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FEBRUARY MEETING TO FEATURE RADIO CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT

It has been truthfully said that the only difference between men and boys are the price of their toys. For most of us amateur radio operators though, even one set of toys is often not enough. One of the more common interests among hams (besides radio) is airplanes. For our meeting of February 3rd, our special guests will be Bob O'Neil, KA2NBK and Warren Boudrie, AA2LQ (Always Asking 2 Lotsa Questions), offering to "show 'n tell" on radio controlled model airplanes. Both gentlemen have been involved with RC modeling for "a long time" (they wouldn't say HOW long) and have a significant amount of flight time under their belts. Bob plans to bring actual working models and to demonstrate the remotely controlled servos which control flight. A slide show of actual "flight-fests" will round out the evening and provide warm memories of summertime. Why not find some kid and bring him along? Why not bring two?

At the last meeting, Walt Obenhofer NQ2O spoke on amateur satellite operation. Unfortunately, live demonstrations proved not to be possible since all the amateur satellites were convened somewhere over Australia during the meeting. Walt says that won't happen when Phase IIID is a reality, and we will work the world with a hand held radio. Walt's membership to RaRa for 1995 will be complimentary, in gratitude for his presentation.

The annual Winter Funfest is coming soon; mark it on your calendars for February 11th. Bring your families, kids especially. The sledding is always great at this event, so come prepared. Cross country skiing is also a popular activity at the park. Judging by the looks outside as I write this in mid-January, maybe volleyball will be an alternative (but I doubt it, this is ROCHESTER for heaven's sake!). Bonnie and Clyde will be making a return appearance to provide hayrides regardless of the weather, and there will be prizes for all the youngsters

RaRa MEETING

February 3rd, 1995

8:00 P.M.

Henrietta Fire Hall
3129 East Henrietta Road
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RaRa CODE AND THEORY CLASSES START FEB. 20th

RaRa is pleased to announce the formation of its Spring 1995 Code and Theory Classes for our 38th year of teaching. Classes will be offered for Novice, Technician, General and Extra.

If you are interested in the Extra class, please see "Extra Class Class" article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Spring registration will be held at 111 Westfall Road at 7:00 p.m on February 20th. The first session will start after all are registered. The classes normally start at 7:30 p.m. and last until 9:30 p.m. each Monday evening and will run until approximately May 8. A testing session is planned for May 15.

The total cost for the program, including registration is \$14.00 for Novice and Technician and \$ 12.00 for General and Extra. If you are not a current member of RaRa please add \$6.00 if unlicensed, and \$10.00 if licensed to the above figures. This will cover your membership in RaRa.

SILENT KEYS

Ray E. Leigh

W2SNI

January 8, 1995

William N. Beckett

KE2WK

December 21, 1994

EXTRA CLASS CLASS

No, this is not double talk. RaRa is considering holding an Amateur Extra Class licensing class as a part of it's next licensing class series scheduled to begin in February. If there is sufficient interest, an Extra class will be taught by Joe Hood, K2YA who has taught the advanced classes for several years. The registration fee is \$22.00 for non members and \$12.00 for RaRa members. This includes the cost of the ARRL text materials. Exact times and days for the class will be announced by the instructor. If you are interested, call the RaRa phone number or Joe at 865-9092 after 6 p.m.

REMEMBER OUR ADVERTISERS

Its hard to patronize all of the companies who advertise in the RAG, but just don't forget them. Read their copy once in a while. You might be surprised at what you see. Want to start making kites? You might want to see Chuck Vorndran. A Marine Canvas shop may have some scraps of Rip-Stop Nylon laying around. Just the stuff for kites. What?? Your tower fell down and konked the neighbor on the head! We got two good Attorneys who advertise in the RAG. Better get to one of them pronto.

