



**Meeting
June 15th
7:30 p.m.**

111 Westfall Road

**Election of Officers
Know Your Knots!**

**Paul, N2OPW will be
presenting a program on knot
tying – bring along a short
length of rope to practice with.
Ed, K2MP will do a show-n-tell
presentation using some of
W2OMV's DX magazines.**

Save the date!

Field Day - June 26 & 27th



Congratulations to Ed Gable, K2MP, on being the well-deserved recipient of the Atlantic Division's prestigious "1999 Amateur of the Year" award, shown being presented by Director Kay Craigie, WT3P. The presentation was made during the Rochester Hamfest Banquet on Friday evening, June 4th, at the Thruway Marriott, as part of this year's New York State /Atlantic Division ARRL Convention.

(Photo by WB8LPY)

Editor's Corner

Dave Wright, N2CK

It certainly was great seeing the turnout at the RDXA site on the grassy knoll this year. If you enjoyed your `fest this year, make sure to thank **Bill, WB2JMX** for roping off the area for us on Thursday. Thanks to **Tim, KG2NO** for bring along his K2 for show-n-tell. I wonder how many RDXA'ers are going to be putting one together?

I'm really looking forward to Field Day this year. I hope we'll see as many familiar faces (and maybe even some unfamiliar faces as well) at Webster Park. We can start setting up at 2Pm on Friday, so stop by and lend a hand.

Remember that this meeting is Election of officers. Scott and Mike are running unchallenged for President and VP respectively. Ed is unchallenged for Sec/Treasury (who else but Ed could do that job so well?). Candidates running for Board are: Bob - NG2P, Rick - W1TY, Fred - W2TZ, Paul - N2OPW, and myself. As there is no outgoing president this year to serve a term on the Board, you'll need to vote for 4 candidates. Good luck to all.

Phone Sweepstakes Results

Dave Wright, N2CK

Hot off the ARRL member's site, here's the scoop. The first RDXA member I spotted in the write up, is **Vic, K1PY**

listed as being 5th in the Northeast region, low power with 134,134 points. Also making the top 5 list is the **K2NNY** gang in 4th place, multi-op category with 187,512 points. RDXA placed 9th in the medium category for affiliated club competition with 25 entries, and 1,626,758 points!

Other RDXA member results in the low power category are as follows: **W2TZ** - 94,642 points, **W2FE** - 38,332 points, **K2SKO** - 28,684 points, **W8JW** - 27,192 points, and **W1TY** - 11,388 points.

RDXA member results in the high power category are as follows: **W2LC** - 201,450 points, **W2OMV** - 32,112 points and **K2FR** - 19,800 points.

RDXA member results in the multi-op category are as follows: **AA2MU (+net)** - 104,754 points, **W2RW (+WB2KAO)** - 50,400 points, and **K2ZQ (+N2NEP)** - 13,832 points.

Congratulations to all!

DX 40 Years Ago - June 1959

Ed Gable, K2MP

At this time the following countries were still on the banned list and communications with Cambodia (XU), Indonesia (YB-YH), Iran (EP-EQ) and Vietnam (XV, 3W) were prohibited. You could, however, work the new and exotic FO8AC at Papeete for an all time new one. DX'ers were delighted to hear 4S7's back on the air after the Ceylon government lifted the ban on Ham activity and returned confiscated equipment. For those of you interested in the *X-Files*, W9WKU was one of several reporting

LDE's or Long Delayed Echoes. W9WKU called KZ5JF on 20 meters with no luck. 30 seconds later he heard his own signal calling the KZ. He tried again and 20 seconds later heard part of his transmission. A third attempt was nil. This has little to do with DX, but is a fun paradox. Hams were reminded by the FCC that their licenses do not allow them to adjust Class D, 11 meter CB equipment. You must have a 2nd class commercial ticket to adjust a five watt, crystal controlled CB set. You may, of course, adjust a 10 meter, multi-stage, VFO controlled, 1 kW modulated transmitter at your will. Go figure! New on the market was a medium duty 40-foot tower from *E-Z Way* of Tampa Florida. They featured a *Wonder Ground Post*, which required no concrete.

