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## RaRa PICNIC — POWDER MILLS PARK — JUNE 7th

The Annual RaRa Picnic will take place Saturday, June 7th at Wadhams Lodge in Powder Mills Park in Pittsford. The picnic will be from 12 - 5 p.m. and as always there will be plenty of games, fun and food.

The hot-dog tongs will be handled by incoming President Dick Goslee, K2VCZ.

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. See you there!

## AWA RADIO MUSEUM OPEN FOR SEASON

The radio museum, located in Holcomb-East Bloomfield (south of Victor) will be open during the summer months every Saturday and Sunday afternoons (2 to 5 p.m.) and Wednesday evenings 7 to 9 p.m.

Several new exhibits are now on display including Ed Gable's large selection of National receivers ranging from a 1930 SW-3 to the solid-state HRO-500. Admission is free.

## RRRA ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 6th

The Annual Meeting of the Rochester Radio Repeater Association, Inc. will take place Friday, June 6th, 8 p.m., at the Pittsford Town Hall. The main business of the meeting will be the election of officers.

Program after the election will be a hidden transmitter hunt.

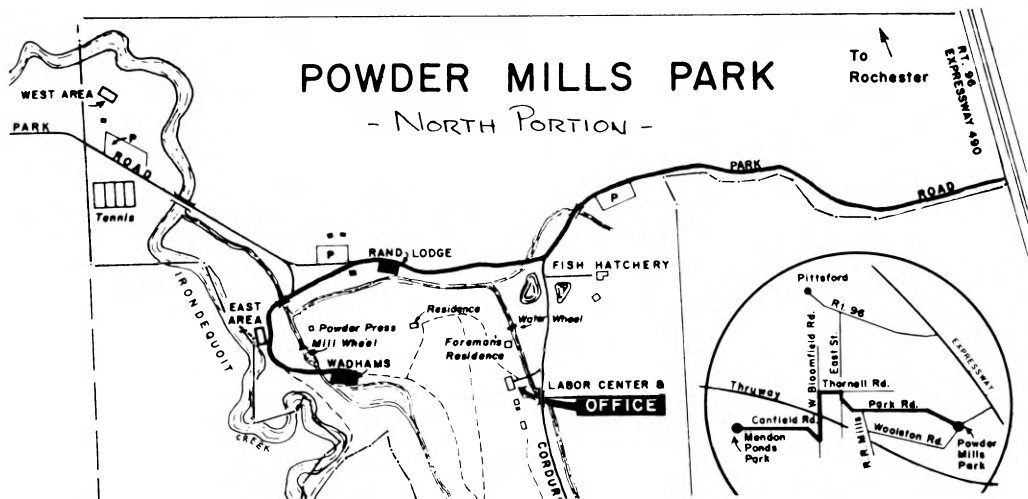
## RAG TAKES SUMMER VACATION

Don't bug your postman for the July or August *RaRa RAG* - There are none! The *RAG* takes its annual summer vacation for the next two months to recharge the staff's batteries. But the *RAG* will return in September better than ever... so watch those mailboxes!

K2RJ

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

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## ROCHESTER HAMFEST HIGHLIGHTS

This year's event was a big winner, attendance-wise, weather-wise and sales-wise for the commercial exhibitors. The final attendance count is not in yet, but it is estimated at 8,000. The weather looked doubtful on Friday, but by Saturday morning everybody knew we were in store for a beautiful weekend.

## "HAM OF YEAR" AWARDED TO DAWN, WB2OWO

This year's Ham of the Year award went to Dawn Wierbinski, WB2OWO. Dawn is Western District Net Manager, runs the Traffic Handlers Information Net, publishes quarterly newsletters, sets up traffic handling booths at hamfests, is involved in CW nets, Handi-Hams, and other activities through the Radio Amateurs of Western New York (RAWNY).

