



**Special
Summer
Issue**

Field Day '98!

**First meeting
of the "new year"**
7:30 pm Sept 15
111 Westfall Road

**Last informal summer
get-together Aug 18**

Scotch 'N Sirloin
in Winton Place at Winton Road
Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road

Congratulations

Fred Gern, K2FR

Welcome to new members: **Kevin, N2VJB, Paul, N2OPW** and **Gary, N2JGU** (Gary is one of the Imbedded Research guys - makers of tiny keyers). We also have a mystery member named Nona Rekoj who apparently has no call, no usable address and sent in several years of dues. RDXA thanks you VERY MUCH Nona. (If you see this, please give us an address!)

Novice Station and Field Day!

Fred Gern, K2FR

Well, I was unable to attend Field Day this year and coach (torment) the operators. So what did they do? They decided to show me a thing or two.

More than DOUBLE the number of Q's! Scouts were run through with some doing a bit of operating. Thanks to all the stand in coaches and especially to **Gayle, N2TWI**, and **Pam, K2PAM**, for the spectacular performance!

Elmer is on the Board at the Antique Wireless Museum.

Congratulations Elmer! Now the 'outside world' knows about you, not just the ham community.

FIELD DAY Who's Who

Irv Goodman, AF2K

The following RDXA members were observed taking part in the 1998 Field Day activities (assisted with any activities setup, operating or teardown): N1OKL, K2DB, K1PY, N2CK, W2TZ, W2OMV, K2SKO, NG2P, AF2K, W2LB, K8FC, N2YJU, N2RD, K2MP, W1TY, KG2NO, W2IC, K2PAM, KU2N, KB2CHC, N2VJB, K2ZS, N2TWI, KC2DRH, K4VOS, K2FX, K2ZAA, W8JW, N2OPW, K2ZQ, W2FU, and KB2YWO. Other visitors to the site included: N2NEP, W2SAW, WB2RGK, WA2JLW, K2EAW, W2MTA, K2FR, N2TOC, KF2LF.

Contest News!

Fred Gern, K2FR

Our intrepid RTTY operator, **Rick W1TY**, did himself proud. The results of the ARRL RTTY Roundup are in and Rick won western NY, finished in the top 10 nationally in the low power class and set a new Division record at the same time. Not too bad, sonny!

Contest Calendar

Dave Wright, N2CK

W2BNJ Featured in D&C!

Fred Gern, K2FR

The July 8 D & C featured an article in the 'Our Town' section titled "Powder Mill anglers have Elmer Wagner to thank".

The text explained how **Elmer, W2BNJ**, and a friend of his, Wayne Harris, were the rescue team that saved the fish hatchery in the park. Also noted was the surprise number of stocked fish the hatchery has produced this year. You can see how Elmer ended up on the Honor Roll! They even mentioned that

Who cares? It's summer - work on getting your antennas ready for contest season!!!

Upcoming Hamfests

Dave Wright, N2CK

- Aug 15, Rome RC - Westmoreland, NY
- August 22, Pioneer Radio Op Society - Chaffee, NY

- August 23, **Greater Buffalo Hamfest** and Computer show - Depew, NY (sponsored by the Lancaster Amateur Radio Club). Talk in freq. is 147.255
- Sep 19, **Buffalo Hamfest** - (sponsored by Rochester Hamfest) Hamburg, NY
- Sep 26, ARA of the Southern Tier - Horseheads, NY
- Oct 3, Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse - Syracuse, NY

ZD9IL QSL Info

Fred Gern, K2FR

This is an abbreviated message rec'd via OPDX:

Greetings to One and All,

I am the QSL Manager for ZD9IL. Ian is the Chief Radio Operator on the Island of Tristan Da Cunha. Ian is very active on SSB, 10, 15, 20, 12 and 17m. He operates daily from 0900Z to 1600Z. He uses a Kenwood TS130S and dipole antenna, running about 200w.

Tristan Da Cunha was placed as number 35 on the most wanted country list for 1997 (as per "The DX Magazine" January/February 1998). As his QSL Manager am appealing to you, to assist if you possibly can with either donations or equipment. At the top of the list is the need for a beam antenna. If you can assist or know of a radio club that could assist with this request, I would like to hear from you.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

The next logbook from Ian will only be arriving from the Island in the 1st week of August. So if you know of anyone who has worked ZD9IL from 27/11/97 to date, the QSL cards will only go out in August. If you have not sent a card yet now is the time to get it into the mail bag.

The QSL address is as follows:

EDWIN MUSTO, P.O. BOX 211032

BLUFF, 4036

SOUTH AFRICA

73 & good DX

EDWIN MUSTO,ZS5BBO

ARRL Needs your comments

Dave Wright, N2CK

In case you haven't heard, the ARRL has issued a proposal to the FCC for a simplified Amateur Licensing structure. You may ask yourself, "What does this mean to me, and why should I care?". Take a wander over to the ARRL web site and check out www.arrl.org/news/restructuring for the full story. Basically, the proposal calls for the creation of 4 classes, A - D, with D being the entry class or Technician class and the Novice class would be eliminated. Also, worthy of note, and the reason for this writing, is that the ARRL is proposing the lowering of the CW requirement to 12 wpm maximum. To get a Class B license (roughly equivalent to an Advanced) one would need to take a written test similar to

the 4A test now used for Advanced as well as a 12 wpm code test. Progression to Class A would require no further code test, but an additional written test. Code requirements for class C (General) would be 5 wpm. There would also be some restructuring of code/phone portions of the 80, 40, and 15 meter bands.

