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## RaRa PICNIC — JUNE 13th POWDER MILLS PARK

RaRa's annual picnic will be held on June 13th, 1992, at Wadham's Lodge in Powder Mills Park. It starts at noon, and goes til... All 'goodies' — hots, salads, peanuts, chips, coffee, and soft drinks are furnished by the club. All members and their families are welcome, and there is no charge.

Powder Mills Park is located off route 96. The easiest way from Rochester is 490 East to the route 96 exit, then east on 96 to the park entrance. This is Park Road, and has a large sign indicating the park entrance. Follow Park Road (bear right at the Fish Hatchery) to the Wadham's Lodge sign. Turn left and up the hill to the lodge. A map is provided on the back page, or if all else fails, try 28/88 repeater for directions.

This is a great opportunity to make some 'eyeball QSO's' and have a good time with the family. Hope to see you there!

## CORY DWYER — 12 YEARS OLD PASSES TECHNICIAN AT APRIL TESTS: 2 NEW EXTRAS <sup>KORY N2RCS</sup> by Bob, WE2T

Cory is certainly one of the youngest persons to be licensed in this area; I cannot remember anyone else his age: he is an example to us all, congratulations!

This concludes our testing season September - April, there were very few new Extras this season, two people got Extra at the April session, congratulations to them: Bill Beechan, W2OMV, and Jack Griffin, KF2FF. And also to the following: Nolan Stephany, N2EAW - Advanced; Chris Shalvoy, N2PEB - tech+; Dan Buckner - new ham - tech; Bill A. Smith - new ham - tech; John Berthold - new ham - tech; and Nicholas Vangelow - new ham - novice.

Thanks also to the following Volunteers Examiners, without whose help there would be no testing: Barb, AA2CX; George, AA2FO; Lou, K2ANC; Stan, WM3D; and last but not least Paul, K2DB.

## JUNE VHF CONTEST — N2WK MULTI-MULTI:

A new approach to the June VHF Contest. To try to make things easier for everyone and because there is no local club competition, the N2WK team will START the contest on 2 METERS on 146.58 and try to work all locals before going to SSB and CW. Starting time for the contest is 2:00 p.m. local (1800 UTC) on Saturday, June 13. We hope this will appeal to those of you who wish to participate but don't have much time available.

We will be on Gannett Hill (Ontario County Park) again and doing our best to move up a few notches in the national standings. This contest has no club competition but we hope many of you can take a few minutes to look for us. Even though the activity is low don't forget to look around on other FM frequencies (146.49 and .55) to work other local stations participating in the contest. Hopefully this will allow us to maximize our FM contacts and allow other local stations to work 146.49 and 146.55 (the more popular frequencies) and will bring more participation.

As in the past, if you have some spare time and would like to see what it take to put on a Multi operator, Multi transmitter contest effort, please come visit us during the weekend of June 13 and 14. The park is west off route 64, several miles south of the Bristol Mountain Ski Area. A real nice drive, a nice park and ham radio too!! See you at 2:00 p.m., Saturday on 146.58.

*THE GANNETT HILL GANG*

### SILENT KEYS

DONALD W. BRAMER  
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April 27, 1992

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## HOW TO KILL A CLUB

No one purposely sabotages a club that they have joined. But a glance at this list might reveal ways to work against a club without being aware of it.

Don't come to meetings. If you do come be late.

If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.

If you attend, find fault with the work of others.

Never accept an office – it's easier to criticize.

Be angry if you're not appointed to a committee.

If you're asked your opinion, say nothing. Afterward, tell every one how things should be done.

Do no more than necessary. If a few persons work tirelessly, complain that the club is run by a clique.

Don't bother to help get new members.

Don't tell the officers how the club can help you, and when they don't, quit coming to meetings.

When you vote at a meeting, forget about it when you go home.

Agree to everything at the meeting, then complain later.

Get all the benefits your club provides, but don't make a contribution.

**TALK ABOUT COOPERATION, BUT DON'T PRACTICE IT.**

*from Masonic Times. len.*

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## DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT! OR 2 YLS ON A INTERRUPTED TRAIN RIDE

Friday the 11th of April, 1992, I left Rochester, NY, on the Amtrac train to Poughkeepsie for the SAYLARC (Second Area Young Lady Radio Club) meeting in West Point, NY.

It was beautiful and promised lots of sunshine and a warm spring day.

Before I boarded the Amtrac to Albany, we heard over the loudspeaker that there was a derailment near Albany and we would be bused from there to Poughkeepsie. I did not worry, contact with the OM, Lee, W2WPF, was made that I will arrive later and an almost filled to capacity train left Rochester. Coming close to Syracuse, I contracted Lois, WA2RXO, via 2 meters and we met and had a nice trip together until Albany, everyone had to step out. Our train ride finished in Albany and now what!

