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General Membership Meeting

Tues. April 19th 7:30 PM

This month's program:

The V31AM DXpedition to Belize

Presented by Ken, N2ZN

and

Nominations for BOD Positions

Media room, right next to the EOC
operations center.

1190 Scottsville Road

Exit 17 (Route 383 South) off 390

NYQP Results Posted

<http://www.nyqp.org/nyqp-2010-results/>

NYQP Awards Banquet 2011

Menu:

Chef Carved Top Sirloin

Oven Roasted Chicken

Sliced Pit Ham

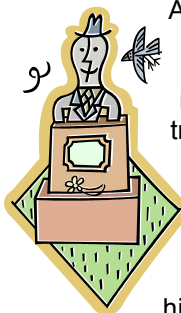
Sides: Penne Marinara, Oven-Roasted Potatoes, Rice
Pilaf, Pasta Salad

Cost will be \$20.50 per person
(includes tax and gratuity)

Paul, K2FX, will be taking reservations until May 1st

The Podium

Paul Kolacki, K2FX



April showers bring May flowers, but April will also bring one great presentation to the General Meeting on Tuesday, April 19th! As most of you know, N2ZN (Ken) recently travelled to Belize for some serious contesting as V31AM. Many of us had the pleasure of working him before, during, and after the contest rush. We are fortunate this month that Ken has agreed to share his experiences with all of us. Haven spoken with him several times after his return, I really began to get a sense of what contesting is like from some other parts of the world. If you're a serious DXer or Contester, this is one presentation you will not want to miss.

Also at our General Meeting, we'll accept nominations for 2011-12 BOD Positions. I am heading up the nominations committee. The nominations so far include:

Board of Directors: Doug N2BEG, Lynn W2BSN, Scott K2ZS.

President - Paul K2FX,

Secretary - Bill K2TER

Treasurer - Irv AF2K

Vice President - Mark K2MTH

Appointed Positions:

Membership Chairman - Carey K2RNY, and **Newsletter Editor** - Andrew, N3LZG. If you have any other nominations for these positions, they will be accepted on Tuesday Night.

On May 7th, the Annual Awards Banquet will be held at The Rivers Edge Party House on Paul Road. Cocktails begin at 6PM, followed by a great buffet dinner at 7. On the menu that evening will be Chef Carved Top Sirloin, Oven Roasted Chicken, and Sliced Pit Ham for your Meats. For your sides there will be Penne Marinara, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, and Pasta Salad. Rolls and Butter along with Coffee and Tea are also included. The cost per person will be \$20.50. This price **INCLUDES** tax and gratuity. Following dinner, we'll distribute the awards to both RDXA and RVHFG recipients. RSVP's will be **REQUIRED** if you want to attend, and must be received

NO LATER than May 1st. If you plan to attend, please let me know via email to: k2fx@arrl.net

Finally, I wanted to touch briefly again on this year's Field Day event. After some good discussion, the BOD has decided that RDXA will be a 2A operation this year. We arrived at this decision based on what we saw in the recent Survey results. We hope to make this as educational and fun as possible for some of the newer operators, and at the same time focus a bit more on the social aspect. N2BEG and W2LB are heading up the Field Day Committee, and will be setting up meetings shortly. The BOD has given them some direction, and now they will run with those ideas. If you are interested in lending your assistance to this effort, please contact Doug-N2BEG, or Larry-W2LB. They'll be happy to hear from you.

The bands have been good to us, so get on the air and work them! The after meeting gathering will be at the usual hot spot, "The Distillery" in Henrietta. I hope you'll stop by and join us for an 807 or two and their famous half price appetizers.

Winning a Hamfest Prize WB2HJV

In 1964 when the Rochester Hamfest was stationed at Vince's 50 Acres on West Henrietta Road I won a County Hunter's Record Book valued at \$3.00. Len K2JPL from Fredonia was the driver for a gang of us that day and he won a rectal thermometer of all things... a prize that created endless chatter on the local 2 meter AM circuit of 145.53 'megacycles' for months to follow. My next trip to Vince's 50 Acres was to see Wilmer Alexander and the Dukes in 1969 while an RIT student. No more winnings followed. I joined the RDXA in October 2000 and played the 50/50 raffle without winning at every meeting until I finally hit in 2010. Splitting the pot that night brought me \$11.00.

Then came Dayton 2010. As Timmy WB2KAO and I dropped our stubs into the bin I asked 'what are the chances of winning one of the nine door prizes out of 20,000 tickets?' I think a month ago I had two numbers on a Mega ticket. Yesterday, as almost always, I had none. No Power Ball numbers this morning either :(

So, when the Dayton Prize Committee contacted me on the Wednesday following last year's Dayton event I was stunned. I had won an Icom 7200... valued at about \$1300 so they said. Now it's not a radio that I would have purchased because it doesn't have a built in tuner, a memory keyer, FM on 6, or a function to monitor transmitted audio, but what it DOES do it does VERY well. I get great audio reports and the keyer is a very smooth operating dude. The buttons are all well positioned on the

front panel and it has a front firing speaker. Basically for the \$1300 price tag it is a NICE radio. And I can't complain about a thing because I got a great deal on mine...

FREE!

So when you drop your stub into the bin this year at Dayton please pause and think of me and the Icom 7200 that sits on my operating desk. You too might be surprised!

Good luck,

Charlie WB2HJV

Upcoming DX Operations for May 2011

May 1–5: Mariana Is. AH0

May 1–31: Afghanistan T6PSE

May 2–20: Dominican Republic HI7

May 3–12: Senegal 6W

May 4–13: Ogasawara JD1BMH

May 6–13: Cayman Is. ZF

May 8–14: Dodecanese SV5

May 8–21: Barbados 8P9XB

May 14–22: Dodecanese SX5F

May 14–22: St. Barthelemy FJ

May 17–24: Tuvalu T2XG

May 19–23: Svalbard JW8HGA



9U1VO – QSL received by K2DB via the buro



Shack of Andrew, N3LZG



K2TJ – Running SO2R at W2FU during the ARRL DX CW Contest



Tree leaning over power lines at K2NNY, been that way since SSB Sweepstakes





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All those with an interest in amateur radio and DXing and contesting are cordially invited to any meeting and to join RDXA. Meetings are held at 19:30 local time on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, September through June.

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- Full Time Student - \$10.00

Any other correspondence to: Irv Goodman, AF2K