She also finds time to care for her disabled husband, Matt, WB2OXA, and put her two daughters through college. Dawn exemplifies the true spirit of Amateur Radio - one of giving and helping and is well deserving of this award.

## HUGH TURNBULL, W3ABC, RECEIVES "GRAND OLD MAN" AWARD

The *Grand Old Man* Award is a Rochester Hamfest award reserved for an Amateur who has given a lifetime of devoted service to the Amateur Radio community. This year the award was presented to Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, current ARRL Atlantic Division Director, who resides in College Park, Maryland.

Hugh's service dates back to 1932 when he was first licensed. He was involved in many Amateur Radio organizations and was one of the founders of the Goddard Amateur Radio Club in 1968. He is on the board of directors of the Foundation for Amateur Radio in Washington, D.C. and is chairman of its scholarship committee. Among his many other duties, he is trustee of NN3SI, the radio station on display in the Smithsonian Institution American History Museum, where he frequently can be found as control operator.

Hugh certainly exemplifies the tradition of the Grand Old Man!

## RaRa ELECTION RESULTS

At the May 2nd Annual Meeting, the following were elected to office:

Dick Goslee, K2VCZ, **President**  
Bud Young, WA2UGE, **Vice-President**  
Keith Freeberg, N2BEL, **Secretary**  
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Lets wish them all the very best for next year!

## SUMMER RAG CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 7 - RaRa Picnic, 2 - 5 p.m.,  
Wadhams Lodge, Powder Mills Park
- 7, 8 - **SUSQUEHANNOCK**  
public service event
- 14, 15 - Mendon Pony Rally  
public service event
- 20, 21 - Scotch Bonnet sailboat race  
public service event
- 28, 29 - Field Day Weekend

### JULY

- 9 - RaRa Board of Directors meeting,  
7:30 p.m., K2JD Club Station
- 13 - Batavia Hamfest, Batavia, NY

### AUGUST

- 6 - (Tentative) RaRa Board of Directors  
meeting, 7:30 p.m., K2JD Club Station
- 14-17 - Walnut Hill Driving Competition,  
Walnut Hill Farms, public service event
- 30 - Ginna Pre-Drill

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## FCC REINSTATES EMERGENCY DEFINITION

The FCC has reinstated the previous definition of amateur emergency communication in a Memorandum Opinion and Order in response to an ARRL Petition for Partial Reconsideration in BC Docket 79-47. In its original Order last June, the FCC replaced the previous definition of 97.3(w) (any amateur communication directly relating to the immediate safety of life of individuals or the immediate protection of property) with a new definition, "*a non-directed request for help or a distress signal directly relating to the immediate safety of human life or the immediate protection of property*".

The ARRL filed a Petition for Partial Reconsideration stating that the original definition had adequately served to inform amateurs as to what constitutes an emergency communication, and that the new definition was overly specific and would prohibit entire categories of public service communications permitted under the prior definition.

The Commission stated that in view of ARRL's Petition, it was concerned that the new definition may have made an unintended change in the nature of permissible amateur emergency communications, and in order to resolve any ambiguity, it would rescind the new definition it had adopted and revert to the previous definition, effective May 4, 1986.

In this same Order, the Commission dismissed a Petition for Reconsideration from the National Association of Broadcasters to increase the scope of permitted broadcast use of Amateur Radio in broadly defined emergency situations. The Com-

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mission stated that broadcast stations may retransmit **normal** amateur communications for whatever purpose they wish, for example, the re-broadcast of a message exchange between amateur stations taken off the air where no prior arrangements for broadcasting were made.

However, in an emergency situation, news-gathering is permitted via Amateur Radio, **only** when all of these conditions are met: 1) the event is unforeseen; 2) the news information is directly related to the event; 3) the event involves the safety of human life or the immediate protection of property; and 4) the news information cannot be transmitted by any other means than Amateur Radio because of the remote location of the originating transmission or because normal communications have been disrupted. The Commission stated that "**these standards are not to be construed liberally, but literally**". Thus, if alternate communications facilities are available, Amateur Radio may **not** be used for news information even if the other elements are present. The Commission further noted that even routine program production and news gathering involved many business related activities, from live interviews to ordering equipment and accommodations. "*We determined to maintain an absolute ban on communications of this sort from the amateur service as inconsistent with its nature and purpose*".

