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## THANKS!

A special thanks to all of you who contributed so much time to make this year's Hamfest the success that it was. I am sure I have not expressed my thanks in person, to all that helped so I extend my appreciation to all of you now. The assistance with everything before, during and after the Hamfest was just SUPER.

Again - Thanks for a job well done.

*Ed, N2EH*

## RaRa PICNIC - JUNE 5th POWDER MILL PARK

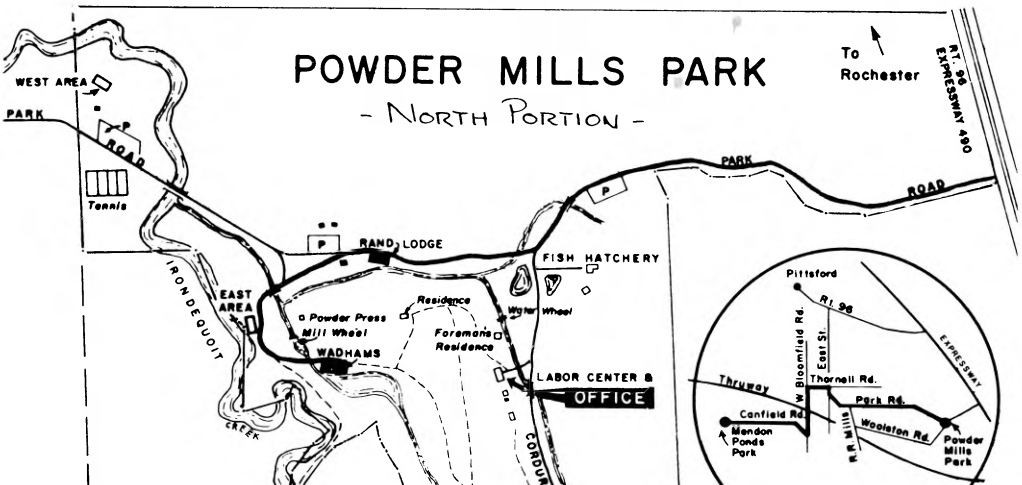
The annual RaRa Picnic will take place Saturday, June 5th at Wadhams Lodge, in Powder Mill Park near Pittsford. The picnic will be from 2 - 5 p.m. and as always there will be plenty of games, fun and food. The picnic is open to all members and their family or a guest. There is no charge. The annual picnic is one of the membership benefits of RaRa. This year's picnic Chairman is John Golden, W2IRG.

## HAMFEST ATTENDANCE 5000 STAN ZACK, K2PSO NAMED HAM-OF-THE-YEAR

The 1982 Rochester Hamfest is now history, and even though no attendance records were broken, this year's Hamfest must be considered one of the most successful in recent history. The weather could not have been more perfect. The flea market was absolutely the largest ever - we almost ran out of flea market space! Even though there were about 18 commercial exhibitors in the Dome Arena, the crowd was still elbow-to-elbow as they tried to make up their mind what new rig they couldn't do without.

The success of the Hamfest, as measured in dollars and cents, will not be known for several months until all the bills are paid and the books are closed. The cause of last year's problems, the NYS sales tax raid, was not repeated. The sales tax compliance officers visited the hamfest, made their inspection with minimal fanfare, pronounced us in compliance and then left.

At the annual Hamfest banquet Saturday night, Stan Zack, K2PSO, Hudson Division ARRL Director was named Ham of the Year.



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## RAG TAKES SUMMER VACATION

### See You in September

by Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ

This issue completes Volume 34 of the *RaRa RAG*, and my first year as Editor. It has been a good year, and I have enjoyed the job of putting together the *RAG* very much. I have tried to involve more members in its publication and I hope to be able to do as well if not better next year. The job would have been impossible, though, had it not been for several key staff members. Associate Editor Dwight Hill, K2KWK, takes most of the raw copy given to him by members, types it, as well as writing many articles of his own. Joyce Ray, wife of printer Don Ray, WA2PKS, typesets all the material and make last minute adjustments to prepare the editor's layout for printing. She also catches most of the editor's mistakes or omissions too! Frank Polino, K2OS, our new Advertising Manager is busy trying to find new accounts for next year. Also, I cannot forget Ed Gable, K2MP, who drops material off at the printer's several times a month, and Harold Smith, K2HC, who prints the labels and keeps our mailing list up-to-date. Finally, there have been many members, board members, and the members of my family who have helped prepare the *RAG* for mailing by collating the pages and stuffing them into envelopes and attaching mailing labels to them. I take this opportunity to thank them all for a job very well done.

