and was later narrowed to 15,000. Greg is also President of the Student Council at Obourne High School in East Rochester. He is a member of the math team and has been lead actor in school plays for the past two years. He has been National Honor Society President in his school, in addition to work on the high school newspaper and being class valedictorian.

Greg lives at 32 Westwood Drive with his Father, K2ORG, Mother and Sister. Congratulations and good luck, Greg.

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## HAMFEST TALK-IN: HELP WANTED

The Rochester Radio Repeater Association (RRRA) will be providing talk-in service during the days of the Hamfest, May 15 and 16. Several operators will be needed to cover the hours desired, based on past experience. If you will have some free time then and have good local knowledge of roads, routes, etc. contact Neil Gibson, WA2EJU, at 865-3207 or Roger Dennis, WB2HWO, at 225-6392.

If you can help in the RRRA booth during the hamfest contact Warren Ulrich, N2AUV, at 467-2360.

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## AWARDS CORNER

by Len Gessin, WA2ZNC

Our April Award, as per RaRa custom, was an upholstered, swivel, rocker, office, hamshack chair. There also were a few extra goodies that showed up like magic. It appeared that the ticket sales were exceptional. I don't think I have ever seen so many ticket in our Drum.

The luck amateur this year was Dave Hassett, K2SQI, who will just have to "age" into the chair. Other award winners were W2WPF (12v lantern), KA2KGM (vise), K2RJ (voltage regulator), and WA2TMC and K2UDP.

Hope to see you all at the May meeting, it is our most important one, as the future of the club depends upon who is elected as directors.

Finally, if you want to be sure of winning the award you have drawn, be sure to sign your ticket before you toss it into the drum.

## FRIDAY MAY 8th; JOINT VHF/RRRA MEETING

The May meeting of the VHF Group and the RRRA repeater group will be combined due to a conflict with a local hamfest somewhere in the area the following weekend. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. at RF Communications, 1680 University Avenue. It is expected that an election of officers will be held for the VHF Group.

**FOR SALE** - Henry #K-2000 Amplifier (80-10), \$400.00. Dentron Super Tuner, \$100.00. Contact "Len", WA2ZNC at 248-2511.

## FIELD DAY: JUNE 27, 28

The annual RaRa Field Day Group will begin to gather itself at the May Meeting and thereafter. See Don Drennan at the meeting or contact him on the air to keep in touch with this important activity.

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## VHF FORMAL TRAFFIC NETS; WHY NOT?

by Ray Pickens, WA2MYG

While nearly everyone on vhf/ fm is familiar with informal type nets where any traffic is passed usually without any format it may be of interest to know that formal traffic is passed nightly in the 2M FM band.

The Western District Net meets each of seven nights a week at 9:30 p.m. promptly to allow formal written traffic to enter and exit western New York amateur stations. The W.D.N. activity is found most often on the W2ZIA repeater at Weathersfield (146.04/146.64). In case of problems on that repeater, the alternate is WB2IID (144.71/145.31) near the Weathersfield site.

The Central New York Traffic Net meets also seven nights each week at 9:15 p.m. on the 147.90/147.30 repeater in Syracuse.

Both repeater sites are accessible to Rochester stations with good antenna systems, but running medium power, thus giving very wide coverage into many communities not previously accessible.

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## RDXA & RaRa JOIN MAY MEETINGS

by Rick Berg, WA2RLQ

The members of RDXA will join the members of RaRa on May 1st to view the film of the Japanese DXpedition to 7J1 RL, also known as Okino Tori-Shima Reef. This film was shown at a RDXA meeting a couple of years ago, but due to foul weather conditions that time very few were able to show up to see it.

Up until December of last year, 7J1 RL was a separate DXCC Country and considered the most difficult to operate from. The film is professionally produced and points out in depth the preparation that has to go into any DXpedition involving travel to an isolated location. See you there, good hamming and DX!

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

By Dave Coleman, Secretary

Budget expenses for the remainder of the year may exceed the balance left in the club treasury.

The Farm and Home Center has again become available for use by RaRa.

Jim O'Brien suggested the club offer "reward" labels for members to affix to their rigs in the event of theft.

The rotor at the club station, K2JD, is out of commission. Ed Holdsworth asked if anyone could build a circuit to protect the rotor.

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## IRON MAN CONTEST - September 13

Stan Zack, KA2U, will again be looking for hams to assist in the Hamlin Beach variation of Hawaii's Triathlon. Amateur radio was requested by the chairman of the swim-ride-run contest based on the fine effort of many of our hams last year. The ops will be needed from about 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact KA2U at 716-342-8775 for details.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

There will be a meeting on April 29, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the club station at 350 East Henrietta Road to discuss the Emergency Evacuation Plan and how RaRa/RACES is involved. Those people that signed up are asked to attend so that definite assignments can be made. This meeting will also involve those people that are presently signed up to work with hospital communications.

There will also be a meeting on June 3, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. also at the club station, 350 East Henrietta Road for all those that have signed up to work on the Susquehannock Pro Road Rally. If you have signed up, please plan to attend.

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## EARLY PICNIC WARNING

Completing the die cast last August by our then new President Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB, the date to be wary the RaRa Picnic is June 13th. All you "hot dogs" watch out for that day. And don't get caught lying around the fire! Len Gessin, WA2ZNC, will be in charge of getting the goodies and also getting them to the site. Ray Smith, WA2SOR, is going to run the games for us again. Anyone else who would like to contribute to the success of the day is invited to contact either Lenny or Ray.

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# Rochester HAMFEST

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