Tnx ARRL Letter

# BORDER PATROL OPERATIONS

Guest Editorial by K. R. Henke, KE6AR

This last week, the Editor had the opportunity to observe the operations of the U.S. Border Patrol in their attempts to stem the tide of illegal alien immigrants into this country. The situation was both encouraging and discouraging. Although the event was not totally connected with Ham Radio, it was felt to be of sufficient interest that it was worth passing on.

Through a personal contact, I was able to visit the Chula Vista Sector of the Border Patrol in the San Diego area. The Chula Vista sector covers the Mexican border from the coast to some 50 miles inland. This sector includes the border crossings at San Ysidro and a new one that has been implemented a number of miles inland.

To size the problem of illegal aliens crossing into the U.S., a brief statistic is in order. In two 24 hour periods last week, a total of over 5000 (Yes, that's 5 thousand) illegal immigrants were apprehended. Looking over the chart on the office wall, the average for the month of April, 1986 was approximately 1900 per day for the Chula Vista Sector.

At the Chula Vista Sector headquarters I met Rich, N7BDO, who is Chief Electronics Maintenance in charge of all the communications gear. As you can imagine, they use a great deal of UHF gear, both handi-talkies and vehicle rigs plus base stations at the headquarters location and at three separate sub-station locations. Rich told me that they were planning to install some micro-wave links for communications between the various station locations. All communications were by voice, although some scrambling was used to minimize the possibility of eavesdropping. No RTTY or Packet type operations were apparent nor did they have the newest capability such as the LAPD of communicating directly into their computer.

Rich also had charge of installing and maintaining a number of remote sensors that are installed at various border points to detect the presence of aliens. I will not go into the operation of these sensors or their locations. A comment from Rich was that this duty was a welcome change from the drudgery of shop work at the bench. I could easily relate to that.

The Border Patrol had a large computer setup at their headquarters location, primarily for record-keeping on individuals and vehicles involved with the illegal alien traffic. IBM equipment was used throughout the facility.

Also at the Chula Vista Sector headquarters

were detention facilities. These ranged from holding rooms, where apprehended aliens were kept for up to eight hours before being returned to Mexican soil, to dormitory type facilities where aliens were kept pending court hearings, etc. In these facilities, we noted a number of men, and in separate facilities, women with children ranging from infants to approximately 12 years of age. According to the Patrol personnel, they also had facilities for un-accompanied juveniles, who were kept until arrangements were made through the Mexican consulate to return these juveniles to their families in Mexico. Although these facilities were clean and had exercise areas, television, eating areas, etc., they were still detention facilities and were very depressing.

After viewing the headquarters operations, we went out to a border area that was right across the border from the Tijuana airport. The time was about 5:30 p.m., shortly before sunset. At this location, a large canyon, wholly in the U.S. separates the two countries. We observed a number of people, estimated to be from 500 to 100, gathered on the far side of the canyon. Small groups could be seen making their way down into the brush at the bottom of the canyon. According to the Border Patrol officers, this was a daily occurrence at this particular location, and the group or groups would be attempting to make the crossing later that evening, after dark.

After darkness fell, although there was bright moonlight, we returned to a different location that was close to Highway 117. At this location, the Border Patrol had set up a truck with a Night Vision Scope using infra-red, that allowed the operator to see the people as they attempted to cross the open fields after climbing out of the canyon. Numerous vehicles were noted out in the area, where officers were apprehending groups of aliens ranging from one to 30 in a group. A helicopter, with a large searchlight was also combing the area. All in all, it appeared like something out of a war movie.