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## RaRa ELECTION RESULTS

At the May 7th annual meeting, the following were elected to office:

Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, *President*  
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Harold Smith, K2HC

At the suggestion of the Board of Directors, the membership voted to keep the dues structure for next year the same as this year.

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## SILENT KEY

B. A. KENDIG, WA2YCK, April 19, 1982

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## PASSAGE OF SALES TAX BILL NEEDS YOUR HELP

The passage of the legislation proposed to exempt Amateur Radio Equipment from NYS sales tax took on even greater importance as new sales tax compliance regulations are to be put into effect later this year. According to Rich McCracken, KA2CVN, Hamfest legal assistant, these new rules will all but wipe out hamfest flea markets as we known them. Each and every flea market vendor will have to be registered with the state, and the promoter of the event will be held liable for insuring this registration, and will be subject to prosecution if any flea marketeers do not have a sales tax certificate.

These rules are being put into effect mainly due to the problem being caused downstate by professional flea market operations that compete directly with local merchants. If nothing is done, the backlash from these operations will seriously hurt hamfests in New York State. This makes it even more imperative that the sales tax exemption bill be passed in this term of the legislature.

As you are reading this, your state senators and assemblymen are back home campaigning for reelection. They have hopefully by now finished wrestling with the state budget, and have less than a month to consider other legislative matters before adjourning for the summer. It is therefore very important that we inundate them with letters supporting this bill so that it will get reported out of committee and be placed on the floor for a vote as soon as possible. When writing, be sure to identify the bill by its number - Assembly Bill 10233. A partial listing of local state representatives appears below. *NOTE: EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY HAVE SIGNED A PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE TIME TO WRITE A SHORT LETTER. PERSONAL LETTERS ARE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE THAN FORM LETTERS OR PETITIONS.*

K2RJ

## WHERE TO WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS

### STATE SENATORS

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John D. Perry (D, 53rd), 1134 Titus Avenue, Rochester, 14617. (716-544-5450).

William M. Steinfeldt (R, 54th), 217 Weston Road, Rochester, 14612. (716-663-5951).

## SUMMER RAG CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 4 - RRRA Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.,  
Farm and Home Center
- 5 - Annual RaRa Picnic, Wadhams Lodge,  
Powder Mill Park, 2 - 5 p.m.
- 12 - 13 - Susquehannock Pro Rally
- 12 - 13 - June VHF Contest
- 13 - Victor Pony Rally
- 18 - 19 - Scotch Bonnett Sailboat Race
- 26 - 27 - Field Day

### JULY

- 11 - Batavia Hamfest
- 14 - RaRa Board of Directors meeting,  
7:30 p.m., QTH of N2EH
- 24 - Mt. Beacon Hamfest

### AUGUST

- 11 - September RAG Deadline

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Dale M. Volker (R, 58th), 4981 Broadway, Depew, NY 14043. (716-681-3373).

Walter J. Floss, Jr. (R-C-RL, 59th), Room 218, State Office Building, 65 Court Street, Buffalo, NY 14202. (716-842-2369).

*(The above may also be reached care of the New York State Senate, Albany, NY 12247.)*

### ASSEMBLYMEN

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James L. Emery (R, 136th), Holcomb Building, State University Campus, Geneseo, NY 14454. (716-243-3600).

R. Stephen Hawley (R-C, 137th), 19 Jackson Street, Batavia, NY 14020. (716-343-3990).

Hugh MacNeil (R, 128th), 901 Dryden Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. (607-272-3403).

*(The above may also be reached care of the New York State Assembly, Albany 12248.)*

## THE COP'S COLUMN

by Howie Davies, N2CUN, R.P.D.

