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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

### RARA General Meeting January 6

By Bill Kasperkoski, WB2SXY  
Vice-President, RARA

We have taken measures for our families to be prepared for winter weather by stockpiling food, water and fuel. We have our vehicles ready for the cold and snow. We have trained, planned and practiced emergency communications by working the special events, Field Day and public service. Antennas are ready for the winter contest season and our batteries and rigs are all set. We dress warmly in the winter because we may slide off the roads and have to walk home. We feel somewhat prepared for many of the events that could happen to us this winter season. When hams prepare we do two things: we are less likely to need resources FROM the community, and we are more able to provide resources to the community.

Mr. Sande Macaluso, the Operations and Planning Officer from Monroe County's Office of Emergency Preparedness will discuss some of the community preparedness issues that affect all of us in our day - to - day lives and the preparedness aspects of the local ham radio operators. Attend the RARA General Membership Meeting for more details and Q&A at 7:30 pm at the Henrietta Fire Company #1, 3129 East Henrietta Road at Lehigh Station Road, in Henrietta.

### **RaRa MEETING**

**January 6, 2006**

**7:30 P.M.**

Henrietta Fire Hall #1  
3129 East Henrietta Road

**Community Preparedness  
By Sande Macaluso, OEP**

### February License Courses on Sat.

By Peter Fournia, W2SKY  
Education Chairman

Our RARA Amateur Radio license courses will start on Saturday, February 4 and continue for 6 Saturdays, ending March 11. The exam will be on March 18.

This is a change from the usual Monday evening sessions! This change was proposed to the BOD in early 2005 and discussed again last fall. The change incorporates the concepts of an accelerated course and offerings on Saturday mornings. We view this February course as an experiment. It does not necessarily mean that next fall's sessions will also occur on Saturdays. Many think that having the Fall course on Monday evenings and having the Spring course on Saturdays may be a good compromise. Time will tell.

Each session will be two hours long and will probably be located in a classroom at RIT. Final arrangements will be announced in the February "RaRa RAG", on the RARA website and our email reflector.

Spread the word. This is a good opportunity for those who could not attend Monday evenings. We also need more instructors to help share the load. If you have any questions or comments please contact our Head instructor Brad Armstrong, W1YX at

[w1yx@arrl.net](mailto:w1yx@arrl.net)

### **SILENT KEY**

**Howard P. Caudle, W2RSU**

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## The Prez Sez

By Dick Goslee, KG2I  
President, RARA

I would like to start out by wishing each of you a very Happy Holiday. We all have a lot to be thankful for this time of year and our families are the most important thing we can be thankful for. I hope you all enjoy the season and I hope you each get that new rig or antenna you wanted for Christmas. After all, you have been good this year. Haven't you? Santa knows!

Changing a long standing tradition we have appointed the Nominating Committee early this year. The committee consists of Bill Kasperkoski, WB2SXY, Chairman along with Keith Freeberg, N2BEL and Peter Fournia, W2SKY. If you are interested in working for RARA, or if you are just interested in finding out more about how the organization is run you can contact any of the committee members for more information. In addition the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors are open and anyone is welcome to attend. The meetings are held the Thursday of the week following the regular RARA meeting. They are held at 8:00PM in Bldg-9, Room 3119 of the RIT Campus. Parking is available in Lot-J.

Those of you that missed the December meeting missed a very good presentation by former President Peter Fournia, W2SKY. Peter talked about the destruction of hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the Gulf Coast. He spent three weeks working down there for the Red Cross. His pictures were eye opening to say the least. The picture of a full sized van sitting on the roof of a front porch of a house is something I don't think I will ever forget. Thanks for a great presentation Peter.

The schedule for the upcoming Spring License Classes has now been set and features a change. The classes will now be held on Saturday instead of the usual Monday evenings. Also the classes will be for 2 hours instead of the usual 1 hour. The good news is that they will only take 6 weeks instead of 12. Look for the article in this month's "RAG" for the details.

That's all for this month. Have fun and drive safely in the winter slush.