In questioning the Border Patrol personnel, I attempted to determine a measure of their success in apprehension. Needless to say, it appears that the methods available and the rules that must be followed by the authorities, make the apprehension ratio a poor one. One agent told of catching the same alien five times in one 24 hour period. Obviously, many are getting through the borders.

The operation covered above attempts to prevent the illegal immigrants from crossing the border. The Border Patrol also operates checkpoints at various other key locations to try to apprehend those aliens who have managed to get across the border and now are trying to move

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further into the country. My contact spoke of assisting later this same evening as he returned to Los Angeles, where a U.S. citizen was apprehended at the check-point at San Clemente with a vanload of 30 illegal aliens as he attempted to run through the check-point. Fortunately, since the driver abandoned the vehicle while it was still in motion, none of the occupants were injured but the real possibility of injury or death was there.

While I was able to observe only a small portion of the total operation of the Border Patrol in their attempt to stem the massive flow of illegal aliens into this country, I felt that I had observed enough to make several personal observations that are meant to be just that, personal observations.

1. The Border Patrol is trying to do a job that has increased manyfold over the past years using a budget that was based on imperfect predictions of their task. More manpower and equipment is needed if they are to do their job. Just feeding the illegal aliens while in custody has resulted in a large increase in cost.

2. Although the personnel may have been on their best behaviour because some visitors were present, I saw no, and I repeat, No evidence of any mistreatment of the illegal aliens who had been apprehended. Their facilities were clean, none exhibited any indication of maltreatment and each appeared to be handled politely and humanely in the processing that we observed.

3. The sworn task of the Border Patrol cannot be accomplished as long as the economic incentive remains for the illegal immigrants. We, here in the Los Angeles area, joke about the large number of "*illegals*" that swell the population of our city. Unfortunately, the statement is true and will continue as long as the job opportunities exist and employers knowingly hire the "*illegals*" as a cheap source of labor for farm, factory, and other work. I don't know if penalizing the employer or legalizing the worker is the answer but I can say that the present system is not the answer.

The majority of the illegal immigrants are crossing the border in an attempt to better themselves economically. They are willing to run the risk of robbery, rape, and even death in the "*no-man's land*" of those desert canyons where criminals prey on the weak. This is not acceptable to me. If we, as a community need these workers to perform those jobs that our own people won't do, then bring them in legally, pay them what they should be paid, and let the Border Patrol go back to the job of protecting our borders from the terrorists and smugglers, not apprehending the jobless.

## THE RaRa RAG 20 YEARS AGO — June 1966

by Ed Gable, K2MP

Last month we reported the officers for the 1966/67 RaRa season. Helping out President Eddie Dunn were the following members of the Executive Committee: Harold Smith, WA2KND; Russ Heuer, K2PLO; Gordon Bull, WB2HZM; Al Mumby, WB2MCP; Joe Castro, WB2HLI; Al Crum, W2BWK; and John Wenrich, WB2FJU.

In Chuck Witman's (WB2FZB) Rochester Peanut Whistle Net column it was announced that the CW net, under direction of Ed Metz, W2HNN, would close down for the summer. The phone net, with Bill Heath, W2OMK, as NCS, will continue. Elected officers for the Rochester VHF Group are: Dave Russell, WA2GIA, as Chairman, Otto Bluntzer, WB2RJB, to Vice Chairman, and Robert Gross, WB2RVV, Secretary. Mel Wilson, W2BOC, thrilled the last assembled group with a discussion on 50 Mcs E-Skip.

The remaining issue was a Souvenir Edition covering the '66 Hamfest. No less than 18 photos were published of the "*best ever*" hamfest which started at the Trenholm Motor Lodge on Friday and moved to a full day at Vince's Fifty Acres. This is truly a collector's edition and is well worth looking for. Al Crum, WA2AIO, was the official photographer who did an excellent job of capturing the flavor of an early Rochester Hamfest which was starting to gain real stature and growth.