Summer is finally here and therefore this will mean getting outside to fix antennas and towers, etc. Thanks to all who assisted WA2JMH get a tower and peripheral devices from Greece to sunny East Bloomfield. I want to also thank the same group as they assisted me take down my beam. Thanks go out to WA2JMH, WB2EFU, KA2BNL, KA2KFV and W2DHV who supervised, and K2MP who was our go-fer. Forgive me if I forgot anyone.

On the way home from the May RaRa meeting George Walker, KC2EI, was forced off the road by another motorist. George responded with a cool head and some smart driving. He accessed the Fuzz Buzz and followed the car from Penfield to Merchants Road near Culver. During this time the car was all over the road and was involved in some property damage. George kept with the car until it stopped and city police responded and the arrest was made. George gave police a complete statement to what had occurred. My hat goes off to George, and a job well-done. Many thanks for getting "involved".

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## LICENSING CLASSES SUCCESSFUL

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

The license classes have now been completed for the summer and will resume again in the fall. I thank everyone that contributed time to make them successful again and hope that those students that took tests at the Hamfest were successful. Thanks to Ed Gable, K2MP, and Bud Young, WA2UGE, for running the general course, Harold Mundy, KD2K, for doing the advanced course and Russ Foster, KA2NHP, for assisting me with the novice course. Thanks also to Dave Payne, KA2J, for taking over the novice course for me when I was on vacation. We are also indebted to Irv Goodman, AF2K, and Ed Maher, WB2ZJY, for taking care of registration details.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

We have managed to work our way through another project with our service to the sponsor of the March of Dimes. This was a true experience in logistics with the efforts put forth in the eventual locating of and disbursement of the "Hot Dogs". I thank everyone that participated in this event for their fine work in making the event successful and the scoring of another point for our public image.

The next events on the schedule are the Susquehannock Pro Road Rally in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania and the Mendon Pony Rally in Victor, New York. These are both scheduled for the weekend of June 12th and 13th with the Pro Rally on both days and the Pony Rally on Sunday, the 13th. If you would like to participate in either of these events, contact Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, for the Road Rally or John Williamson, WA2UTG, for the Pony Rally.

The next events include the Scotch Bonnet Yacht Race sponsored by the Genesee Yacht Club on June 18th and 19th coordinated by Bud Young, WA2UGE. This will be followed by the Western New York Regional Pony Rally on July 31st in Mendon, New York, the Hamlin Beach Treathlon sponsored by the Genesee Valley Cycling Club on August 22nd and Canaltown Days in Palmyra, New York on September 17th to 19th.

These events are very worthwhile to the amateur community, both as good public exposure and for training in the event of an emergency requiring our assistance. I would like to see more people participate on an occasional basis, perhaps for a couple of hours on one or two events during the year to assist those that work on them on a regular basis. Please contact me if you are interested.

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## A.W.A. NEWS

The Antique Wireless Association will hold a software auction of old magazines, books, catalogs and manuals, Saturday, July 17 on the American Legion Grounds, East Bloomfield. Everyone welcome. For more information, contact Linc Cundall, W2LC.

AWA has moved into its new spacious storage facility. A feature will be a large reference library of catalogs and Rider Manuals. This reference material should be of great value to the amateur repairing early equipment. More information and hours in the September *RaRa Rag*.



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## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORTS

27 April 1982

To the Board of the  
Rochester Amateur Radio Association

Att: D. H. Drennan, President

Our examination of the financial records of the Rochester Amateur Radio Association, for the period of September 1, 1980 - September 1, 1981, has been completed.

All financial records are kept on a cash basis of accounting. As such, they recognize revenues when received and expenses when paid. All reported receipts were checked through to bank deposits and the total deposits compared with the record of receipts in the receipts journals.

We also examined all expenditures with the supportive invoices, and identified the checks with which they were paid.

The scope of our investigation included:

RaRa Treasurer's books - G. Chapin, Treasurer  
K2JD Engraving - R. Lauzon, Chairman  
K2JD Station - E. Holdsworth, Trustee  
Membership committee - I. Goodman, Chairman  
Hamfest committee - H. Smith, Chairman

In our opinion the examined books and records correctly reflect the financial position of the club, and its' affiliates and the year-end statements have accurately portrayed this condition.