Marc Ornstein has given me some information from time to time, and also put a new roof on the old house. Hasn't leaked yet. We all are into electronics just a bit, aren't we? Well, sure enough two places tell us that they have Just about anything we can dream up. And it's in stock too. Go to these places first. They all are helping us by advertising in the RAG.

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February Calendar

- 3 - RaRa Meeting - 8:00 p.m. - Henrietta Fire Hall - 3129 East Henrietta Rd.
- 9 - RAPS Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - 111 Westfall Rd
- 18 - RaRa VE Testing - 111 Westfall Rd. 8:30 a.m.

ROCHESTER HAMFEST PROGRAMS-PART II

By Lloyd R. Caves, WB2EFU

Last month's article talked about just a couple of the programs to be held at the Rochester Hamfest this May. This month we will continue on with adding a few more to the list. It is hoped that by doing this you will be able to make out a list of the ones that you want to attend before getting to the Hamfest.

There will be an ARRL forum this year. These are always interesting as everyone gets an update as to what is going on in the world of amateur radio outside of Rochester. It also gives the members and non-members alike a chance to ask questions of our league officials. This year the panel will be made up of Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, Atlantic Division Director; Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, Hudson Division Director; Kay Craigie, WT3P, Atlantic Division Vice Director; Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK, Hudson Division Vice Director; and William Thompson, W2MTA, Western NY Section Manager.

All MARS members as well as anyone interested in MARS or receiving information on MARS is invited to attend the Joint MARS Forum. This is an information meeting to let everyone know what is taking place in the MARS organization. It also gives some of the new comers a chance to meet with people that they may have only talked to on the nets or even only heard about. This forum will be chaired by Don Linebeck, AAA2NY, Army MARS State Director; Corin Corke, AFF1NY, Air Force MARS State Director; and Ken Wasley, NNN0GBJ 15, Navy-Marine Corps MARS. Also Following the joint meeting there will be a short Navy-Marine Corps MARS meeting held by Jim Stone, NNN0GBJ.

W2"RUF" and Ready Code Proficiency Tests will be given again this year. This is the sixteenth anniversary of the Clara Reger memorial code proficiency testing. The testing will take place on the floor of the Dome Arena throughout the day. Kevin Kedzierski, WA2FKV will be giving the exams and has a beautiful certificate for the highest scores. If you are a CW buff give it a try. Even if

you are not it is fun just to see how fast you can copy code.

In case you have forgotten already, or just haven't marked it on your calendar, the Hamfest this year will be held on May 19, 20, and 21 at the Monroe County Fair Grounds. AR the programs that are listed here and in the January Rag will be held on Saturday the 20th.

Atlantic Division Awards

By Lloyd R. Caves, WB2EFU

Once again this year the Rochester Hamfest/Atlantic Division Convention will be giving out three very important awards. They are for Amateur Of The Year; Grand 'Ole Ham; and Technical Achievement. If you have any one in mind that would be deserving of one of these awards please submit their name to the nomination committee. Forms are available just by asking. You may call Lloyd Caves, WB2EFU at (716) 671-7079 in the evening or (716) 647-4670 during the day or send a note. The address is as follows:

Rochester Hamfest Awards Committee
Lloyd R. Caves, WB2EFU
652 Beverly Drive
Webster, NY 14580-2305

Amateurs of any license class may be nominated for awards. The Awards Committee may, at their discretion, shift a nomination made in one award category to another category, in order to honor a larger number of worthy nominees.

AMATEUR OF THE YEAR

The Radio Amateur in the Atlantic Division whose record merits recognition for outstanding contributions to the Amateur Radio Service. He or she is active on the air and in Amateur Radio organizations. The Amateur of the Year is an all-around Amateur, whose activities, attitudes, and achievements may serve as an example to others. Devotion to Amateur Radio is balanced with attention to work responsibilities and family life. The Amateur of the Year exemplifies the "Amateur's Code." In selection of the award recipient, emphasis is placed on service to others rather than self, diversity of Amateur Radio interests and activities, evidence of continuing self-challenge, and outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio in the year preceding nomination.