February Rag Deadline  
January 13, 2006

Rochester Hamfest  
June 2-3-4, 2006

By Ed Gable, K2MP  
RARA Historian

"Hams have high Potential" was the grabbing headline for this meeting's program. Do you think you have the topic? In this case the program was by Gil Chapin, WB2UTI, speaking on the subject of static electricity and how that can cause serious problems with newer, more sensitive solid state devices. The 8:00 p.m. meeting was held at the 40/8 club on University Avenue. Ed Kohl, WA2UBD, wrote announcing RaRa's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Winter Funfest held on February 8, in Mendon Ponds Park's Hopkins Point Lodge. The noon event went on 'til six p.m. and attendees enjoyed good food, beverages, cross country skiing, sledding and the second annual Trivial-Pursuit challenge. This reporter remembers and points out that the dessert-baking contest was to some the highlight of the event.

Rich Sykes, WA2EIV, announced to local hams that he was introducing Ham Radio to the young residents at the State School at Industry and was seeking used equipment for the venture. This issue also made an announcement to all meeting attendees that starting now there will be no smoking in Monroe County at any public gathering of 50 persons or more. The FCC announced that in 1986 the maximum a VE can charge for an Amateur Exam is \$4.29.

*RaRa Rag* Editor Ron Jakubowski, K2RJ, penned an article telling all how the *Rag* gets put together each month. Many people also were cited for their help and devotion including the authors, the printers; Don and Joyce Ray, the collators and envelope stuffers which are often random members but always included Herb Jordan WA2MSA, and Joel Rossbach N2EZS, who took the final task of delivering the ready-for-mailing *Rags* to the post office. Always ready to take over when needed, and needed he was, was the Associate Editor Don Taylor, KB2BU. The entire RaRa membership was maintained on a TRS-80 model 1 computer running *Profile 3*. Ron also pointed out that the *RaRa Rag* just received an award from the *Amateur Radio News Service* for excellence in publication. *Commercial Communications* of Lancaster, NY remained a long term advertiser and from the Want Ads you could buy a Heath SB-200 Linear from Ed, K2RHS, for \$275.00.

## From the VP of RRRRA

By Brad Allen, KB2CHY  
VP of RRRRA

It sure has started out to be a good year for RRRRA. We have plans for some real good improvements to the K2RRRA repeater. Soon, if not done by the time you read this, N2HJD will be in its new home from downtown Rochester. We have entered into an agreement with Frontier Telephone of Rochester and have access to one site and maybe more. This is a big plus to a club that needs rooftops and towers to exist. I know we have a subject for January 2006, but keep an eye on the website [www.rrra.5u.com](http://www.rrra.5u.com) for details. Our December meeting was our annual dinner out at MacGregor's on Jefferson Rd. All had a good time.

The Newbie Net broke new ground with Ed Gable coming on board and sharing some of his expertise on what old radios make good first radios. It was educational and enjoyed by all. He also gave a very interesting history of the 88 repeater. He was a bit surprised when the system told him he had the wrong PL tone. Ed, thank you so much for coming on board and please stop by anytime.

This has been a great year for the Newbie Net that was started by silent key Ray Pickens WA2MYG. We miss both his wisdom as well as his harmonious voice on the air. Please when reading this, stop and reminisce for a moment about Ray and the many other silent keys that have passed away over the years. I'll bet they have a great homebrew club there in heaven.

RRRA continues to grow and has taken on a very important item for the club that requires a \$500.00 payment each year. We are asking that if you have not signed up to rejoin RRRRA, please do now because we need the dues to cover expenses. We are contemplating a raise in the dues, but have not made any decision as yet. We would like to solicit donations to cover this expense we have taken on and every little bit helps. The dues have been \$10.00 for many years. Personally I would like to keep it that way. We may be able to stall off a raise in dues if donations cover all or most of the goal set for September of next year of \$1100 to cover this item. Please join RRRRA and become a part. We have lots of things in the works.

In the summer of 2006, we will be getting ready the 146.88 system for use for the Empire State Games. They need reliable communications for emergency traffic and dispatch as well as communications from each venue to net control. Depending on how many places we need to provide hams a way into the repeater, will depend on what we need to do technically on the system.

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We have plans and a plan-B, but few details at this time. Please sign up for a tour of duty for the Empire State Games as we will really need your help. This is another event that could not exist without ham radio. See you at the January 20th meeting. Hope you all have a very Happy Holiday season.

