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MARCH 5th MEETING: 151 DX-PEDITION

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

The March 5th meeting of RaRa will feature a program by the Rochester DX Association on the 1979 DX-pedition to the Spratly Island Group. The slide-show presentation is courtesy of Steve Woodward, K4SMX. The meeting will start at 8 p.m. sharp in the lower meeting hall of the Eisenhart Auditorium of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, located at East Avenue and South Goodman Street. Entrance to the parking lot is off of Goodman, just south of East Avenue.

The Spratly Islands are located between Borneo and Viet-Nam in the South China Sea and have been claimed by the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Peoples Republic of China, Viet-Nam, and the Phillipines. When the DX-pedition group arrived there in April of 1979, they were forced off the first island by pirates.

VHF GROUP/RRRA AUCTION MARCH 19th

The Rochester VHF Group and the Rochester Radio Repeater Association, Inc. will again co-sponsor a Spring auction March 19th, Kodak Bonus day. The auction will begin at 8 p.m. at the Monroe County Farm and Home Center (RaRa's old meeting place), 249 Highland Avenue, between Goodman Street and South Avenue. All area amateurs are welcome. As usual, 10% of the selling price will be paid by the seller to the treasurer and this donation will be split evenly between both clubs. Chief auctioneer will be Ed Gable, K2MP.

SILENT KEYS

W2BOC: Melvin S. Wilson, Pittsford, NY
WB2KBT: John L. Sullivan, Rochester, NY
WA2KUJ: Robert L. Cochrane, Honeoye Falls, NY

FCC EXAMS AT 1982 HAMFEST!!

by John Schooley, K2NC

Through the efforts of the Engineer-in-Charge of the Buffalo FCC office, Dave Vigilone, we will again be able to administer Amateur license exams at the Rochester Hamfest, May 15. Following a series of negotiations with his administration Mr. Vigilone was able to obtain approval to provide examinations using volunteer FCC employees from the Buffalo FCC office. These people are traveling to Rochester on Saturday at their own expense as a result of their past positive experiences with the Rochester Hamfest. Due to federal regulations, it is not permissible for the Hamfest or RaRa to reimburse any of their expenses.

Let's all work for a large turn-out to reward these great people from Buffalo who are donating their time to help make our Hamfest a success. Talk it up on the air and if you are considering upgrading, then get your form 610 application off to the Buffalo FCC Office, 1307 Federal Building, 111 West Huron Street, Buffalo, NY 14204. Applications must reach the FCC by May 1st. Be sure to note "*Rochester Hamfest*" on the outside of the envelope and in section II-B of the form 610.

LICENSING COURSE

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

The spring licensing course started Monday evening, February 22, 1982 for the Novice and Tech/General. They will continue each Monday evening until May 10, 1982. There is still time to start and be ready for exams at the Hamfest. Full details on registration are in the February issue of the *Rag*.

The Advanced class licensing course will start Thursday, March 11, 1982 and will be held each Thursday until May 6, 1982. You may sign up at the March meeting or call Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, at 624-1929 or 546-2700 Ext. 3304. Registration and Books will be \$5.00 plus club membership.

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while others rest and never care.

On meeting night some always show,
while others never, never go.

Some always pay their dues ahead,
some get behind for months instead.

Some do their best, some build, some make;
some never do, just get and take.

Some lag behind, just let things go
and never help their group to grow.

Some drag, some pull

some don't, some do. Consider:

Which of these are YOU?

Author Unknown

THE COPS COLUMN

by Howie Davies, N2CUN

From Albany comes good news and bad.

Attention you truck owners: Effective January 1st you *should have been able to* apply to the local license bureau for form MV400c and display your call on your commercially registered vehicle the same as you do now on your car. However, due to a snafu in Albany, there was no special fee set for Amateur plates in this series. Hopefully this should be straightened out soon. We'll keep you informed.

Tinted Windows: Effective January 1st any motor vehicle registered in New York State can't have the windshield or front side windows tinted unless the owner has a doctor's prescription. The rear window can be tinted if the vehicle is equipped with side mirrors. The 6" tinted strip on top of the windshield is still permitted.

Speed Limit Changes: If you are a careful driver like Bud Young, WA2UGE, and son Phil, N2CTB, you never get stopped by Rochester's Finest. Wanna Bet? There is a change again on RT 590 from the "Can" to RT 104 interchange. Some of you didn't even realize that the 40 MPH signs are gone. But *BEWARE*. In the spring they will be back again!

