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RaRa PICNIC — JUNE 13th POWDER MILLS PARK

by John E. Lloyd, KA2KFV

The annual RaRa Picnic will take place Saturday, June 13th, at Wadhams Lodge in Powder Mills Park in Pittsford. The picnic will be from 1 - 5 p.m. There will be plenty of fun and food. The picnic is open to all members and their family or a guest. There is no charge. This is your chance to spend the day with your family and still work some great contacts face to face. This is one of the benefits of belonging to RaRa— take advantage of it and we'll see you there. See map if unsure of how to get there. If all else fails ask for directions on 28/88 RRRR repeater.

TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT FIELD DAY?

Summer's almost here, and when most folks are thinking of swimming and vacations, hams are thinking of Field Day! To give Field Day groups extra opportunities to copy the WIAW Field Day Message, four additional bulletins will be transmitted. An extra CW bulletin will be run at 1400 UTC (10 AM EDT), and an extra phone bulletin at 1500 UTC (11 AM EDT) on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. See *AprilQST*, page 15, for a detailed bulletin schedule.

SILENT KEYS

JOHN EVERSON, KA2SCJ
April 25, 1987

VIRGIL DUMOND, WB2FGY
April 19, 1987

RRRA ANNUAL MEETING — JUNE 5th

The Rochester Radio Repeater Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, June 5th, at 8:00 in the Pittsford Town Courtroom. This is in the lower level of the Library at 24 State Street.

On the agenda is election of officers for the 1987-88 year. Nominations will be open until the election. Also, the Board of Directors has recommended an increase in dues to \$8.00 a year. The current \$5.00 amount has been in effect since the birth of the organization almost 16 years ago, and is no longer sufficient to run the organization, or provide new services to members. We added Westlink and would like to get involved in the Tele-conferences once again. Also, as the repeaters age, equipment upkeep becomes a more expensive proposition. This will be decided upon by vote of the membership.

The program for the meeting had not been decided on as of the *Rag's* deadline — it will be announced soon.

73's, Bernard Agins, KD2CU

BATAVIA HAMFEST

The Batavia Hamfest will be held on Sunday, July 12th, from 6 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Alexander Fireman's Grounds located on Route 98 in Alexander, New York.

THANKS!

to all those that worked so hard to make the Hamfest the most successful yet.

N2EH

CONGRATULATIONS

Ed Holdsworth, N2EH
1987 Amateur of the Year

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JUNE CALENDAR

- 5 - RARRA Annual Meeting - 8:00 p.m. -
Pittsford Town Courtroom,
24 State Street, Pittsford, NY
- 13 - RaRa PICNIC, Wadhams Lodge,
Powder Mills Park

"MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE DELEGATES (TO THE HIGH FREQUENCY BROADCASTING WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE) THAT BROADCASTING IN THE 40 METER AMATEUR BAND IS NOT A GOOD IDEA." There is a resolution by the conference that broadcasters are prohibited to operate between 7000 and 7100 (kHz) because it's the amateur band. *"that has been adopted,"* ... said a member of the Dutch delegation to the international gathering. He ... did not make it clear whether this was a binding or non-binding resolution on those covered by the WARC (World Administrative Conference) charter. *Tnx Westlink Report*

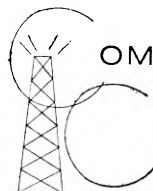
FCC PROPOSES CHANGES IN BROADCAST STATIONS CALL LETTER ASSIGNMENTS

For the past 55 years, broadcast stations west of the Mississippi River began with a "K" and stations east of the Mississippi began with a "W". There were some exceptions to this rule. For example, the very first broadcast station, KDKA in Pittsburgh, is still using its original call sign. In its proposal the FCC said that there is no longer any justification for maintaining these call sign restrictions, and that broadcast stations should have the option of obtaining a call sign beginning with either prefix letter. *Tnx ARRL Letter*



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To the Board of Directors
Rochester Amateur Radio Association

We have examined the financial records of the Rochester Amateur Radio Association for the period September 1, 1985 through August 31, 1986.

All financial records are kept on a cash basis. That is to say, expenses and revenues are recognized when paid and received.

During our investigation, we examined the following records:

- RaRa Treasurer's Book - D. Bernheisel, Trea.
- K2JD Engraving - R. Lauzon
- Membership Committee - L. Caves
- Hamfest Committee - H. Smith

In our opinion, the examined books correctly reflect the financial operation of the club and its affiliate.