We wish to commend all the officers involved in club accounting for their accuracy and conscientious efforts in the performance of their duties and for their assistance in making all books and records available to the committee.

*The Audit Committee*  
*A. G. de Blicke, KB2VX*  
*M.F. Blakley, KC2NU*

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**FOR SALE:** Heath HW-8 with Power Supply - \$135. K2NC, John, 225-3626.

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**FOR SALE:** 2 KW linear (see my article in April '69 *QST*) complete with 3 KV, 1 amp power supply, monitor scope, electronic phone patch, all well metered, mounted in a 6' cabinet rack. Includes brand new spare tube for linear plus lots of spare parts. \$400.00 or best offer. Bob Anderson, W2OL, 381-1458.

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**FOR SALE:** Drake station in excellent condition, R4B, T4XB, MS-4, AC-4, \$625.00, make an offer. KB2KY, Jim Allen, (716) 265-9827.

## RDXA MEETS JUNE 15th ELECTION NITE

The Rochester DX Association will meet Tuesday, June 15th, 8:15 p.m. to elect a new slate of officers for the 1982-83 club year. The Colonial Hotel, 1127 Empire Boulevard will provide one of its rooms for the meeting.

At the April meeting a committee was formed to contact all members and be able to present to the May monthly gathering a slate of candidates. In addition to these, nominations were also taken from the floor.

To give all members a chance to vote, ballots and instructions will be included along with the monthly meeting notice.

The 1981-82 RDXA club year showed about 70% attendance at each meeting. The officers to be elected will be of that caliber to provide the same enthusiasm and drive that continues to put the RDXA back on the road to nationwide recognition.

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## HINKS and KINKS

by Don Lum, WA6ICW

For starting those nuts in the hard-to-reach areas, try making yourself a nut starter out of shrink tubing.

This can simply be done by selecting a piece of shrink tubing with a diameter slightly greater than the nut and cut long enough to make the reach.

Place the nut on the table and the tubing over it and perpendicular to the table. Now, with the use of a heat gun (or hair drier), shrink this end so that the tubing forms a socket for the nut. You will find that there is just enough friction to hold the nut in place. After a few threads have started into the nut, pull the tubing to remove it and it is now ready to be used again.

*Tnx LERC Amateur Radio Club Bulletin*

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# CONTROVERSY SURROUNDS RECIPROCAL CANADA/U.S. AMATEUR OPERATIONS

by Fred Maia, W5YI

There still is a considerable amount of confusion regarding what the rules are concerning Canadian and American amateurs operating in the others country. A little background is in order.

(1) A Canada-U.S. Treaty entitled "Convention Between Canada and the United State Relating to the Operation by Citizens of Either Country of Certain Radio Equipment or Stations in the Other Country" was signed February 8, 1951, in Ottawa, Canada. It was ratified by the United States in Washington on May 15, 1952. This treaty is not the same as a Canadian or U.S. government regulation. It carries the weight of the U.S. Congress and the government of Canada and can not be changed by FCC or DOC rulemaking.

(2) The Treaty (Article III, paragraph 1(d) specifically says that "amateur stations shall be operated in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country in which the station is temporarily located." For 25 years, both Canada and the United States allowed visiting amateurs to utilize its frequencies and privileges. (This also meant a visiting American got to use the so-called foreign phone band when in Canada from 14.100-14.200 MHz.!)