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## FCC STUDY OF AMATEUR POWER

"Notwithstanding other limitations of this section, amateur radio stations shall use the minimum transmitting power necessary to carry out the desired communications". Thus speaks Section 97.67(a) of the amateur rules! The FCC Field Operation Bureau conducted 184 field inspections of HF amateur stations in early 1985 and their conclusion is that 65% of the operators of those stations violate this rule! The stations visited by FCC aren't typical, so that the percentage figure cannot be applied generally. The FCC observes that the likelihood your signals will be intercepted by nearby home entertainment equipment increases as the transmitter power increases, and that in most of the cases they observed, communications effectiveness was not significantly enhanced by transmitter power levels of more than 200 watts. Sometimes more power is necessary, but if it isn't, don't use it; that's the law, and it's also good neighbor relations.

Tnx ARRL Letter

# NOVICE NPRM PUBLISHED

## NOVICE STATISTICS

Here are the total number of Novices by FCC Fiscal year:

1983	1984	1985
86,781	80,461	76,337

Just look at these statistics! A loss of almost 10,000 Novices over this three year period! It has become apparent that the Novice license, as presently constituted, is not doing the job for which it is intended; to provide a training ground from which newly licensed amateurs can develop radio-communication skills. Increasingly, it has become generally recognized that present Novice privileges are insufficiently attractive in motivating prospective hams to join our ranks. Furthermore, these privileges are not attractive enough to encourage many who do have a Novice license to get on the air.

Concerned by these factors, the ARRL Board of Directors authorized a petition which was filed "enhancement" of Novice privileges.

The FCC, acting on this petition from the ARRL and several others, has now issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), PR 86-161. This is probably the most important FCC proposal of the 1980s. This NPRM very closely follows the Novice Enhancement requests by the ARRL! (For further background information, see "It Seems to Us", July *QST* and the May 23, 1985 issue of the *ARRL Letter*.)

The following are the specific FCC proposals:

- The 10-meter Novice band would be expanded 300 kHz from the present 28.1 - 28.2 MHz to 28.1 - 28.5 MHz. CW and Digital communications (e.g., RTTY, AMTOR, and packet) would be allowed in the 28.1 - 28.3 MHz sub-band, and SSB and CW emissions on 28.3 - 28.5 MHz at the present power limit of 200 watts.

- The 1¼ meter band (220 - 225 MHz) would be added to Novice privileges, allowing all authorized emissions with a power of 25 watts. The Commission cautions, however, that there are several pending petitions for rulemaking requesting the use of this band for other services. Until these petitions are resolved, the Commission cannot finalize any rulemakings permitting Novices on this band.

- A portion of the 23 cm band, 1246 - 1260 MHz, would be added to Novice privileges, allowing them all authorized emissions with a power of 5 watts.

- Novices will be able to operate through repeaters on the 220 MHz and 1240 MHz band.

- Novices would not be allowed to be a control operator or a licensee of a station which is in repeater, auxiliary or beacon operation.

Another important aspect of the FCC's proposal was their request for comments concerning the ARRL's request to expand the Novice examination to 30 questions and the Novice question pool to 300 questions. (The ARRL does not want to make the examination more difficult. We want to increase the comprehensiveness of the examination in order to accommodate the operational aspects of the additional privileges available to Novices.) The ARRL also requested that Section 97.28 be amended to require that each Novice examination be administered by two volunteer examiners holding General Class licenses or above, rather than the presently required one examiner, in order to maintain the integrity of the Novice examination.

A so called "alternative" proposal would split the present Technician/General class written Element 3 into two different examinations: A VHF/UHF exam for Technicians and an HF exam for the General class called Exam 3 (B). Currently, if a Novice passes the 50 question Element 3 exam, he becomes a Technician and need only pass the 13-wpm code test for his General. Under this alternate proposal a Novice would need to pass a 25-question Element 3 (A) (VHF/UHF) exam to receive his Technician class license, and to pass his General exam would need to pass a 25-question Element 3 (B) (HF) exam and the 13 wpm code test.