We wish to commend all the officers and chairmen involved in the club's accounting for their diligence and conscientious efforts and for their assistance in making the records available to the audit committee.

The Audit Committee
Fred Halik, K2EU
Bob Hobday, N2EVG

WANTED - Ride to Rome Hamfest on June 7th. Call Debbie, KB2CHV, 359-2672.

CAMPING - Anyone interested in a summer camping trip call Debbie, KB2CHV, 359-2672.

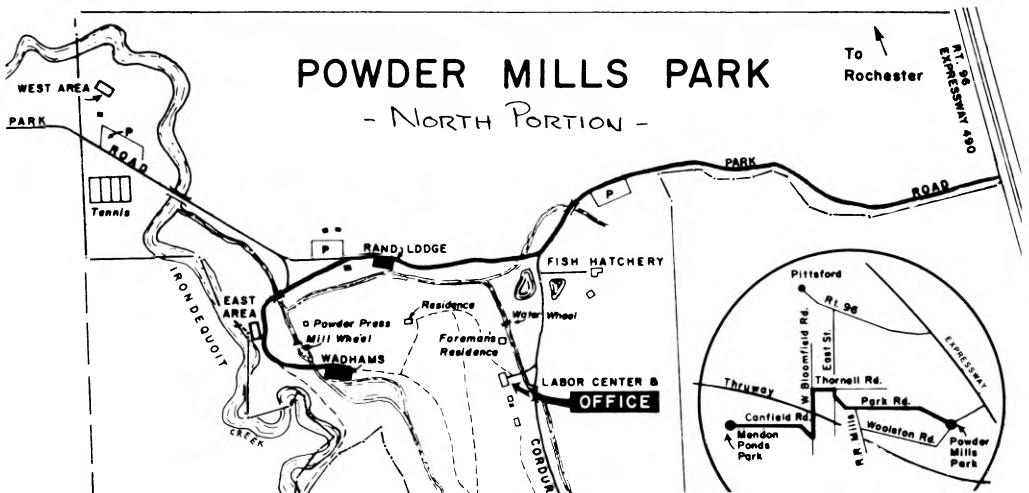
THE RaRa RAG 20 YEARS AGO — JUNE 1967

by Ed Gable, K2MP

This issue was filled with news of the just completed Rochester Hamfest and VHF Conference which was labeled a huge success with 1500 in attendance. Some 600 attended the Saturday banquet with *Popular Electronics* editor Oliver Ferrell the guest speaker. Mr. Ferrell predicted then a dim future for Amateur radio saying the hobbyist was being squeezed out due to rapid technical advances. Photos included such notables as Joe Marsey, WB2UDV, representing Hammarlund; Lisle Snow, W2PDT, running the Navy MARS meeting; Hank Blodgett, W2UTH, and Bruce Elle, W2VTR, presenting the Lunar Orbiter program; and Chuck Oneske receiving (yet another) VHF SS Award from ARRL's Deputy Communications Manager, Ellen White, W1YYM.

The Club Picnic is scheduled for June 17th at Durand-Eastman Park's Sunset Point shelter. The Six Meter net has announced a trial starting time of Monday night, 9:00 p.m. local, at 50.4 Mcs. Twenty years later it appears to have been a popular choice. Dave Flinn, W2CFP, announced a new Amateur equipment mail order business, Stellar Industries, of Ithaca, New York. They will be handling Collins, Hallicrafters, National, Drake, Hammarlund, and other lines of quality gear.

FOR SALE - Heath HW-101 with AC/PS, Speaker, Base Mic. \$200.00. Call Joe at 225-6723 evenings.



DAYTON MEMORIES

In April's *RAG* I wrote that I was going to the Dayton Hamvention for the very first time to see if it was the best thing since sliced bread or not. When I got back, I sat straight down at the typewriter to write down all the impressions of Dayton for you before I forgot any of them

FRIDAY AFTERNOON: Flew out with some friends from the "*Big Apple*". I could hear their 2-Meter, 220 and 440 HT's squawking from way down the LaGuardia concourse, so I knew Dayton wasn't too far away. When we got to Dayton, I wondered what all the other non-hams at the airport were thinking about all these people who hips were talking from beneath their jackets.