QRZ DX

Chris Shalvoy, K2CS

CY9 seems to be drumming up some excitement on the bands lately. This is a no brainer for us on the East Coast; it's literally an "eyeshot" from RDXA territory. If you haven't already, the "backscatter" bands from here... let's say anything above 30 meters may be a challenge. If they're on them, and you have the capability, I'd give em a go on 160 & 6 meters. Very workable and both confirmed here.

The SFI has been great recently but in talking to the "big wigs" many, as I, believe that this cycle just isn't panning out the way we had hoped. Where's 10 meters? I confirmed my fill of "5's"... where's the DX!

I decided (and thankfully so) to run 20 meter QRP/p in this year's CQWW WPX CW Memorial Day weekend. In years past, I 'd always run 40 meters but wisely listened to the band the days before the contest. Sounded like 10 meters from here...

Interesting enough, Europe wasn't there at the start of the contest, they showed up three or four hours later and lasted until almost dawn! Walter, NQ2O had often described around the clock openings on 20 meters, well, I heard my first!

Managed a few JA's, VK & ZL but other than that it was an EU hit parade. From what I was told by more than a few club members, 15 meters was the place to be.

Get me your logs as this is the **LAST contest for the "season"**.

Please check the spreadsheet and advise me of additions or corrections.

Look for a revised set of rules for the "millennium" awards in the September issue.

IN the log.... (non contest):

T22KJ (20mcw)
JT1DA (15mcw)
VQ9DX (15m cw)
KP4YA (6m ssb)
TK/OE5XVL (20m cw)
OJ0/K7BV (20m cw, 15m cw & ssb)
V51AS (10m cw)
OY1CT (20m cw)
V73ZZ (17m ssb)
JY9QJ (17m cw)
5A1A (15m cw)

In the mail:

TY8A (15m ssb, 30m cw)
TJ1HP (15m ssb)
TT8JE (15m cw)
FOOMAC (40m cw, 20m rtty)

R1MVI (20m ssb & cw)
OJ0/OH1VR (20m cw)

LOOK FOR 3C0 in September!

Thanks once again to the 59(9)
DXReport, my main source of weekly DX
information.

New RDXA Club Awards Scoring

Rick Mintz, W1TY

After months of discussion, a new club contest system was formally introduced and subsequently approved at the Board of Directors meeting in April. It had seemed to me that some RDXA members were active in contests that did not meet the criteria for scoring towards the Megapoint Awards. This certainly hit close to home for me. My activity is mostly RTTY (no surprise there) but my scores could not be recognized for Megapoint credit. I felt that members should not be excluded simply because they were not interested in the large international CW & SSB events such as WPX, CQWW and ARRL DX, etc.

The first thing to realize is that the current club contests, those that are nationally recognized as such by the sponsors and listed in the newsletter, will not change. Total RDXA cumulative scores will count as before towards national RDXA club recognition. The changes are for our internal awards only.

So if you specialize or participate in state QSO parties, six meters, RTTY, PSK31, 10-10, or most any nationally published contest, your score counts! The only

criteria are that you must complete 100 QSO's to submit a score for the newly accepted contests. The new rules will be effective with the start of the new RDXA year this fall. We hope that this will include more members and also promote the smaller contest events. We have lots of good operators that do not have the antenna systems, or stamina, to fully enjoy the major contests. Now all you 'little pistols' can participate and your skills acknowledged.

I also want to thank the general membership and BOD for their support the past year. This really was the best RDXA season yet. See you at Field Day and have a great summer. 73 de Rick.

RDXA Field Day

Rajiv Dewan, N2RD

Every ham, ham-wannabe and radio-enthusiast is welcome to join us for Field Day. Club members are especially welcome. I would love to see all the members participate this year. For those of you who have not been to a field day yet, you have a special treat in store. Imagine a public park with radios, antennas and hams - busy making qsos. The official reason is "emergency preparedness". The real reason is fun. Lots of it. Many of us will spend Saturday night at the park. Some will operate; some will talk radio while a few may snore.