Although the NPRM was released only 48 hours prior to June *QST* being sent to the printers, a detailed story, plus the entire text of the NPRM, will appear in that issue.

Formal comments on this proposal are due on or before July 16, 1986. See June *QST* for more details.

*Tnx ARRL Letter*

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**FOR SALE** by JCC-ARC: Commercial HF gear. Scientific Radio SR-110 solid-state HF transceiver, 6-channel XTAL-controlled; Scientific Radio HF broadband linear amplifier. Both mounted in heavy-duty 6 ft. instrument rack. Contact Norm, KA2JRK, 244-4005 or Dave, N3CKH, 442-4318.

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## FCC ACTS ON REPEATER COORDINATION

The FCC has published a Report and Order in PR Docket 85-22 regarding frequency coordination of repeaters. These new rules become effective 0001 UTC, July 12, 1986. The following are the highlights of the Order:

- When there is mutual interference between two repeaters, the Commission says that both repeaters are mutually responsible to resolve the interference between them. If one repeater (or auxiliary operation) is coordinated and one is not, then the station engaged in non-coordinated repeater operation has **primary responsibility** for resolving any interference.

- The Commission decided not to require that all amateur repeaters be coordinated. It left open the possibility, however, that if repeater related coordination difficulties continue to increase in the amateur service without adequate voluntary resolution, then they would re-examine the problem.

- The Commission declined to adopt rules to mandate the use of any particular spectrum-efficient technology, such as tone-operated squelch.

- Amateur coordinators are encouraged to pool together to create an accurate data base, but declined to adopt rules which would require such a data base. The Commission noted that the ARRL has agreed to establish and maintain a computerized data base of the nation's repeaters and commended this action.

- Legitimate functions of an amateur frequency coordinator include 1) denying requests for coordination in congested bands or requiring the use of less congested bands, 2) setting aside frequencies for certain operating modes, 3) limiting antenna height and effective radiated power, and 4) requiring special access requirements as a prerequisite for coordination.

- Since the Commission feels it can now leave to coordinators the matter of determination of acceptable power levels and heights above average terrain, **Section 97.67(c) with accompanying table, 97.85(g) and Appendix 5** of the amateur rules have been **deleted**.

- The Commission did not adopt rules to formulate national band plans or to require them. The Commission favors voluntary band plans over FCC-imposed ones in the amateur services. For further information see "*Happenings*" in July *QST*.

*Tnx ARRL Letter*

## VE3SR LOSES COURT BATTLE

The judge hearing a suit brought against Jack Ravenscroft, VE3SR, seeking damages for interference to a neighbors electrical appliances from his amateur radio operations, has decided the case in favor of the neighbor bringing the suit. The judge granted a *permanent injunction* prohibiting VE3SR from transmitting radio signals from his property and assessed damages and costs amounting to \$2558.00 Canadian. The judge said that while VE3ST had a legislative right to use his equipment because he was licensed by the Canadian DOC, if he should interfere with the enjoyment of his neighbor's electronic equipment then VE3SR is liable to a civil suit for nuisance. The unexpected outcome of the suit is a severe blow to the amateurs of Canada, and poses a threat to the operators of any licensed radio transmitters in that country. VE3SR has 10 days to decide if he wishes to appeal the decision. His decision will be based in part on whether adequate financial support for an appeal appears to exist in the amateur community. For more information on this case, see Canadian Newsfronts in *QST* for October 1985 and February and March 1986. The address of the fund set up to help VE3SR is: The Jack Ravenscroft RF susceptibility Defense fund, Box 8873, Ottawa, ONT, Canada K1G 3J2.