See you at the next RaRa meeting and drive like you would if you know who was right behind you.

Our thanks to W2WPF and WA2NFY who were omitted from the list of those that assisted with the relocation of K2JD.

RAG WELCOMES MEMORIES

With this March issue the *RaRa Rag* is pleased to publish the first article in a series by Ed Gable, K2MP. Ed is a past President of RaRa and was chosen "Ham of the Year" at the 1981 Rochester Hamfest. He is well known to many graduates of the RaRa licensing classes. Ed enjoys all phases of hamming and uses almost all frequencies and modes.

THE RaRa RAG 20 YEARS AGO: MARCH 1962

by Ed Gable, K2MP

Club President Stan Hazen, K2SSB, announced the March 2nd program to be on Brasspounding and old CW keys presented by AWA members Bruce Kelley, W2ICE, and Linc Cundall, W2QY. The club urged all members to write to their State Representatives encouraging passage of the Call-Letter License Plate Bill. The First Annual Dinner-Dance was announced as being very successful as was the first RaRa meeting to be held on a Friday night rather than Thursday. Ed Valmore, K2EVJ, and Bill Brelsford, K2INO, set a 10 GHz DX record of 1.4 miles. RaRa VP, Chuck Oneske, K2YCO, took top honors in the VHF SS contest. Rochester Radio's Ad pushed the new Mosely CM-1 receiver.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

There are two events coming up that require our expertise in communications. They are the March of Dimes to be held on Sunday, April 25th and the Susquehannock Pro Road Rally on June 12th and 13th.

The March of Dimes will consist of four separate walks of 20 miles with 4 - 5 checkpoints on each walk. This will require approximately 20 - 25 people to cover the various checkpoints. Registration for walkers will start at 9:00 a.m. and the walks will start at 10:00 a.m. If you wish to participate, you can sign up at the March or April meeting.

The Susquehannock Pro Road Rally will be held June 12th and 13th in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. This will be the sixth year that we have participated in this event and I am sure everybody that goes will have as much fun as in the past. They are hoping for a little better weather than the last two years and with a little luck - who knows! If you wish to participate - sign up at the March, April or May meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like to work on either of these events - call Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, at 624-1929.



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AMATEUR RADIO SCHOLARSHIPS

by Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC

The Foundation For Amateur Radio, Inc., is a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C. It is composed of fifty amateur radio clubs from the local Washington area. In the next academic year, 1982-83, it plans to award nine scholarships. Two scholarships are funded from the proceeds of the Gaithersburgh (MD) Hamfest. It administers, without cost to the donors, two scholarships for the Quarter Century Wireless Association and one each for the Richard G. Chichester Memorial, the Radio Club of America, the Young Ladies' Radio League, the Edmund B. Reddington Memorial and the Amateur Radio News Service.

Radio amateurs may compete for one or more of these awards if they hold at least an FCC General Class License, and if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled or have been accepted for enrollment in an accredited university, college or technical school. The nine scholarships range from \$300 to \$900, with preference given in some of them to residents of specific geographical areas or to the pursuit of certain study programs.

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Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC
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GINNA EVACUATION DRILL AND "THIS IS NOT A DRILL"

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

The first of what is scheduled to be an annual drill was held as planned on January 21, 1982. The first call was received by us at 0629hrs and all stations had been notified and were at K2JD by 0830hrs. The drill went well throughout the day and was secured at 1704hrs. We worked closely with KB2XI operating in Wayne County and W2RDX operating in Batavia. Thanks to all who took time off from work (and especially those that used vacation time) for their efforts in making this drill a successful one.

This drill was followed in four days by the real thing - *This is not a drill, I repeat - This is not a drill!!!* The thoughts that go through your mind when you hear those words are hard to describe - but ask any of the fellows that heard them the morning of January 25th what they thought and you will find that when the initial surprise and disbelief have passed, they are thankful for the work they have done to be ready for just such an event.

Thankfully, this did not develop into a major disaster and we were able to secure the station by 2000hrs on the 25th.

Thanks to those that spent the day and evening at K2JD and all those that checked in during the day to be available if they were needed. The Rochester area can be proud of the response by the local hams - both those that worked on it directly and those that refrained from the use of the repeaters so that they were available when needed.