GRAND OLE HAM

The Radio Amateur in the Atlantic Division whose outstanding record merits recognition for *lifetime contributions* to Amateur Radio Service. Like the Amateur of the Year, the Grand Ole Ham is an all-around Amateur, and OM or YL whose activities,

attitudes, and achievements may serve as a guiding example to others. *At the time of nomination nominees must either have been licensed Radio Amateurs for at least 30 years, or, be at least 50 years of age.* Emphasis is placed on service to others rather than self, diversity of Amateur Radio interests and activities, and evidence of continuing self-challenge via Amateur Radio. This award is presented at the discretion of the Awards Committee, not necessarily every year.

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

The Radio Amateur(s) in the Atlantic Division whose technical excellence exemplifies "Continuation of the Amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art" and whose attitude exemplifies the highest dedication to service to others and to science, rather than self. Particular value will be placed on evidence of continuing contributions to the Amateur Radio Service. Groups of two or more Amateurs may be nominated for a joint award in this category. Technical achievement may be demonstrated through activities such as the following: publications, research and development creativity in hardware/firmware/software, systems design and implementation, technical instruction, application of advanced technology to public service communications. This award is presented at the discretion of the Awards Committee, not necessarily every year.

There are a lot of people out there that are deserving of one of these awards but do not receive it because no one nominates them. If you feel that you know some deserving person take the time and send in their nomination. You do not have to be embarrassed doing this and you may be doing someone a great honor.

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PUBLISHER OF 73 MAGAZINE IN DEEP FINANCIAL TROUBLE

The evidence of severe financial problems is piling up at the offices of Wayne Green, Inc., Peterborough, NH. Green, W2NSD/1, publisher of *73 Magazine* (now in its 33rd year) and *Radio Fun*, a tabloid for new hams.

In April, Green sent out a letter asking creditors to work with him while he was "...solving the problems..." His version was that it was the "...money losing (music) CD manufacturing division that caused the problem".

Green's company has sustained a growing loss in employees as well through terminations and layoffs. Reportedly he had a high of about 70 employees in 1990. That has dwindled to some 15 employees today.

Fiscal difficulties at WGI have been building since January 1992 when some 25 people were laid off.

In the latter part of April 1974, Green was convicted of filing false and fraudulent income tax returns. His two 5 Year prison sentences were suspended and Green was placed on probation for a period of three years. He also was ordered to pay a total fine of \$20,000 plus substantial court costs.

The current IRS problem surfaced at WGI several months ago when IRS auditors were seen coming and going over the course of many weeks. It became common knowledge among staff that Green was having deep difficulties with the IRS.

It now appears that Wayne Green owes \$250,000 in IRS tax arrears going back a little over one year. In addition, his accounts payable is reportedly bulging by more than \$300,000. So that puts him in debt to the tune of more than half a million dollars.

Supposedly, Green was given an extension to obtain funds to pay a significant amount up front of what he owed the IRS. Reportedly, he got another extension when he failed to meet the first deadline. The second deadline we understand was August 31st. The IRS conceivably could close down everything if Green defaults again. It appears that all Wayne has left is *73 Magazine* and *Radio Fun* plus a warehouse bursting at the seams full of unsold music CD's.

Our understanding is that *73 Magazine* is indeed profitable, but *Radio Fun* is only marginally break even. The big question is, of course, what is now going to happen to *73 Magazine*? It is very questionable whether the publication can survive in its present state considering its present financial and personnel condition. W5YI Report has learned that investors are looking into the possibility of buying-out *73 Magazine*.

