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RaRa PICNIC — JUNE 4th at POWDER MILL PARK

The pop is cold, the hots are sizzling and the potato salad and baked beans are ready. All we need are *YOU* to make the annual RaRa picnic a success!

Chief *sizzler* this year is Bill Thiel, K2KGE, incoming President, assisted by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, outgoing prez. The Picnic Committee has ordered perfect weather, as usual, and with the food and games a good time is guaranteed to all!

Admission is free to all RaRa members and their family or a guest. Come to Wadhams Lodge in Powder Mill Park at 1 p.m. for the start of the festivities.

See the map below for directions.

WANTED

Do you take pleasure in "paper work", general record keeping and financial responsibility? RaRa will be looking for a new Membership Chairman for the 1983-84 season. If you consider yourself "qualified", and are seriously interested in this type of volunteer club activity, please contact the Membership Chairman or any Board member.

A special thanks to those that assisted in the Hamfest Mailing and all those that make the Hamfest the success that it is.

N2EH

RDXA: JUNE 21st

by Fred Gern, KB2SE

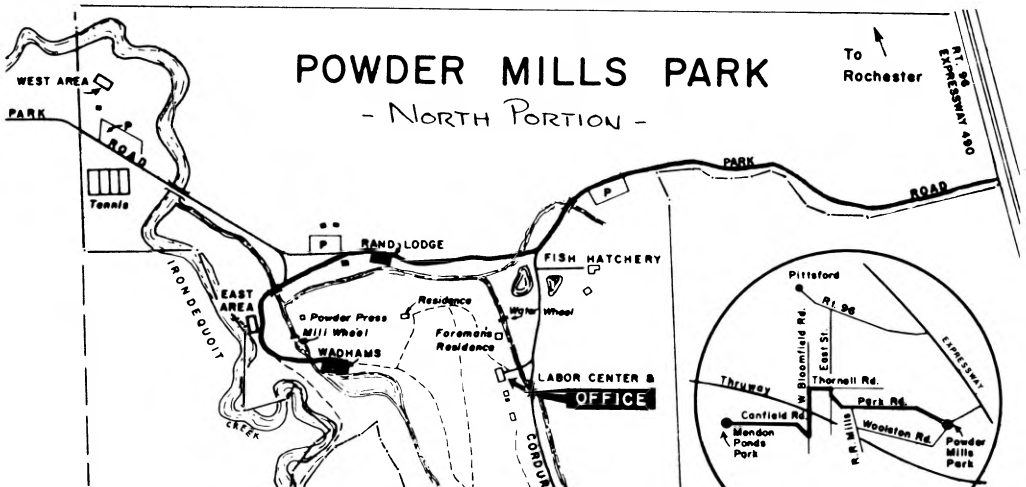
Our June meeting will again enjoy the hospitality of the Colonial Restaurant, 1129 Empire Boulevard. The formal part starts at 8:15 p.m.

The highlight of our evening will be Gus Becker, W2PHT, who is RDXA Historian. Gus will transport us back over thirty years to the origins of the RDXA. We are most anxious to invite our past members to join us for this meeting. Hopefully many will join our nostalgic trip. Even the snow-birds are welcome!

We also will hold an election of club officers. Final plans for field day will be on tap too.

Another subject of interest to many DX'ers will appear in the limelight, following its discussion at our June meeting. The subject is — DX Honor Roll; is it worth the two deaths occurring in the April attempt on Spratly Island? This topic is sure to create an active debate.

A warm summer to all, and to all — some DX!



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Another Club year has come to an end as has the 35th volume of the RAG. I have received many encouraging comments from you this year in reference to the size and content of the RAG and I really appreciate the great support I get from the members and the Board of Directors. I am already planning improvements for next fall. If you have any ideas or would like to write a continuing column or feature, contact me or Dwight Hill.

This summer is full of opportunities to use our communicating skills for public service. Consult the summer calendar for the dates, and contact Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, or myself for the details.

Finally, whatever you do this summer, think *safety*. We want to see you at the club meetings next fall. Don't take chances when working on your tower, on the roof, or in the trees. Kill that power switch before you put your pinkeys into that power amplifier. Wear shoes when you cut the grass! 73

K2RJ

RaRa ELECTION RESULTS

The RaRa Nominating Committee choices made a clean sweep at the Annual Meeting, May 6th. There were two nominations for Director from the floor, George Walker, KC2EI, and Harold Smith, K2HC. Both were defeated.