Confusion and rushing to find someone to give us info about the busses, people telling that they had to make connection in New York and other cities. A group of Russian men, engineers I heard, had a good time, happy and cheerful hugging people, maybe it was the freedom they felt or the Vodka!! The passengers for New York got on the first three busses after they finally arrived and we and the people for Poughkeepsie got on the local busses later, we got split up and thanks to our handheld, kept in touch until we were out of reach. The crew from the train, three men also came along and people had much interest how we managed to talk for such a distance. One of the men said his father was also a Ham in the early '27 and had lots of gear and talked around the world.

Closer to Poughkeepsie, we made contact with Lois and Betty, W2PVS, we gave info over 2 meters about the Russians and if they had come with our bus? We said no, and told them the men had taken a bus direct to Penn Central. The crew thanked us for sending the messages and we were pleased to help out. More people asked us about Ham radio and we explained how it worked. Again we used the handheld to send a message from the train crew, the train had to wait, until they arrive with the bus. A man from the train had a glass of whiskey, to welcome the Russians!!

The train had waited over an hour for the Russians and crew people.

We said good bye, and the train crew thanked us again for the communication we provided.

Betty, W2PVS, drove us to La Grangeville and we spent the night, in her beautiful (130 yrs) old house in a peaceful and pleasant surroundings, away from the QRM of the city.

## SUMMER CALENDAR . . .

### JUNE

- 5 - RRRR Meeting
- 6 - Rome Hamfest
- 11 - RAPS Meeting
- 13 - RaRa Picnic
- 13-14 - VHF QSO Party
- 14 - Lancaster Hamfest
- 16 - RDXA Meeting
- 20 - Cortland Hamfest
- 27-28 - Field Day

### JULY

- 8 - RaRa Board Meeting
- 11 - Utica Hamfest
- 12 - Batavia Hamfest
- 25 - WDN Picnic
- 25 - RVHFG Picnic

### AUGUST

- 1-2 - UHF Contest
- 8 - Northeast Traffic Handler's Picnic
- 15 - Ithaca Hamfest

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Saturday, we went by car to West Point, at the Hotel Fair we had a nice dinner and meeting, a cadet from the Academy talked about the Ham club and activity the cadets have, it was informative and interesting to know. More cadets taking the classes and will be Hams soon. A donation for the Hamclub for needed books was discussed and gratefully accepted.

The trip home on Sunday morning went smooth and the ride along the Hudson was nice and will be even more spectacular in spring and summer. Again, I could contact the OM, Lee, from the train approaching Rochester and made people smile. On the other end of the train, a Ham came back to me and we had kind of a round table conversation.

So, don't forget to take 2 meters along when you go on a trip. It might be of help to you and others.