There are some new things occurring at this year's RDXA Field day. CW maven **W2TZ** is the SSB captain and he is looking to make an unprecedented (for us) number of qsos. A question on all our minds - Why? Because, as a club we

seem to do well in numbers of CW qos but fall short in SSB. This keeps us from getting to the top of the heap in 3A. So this year we are trying new configurations of stations and setups to try and maximize our score.

When you come to the park for Field Day, please bring with you any spare coax, connectors, tools, and chairs. You may leave them in your vehicle, unless they are needed. Most of all, we want you to come join us and have some fun. We will have meals available for a nominal amount to cover the cost of comestibles.

We would also appreciate any help or operating time that you can provide. To arrange these, please contact the appropriate captains listed below.

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You are also welcome to contact any Board member, Vic Gauvin, K1PY
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N2RD@arrl.net. Raj can also be contacted via twisted pair at 586-4003.

Look for a map and a checklist in this issue of the newsletter for directions and suggestions of stuff that could be useful.

Ed note: I'm supplying a CT interface for the Tech/Novice station. If you're not on one of the main stations, take some time to help the Tech/Novices make some CW Q's!

St John Fisher Science Fair

John Woika, W8JW

Additional Note:

Science Exploration Days is a two day fair at St John Fisher where 3500 top area junior and senior high students are bussed in to try to encourage them into technical fields. *Bob NG2P*

Boy did we have a great time these last two days. I want to thank the following for their superior efforts in supporting the 1999 St. John Fischer High School Science Fair program. Thanks go to **Bob - NG2P**, **Paul -N2OPW**, **Mike - N1OKL**, **RTTY Rick - W1TY**, **Mr. Sparky -Ed Gable - K2MP**, and for equipment loans thanks to **Jim Cronin - N2VNO** for his ATV system, Mike, N1OKL for his CW readers and computer, RTTY Rick for his 20 mtr QRP in a little wooden box, Paul for his Sony camera and 2 mtr radio to the repeaters and CW oscillator, Mr. Gable for his presentation of "Sparky"; and to **Bob NG2P** for his insistence that we put up an HF SSB station.

We used W8JW's Yaesu 847 at our booth, and outside on his van (via Bob's 125' of coax) was a Yaesu ATAS100 magic HF mobile antenna. After two days, we had logged about 100 QSOs , good conditions prevailed on 17 meters to England, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Paraguay, on 20 meters to Florida, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and other east coast stations on 40 meters. John W8JW, Ed K2MP, Mike, N1OKL, Bob, NG2P, Paul, N2OPW, Rick, W1TY all enjoyed showing the high school students how to work DX. Within a ten-minute period the kids spoke with a G4YIT

operator fixing his evening dinner, while an N5 in New Mexico was fixing his breakfast. After each QSO we had the students locate the DX city on wall maps we provided. We also logged a lot of mobile operators heading for a place named Dayton???

Large Marconi sparks were the main attraction at our booth, once we had the kids near our booth; they would ogle their faces on the two way ATV stations we had set up. We also jointly sponsored an aerial mini-cam with the 432 ATV camera on board the RG&E Radio Controlled helium zeppelin.

After receiving their overview of CW training from Mike and Rick, the students then learned the history of radio from Ed K2MP and that old guy W8JW, next the students had helped us chase DX.

"Where did he say he lived"??? Foreign DX was a very serious attraction. Maybe those students won't forget their two way calls with England and Italy. Paul N2OPW kept the ATV video cams and TVs all in tune. I hear there is an opening for a camera tech at WXXI. hi hi

For next year's show I think we need to somehow demonstrate "skip" or propagation.

Items For Sale

Dave Wright, N2CK

Model 471 crank up tower (70') and Hy-Gain 6 element DXX tri-band yagi. Moving must sell. You take down in Greece. Any offer considered. John, 392-4278

Upcoming Hamfests

Dave Wright, N2CK

The Batavia Hamfest has a new date and location. It will be held on Saturday, July 10th. It's at the Genesee County Fairgrounds, Rt 5, west of Rt 98. It starts at 06:00 local, and talk in is 147.285+ (FM). In the past, they've put on a great `fest and chicken barbeque.

Maybe I'll see you there.

Rochester DX Association Newsletter

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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