Tnx W5YI Report via The Readout

THE RaRa RAG YEARS AGO

by Ed Gable K2MP

20 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1975:

VP Bill March, WA2CER, came up with an interesting program on error correcting codes presented by Tom Warren, K4EIM/2. This program was presented at Koak Park where the KPARC was our host for the evening. An announcement of the retirement of ARRL General Manager John Hontoon, W1RW, was made. Replacing John after 15 years of service was Dick Baldwin, W1RU. After a battle between the ARRL and the FCC, it was made known that the Amateur License fees would drop from \$9.00 to \$4.00 for applications and renewal, bringing Amateur fees in line with Commercial operators. 30 new hams passed the Fall licensing class with instructors W7JRL, WA2RYT, WB2EDT, K2WW and K2LZG. Ed Gable, W2MPM, was appointed by the Board of Directors to head up a study committee on the controversial FCC Docket 20282. John Schooley, W2BLU, was working through the red tape to bring Amateur Exams to the Rochester Hamfest for the first time. A new advertiser, for personalized flight instruction, was Jerry Barlow, K2EUR.

40 YEARS AGO - FEBRUARY 1955:

Recognizing the new Novice operators, RaRa initiated a plan to start regular club meetings at 7:30. The 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. portion of the meeting was devoted to novices or unlicensed persons who needed help on a variety of subjects. The February Meetings was Ladies Night with two programs, one on color photography and the other on color-TV, the latter by resident TV expert Fran Sherwood, W2QCF. A new Novice was KN2JJT. A history of Amateur operations written by George Batterson, W2GB, reveals that organized radio clubs were in Rochester as early as 1910 to 1914. In 1914 those small groups formed the Rochester Wireless Association with approximately 30 members. I'll publish more on this periodically. From the want ads you could buy a sturdy 30 foot wooden tower from Hank Blodget, W2UTH, for 25 bucks.

RDXA MOURNS PASSING OF KE2WK

It is with great sadness in the RDXA, to report the passing of Bill Beckett KE2WK. Bill is a past president of the Rochester DX Association, a DXer and contester, and more importantly, just a great person to know. Bill was 50 years old and an advanced class licensee. 73 Bill and good DX.

LICENSE EXAM TESTING

by: Barbara AA2CX
George AA2FO

CONGRATULATIONS..... To thirteen members of the amateur radio community who either got their licenses, upgraded, or passed exam elements at the recent RaRa testing session of Dec. 17. They are: Anthony Galotto, Adam Koch, Roger Butler, Nick Sirianni, William Schlein, John Schmidt, William Brooks, Ralph Mullin Jr., Norman Vaughn, Harry Williams, James McClure, Joseph Foley, Jwu-Ming Liu.

Enjoy your new privileges.

Our next session will be on February 18th, 111 Westfall Rd., Rochester, NY, starting at 9:00 AM. Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

See you there.

Next Rag Deadline
March 15, 1995

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NEW YORK STATEHOUSE WELCOMES FORMER HAM

New York Governor-elect George S. Pataki is a former licensed amateur. He was K2ZCZ from 1959 to 1970. He's busy, but we sent him a *QST* and spoke with his brother, Lou Pataki, who is K2PRB (and an ARRL life member).

"George, who is four years my junior, and I had two cousins who were hams," Lou Pataki said. "One of them, Fred Senk, K2UYQ, was our 'Elmer.' He's dead now." (Another cousin, Bob Senk, is K2YAZ, and lives in Glen Arbor, Michigan).

Lou was licensed first, then the governor-elect got interested, as a high school freshman. Their station was at the family home in Peekskill, New York, where Lou still has a station. "I was mainly interested in VHF and experimenting," Lou said, "but George was a communicator. He liked the 'dc bands,' and DXing. In high school George was active in sports and other activities; outside of school, ham radio was definitely his principal activity."

The Pataki brothers reunited at Yale, where Lou was in graduate school (radio astronomy and, later, law) and George was an undergraduate. Both were active in the radio club, then W1YU.

George Pataki entered politics and became active, whereupon his license lapsed.

Lou Pataki said he thought his brother would enjoy seeing a copy of *QST*, so we got his home address. "He'll get it no problem unless one of the state troopers is a ham," Lou said.