Someone said that the metropolitan area of Dayton has a half-million people in it ... a very pretty city, even downtown ... wish Mayor Ryan was there to take notes.

Of course, after checking into the motel, who could wait? We went straight to the Hamvention site. At first we walked straight through the main display area, the Hara Arena, and out its' back door and thought "*Is that all there is?*" Boy, were we wrong!

Out back there must have been one- or two-thousand flea market spots (we didn't even have a chance to go past all of them, there was so much to see). Then we saw the other inside areas with more commercial vendors, everyone from AEA to YAESU... about 500 in all (I didn't know there were that many vendors in Amateur Radio!).

FRIDAY NIGHT: We were pretty tired from the flight and the cold and wet beginning to Dayton (temps in the 40's and off and on drizzle), so we just stayed at the Hara Arena Center and went to the B*A*S*H party – a very nice buffet dinner and entertainment that you could take the XYL and kids to without any problems.

My buddy wound up winning a brand new *ARRL Handbook* as a door prize at the B*A*S*H party, and then I wound up carrying it back on the plane because he ran out of room in his suitcase with a PAKRATT-232 he bought (talk about the weight of "*boat anchors*" since I got one too when I renewed my membership at the ARRL booth).

SATURDAY: Again, it was the case of so much to see and so little time to see it in. We spent most of the day in the forums about the many aspects of Amateur Radio.

The first sessions we attended were about contesting, with a very good film on the Multi-Multi station of N2AA and the efforts of a Multi-Multi crew down in the Washington, D.C. area which showed how they erected three 190-foot and three

200-foot towers **from scratch** on a ten-acre farm site (obviously not Perinton).

The Saturday afternoon sessions were as diverse as you possibly can imagine. First was a forum on DX'ing which featured Kaare Pederson, 3Y2VG/LA2VG, whose group helped to put Peter The First Island onto the Amateur Radio map. After that, we were able to get in on the last half of a session with the one-and-only Wayne Green, W2NSD/1, and his thoughts on the directions the Amateur Radio community should be taking to protect and expand itself from the image of "*guys with C.B. radios*".

The buses the Hamvention rented from the Dayton version of R. T. S. ran a little bit less than perfect after the sessions ended, but what can you expect of any Ralph Kramden bus system.

The main banquet on Saturday night was kind of average as banquets go, and at least our food was warm when we got it (we were at the table closest to the kitchen).

SUNDAY: A Sunday morning at any other weekend collection of Hams and gear to be bought and sold usually is slow and sees a lot of price-cutting. Not so at Dayton for the most part – the ARRL did cut the price of its Handbooks down to \$9.00 provided you renewed your membership. There were still plenty of sessions one could go to. Raymond Kowalski, Chief of the Special Services division of the F.C.C. was at one of the last sessions we attended. Either I was crazy from the lack of sleep from the weekend festivities, or Wayne Green has a long lost brother who works for the F.C.C. from what Wayne and Mr. Kowalski were saying about the lack of space for new repeaters in the 2-Meter frequencies.

Just after two o'clock the drawings were held for all the unclaimed door prizes, and then the drawing for all the major door prizes (a.k.a. "*need not be present to win*"). Of course, with the odds of 27,000-plus Hams who attended the Hamvention to my one ticket, I didn't really worry too hard about how we would get the grand prize of an ICOM-761 HF Transceiver with the IC-2KL Amplifier/Power Supply back home on the airplane. In all there was a grand total of \$67,000 worth of equipment and supplies donated by the various companies as door prizes.

All in all, on the scale of 1 to 5 straight-keys, Dayton was a 4½, just a shade less than perfection. (Every "*critic*" can always find something that can or should be done better.)

The one thing I learned at Dayton was how to become a "*pro*" at hamfesting – the next one I go

to I'll bring a notepad and a pencil to help me keep track of who has the best buys.

So, if you're looking for me between April 29th and May 1st of next year, I'll be in Dayton.

— Jack, KA2PJJ

NOTES FROM THE XYL

I think equal time is appropriate for those YL's and XYL's of us whose loved ones are "Hams", especially when Dayton-itis sets in.

1. Get earplugs and aspirin, as you will be hearing about Dayton until you are at the point of murder for one week before and two weeks after the Dayton Hamvention.

2. Supervise his suitcase packing. He may think that a RaRa T-shirt is good enough for the main banquet.

3. Know: (a) what flight he is on, (b) what hotel he is at, (c) how much cash he has on him, and (d) what credit cards he has taken.