The new officers and directors for 1983-84 are:

Vice President — Ray Roberts, WA2SSU

Secretary — Alan Komenski, AC2K

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DUES INCREASE FOR 1983-84

At the May Annual Meeting, the members of RaRa unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Board of Directors and raise the club dues for the first time in 5 years. The new dues structure is:

Full — \$7

Associate — \$4

Family — \$1 per additional member in full member's household.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

Since this will be my last "President's Column", I will extend my thanks to all that have given their assistance and support during the past year. I think it has been a productive year and hope that everyone will give Bill their support during the months ahead.

The Board of Directors at their March meeting, approved the submission of an application to the ARRL for Special Service Club status. The application was sent to the Section Manager, our Division Director and then to ARRL.

The application was approved and just prior to our May meeting we were notified that we had attained Special Service Club status. The details of what this means to our Club can be found in the December 1982 issue of *QST* on page 62 in the article by Sally O'Dell KB1O, Club Program Manager ARRL.

I am also happy to report our successful participation in several Public Service projects in April, including the Run for Life sponsored by The American Heart Association, the March of Dimes, the Interstate Highways Clean-up that involved over 600 High School students from Monroe County and also the Walk for Life. We are now preparing for the Susquehannock Pro Road Rally on June 11 and 12, and the Mendon Pony Club Rally on June 12th. If anyone is interested in working on these or any other events, just give me a call.

Again, I thank all those that have assisted me the past year and wish everyone a warm and long summer.

WESTERN NEW YORK ARRL

OFFICIALS MEET

All Western New York ARRL Officials are invited to a day long meeting Saturday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Holiday Inn, 10 Market Street, Amsterdam. Yes, Amsterdam is in Montgomery County, firmly a part of the WNY Section. Officials of ARES are encouraged to invite RACES leaders to attend also.

Each League Official may invite other members to attend. Bill Thompson, W2MTA asks for a head count by June 5th, and to let him know in advance if you plan to give an activity report. He encourages such activity reports. If you will make such a report he asks for a hard copy for "the respective Assistant SM". All ARRL Officials in WNY have been sent an invitation from Bill Thompson, W2MTA, Section Manager.

JUNE RAG SUMMER CALENDAR

JUNE

- 2 - Teleconference Radio Network, 8:30 p.m. K2SA/R (146.19/79), WB2AQQ (144.51/145.11)
- 2 - RRRR Annual Meeting and Transmitter Hunt, Pittsford Town Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- 4 - Annual RaRa Picnic, 1-5 p.m., Wadhams Lodge, Powder Mill Park.
- 4 - Boy Scout Olympics Weekend Public Service Event, Brockport State College.
- 4, 5 - Annual New York State Army MARS meeting, Binghamton, NY.
- 5 - Rome Ham Family Day
- 11, 12 - SUSQUEHANNOCK Road Rallye Public Service Event, Wellsboro, PA.
- 11, 12 - ARRL June VHF Contest
- 12 - Victor Pony Rallye Public Service Event.
- 18 - Scotch Bonnet Sailing Race Public Service Event.
- 18 - Cortland Hamfest (Skyline Amateur Radio Club).
- 22 - GINNA Disaster Drill Public Service Event.
- 25, 26 - FIELD DAY

JULY

- 10 - Batavia Hamfest, Firemen's Grounds, Alexander, NY
- 13 - RaRa Board meeting (tentative), 7:30 p.m., QTH of Bill Thiel, K2KGE.
- 17 - Mendon Pony Rallye Public Service Event.
- 20 - RRRR Board Meeting, 8 p.m., new QTH of Ed Neubauer, N2BXA.

AUGUST

- 10-14 - Empire State Games Public Service Event, Syracuse, NY.
- 15 - September RAG deadline to K2KWK.
- 20 - Iron Man Contest Public Service Event.
- 27, 28 - *Camp Good Days and Special Times* Special Event Station, operating K2JD, Canandaigua, NY.
- 27 - Finger Lakes Hamfest, Trumansburgh, NY.

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TWO VIEWPOINTS: NO CODE

The following two articles, one taken from the Nittany Amateur Radio Club of State College, Pennsylvania's newsletter the *Newsette* and the other from the Foundation for Amateur Radio of the Washington, D.C. area publication *Auto-call* typify the range of arguments the *Rag* staff have come across from the rank and file writing to local Amateur Radio publications. We have to assume that these same themes find their way into the comments written to the FCC.