## Sidebands – Amateur Radio in the News

By Larry Wallnau, W2ZEY  
RARA Media Coordinator

The Los Angeles Fire Department has been chosen by the City's Emergency Operations Organization to oversee its amateur radio program under the Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) agreement with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. LAFD Auxiliary Communications Service volunteers provide essential communications support to the Los Angeles Fire Department during disasters and at LAFD-supported public service events, such as the recent Hollywood Christmas Parade. In a strong show of support for the program and evidence of its importance, Fire Chief William Bamattre has authorized the LAFD ACS to enroll up to 500 licensed radio amateurs (ham radio operators) to supplement the Department's existing communications network as needed. **Source: LAFD News and Information**

Foot-in-the-Mouth Department: Governor Mitt Romney dismissed the role of Amateur Radio operators in emergency communications during a televised "town meeting" program last night [November 15] on WCVB's "When Disaster Strikes: Segment Two." The program featured public safety and volunteer organization officials from across Massachusetts among its audience. Host and moderator Natalie Jacobson asked an increasingly-agitated Governor Romney questions about communications interoperability, and communication without commercial power. Romney was next asked by Jacobson, "...so does it come down to ham radio?..." The Governor replied in a disgusted tone, "No, we don't need to deal with ham radio operators..." Embarrassed public safety officials later tried to put in a good word for Amateur Radio. National Weather Service Warning Coordination Meteorologist Glenn Field was prepared to state the importance of Amateur Radio, when Salvation Army Colonel Fred Van Brunt was called upon. Van Brunt remarked about his organization's quest to improve its communications

capabilities and how Amateur Radio has aided his organization. "The ham radio situation helps a great deal," he stated. **Source: ARRL PR Reflector**

Tom Coates, N3IJ, Legislative Affairs Team, Baltimore Amateur Radio Club, reports progress on legislation regarding restrictive homeowner associations [HOA's] rules for amateur radio. The new legislation was passed in the State Senate 46-0 and it does not apply retroactively to currently established HOA's. According to the legislation, new HOA's must contain specific statements that assign the sole authority over amateur radio equipment to the FCC and local government. Let's watch this legislation closely. **Source: Tom Coates, N3IJ**

The seventh annual SKYWARN Recognition special event took place Saturday, December 3. Cosponsored by the National Weather Service (NWS) and ARRL, SKYWARN Recognition Day is the National Weather Service's way of expressing its appreciation to Amateur Radio operators for their commitment to helping keep communities safe. "Ham radio operators volunteering as storm spotters are an extremely valuable asset to National Weather Service operations since they are cross-trained in both communications and severe storm recognition," says organizer Scott Mentzer, N0QE, the Meteorologist-In-Charge at the Goodland, Kansas NWS office. Last year, 114 NWS offices across the country participated in SRD, says David Floyd, the Warning coordination Meteorologist at Goodland. According to Floyd, in typical SKYWARN operations during severe weather, direct communication between mobile spotters and local NWS offices provides critical "ground truth" information for forecasters. "Spotter reports of hail size, wind damage and surface-based rotation in real time greatly assist the radar warning operator, since that information can be correlated with Doppler radar displays," he says. The result may be a more strongly worded statement to convey greater urgency or issue a tornado warning a few minutes earlier than would otherwise have been possible. "While NWS offices utilize the real-time reporting of severe weather events to assist in warning operations, hurricanes Katrina and Rita have shown us that ham radio operators are equally important during the recovery phase of natural disasters," Floyd points out. Floyd also cites the example of the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN). He notes that the HWN, which organized in 1965 during Hurricane Betsy, started out as an informal group of amateurs but has since developed a formal relationship with the National Hurricane Center in Miami via its Amateur Radio station WX4NHC. Ham radio operators and volunteers at Miami work together when hurricanes threaten to provide real-time

weather data and damage reports to the Hurricane Center's forecasters. **Source: Allen Pitts, WIAGP, ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager, & Matthew Mehle, KC0TER, NWS.**