RaRa T-SHIRTS: BRIGHTER LOOK!

by Polly Esther Blendd, ST1TCH

With spring just around the corner (so says the calendar anyway), thoughts will be turning to such fair weather activities as Field Day, picnics, boating and outdoor sports, area hamfests and public service events. RaRa now offers you a bright, new, good quality T-shirt, perfect attire for such occasions. These attractive 50% cotton 50% polyester gold-colored shirts with green RaRa logo will be available in small, medium, large and extra-large sizes beginning with the March 5th meeting and at all subsequent RaRa and affiliated group gatherings. At only \$4.00 each, they may disappear quickly ... enough said.

FOR SALE - Old Home-brew Transmitter, (AM), with #4-250A final and pole transformers in power supply. Any offer: contact Earl Holtz, W2WQV, at 377-7401.

MARCH RAG CALENDAR

- 5 - RaRa meeting, 8 p.m., lower meeting hall of the Eisenhart Auditorium of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, South Goodman Street at East Avenue.
- 10 - RaRa Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 p.m., home of Gil Chapin:: WB2UTI, 35 Haymarket Road.
- 10 - April RAG Deadline.
- 16 - RDXA meeting, 8:15 p.m., Colonial Hotel, 1129 Empire Boulevard.
- 17 - Kodak Park Amateur Radio Club meeting, 12 Noon, Building 28.
- 19 - Annual Combined Auction of Rochester VHF Group and RRRA, 8 p.m., Monroe County Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Avenue.



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RDXA MEETS MARCH 16th

by Rick Berg, KS2F

The members of the Rochester DX Association will get the jump on St. Patrick's Day when they gather on Tuesday, March 16 at 8:15 p.m. The Colonial Hotel at 1129 Empire Boulevard will have plenty of green bottles of beer to prepare everyone for the day ahead.

For those who participated in the ARRL CW and Phone DX Contests please bring your log and check sheets to this meeting. If you cannot attend, please send them to Gary Winkelman, KB2NU, 3165 Culver Road, Rochester, NY 14622 as soon as possible.

RDXA Members who wish to receive a free RDXA Name Badge should be sure to have your order form to Rick Berg, KS2F, not later than March 31. The badges will be done by K2JD Engraving and sent by direct mail to each ordering member.

Our agenda and program for March 16th will be announced in the monthly mailing to RDXA Members. So come out with us to start St. Patty's Day right at the same time they do in Ireland. See you March 16th at the Colonial Hotel.

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Central electronics 20-A transmitter 160-10 meters SSB-CW-AM-FM/RATT with VFO and filter, \$50.

RTTY model 15 page printer and tape reader, \$75.

Azden PCS 300 2-meter FM portable, "New", 142-145.995, 1½ w, 3 w, 8 memory, scanner, digital display, with charger, \$275.

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Contact Lenny Gessin, WA2ZNC, 248-2511 after 6 p.m.

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JANUARY VHF CONTEST RESULTS

The 10 highest scoring stations in the Rochester VHF Group January Contest competition are as follows:

1 N2JY, John Yells	25,056
2 K2YCO, Chuck Oneske	21,476
3 WB2JLR, Rich Place	19,548
4 K2JFV, multi-op	18,128
5 WA2KGM, multi-op	17,350
6 WB2KIW, Bill Gillette	17,376
7 DL7KX/W2, Klaus Gueldenpfennig	17,226
8 WD2AKA, mult-op	14,350
9 K2OXT, Bob Boyack	13,840
10 WA2YEK, Lee Van Grol	12,474
WA2EKT, Dan Jordan	5,226

Highest FM Score (203 Contacts)

As of February 12, 167 logs had been submitted with an aggregate point total of 762,482. Both figures are down from previous years.

SAYLARC Certificate Now Available

The Second Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club has a new Certificate available as of January 1, 1982. Anyone wishing to work for this Certificate has only to contact 15 SAYLARC members on any band or any mode except on 6 meters, 2 meters or via a repeater. The SAYLARC's have two nets each week. On Fridays you will find them on or around 3.945 at 9:00 a.m. and on Saturday on or around 7.240 at 9:00 a.m. But they will not accept contacts during the net. Members will however stick around and make contacts after the net has closed or go to a different frequency to make the contact for the Certificate. Keep a log of contacts, call signs, names, QTH, signal reports, frequency, time, and date. Send a copy of your log and \$2.00 to WB2FNF and she will send you a certificate. Happy Hunting!!

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