4. If he comes home, says "Hello, I'm home", and then kisses you three times in the first sentence about his trip — HE'S BOUGHT SOMETHING YOU CAN'T AFFORD!

— Ruth, XYL of KA2PJJ

FOR SALE— Ten Tec Argosy 525, 6 band HF rig, solid-state, G.W., S.S.B., Full break-in CW. Switchable power, 100 watts or 10 watts or less QRP. Fully loaded — comes with matching 9A. power supply, 500 H2 C.W. Filter, 2 position C.W. Audio Filter, 25 H2 Calibrator, and Desk Mike. Rig is in like new condition, set up and working in my shack — try before you buy. Asking \$650. Call Bernie Agins, KD2CU, 359-2947.

FOR SALE — Mosley MP-33 3 element tri-bander, with 30 foot tower and rotator, asking \$150.00. Call Bernie Agins, KD2CU, 359-2947

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Tnx Autocall

NEW PACKET ENDORSEMENT FOR WAS

The Awards Desk is now issuing a new packet endorsement for the Worked All States (WAS) award. The first ten applicants will receive a commemorative plaque. Please note that this will be a new endorsement only, not a new separately numbered award. The first plaque has been claimed by Art Blumenthal, KF6EE.

Tnx ARRL Letter

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FCC SAYS NO TO A CONSUMER RADIO SERVICE

The FCC has decided against amending its rules to establish a Consumer Radio Service within the 462 and 467 MHz bands now assigned to the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS). In a Notice of Inquiry, PR Docket 86-38 released in February 1986, the Commission had suggested establishing a new service which would permit individuals using hand-held radio's to briefly talk with one another over short distances. For example, two individuals attending a large outdoor event together would be able to keep in touch when they are out of sight of each other.

The FCC also asked if GMRS frequency channels could be restructured to accommodate this new service, and if any additional band planning or frequency coordination was necessary.

When the comments on the proposal were reviewed, there appeared to be no specific need for this service. Very few comments favored any sort of Consumer Radio Service, and no manufacturers came forward with any comprehensive plans for producing the sort of equipment which would be needed in this service.

Many of the commenters were concerned that the new service would dislocate various public safety users of GMRS, including services provided by volunteer groups, such as the Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams (REACT).

Consequently, the Commission concluded that there was no reason to dislocate current GMRS users and that the Consumer Radio Service concept did not appear to be needed.

Tnx ARRL Letter

ARRL CONSIDERING 75th ANNIVERSARY BOOK

ARRL is considering publication of a book commemorating the League's first 75 years. Potential contributors of interest are: (a) writers having personal knowledge and research prior to World War II; (b) writers having insight into various facets of Amateur Radio since 1945; and (c) editors with proven ability to be responsible for whole chapters. Please send a brief outline of your ideas, what role you see for yourself, and a short resume to Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, Publications Manager, ARRL HQ.

Tnx ARRL Letter

RECIPROCAL LICENSING INFORMATION AT HQ

Going abroad this summer? Thinking of bringing your HT but don't know how to request a reciprocal license? Relax, the Regulatory Information Branch at HQ maintains an extensive file on how to apply for a license in virtually every country, including many that the US does not have a reciprocal agreement with. Our files include the addresses of the government agency to contact, phone numbers, even the application forms.

Just write the Regulator Information Branch at ARRL HQ giving us the names of the countries you wish to operate in. Usually, most countries require a 6 week or more processing time (although some may issue a license on a walk-in basis) so please send us your request two months previous to your trip to avoid disappointment. Please include a large SASE with 3 units first-class postage.

Tnx ARRL Letter

NTS TRAFFIC TO HQ

Recently there has been a spate of messages arriving at the W1AW-4 packet bulletin board or via NTS that relate to League business. FCC rules disallow use of Amateur Radio for communication involving the "regular business" of any organization, and that includes the ARRL! While ARRL volunteers, such as officials of the Field Organization, can discuss League affairs with one another on the air, communication with a paid employee of ARRL regarding League business is forbidden. Business traffic, in this context, means not just financial transactions, but any activity that an ARRL employee is paid to do, which covers just about everything that is done at HQ. Please exercise discretion when sending messages to HQ. If you have any doubt about the propriety of a message, call or write *instead*.

Tnx ARRL LETTER

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