[Nov. 16, 2006] Just weeks after assisting in hurricane relief efforts along the Gulf Coast and in Florida, Amateur Radio volunteers this week responded to yet another series of weather emergencies. Kentucky had 4 confirmed touchdowns in Marshall and Hopkins Counties and the towns of Earlington, Madisonville, Benton and Sharps. In Hopkins County alone there were 26 injuries with more expected as Search and Rescue teams scour the region to find survivors. Twenty two more people injured and one confirmed death was reported in Marshall County. A tornado was tracked from Dawson Springs KY through Owensboro KY into SE Indiana. According to the Deputy EMA Director for Hopkins County, Frank Wright, information coming to the center is sketchy thus far. Amateur Radio was the only reliable communications they had for several hours at critical times during the events due to power outages and damage to the regular phone systems. While the storms damaged normal electric and phone services throughout the region, the hams were able to quickly establish interlocking radio communications networks. The skills they use in their "hobby" are the same skills which allow them to set up an emergency radio station with voice and digital capabilities in minutes. The hams' District Emergency Coordinator, Nick Nailey, KG4URI, reported that Amateur Radio Emergency Service and RACES teams were deployed throughout Hopkins County and operated under a state of emergency. He estimates that at the height of the event 20 to 30 Amateur Radio stations were involved in providing critical emergency communications throughout the area. In addition to being called upon to provide immediate ground observations to the National Weather Service, hams also had the state EOC on the air to get emergency information in and out of the affected areas. The amateur station WX4NWS, located at the Louisville National Weather Service, was active Tuesday afternoon and evening contacting the counties in southern Indiana and Kentucky as they tried to keep up with the rapidly developing storms. The hams report that at times, new tornado warnings came faster than people could reset their alert receivers.

**Source: ARRL PR Reflector**

**RaRa Hotline**

**(585) 442-0587**

24 hours a day

## Don Peters, W2ELK Equipment

Don Peters, W2ELK, a long time member of RARA passed away in September this year and his impressive ham station is now being sold. All of Don's HF equipment are top-of-the-line models and in like new condition with documentation. This includes the 55 ft. powered US Tower HDX555, Force 12 31XR Tribander and 240N 40 meter beams, Yaesu 2800 DXA rotor, Yaesu Mark V HFT-1000MP transceiver, ICOM 2000A HF linear amplifier, Heil goldline microphone and headset. Other items will be sold at the March RARRA auction as donations to RARRA and RARA.

If you are interested in any of this equipment contact Peter Fournia, W2SKY at 585-377-0535. The equipment is available now as individual items or as a package. EBAY will be used later in January. Help is available to disassemble the antennas, rotor and tower.

## Public Service Events

By Keith Freeberg, N2BEL  
Public Service Chairman

It is not too early to start thinking about the upcoming season of Public Service Events. Here are the events that are already on the schedule as of right now. More events will be added as they come in. If you are interested in working on any of these events please contact me at [n2bel@arrl.net](mailto:n2bel@arrl.net) or you can sign up at any of the regular monthly RARA meetings.

**Empire State Games** – July 26-30, 2006 -- Ed Turkowski, N2KVZ, will be working with Keith Freeberg, N2BEL to visit local clubs to recruit volunteers. Opening ceremonies will honor amateur radio participation. A total of 14 local applications have been received in person from volunteers in the area. The state required sign up sheet is available on the RaRa website.

**Tour de Cure** – June 11, 2006 -- Charlie Escriva, KB2SOZ, has volunteered to step into a lead role in the now local Tour now ranked number ten in the nation. He is doing so to honor the memory of his mother who died of complications of diabetes three years ago. Planning meetings have begun to review route safety, introduce amateur radio communications to various ambulance, fire and police agencies and review safety within the start/finish area.

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**MS Tour** – August 19 & 20, 2006 – Planning meetings have begun to make this a ‘Destination’ ride. Recent years were loops (long & short) with the same start/finish each day. New routes will be developed and their safety issues explored.

**Cycling for Mercy** – Date TBD – Last years coordinator from Mercy Flight Central, Dwayne May, has been contacted and advised that the event should consider rescheduling due to the large drain of amateur radio resources during the Empire State Games. This event would be a crossover opportunity with Squaw Island ARC and Ontario County ARES.

**Stuart Horse Trials** – Date TBD – Last years reliance on business band radios and using untrained resources as communicators did not go as well as planned by the organizers. We should stand ready to add this event back into our schedule that would typically be held the weekend before the Empire State Games.

**Mussel Man Triathlon** – July 16, 2006 – planning meetings have begun for this event with communications coordinated through Yates County ARES Emergency Coordinator, Rich Kingsley. A significant donation was made to RARA and to Yates ARES to honor the participation of its Ham Radio Operators. We can expect this will continue proportionately with participation. This event is expected to grow in athlete participation from 2005 level of 1,000 to approximately 1,300. This event is only in its third year and had 500 participants at its inaugural event.