Our purpose here is not to take sides on the issue. We have tried to take a rather neutral position but at the same time promote discussion and, we hope, written comments to the FCC on the no-code issue. We ask you to read these two articles, however, and put yourself into the shoes of one of the FCC commissioners or staff members. By which type of argument would *you* be swayed? Which letter would *you* pay more attention to?

The comment deadline on this docket is June 28th. See the April *Rag* for detailed instruction on how to comment.

CODE FREE LICENSE — 1

The FCC is determined to turn the ham bands into an area like 11 meters.

After reading the text of their proposal it is apparent that regardless of the choice that is made between the two suggested alternatives of a code free license our bands will be destroyed if the docket is approved as written.

The proposal calls for either a codeless Technician class which will allow all privileges now allowed to the present technician class except HF cw, or the second alternative proposes a new class, the Experimenter class. This class will allow all amateur privileges to the Experimenter class above 144mhz. This means 2 meters also. Can you imagine our repeaters sounding like 11 meters? "*10-4 Good Buddy*".

In their proposal the FCC said they would be flexible in the frequencies that would be authorized to either new class of license. It's apparent that they plan to allow phone privileges to whichever class is approved. Keeping this in mind I

have filed my comments to the FCC suggesting that they adopt the new Experimenter class and authorize them full amateur privileges on the bands above 450 mhz. This will keep our most used bands free from the sure to come destruction.

Any one else wishing to file comments on this docket (PR 83-28) should do so as soon as possible. The comment period has been extended to 28 June. If you file comments be sure to include at least 5 copies or your comments will be used only as a matter of public record and not be considered during the rule-making process. If you decide not to file any comments and let things take their own course then get out your "*Power Mike*", your "*Kicker*" and throw away the rule book because in a couple years the whole thing will be exactly like 11 meters. 10-4 and BY BY Good Buddy.

Dave Buckwalter, KC3CL/MAD

NO CODE — 2

The FCC's "no-code" license proposal represents an exciting innovation that will attract new Hams; stimulate public interest in Amateur Radio; and spur the development of Amateur data communications. The proposal deserves your earnest consideration and support.

Establishing a "no-code" license class simply reflects that knowledge of the code is not a reasonable prerequisite to using an FM repeater or passing data between personal computers. Requiring a code test to operate these modes on the largely codeless VHF and UHF bands just doesn't make sense.

Perhaps the most often repeated argument for retaining the code requirement for all licensees is that "*newcomers should be willing to work for their licenses.*" But shouldn't the work required for a license bear a rational relationship to the privileges granted? To the would-be VHF FM'er or data communicator, learning the code is often a "*made-work*" penalty to be paid for a license. Requiring a knowledge of Latin or the memorization



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of poetry would perform the same function. The requirements for a “no-code” license need not be easy, but they should relate to the activities in which the licensees will engage. My suggestion: modify the Technician written examination to focus on FM and digital communications.

A related argument is that the code requirement screens out those who are insufficiently motivated to be “good” Amateurs. Judging from the state of the HF bands, it is a poor screening device. The code requirement doesn’t test character; it just tests knowledge of the code. Moreover, it is an unnecessary stumbling block that serves to discourage from obtaining a license many fine individuals who are intrigued with FM or digital communications but have no interest in learning the code. Finally, is it really a proper function of the FCC to gauge the level of motivation of would-be Amateurs?

The ARRL, in a recent *QST* editorial, maintained that the code requirement is needed as a “filtering device” because the FCC’s written examinations have been compromised (an apparent reference to the “Bash Books”). It is my understanding that the code examinations have been compromised to roughly the same extent as the written tests. The logical solution to this problem is to alter testing procedures, not retain unnecessary requirements. The FAA, with a testing program upon which lives literally depend and faced with a similar situation, decided to publish large banks of test questions from which the actual examinations are drawn.

In the same editorial, the ARRL suggested that Amateurs “accept” one another at least in part because all have passed a code examination. Are we really so petty that we won’t talk to a newcomer on the local repeater—a licensed Amateur whose knowledge of technical and regulatory matters may exceed our own—simply because he or she hasn’t demonstrated the ability to read code? I don’t think so.

