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## HAMFEST TAX PROBLEM RESOLVED

On Wednesday, June 3, members of the Rochester Hamfest committee and our attorney, Patrick Lane, met with officials of the Department of Taxation and Finance at their offices in Rochester. Attending for the Tax Department from Albany was Ralph Vecchio, Deputy Commissioner and Counsel, John Greaney, his assistant and Peter Elmendorf, Director of the Tax Department Compliance Bureau.

Don Drennan, W2EBF, RaRa President, Harold Smith, K2HC, Hamfest Chairman, Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, Hamfest Assistant Chairman and Rich McCracken, KA2CVN, Hamfest Financial Advisor attended along with attorney Lane.

It was agreed at that meeting that the tax compliance people and their supervisors who appeared at the Hamfest used very poor judgement. Since the Hamfest incident, we are told one of the local supervisors has been dismissed and another re-assigned to another program area.

Mr. Elmendorf is drafting a letter which will define the manner in which his people will conduct themselves in the future at events such as the Rochester Hamfest. He is also revising the permit requirements for flea market and commercial exhibitors.

It is not possible to report any further information at this time because of the time required to get this copy of the *Rag* in your hands and let you know about the upcoming club picnic.

As soon as all the information is available to us in writing, we will publish a special edition of the "*Hamfest Times*" containing all the details. The special will be sent to all on our Hamfest mailing list which now numbers more than 13,000 people.

We need your support if there is to be a 1982 Rochester Hamfest. Tell all your friends that the problems have been resolved. Tell your equipment supplier and manufacturing contacts too. Get the message out that the RaRa Hamfest committee did not roll over and play dead. Let's show the world that it takes more than a few tax agents to kill the largest annual Hamfest in the Northeast.

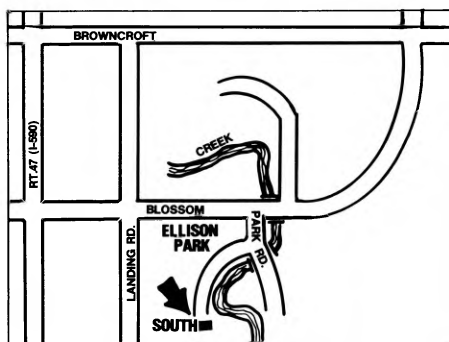
## RaRa PICNIC: JUNE 13

by Len Gessin, WA2ZNC

The next event sponsored by our club, is the annual picnic on June 13th. This year we will meet at Ellison Park at *South Lodge*. This county park is on Blossom Road, east off I-590, go across Landing Road and turn right into park, at bottom of hill before the creek. (Just past Rich's Dugway.) Keep right, follow signs to south lodge.

This is a family event, so we expect lots of OMs, XYLs, YLs and harmonics. WA2SOR, Ray and his wife Ester will be assisted by their daughter June in providing the fun and games for the young, and young at heart. They will start around 2 p.m.

As in past years, there will be a few hand-held 2 meter stations operating on .88 and .79 for information and directions. Any of our members who would like to help on this event, can call me, at 248-2511.



## HAMFEST CODE CONTEST WINNERS

The Second Annual Clara Reger Memorial Code Contest took place Saturday, under the leadership of Bud Hippisley, K2KIR. Bill Keller, W2RQ, from New Jersey came in second with one minute solid copy at 40 w.p.m. John Yoder, K2VV, won top honors with one solid minute at 44 w.p.m. and took home an engraved plaque to mark his achievement.

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## RaRa OFFICERS, DUES FOR 1981-82

New Club Officers were elected at the Annual Meeting held May 1. Don Drennan, W2EBF, became President of RaRa to preside at the September meeting. Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, was elected to be Vice-President. He will serve in that office for one year and then become President for the 1982/83 RaRa year. Elected to become the new Secretary for the Board was Gary Perkins, WB2MDC. Gil Chapin, WB2UTI, was elected to continue in the office of Treasurer of RaRa. Two amateurs were re-elected to serve on the Board of Directors, Harold Smith, K2HC, and John Golden, W2IRG. Newly elected to the Board were Harold Mundy, KD2K; Irv Goodman, AF2K; and John Schooley, K2NC. Much appreciation goes to Doug Wilson, KA8IGS, who served the club as Parliamentarian and kept the meeting on track with Roberts Rules of Order as per the Club By-Laws.

The Officers, Board and Members approved the dues structure for the coming year 1981/82. Dues will hold the line at \$6.00 per year for Full Members; \$3.00 for Associate Members (unlicensed) and Family Membership at \$6.00 plus one additional dollar for each family member, who is a ham, residing at the same household.

Thanks go to all the candidates for their willingness to serve. The Club will continue to need lots of willing hands to move forward in the next year. With the airing of several items at the May meeting and the election RaRa can continue to be a good club and a fun activity. RaRa has carried on for fifty years through thick and thin. The next fifty years will develop knotty problems also. With typical spirit and true grit the members of RaRa will progress.

## SEPTEMBER: CANAL TOWN DAYS

On September 19 and 20 the Canal Town Days will be held in the Village of nearby Palmyra, New York. According to Bruce Blair, WB2QKO, this is a highly popular event drawing lots of visitor to the village. Ham radio volunteer operators are needed for communications. Bring your own family for a fun time for young and old. To illustrate, there will be a marathon road race, a flea market, a parade for horse drawn vehicles, and a canoe race among the events now being planned. The need is for about 15 to 20 operators along with their 2 meter FM equipment. Anyone interested should contact Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, or Bruce Blair, WB2QKO, at 315-597-9731.