88, Lia, WA2NFY

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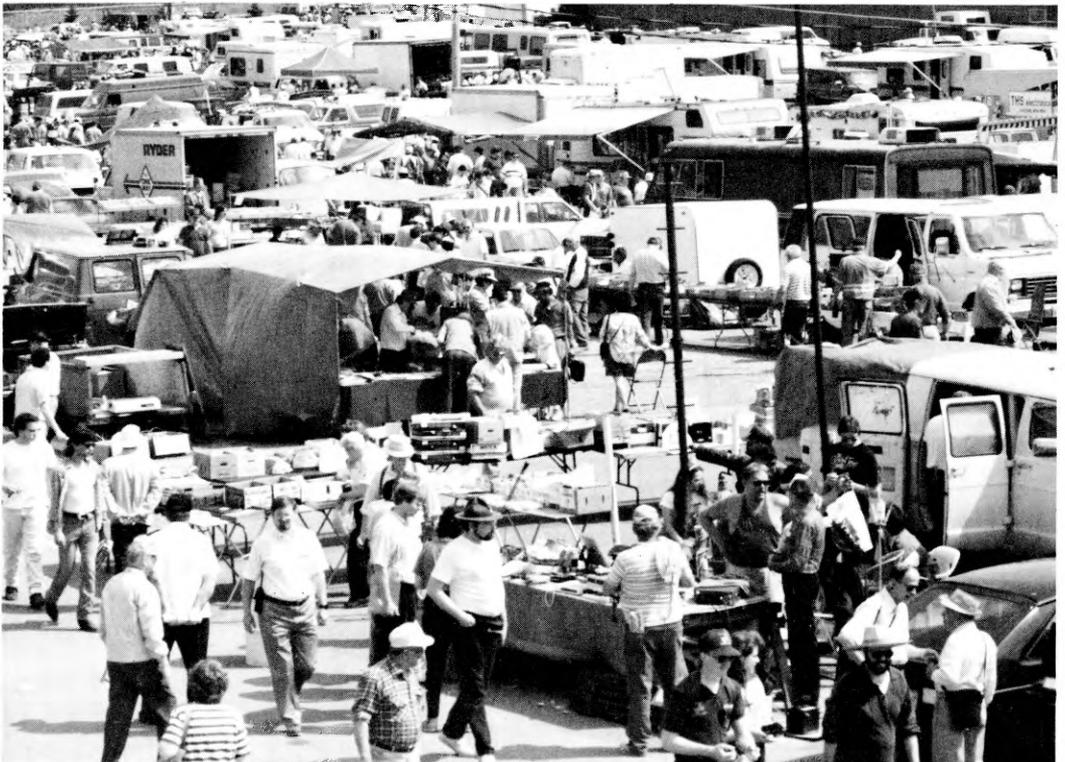
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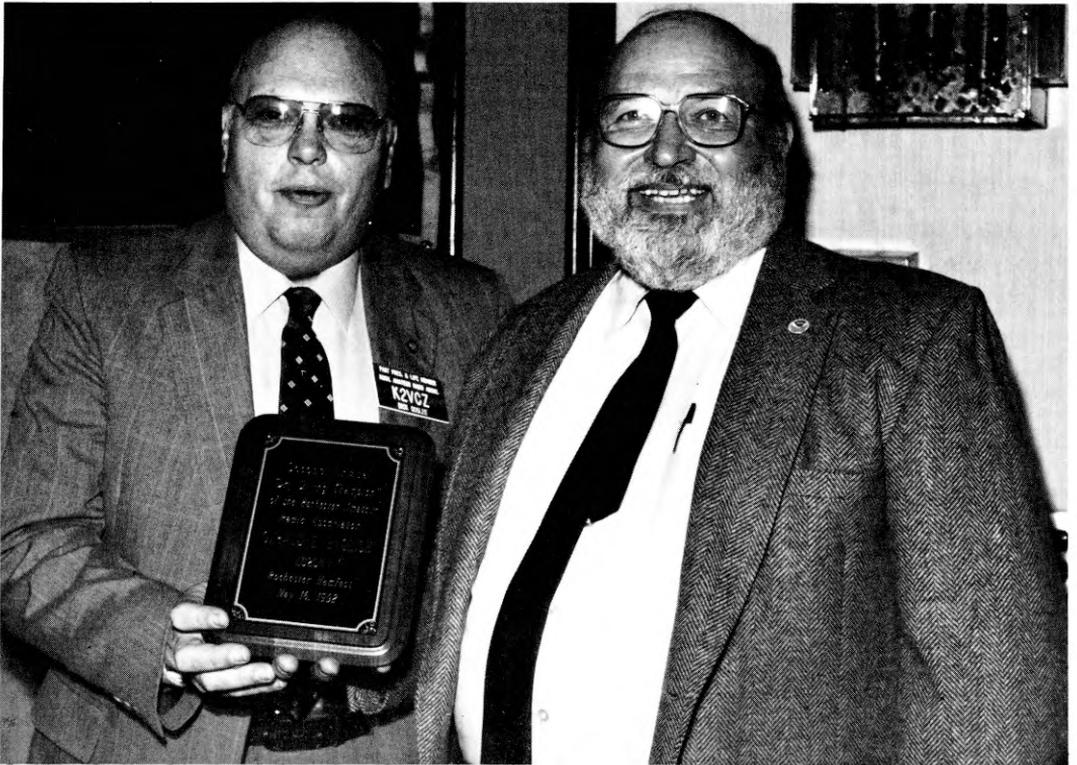
Inside the Dome was a record crowd.



