



***New Season — New Time!  
A half hour earlier...***

**November 16<sup>th</sup> 19:00**

***Gander Mountain  
Meeting Room  
300 Jay Scutti Boulevard  
Henrietta, NY 14623***

***Commercial Radio in Mongolia***  
by Don Butterbaugh  
Harris RF

At the November meeting we will have a special guest speaker. Don Butterbaugh of Harris RF is going to give a presentation of his eight months in Mongolia installing a 40 site commercial radio system.

We can hardly imagine the logistics of such a project, but possibly we might see mules or yaks carrying equipment up the mountains!

Invite you ham friends. This special program is open to all Amateurs. Let's have a big turnout for what promises to be a wonderfully entertaining evening.

**President's Soapbox      Rick Mintz, W1TY**

Stop the presses! This just in...

RDXA finishes #2 in the VERY competitive 3A class in 2004 Field Day with 13,146 points. I won't single out anyone in particular since so many contributed, but you know who they are!

The Mendon Ponds Expeditionary Force met on Oct. 26th for an inspection of yet another potential FD site. It looks very promising and will be discussed in detail at the next

Board meeting. Don't you wish that we could put this Field Day topic to bed already?

Now that we are back on Standard Time the low band guys get an extra hour to play on 80 and 160. A door closes, a door opens. I heard Charlie, WB2HJV, calling on 160 during CQWW SSB. I couldn't hear the other station, so his antenna work is paying dividends. Have you noticed that Vic chose to post upcoming contests to the Yahoo email list? It is a great idea and K1PY is, as always, thinking about RDXA.

Returned recently from a week in Florida. Lots of horizontal trees in the wake of the hurricanes. We can only imagine how many towers met a similar fate. I know how I felt when it happened to me. Speaking of which, rumor has it that Fred, W2TZ, is in the process of purchasing 10+ acres south of Naples. We can expect that aluminum will be sprouting next year. With the years of experience that Fred has, we can look forward to a great station. Hey Fred, multi-ops in the future?

Remember that the December Holiday Social replaces the monthly meeting. More below.

If it is done in amateur radio, it's done at RDXA!

**RDXA Holiday Social      Rick Mintz, W1TY**

Fast becoming an RDXA tradition is the annual December Holiday Social.

Here is your early reminder to set the date aside.

Since the third Tuesday comes late this month we have decided to move our get together up one week. Come and join your RDXA friends for some fun and the last chance in 2004 to tell tall tales.

This year the place to be is **Swiss Chalet**. They have something for everyone, including your favorite adult beverages. BBQ Chicken (yum), ribs, burgers, great

salads (Caesar is my favorite) and more are on the menu, all at a reasonable price.

It's always a good time and a nice change from the formality of monthly meetings.

Join us!

Date: December 14, 2004

Place: Swiss Chalet on S. Winton Road

Time: 7:00pm sharp

QSY to Scotch & Sirloin after dinner ???



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**Ed Gable, K2MP**

**Rick Mintz, W1TY**

Ed K2MP, curator of the Antique Wireless Association museum in Bloomfield won the Houck Award, that honors an individual who help to preserve the history of communications.

Ed also won the JP Taylor award for a significant accomplishment in the field of television.

The "feat" you ask? Ed K2MP helped to recreate the trans-atlantic TV signal broadcast first performed by John Baird. The feat was done with 1928 television equipment and techniques on 20 meters between England and the USA. (ARRLWeb)

I know that we all congratulate Ed on his many contributions to Amateur Radio. K2MP has again made us proud with addition of another achievement in a career that has included many such honors.

Ed, we are honored to include you as a member of RDXA and as a friend to all Amateurs everywhere.