Sure enough, the next day a New York State Police detective called Headquarters, to inquire about the contents of an overnight envelope from Newington.

Tnx ARRL Letter

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All you have to do is show up at III Westfall Road on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. That will be February 9th, and so on. Come on over, join the gang, have a good time and learn how to make your wife happy!!

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FCC COMPUTER GIVES NEW LOOK TO LICENSES

Amateurs receiving new or modified FCC licenses after June 8, 1994, should carefully note their expiration date. Only new (first) licenses or specific renewals have a full 10-year term.

Amateur license upgrades and changes of address, call sign, or name are processed with the original expiration date intact. That is, they are not automatically renewed for a new 10-year term.

The FCC, using newly installed computer software, is processing amateur licenses in this manner to conform with the way in which it processes all other Private Radio Services licenses.

The FCC currently recommends that amateurs submit license renewal applications 60 to 90 days before their expiration date. The Commission said it intends eventually to mail license expiration notices to amateurs. In the meantime, the ARRL is sending license expiration notices to ARRL members along with an FCC Form 610 and a return envelope addressed to the FCC's licensing division in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

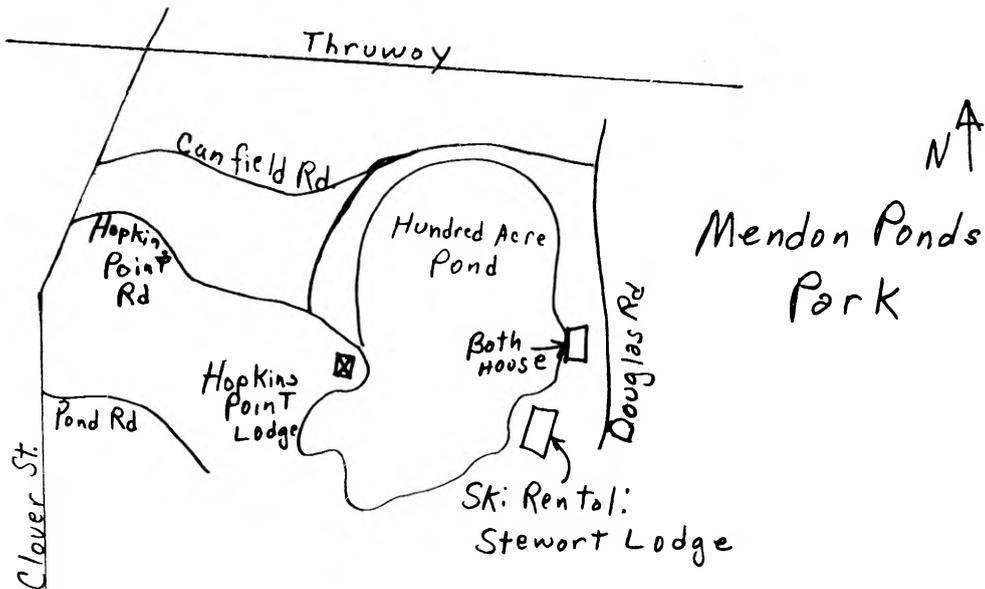
Another difference in these new licenses is the new "TECH PLUS" category for those who have qualified. Persons upgrading from Novice, or those who upgrade from codeless Technician by passing Morse code exam, or persons who pass the Novice and Technician written tests--plus a Morse code test--will receive a license that reads "TECH PLUS" under Operator Privileges.

Persons who became a Technician with HF privileges with a license begin date prior to June 8, 1994 must continue to retain their "Technician" license and Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination" (CSCE) in order to show that TECH PLUS privileges are held.

Other changes include the look of the amateur license itself.

Tnx ARRL Letter via The Readout





Map to Hopkins Point Lodge at Mendon Ponds Park. RaRa Winter Funfest, February 11, 1995.

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