*Tnx ARRL Letter*

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## ARRL PETITIONS FCC TO REQUIRE LABELING OF RFI SUSCEPTIBILITY

The ARRL has petitioned the FCC to **require the labeling of home electronic equipment relative to its susceptibility to radio-frequency interference**. The petition requests that the Commission require that a tag or notice be attached to home electronic devices or their instruction manuals to indicate whether the device incorporates shielding, filtering or circuitry designed to reduce its susceptibility to nearby radio transmitters. The tag or label also would warn the owner that the device may be subject to radio-frequency interference.

*Tnx ARRL Letter*



Amateur Radio News Service

## SUSQUEHANNOCK — JUNE 7-8

One of the very best opportunities for practicing our emergency communications preparedness comes this weekend in and around Wellsboro, Pennsylvania – The **Susquehannock** pro road rally sponsored by the Finger Lakes chapter of the Sports Car Club of America.

This will be the 11th year that RaRa has been fielding a crew of over 30 amateur radio operators to the mountainous state forest land in north-central Pennsylvania to provide safety related radio communications to the rally. (And only the second time it has coincided with the RaRa Picnic!)

A portable repeater provided by the Rochester Radio Repeater Association is set-up on one of the centrally located fire towers for the duration of the rally. It operates on 146.28/88 and covers most of the rally area very well.

The rally sponsors and especially the participants really appreciate the radio communications we provide. They know that without this communications there would be no rally.

Of course, the main reason so many hams mark the date on their calendar a year in advance and come down to Wellsboro a day or two early is fun. Working the rally is a lot of fun that you have to experience to appreciate. And talking about appreciation, we are thought of as miracle workers by the rally organizers and participants. They know how far they got when they tried to communicate through the mountains on CB and they look on in amazement as we talk across the rally and into Wellsboro with a handheld or mobile unit.

Its never too late to sign-up to work and get in on all the fun. Call Ed Holdsworth at 624-1929 to get your name on the list!

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## NEW YORK STATE

### LEGISLATION ON TOWERS

Bills have been introduced in both houses of the New York state legislature relating to the construction of towers. The legislation would restrict towers to the height of the tree line or 50 feet, whichever is lower. An exception is given to towers attached to a residence.

## MORE ROCHESTER CLUB HISTORY

The following is an excerpt from the “*Club Gossip*” column of the February 1922 issue of *Radio News*. Just thought it might be interesting for both the O-T’s as well as the Newer Hams.

Jack Struthers, Sr., W2OZY

### RADIO CLUB OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

This new organization is the result of the uniting of several clubs in Rochester into one body.

On December 9th a committee from the Triangle Radio Society met with representatives of the Rochester Radio Club and formed the new club. Practically the entire membership of both clubs submitted applications for membership in the new club after both of the older clubs had dissolved in favor of the new organization.

It is greatly desired to have every eligible amateur whether operating a transmitter or only a receiving set become a member. In this way the club will become the representative organization and also will give every member a voice in the making of any regulations that may be necessary to govern local traffic.

The meetings of the club will be held at Central Y.M.C.A. every Monday evening at eight p.m.

Applications for membership will be acted upon at every meeting. The club will do all in its power to assist members in the solution of any radio problems and also to help the beginner to get results. Good speakers are to provide interesting talks and everything of interest to the radioman will be given a place in the weekly meetings of the club. Visitors from out of the city are invited to drop in at any of the meetings and will always be welcome.

Temporary officers elected for a period of three months are as follows: President, J. R. Dean, 8ADN; Vice-president, C. F. Nichols, 8AMM; Treasurer, G. H. Hall, 8ANK; Secretary, C. E. Dengler, 8KS.

Address communications to the secretary at 285 Brown Street, Rochester, New York.

The Committees on Environmental Conservation are considering the legislation, but as yet no action has been taken and there does not appear to be any immediate danger of passage. For further information, New York amateurs should contact their respective ARRL Section Manager or their State Government Liason (SGL).

*Tnx ARRL Letter*