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## **RDXA Finances Charles Kuhfuss WB2HJV**

The RDXA Financial Report as of November 1, 2004 is as follows:

Checking account balance	\$1304.77
Petty Cash	\$100.00
Total available funds	\$1404.77
Less memorial fund	(\$615.18)
Total operating funds	\$789.59

October checking account activity:

Memberships \$75.00 (WA2JLW, K2SKO, KB2CKN, N1OKL, KC2JKV)  
Transfer from Petty Cash \$147.70

October Petty Cash activity:

Membership \$15.00 N2CK  
50/50 Raffle \$13.00 on 10/19/04  
Stamps (\$37.00)  
Transfer to checking account (\$147.70)

The RDXA currently has 43 paid members; including 2 student memberships.

**Please renew your membership at the meeting or by mailing me a check at address 55 Stoney Path Lane, Rochester, NY 14626.**

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## **Contests**

**Vic, K1PY**

ARRL Sweepstakes PH: 2100Z Sat Nov 20 >> 0300Z  
Mon Nov 22 (Sat 4pm local >> Sun 10pm local)

CQ WW CW: 0000Z Nov 27>> 2400Z Nov 28 (Fri 8pm  
local >> Sun 8pm local)

Please confirm above in actual rules at links below JIC!!

**RULES:**

WW <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/>

SS: 160-10 except WARC; 24 out of 30 hours; work each  
stn only ONCE

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/novss.html>

WW -- Get those MegaPoints! Root for W2FU and many  
RDXAers in Jeff's annual Multi-Multi CW extravaganza.

SS -- Look for and work K2NNY, Hickory Lake Contest  
Club, which is primarily RDXA members at K2DB's  
lakeside QTH in the Adirondacks. Others planning to be  
active, please reply e-mail and I'll get a "watch-list"  
together and send it around -- then we can encourage folks  
to look for all of us! (We need some inducement  
maybe...suggestions welcome!)

See you in the pileups!!

Vic K1PY

## RDXA Score Grid

## Vic, K1PY

So, did you add your score to the RDXA Score Grid at our Web site? For a while it seemed everybody did this right after the contests – now it seems the other way. ???

Just in case you're not doing it because you don't know how, here's a quickie primer (cuz that's all it takes cuz Scott K2ZS did such a good job in site design!)

Obviously you start out at the home page at <http://www.rdxa.com/>. First, click Member Log-in. (There's an "Email My Password" option if you've forgotten it.)

Next, click on Score Grid in the left column. This shows you the grid and all the scores entered so far (tks to K2CS, N2CK, N2KX, N2OPW, NF2L, WB2DVU, WB2HJV, and K1PY we're off to a good start.)

Finally, click Add a score at the top of the page and you're on your way. The submission form provides an excellent description of what's needed, even though it's perfectly intuitive.

- Select contest "season" from menu, e.g., 2004/2005
- Select contest from menu, e.g., CQWW SSB
- Type your score (no commas) in the score field

- Click Save New Record

Don't worry about mistakes – there's an edit feature, even after it's submitted. It couldn't be easier: All the scores you've submitted are listed for you, you click the one to edit, fix it, and click Save Changes. There's also a delete if you mistakenly entered an incorrect contest (like Rtty Rick submitting a CQ WW CW score ☺).

In a word, there's everything! Now just click Return to Grid and see your score in with the rest! The cool thing is that

- your total for the year is displayed in the right-most column
- the total cumulative club score for all RDXAers is computed and displayed (1,608,544 as I type this – great!)

This last one is to encourage you to get that score in here and add to the club's coffers, so to speak!

Bottom line is that we've got a really cool resource thanks to Scott. Let's use it to show our appreciation!

**Rochester DX Association**  
**W2RDX** **www.rdxa.com**

This bulletin is the official organ of the Rochester DX Association. It is published monthly, September through June. Email your articles to the newsletter editor n2rd@arrl.net by the first Tuesday of each month for inclusion in that month's newsletter.

All those interested in Amateur Radio, especially in DXing and contesting, are invited to attend to attend meetings and to join our club. The club meets at 7:00pm local time on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. Come and join us!

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