There is a comment section at the bottom of the page. It has a field for your email address as well. I received a copy of my comments forwarded back to me, as well as a nice reply from Kay, WT3P indicating that as a trade off of lowering the CW requirements, the written portions would be made more difficult.

Please take the time to let the ARRL know how you feel about their proposal.

**1998 RDXA Field Day
SUMMARY -- Overall points breakdown**

STATION/ BAND		---	MODE	---	TOTAL	QSO	TOTAL
		CW	SSB		QSOs	POINTS*	POINTS**
CW	80	321	---				
	20	375	---				
	15	324	158		1178	2198	4396
	40	627	---		627	1254	2508
SSB	75	---	277				
	40	---	48				
	20	---	203		528	528	1056
RTTY	40	4	---				
	20	128	---		132	264	528
NOV	80	1	---				
	10	---	224		225	226	452
NAT	40	5	---		5	10	20
VHF	50MHz	7	63				
	144MHz	3	5				
	440MHz	---	1		79	89	178
		1795	979		2774		9138

BONUSES

Emergency power (3 stations)	300
Public relations (TV)	100
Public relations (public location)	100
Public relations (info booth)	100
Message origination (to SM)	100
Message relay	-
Satellite	-
Natural power (plus qso points above)	100
W1AW message	100

TOTAL OVERALL SCORE **10038**

*QSO POINTS: SSB x 1; CW x 2

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Long-term Field Day Summary

Vic Gauvin K1PY

Below is a compilation of all the FD data by band that I have on hand.

A couple of points:

- I have no data on 96.
- In the years I show, note that 3 times we went 2A.
- 40 meter station config changed in 94 to current cw only; previously it had been a dual mode station.
- For newer folks, the FD location changed to the current location in '93 from the Ridge shelter location in Webster Park, just a bit east of where we are now.
- HHS Park is Harriet Hollister Spencer Park way down in Canadice, which is on the peak of the hill opposite Gannett Hill in Ontario County Park, and presumably the "second highest" to Gannett.
- "Other" stands for satellite, natural power, and packet. In '98, it includes rty. This is misleading because up to '98 all "other" contacts were from stations that operated as free stations on their own; the rty contacts are the first that required one of the "main band 80-10" 3A stations to close down, namely ssb this year. (Actually, natural power does so as well, but that is a short impact.)
- Also, the "main band" contacts are subtotaled and separated out from the bonus stations, since the bonuses have been quite variable over the years. They contribute a significant amount to our bottom line, but are hard to plan for, and also being inconsistent, skew the main band numbers.



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RDXA Long-term FD data

40m MODE		----- 40 CW only -----					----- 40 CW/SSB stn-----					
LOCATION		----- Campground -----					-----Ridge shelter ----- -HHS Park-					
YEAR		98	97	95	94	2A 93	92	91	90	89	2A 88	2A 87
CW	80	321	508	448	351	269	414	384	306	305	317	388
	40	627	545	736	705	904	834	501	485	379	330	374
	20	375	345	407	270	318	379	263	383	281	257	146
	15	324	67	52	113	111	84	127	96	152	111	49
	10	-	-	-	11	-	-	1	1	54	32	-
	subtot	1647	1465	1643	1450	1602	1711	1276	1271	1171	1047	957
	nov	1	4	44	103	92	164	121	26	13	-	-
	vhf	10	10	1	115	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	oth	137	80	48	97	71	96	166	120	19	-	3
	TOT	1795	1559	1736	1765	1767	1971	1563	1417	1203	1047	960
SSB	80	277	258	253	409	212	248	558	497	450	268	390
	40	48	295	204	293	315	211	574	511	510	201	353
	20	203	102	330	227	30	95	293	348	206	225	63
	15	158	14	140	114	-	66	137	106	188	202	50
	10	-	-	64	18	-	-	-	-	52	119	7
	subtot	686	669	991	1061	557	620	1562	1462	1406	1015	863
	nov	224	106	40	-	23	2	53	33	136	33	10
	vhf	69	16	39	24	9	-	-	8	47	-	-
	oth	-	-	11	15	6	6	82	78	102	62	1
	TOT	979	791	1081	1100	595	628	1697	1581	1691	1110	874
80-10 TOT		2333	2134	2634	2511	2159	2331	2838	2733	2577	2062	1820
ALL QSO TOT		2774	2350	2817	2865	2362	2599	3260	2998	2894	2157	1834
POINTS*		9138	7818	9106	9260	8258	9140	9646	8830	8194	6408	5588

*Points from contacts only, prior to adding bonuses

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This newsletter is a publication of the Rochester (NY) DX Association, and is published prior to each monthly meeting for the information of members and others interested in Amateur Radio DX and Contesting.

You are cordially invited to any meeting, held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September through June. We meet in the "auditorium" of the Social Services Building at 111 Westfall Road in Rochester, New York

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