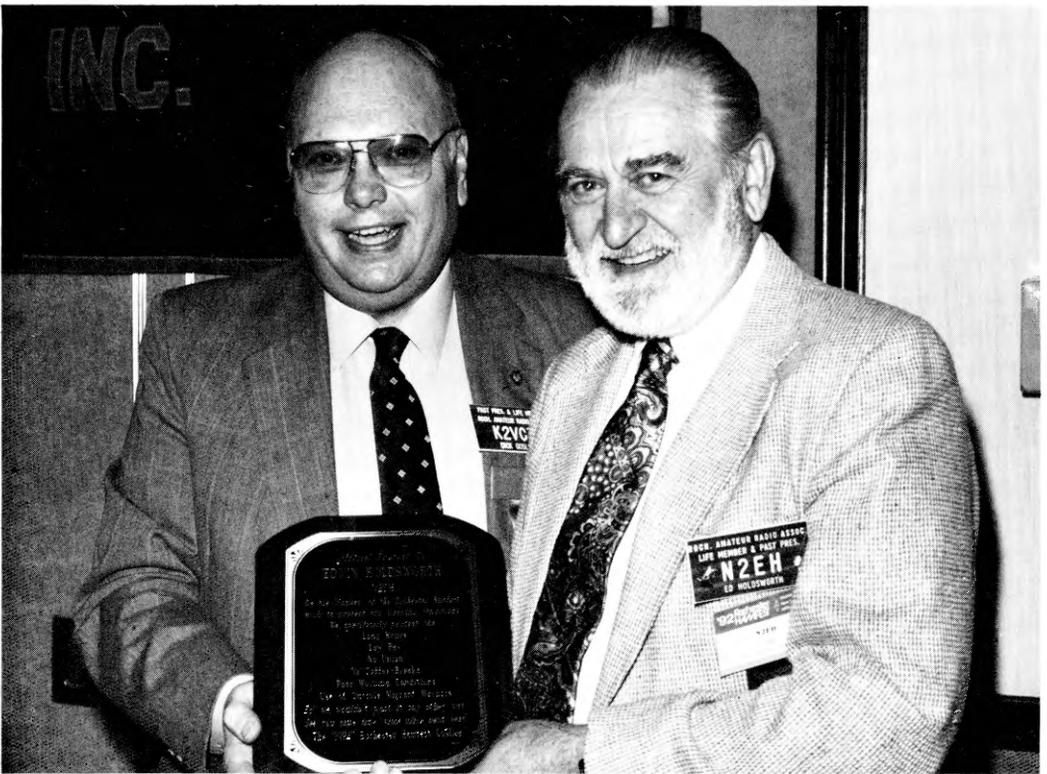
The Flea Market had many “treasures” for willing buyers.



The RaRa Engraving team is kept busy making badges and hats.



Gerry English, KB2DVV, receives the “Second Annual” award for the “Dry Diving” Competition at the Awards Banquet.



Ed Holdsworth, N2EH, receives a Placque from the “coolies” for being a “great boss”.



Ed also receives a “Token of Appreciation” from the “coolies” to help him in his duties as “Boss” next year. A Bull whip!

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01 Jly 92	1900 EDT	146.88 MHz	NF2Z
15 Jly 92	1900 EDT	146.88 MHz	WB8JPX
29 Jly 92	1900 EDT	146.88 MHz	WA2RXE

\* N2JC Repeater - Courtesy of Rochester Radio Repeater Association.

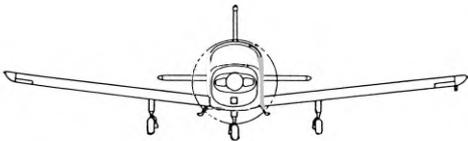
If you are unable to assume net control on your assigned date please contact NF2Z.

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# THE RaRa RAG YEARS AGO —

by Ed Gable, K2MP

**20 YEARS AGO – JUNE 1972:** This issue reports on the very successful 1972 Hamfest. RaRa was honored to have an ARRL president, Harry Dannals, W2TUK, attend for the first time along with three ARRL Directors. The *Amateur of the Year* award went to area favorite Linc Cundall, W2QY, who uttered the now famous quote “What took you so long!”. An interesting feature was a letter from Jack Benny congratulating RaRa on their 39th Hamfest. Also reported was the result of one of the most ambitious public service events ever attempted then and now. Hike for Hope, a fund raising event for the hospital ship of that name, was co-ordinated via ham radio. Jim Collinsworth's (WB2EDT) RACES group provided not only the usual 2 meter FM communications, but also ran 2 meter to 15 meter SSB links to the hospital ship near Brazil signing PY7ZAG. Joe Hood, K2YAH, and Gene Fuller, W2FZJ, provided the SSB phone patching. Eclipsing many activities, however, were the SSTV pictures of local people aboard the SS Hope via Dave Halliday's station, WB2ZEA. Congressman Horton, witnessing and communication over these networks commented that this amateur link equalled what he uses on Air Force-1. From the want ads, you could buy a used guitar from WB2HTH.

**40 YEARS AGO – MAY 1952:** The traditional picnic was held at Kern's Grove on Chili Avenue where RaRa VP Orv Bauer, W2TEX, thanked members for making RaRa such a success. Jo Keltz, W2WOW, penned a nice column for the YL's as did John Remsen for the VHF Group. John welcomed the Village of Hilton on VHF represented by Pete, W2YIE, who had very professional looking all home brew gear. The highest reported January VHF contest score was turned in by W2SPU in Moravia. You could buy a working, converted BC-459 TX from W2ENE for ten bucks.

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**MARCH 1992 MIND TWISTER IN ERROR**

The March 1992 issue of the *Rag* had a mind twister that was not correct. Please disregard the answer as it is incorrect.

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SEE YOU IN THE FALL**