Some Hams maintain that the code requirement should be retained since CW, a “mode of last resort”, could be useful in an emergency. It is certainly possible to conjure up a situation in which a knowledge of code, even at five words per minute on a VHF band, could be vital to saving lives. I wonder how many thousands of opportunities for public service have gone unfilled, however, due to the many would-be VHF FM’ers who were discouraged from obtaining Amateur licenses by the code requirement.

Others claim our bands are full to the point where additional licensees would be undesirable.

My own experiences do not bear this out. 220 and 440 MHz could certainly benefit from an influx of new Amateurs (New York City, which I frequently visit, has many lightly-used UHF repeaters). It is usually easy to find quiet repeaters on two meters in the Washington area even at “drive time”. Even our busiest machines tend to feature the same voices in rag chews day-after-day. Growth of the Amateur Radio Service will have many positive effects. It will help ensure our future; promote the exploration of new modes and techniques; attract manufacturers and publishers; and increase our lobbying power. The ARRL has expressly recognized the need for growth.

Finally, I have heard the statement that all Amateurs should be forced to learn the code in the hope that some will find they like it and wish to explore further. To the contrary, forcing Amateurs to learn the code when they have no need for it has undoubtedly fostered an unhealthy and unnecessary dislike of the code in many. This argument places the FCC in the untenable position of a parent forcing a child to try different foods. Amateurs can determine their own likes and dislikes without the Federal government’s intervention.

CW is a useful and fun mode of communication, but its place is primarily on the HF bands. Let’s not continue to artificially restrict growth on the VHF and UHF bands with a code requirement. Let the FCC know that you support its “no-code” license proposal.

Neil D. Friedman, N3DF

MEMBERSHIP NOTES:

At press time, club membership stood at 835, down about 3½% from this date last season. Still a few stragglers in our midst. If you have a friend who has not renewed, why not remind him there’s still time.

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EDITOR'S INCH:

We haven't been "discovered".

Over the past four or five years, as Associate Editor of the *RaRa Rag*, I have had some questions. Other questions are from RaRa Club Members and some are from non-members. Some who ask are not even hams. The questions go like this;

Why do I never find RaRa meeting dates in the daily paper community event notes?

There is no news of ham radio Public Service activities in the local papers. For example, not a word appeared of hams' activity in the Ginna Plant Emergency. Why is that?

Perhaps the Editor of the "Upstate" section of the *Sunday Democrat and Chronicle* has written our answer in her column appearing on page 5 of the April 17th 1983 issue. The appropriate part of her statement is:

"On Wednesday the head of a local performing arts group called to ask why I had rejected the article he had written about how wonderful his group is. The answer to me was obvious: When a person writes about his own group the piece is pure public relations; when a writer (one with no attachments to the group) writes the story, it should tell a more complete story about the group - that is what journalism is all about."

Apparently it's not what we know (or what we do), and, it's not who we know, it's that we haven't been discovered!

D.B.H.

K2BYL APPOINTED NYS ARMY MARS DIRECTOR

Jason Layton, K2BYL, and Army MARS AAR2ET of Hilton, has been appointed New York State MARS Director by Headquarters, 7th Signal Command. Jason fills the vacancy left by the death of James Forzono, K2CXO, of Stony Point, NY. Prior to his new appointment, he served as coordinator of Area 4 which encompasses all of Western New York.

As State MARS Director, (a volunteer non-compensated job), he is responsible for the administration of the 200+ member state Army MARS system.

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COP'S CORNER

by Howie Davies, N2CUN, RPD

Warning: NYS vehicle and traffic law states that studded tires are illegal to run after May 1st. So if you still have them on your car or truck, get them off!

Warning: Until the end of July the 40 m.p.h. speed limit will be strictly enforced on RT 590 between I-490 and RT 104. There will be no warnings issued!

This summer there are many activities planned for Downtown Rochester. For more information call or write City Hall on Church Street for a schedule. Make your plans ahead of time and don't miss the fun this summer.

Visitors entering Rochester from the east on I-490 will find an array of flowers and trees in the center median between the Winton Road and Culver Road interchanges. This is a project of the Chamber of Commerce and I would like to see another area like this maybe out on I-490 west of the city. (*How about that, Jim O'Brien!*) Don't stop now, you're doing a great job!