(3) This came to a halt November 1, 1977 when Canada's Department of Communications adopted Section 50 of the Canadian Amateur Service Radio Act which specifies that Americans can "only use radio frequencies, types of emission or modes of transmission authorized in his own country and Americans cannot use frequencies authorized in the U.S. but not authorized to Canadian amateurs." Our own FCC recently published its reciprocal guidelines. It said that an "alien has the same privileges in the U.S. as he/she does in his/her own country, but never

## L.A.R.S. NEWS

The Livingston Amateur Repeater Society, sponsor of WR2AFF on 146.16/.76, announces several changes in its operation. On June 10th, the repeaters callsign will revert back to that of the licensee WA2DHB. The 76 repeater was first licensed by Pat, WA2DHB, on July 11th, 1972. In the beginning coverage was limited to just Livingston County but now it covers major portions of eight counties. Then as now the repeater's role is to provide emergency communications, but frills have been added such as: autopatch (Dansville, Springwater & Wayland), time announcement with identification, announcement tapes and pending completion links to WA2EQX/R 52.57/53.57, WA2GHM/R 146.07/67, & WA3QAG/R 147.75/15. L.A.R.S. has filed for affiliation with the ARRL and has made changes in its constitution to allow novices and non-hams to become associate members. The fiscal year was changed to a calendar year and area amateurs are invited to join L.A.R.S. For more information contact one of our officers: Bill, W2XJ, President; Les, WA2GUP, Secretary; or Dwight, WA2ZUG, Treasurer.

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more than the highest class operator (Amateur Extra) in the United States." There was no special mention that Canada might be different.

It was brought to my attention that both the DOC Section 50 and the FCC reciprocal operation guidelines might be illegal in view of the existing U.S.-Canada Treaty. I decided to phone the FCC's Washington Treaty Branch and talk to its Chief, Frank Williams. He told me that this Treaty was indeed still in effect and that Canada in adopting Section 50 was "not complying with the agreement." He said "Canada has withdrawn privileges from United States amateurs" and that it indeed would "be an issue". Williams said that the only way a U.S. Treaty can be changed, is for it to be "renegotiated" with our country. "A letter has already been written to Canada," I was told. As far as Canadian amateur radio operators operating in this country goes, Williams said they have full U.S. privileges and that they are an exception to the recently issued Private Radio Bureau's reciprocal guidelines.

I saw nothing in the treaty that says domestic rules can't be changes by Canada or the United States but Frank Williams said they could not be. So the controversy continues and we will keep you posted. But the way the current rules read, you still can't utilize frequencies in Canada unless they exist in the U.S. and vice versa.

Tnx - W5YI REPORT

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## Memorial Station Provides Relay League Practice Sessions

by Vivian Douglas, WA2PUU,

Code practice and bulletin transmissions are a service provided by the American Radio Relay League to any listener having a receiver with ham frequencies.

Mail received from this column's readers reveals that these code practice sessions benefit as many non-hams who never considered the possibility of becoming licensed, as it does the aspiring listener straining for his new ticket or upgrade.

Anyone can tune to the proper frequency and copy along as international code is being sent at five words per minute through 35 wpm at various times throughout the day.

The league maintains a model amateur radio station using the call of W1AW which belonged to Hiram Percy Maxim until his death and was later transferred to the league station by special government action. This memorial station, located in Newington, Connecticut, has separate transmitters of maximum legal power on each amateur band, which permit it to be heard worldwide.

During W1AW code practice sessions the regular text material is taken from the ARRL magazine publication "QST", and errors in copy can be checked following the sessions so operators may apply extra practice to weak points.

At the beginning of each session the source of material is revealed by slower copy speed. The listener will hear, for example, "Text is from September 1981 QST, pages 14 and 78."

Code practice and CW bulletin frequencies are 1835, 3580, 7080, 14080, 21080, 28080, 50.08 and 147.555 MHz.

Slow code practice sessions for the Eastern Standard Time area are sent at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays they will be heard at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

For the listener wishing to increase his code speed to higher levels, the fast code practice sessions are run at 10 wpm, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 wpm at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 7 p.m.

The CW bulletins, which give both excellent code copy and information at the same time, are run at 18 wpm and can be heard Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. and daily at 5 and 8 p.m. Bulletins contain updated news items of interest to all hams.

*Tnx: D.A.R.C. Newsletter*

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To heck with those kilowatt hours.

In the well with all of that tripe.

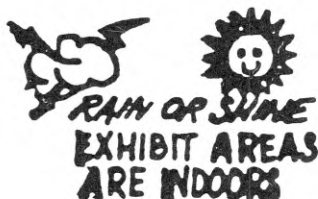
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