Peggy Flavin, KB2B

## YL's SWEEP ANNIVERSARY CONTEST

To celebrate the past fifty years of RaRa it was decided to hold a contest to challenge the members of RaRa and the Atlantic Division of the ARRL. The time-limited worked all state contest was held between January 1st and May 13, 1981.

RaRa Members entries were received in two of the five available categories. No entries were received from stations in the Atlantic Division. The objective was to be the first station to submit confirming QSL's from each of the fifty states. Contacts could be made all in the CW Mode, SSB Mode, SSTV Mode, ASCI Mode, or Mixed Mode.

Peggy Flavin, KB2B, won the SSB Mode event with her entry checked in on February 21st.

Lia Zwack, WA2NFY, is the winner in the Mixed Mode event with her entry on March 30th.

Each winner is to receive an engraved plaque for display in her hamshack. They will be presented with them after the engraving is complete. There were some OM entries but the gals just tried harder and took top honors. To avoid all remarks about how they did this on a diet of Virginia Slims, and like comments; I will say a hearty congratulations to them both. Thanks for making the contest a memorable one.

*Dwight Hill, K2KWK*

*Contest Chairman: 50th Anniversary*

## RDXA ELECTION: JUNE 16

by Rick Berg, WA2RLQ

The Rochester DX Association will meet on June 16th, at 8:15 p.m. at the Colonial Hotel on Empire Boulevard to elect officers for the 1981-82 Club year.

After the election the award of the two RDXA plaques and the W2HPF plaque for contests will take place.



Lia Zwack, WA2NFY

## EMERGENCY PLAN MEETING

by George Negus, K2OIU

There will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 17th to discuss emergency communications plans. It will be held at the Office of Emergency Preparedness (where the club station, K2JD, is located) at the southeast corner of Westfall Road and East Henrietta Road.

If you have ever been involved, or would like to become involved in, or are curious about emergency communications for hospitals, Red Cross or other needs, this meeting is for you. New plans are being made. Nuclear emergency plans will be discussed. Hospital communications teams will be updated.

For further information you may call:

George Negus, K2OIU

ARRL Emergency Coordinator for Monroe County, at 586-6922 or

Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

R.A.C.E.S. Officer, at 624-1929.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting and cast their vote. Below is a list of nominees as of May 1. If a club member wishes to add other names to the list he can do so by contacting Rick Berg at 544-0776 no later than three days before the June meeting.

*President* Jeff Ach, W2HPF

*Vice-President* Fred Groner, W2TZ

John Lundberg, W0VU

Gary Winkelman, KB2NU

*Secretary/Treasurer* Mike Rice, KB2SG

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Rick Berg, WA2RLQ

Gene Fuller, W2LU

El Goss, K2SPO

Al Keltz, W2TXB

Bob Maser, W2IJJ

Buck O'Connor, N2FI

## Ed Gable: HAM OF THE YEAR

The Ham of the Year Award was made to Ed Gable, K2MP, at the Banquet Dinner of the Rochester Hamfest. The award was made by Harry Dannals, W2HD, President of the ARRL. Ed is a past President of RaRa and is currently very active in the RaRa licensing class activity. He has also been Hamfest Ticket Chairman for several years. He has been both a RaRa Board Member and RaRa Membership Chairman. He has served as past Chairman of the Rochester VHF Group and past President of the RRRRA. He is a charter Life Member of the ARRL. He is also a member of the Antique Wireless Association. Ed is employed with Harris/RF Communications. He enjoys all phases of ham radio, an interest that started over 20 years ago. He resides in Greece, and often QSY's to the golf links.



Ed Gable, K2MP, receives Ham of the Year Award from ARRL President, Harry Dannals.

Holdsworth, N2EH. The last day for receipt of applications to Vivian Douglass, WA2PUU, is June 24th.

## NATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL: JULY

from Drumlins Newsletter

A major sports attraction comes to New York State in July. The National Sports Festival '81 will bring top Olympic caliber athletes to the Syracuse and Central New York area. Amateur radio will handle all communications. The Festival will run between July 23 to July 30. The requirement is for over 100 hams per day to supply coverage. This job will require *PEOPLE* and *RADIOS*. If you can donate several days, one day, or several hours we are interested.

National personalities are expected at the Festival. You must submit an application prior to the Festival since stringent security clearance is necessary. It is recommended that you not request operating time during an event that you want to witness as a spectator. Not all operating locations will be on site.

A complete list of all sports events, days, times, etc., and applications will be available from Bob Fox, KB2XI, of the Drumlins Club; and, also Ed

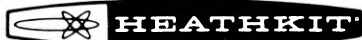
**FOR SALE** – HEIGHTS 64 foot alum. motorized tower with tilt-over base and tail twister rotor. A real steal! Rick Berg, WA2RLQ.

**FOR SALE:** Kenwood TS-820-S Transceiver in "mint condition". \$650.00. Contact "Chic", WA2IJH, Cerasoli, 90 Cider Creek Lane, Rochester, phone 227-2542.

**FOR SALE:** Yaesu FT-707, with FV-707-DM (VFO); less than one year old, \$950.00. Contact Ed Engel, WA2EJG, weekdays at 315-437-0393, home 315-623-7120, or via C.N.Y.T.N.

## LOST AT HAMFEST BANQUET

A lady's dressy beige coat, with hood. Lost at Hamfest Banquet in Marriott Hotel. Contact Mr. or Mrs. Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB, at 247-4976.



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