**Rochester Marathon** – September 17, 2006 – planning meetings have begun for this event with the move to a Sunday event and a major change in routing for the 26.2 mile run. Coordination and cooperation with five area police agencies is ongoing. This event is expected to grow again this year. Last years inaugural event was expecting less than 1,000 participants and topped out at nearly 1,500 participants.

Other events are on the calendar at [www.monroecountyemcomm.org](http://www.monroecountyemcomm.org) and a link from the RARA web page should be available. I’ll ask our Webmaster about updating the Public Service list on the site.

The Rochester Museum and Science Center's Holiday Science and Technology Fair is here again! Ham radio will be on display with a HF station and hands-on items. It is December 27, 28, 29 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). More than 1000 people per day attend this fair but this year is more important to us. We have a prime location that will guarantee high traffic. We need MORE HELP! Please schedule a 2 hour shift at

[www.rochesterham.org/RMSCSchedule.htm](http://www.rochesterham.org/RMSCSchedule.htm).

Bring you family and visitors to RMSC. Entry for participants is free, and we have a small number of guest passes.

## As Good As It Gets

By Keith Freeberg, N2BEL  
Public Service Chairman

The 2005 Pumpkin Patrol was a great success thanks to twenty-six operators who stepped up to answer the call. Pumpkin Patrol, as many of you know, is a function that reports to the New York State Police (NYSP), Troop T and safeguards New York State Thruway bridges across the state on October 30 and 31. Our Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) organization has been recognized by Sergeant Charles Stumpf for its excellent level of service on both evenings.

As a result a donation has been made to RARA as a token of appreciation for its members efforts in promoting and participating in the event. Further, each of the participants will be receiving a special recognition from the New York State Police. (Just show that certificate next time you get pulled over on the Thruway and I am certain you will be treated very well. ... .. You will likely be cited, but you will be treated very well.)

What did our hams do right to earn this special recognition? Thanks to the great turnout we had one or more hams posted at every bridge the NYSP wanted given attention. But that is not all. The icing on the cake (or should I say donut) was the ‘Alert Patrol.’ These three hams coordinated picking up donuts and cider and driving from bridge to bridge checking on the welfare of those stationed on bridges and delivering the ‘goodies.’ It could have also been that there was some donuts and cider served to the Trooper that came by to check on us also. I’m sure that didn’t hurt their opinion of us a bit.

To all those that helped, please accept my heartiest thanks and I am looking forward to

working with you all again next October. To those that I could not find an assignment for, my apologies and I hope you will sign up early for this coming October so I can be thinking of more ways to use your valuable skills. So to all that gave their ideas, help and attention to the Pumpkin Patrol in 2005, we were 'As Good As It Gets.' Just think of what we can do this coming October to be 'As Good As It Gets.'

PS: Be sure your RACES application is current. See N2PU, N2BEL or N2KXS to confirm.

*The following is a letter that was sent by the New York State Police to Dave Hassett, K2SQI, one of the organizers of this year's "Pumpkin Patrol".*

Dear Mr. Hassett,

Thank you for helping to organize the Pumpkin Patrol this year. Through your help and the help of many other volunteers, there were no major incidents along the New York State Thruway this Halloween.

Enclosed is a donation from the Thruway Authority to help defray any expenses for postage or long distance calls associated with the Pumpkin Patrol. Additionally, certificates of appreciation will be sent to you in the near future. Hopefully, this small contribution, as well as the certificates, will somehow demonstrate the appreciation of both the New York State Thruway Authority and the New York State Police.

Again, thank you for the time given to the Pumpkin Patrol by all of the volunteers in your organization.

Sincerely,  
Charles F. Stumpf  
Sergeant  
New York State Police  
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## Antenna and Tower Available

From the estate of Harvey Samuels, WA2LUE:

TriEx W-51 tower with 3 element tri-band yagi beam and CDE Ham M type rotator. The tower is nested down to 21 feet so it only has to be tilted over to the ground and then disassembled. It is heavy duty so it weighs a lot. Bring a few friends to help with this project. Contact Mrs. Harvey (Jetta) Samuels at 585-342-3853 for arrangements.