Finally, I would like to thank the gang: Bud, WA2UGE and Family, Art W2YGW, John KA2BNL, Joe W2DHV, Bill WA2JMH and Mary Jane KA2FGE for the support my family has received during a recent family crisis. To all the other Hams who expressed get-well wishes, I also thank you for your support and to let you know that my YL Nancy is doing great. Again, **THANK YOU.** Have a safe, happy summer, and see you in September.

RRRA ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 3rd

The Rochester Radio Repeater Association, Inc. will be holding its annual meeting Friday, June 3rd at the Pittsford Town Hall. Business at the meeting will be the election of officers. Nominees to date are:

Vice President - Howie Davies, N2CUN
Secretary - Alan Komenski, AC2K
Treasurer - Joe Phillips, W2DHV

Nominations will be opened from the floor at this meeting.

After the elections, all present will be invited to participate in a hidden transmitter hunt hosted by President-Designate George Walker, KC2EI, and Technical Director Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ. Prizes will be awarded to the first several members who persevere to the end.

Prizes will include a VHF amplifier, an SWR bridge, and possibly a power supply and/or antenna.

THE RaRa RAG 20 YEARS AGO, JUNE 1963

by Ed Gable, K2MP

This issue was heavily devoted to reporting activities of the Rochester Hamfest, including, no less, snow flurries on the big day! Some of the highlights were: Ken Hansen, W2RKU, won the code contest, Gasper Pecorella, WA2MCN, won the main prize of a Hallicrafters SX-117 Receiver, Gil Crossley, W3YA, Atlantic Division Director, spoke on the new Incentive licensing program, and Hamfest Chairman Bruce Kelley, W2ICE, was honored with a surprise plaque at the banquet for his outstanding work in making the Hamfest a success over the years.

The June meeting will be the Annual Sausage Roast at Maplewood Park. This was traditionally the 1st official task for the outgoing officers. Outgoing President Chuck Oneske, K2YCO, reported a successful year with 397 paid members, increased meeting attendance, and a record high code and theory class.

Dr. Owen A. (Doc) Thompson, WA2EIP, was awarded a RaRa Life Membership upon his leaving for retirement in 4 land. Doc was a tireless worker in RaRa's code classes for many years.

The VHF Report indicated these officers for the upcoming season: Chip Brand, VE3DFY/W2, Chairman; Ed Gable, W2MPM, Vice-Chairman; and Joan Kirkbright, WA2YTK, Secretary and Treasurer. At the last meeting, Stan Hazen, K2SSB, spoke on a unique topic, "FM on VHF". Most people, as I recall, never thought it would be popular on the Amateur frequencies!!

George Batterson, W2GB, announced the first ever AWA Historical meet. W2ZI will attend all the way from New Jersey with his famous collection of keys, as well as others from six different states. (Editor's note 20 years later - it was successful!!)

Receiving 300 country awards from RDXA were Ed, W2CNT, and Sax, W2SAW. 200 country awards went to W2TXB, W2REF, W2TQR, W2QJM, W2DOD, K2VFR, W2AFQ, W2PUN, and W2UTH.

TELECONFERENCE RADIO NET JUNE 2nd

Be sure to tune into the next Teleconference Net this Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. on WB2AQQ/R (145.11) or K2SA/R (146.79). Speaker for the evening is Joe Reisert, K1JR, discussing antennas and their design.

Rochester will again be an interactive location so get your antenna questions ready. Local net control will again be Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ.

ROCHESTER VHF GROUP NEWS

A June Contest Group is forming for a local operation. We plan to have fun, but winning would be nice too! Operating from a 2150' site near Naples will be WB2IEY, WA2YTM, SM6CZZ/W2, WA3PXH/2. Want to come along? Contact Tom Richmond, WB2IEY, at 716-394-3712 evenings. This year the June Contest operations will not be limited by "off time". You can operate the entire 33 hours straight through. Starting time is June 11, 2 p.m. until June 12 at 11 p.m. (local times).

The VHF Group needs a new meeting place - your suggestions are being solicited. Call one of the new Officers on the phone.

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I am an amateur operator and on the day of the accident, I was working alone on the top section of my new 80-foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now un-needed tools and material down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and material into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 300 pounds of tools. You will note in Block No. 11 of the accident reporting form, that I weigh only 155 pounds.

Due to my surprise of being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the

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rope in spite of my pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in Block No. 11. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations of my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools and, fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me....I again lost my presence of mind. I let go of the rope.

(Author Unknown)

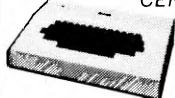
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