## January Calendar

- 6 - RaRa Meeting – 7:30 PM - Henrietta Fire Hall, 3129 East Henrietta Road
- 12 - RaRa Board of Directors – 8:00PM-RIT Bldg-9, Room 3119
- 13 - RVHFG – 7:30 PM, monthly meeting at Ogden Town Hall, 269 Ogden Center Rd.
- 17 - RDXA – 7:30 PM, monthly meeting at Gander Mountain, Jay Scutti Blvd, Henrietta
- 21 - RaRa VE Testing session – 10:00AM Bldg-9 Room-3139 RIT Campus, Henrietta
- 26 - BARK – 7:00 PM monthly meeting at Bob Rachow, N2WY, 1140 Peck Rd., Hilton

## New Ham & Upgrades

By Raj Dewan, N2RD  
RARA VE Team Leader

At our regular November testing session at RIT we had four people upgrade their licenses and one person became a new ham. The upgrades included Steven DeFord, KF6ANW to Extra, Glenn Roat, KA2MTH to Extra, Jeffrey Miller, KC2OQG to General and Thomas Reding, KB2HYX to General. George Lama received his new call, KC2OXJ as a Technician. Congratulations to all, a job well done. Also thanks to the other members of the VE Testing Team who give their time each month so that others may advance in this great hobby.

## Words from the Editor

By Dick Goslee, KG2I  
Editor, The RaRa RAG

December marks the first anniversary of my becoming the Editor of the RAG following the untimely death of the previous Editor Ray Pickens, WA2MYG. I hope you have found the RAG to be interesting and informative reading each month.

I have sure had fun producing each issue. I was lucky in taking on this job due to the fact that I assisted one of the previous editors, Neal Eckhardt, WB2EKP, in the early 90's and I still had all the forms on my computer. Without them I would have had a very rough start.

I would like to thank the various people who also work hard each month to produce articles and assist in the preparation of the RAG. They include the Managing Editor and also the author of the column "Sidebands-Amateur Radio in the News", Larry Wallnau, W2ZEY, who is also the Media Coordinator for RARA, and Ed Gable, K2MP for his column "20 Years Ago in the RAG". Ed is the Historian for RARA.

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There is one person who is not listed on the Masthead. He is Irv Goodman, AF2K. Each month Irv proof reads the RAG and fixes up all our goofs in punctuation and grammar as well as our spelling errors. He works quietly, without any recognition.

Remember, "The RaRa RAG" is your monthly newsletter. If you have any area club news, interesting stories, general ham news, or want ads please send them to me for inclusion in the next issue. My e-mail address is listed on the top of page 2. The deadline is always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month for the following month's issue. If you have any questions please give me a call.

## Directory Deadline

By Dick Goslee, KG2I  
Editor, RARA Directory

The deadline for information for the directory is December 31<sup>st</sup>, for inclusion in the 2006 RARA Directory. Check your address label for this month's RAG and make sure the listing is correct. That same address is the one that will be listed in the directory. Also if you have a Winter Address and a Summer address please make sure that I have both of them. That way other hams will know where to reach you all during the year. It also insures that the RAG will be sent to the correct address. Due to the Post Office changing their regulations and costs for forwarding your mail it will save you, and RARA, some expense in making sure you get your copy each month.

## RARA Vice President Survey:

By Bill Kasperkoski, WB2SXY  
Vice-president, RARA

How can the RARA leadership increase the General Membership attendance? Please take a moment to respond with email to [wb2sxy@arrl.net](mailto:wb2sxy@arrl.net), or by phone at 585-334-7640, All responses will remain private.

### Venue:

Is the first Friday each month a good night for you to attend RARA meetings?

Is the Henrietta location convenient for you ?

Should RARA have its Hamfest booth in the flea market area or the commercial vendor area?

### Program Type:

What type of monthly program would you like to see at the RARA meetings?

Are you interested in strictly ham radio programs? What would you like to see?

Do you think we concentrate or emphasize too much in certain areas?

Would you like to see more or less public safety topics?

Would you like to see more or less construction type topics?

Would you like to see more or less electronic theory topics?

Would you like to see more or less esoteric transmission modes?

Would you like to see more or less of related organization news and events at the RARA meetings?

### Membership:

Are there recruitment or retention issues you would like to discuss in private?

Do you feel that you receive fair value for your annual dues?

Have you taken any training sessions sponsored by RARA?

Would you like to see more training sessions offered ? Which ones?

Do you feel that you can discuss anything with the RARA Officers or Board of Directors?

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