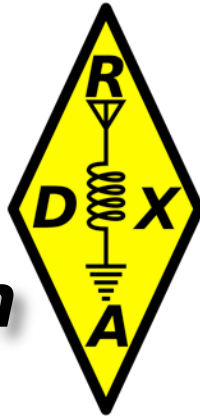


Rochester DX Association



RDXA Annual Holiday Dinner

Tuesday December 17th

Ricks Prime Rib

6:00 - cocktail hour

7:00 - dinner

\$25 per person

Choice of one of the following:

Prime Rib w/ potato

Chicken French w/ potato

Orange Roughy w/ rice

Appetizers, Soup, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Tea included

Please RSVP no later than Saturday December 7th

Nikki Hungate - 415-9594

or

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This Month's Meeting Presentation

Tuesday, November 19th, 7:30PM

Monroe County EOC

The presenter for our General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 19th will be Jeff Ach, W2FU. Jeff will be giving us an overview of all of the Green Heron Products, and the how, why and what they do. Jeff will be bringing in actual samples of his products, and it will be a big 'SHOW & TELL'

program. If you are not familiar with how some of these things work, come on over and see, feel and ask about them. Jeff is a great presenter, and usually does not leave any stone unturned in his presentations. See you Tuesday evening, 73 Paul K2DB



A different kind of antenna project at N2CK's QTH

When I first installed the tribander on the roof, I gave little thought to how to direct the coax, rotor control and ground cables down off the roof. In fact, I just left the route of the wires to gravity and allowed them to follow the valley formed from the main roof and side dormer. That method works quite fine for summer months – but I was in for a surprise once winter came as the picture below will show. That is one solid icicle formed around my bundle of wires.



And a view from the bedroom window:



I have been concerned every winter that should this break off, I lose access to the tribander and would have to rely on the vertical and whatever wire antenna(s) I had in the trees behind the house.

I thought about a way to correct this, and this year I think I have a solution. I asked the guy who cleaned my clogged gutters this summer if he wanted a side project – and the picture below is the result.



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**CONGRATULATIONS to
RDXA and all the 2013
Field Day participants for
taking 2nd place in
Class 3A. Our score was
13,438.**

It's hard to see from this picture, but there is a slight loop in the wire down the valley in the roof line. The cable then goes across and up the dormer roof then hangs over the side. The wood bracket sticking out holds the cable ~6" away from the gutter. As this is a south facing roof, and subject to

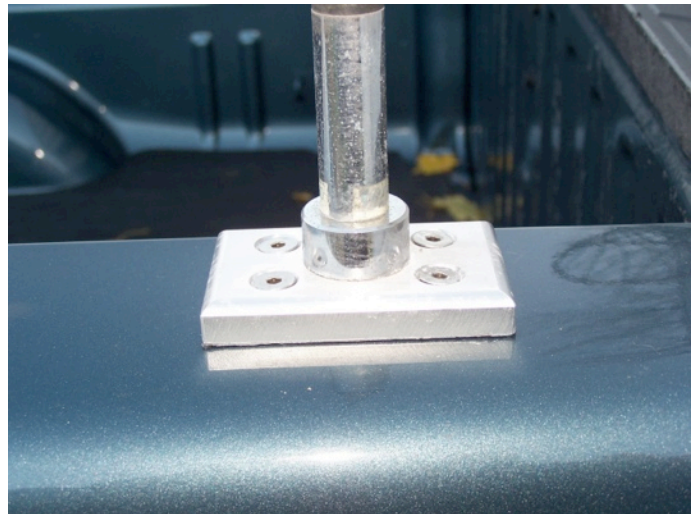
heating and thawing, I hope this arrangement will allow the snow/ice melt to funnel down the roof and into the gutter and NOT follow my wires! I'll post a follow-up report this winter!

— Dave Wright, N2CK



An Alternative to The Usual Roof Mount

I was told I would be moving to a refurbished building in Midtown and would be required to park in an underground garage. Knowing that my roof mount mag mount wouldn't make it, I searched for alternatives. My search lead me to BreedLove Mounts (www.breedlovemounts.com). As I looked through the sight, I was impressed with the level of detail with his products. I purchased a stake pocket mount, with an NMO adapter (I brought the mount to the October meeting for a show-n-tell). Here are some pictures of the finished mount.



I questioned whether moving the antenna from the center of the roof to the top of the bed rail would affect performance, but initial reports on the .11 repeater this week have been positive. On the plus side, now I can go through drive troughs without the antenna banging! If you're in a pinch for a mount, check out this site, I was quite impressed.

— Dave Wright, N2CK



NYQP Rover at W2Q

N2BEG and KC2JXP

Once again we chose to fire up the trusty, rusty Lancer and head south to the nether regions of western NY. Our plan was to start once again in Cattaraugus county, then hit Alleghany, Wyoming, Livingston, Ontario and Monroe if time permitted. The rig was the same as last year, My Alinco DX70 with a deployed G5RV and Hamsticks. We took my mobile tuner and the spud gun along with a very old bike pump.

Our first stop was the Bush Hill State forest deep in the southern tier.



We arrived a little later than we wanted but managed to find our exact spot from last year. We started to set up the G5RV and of course the air pump broke when we tried to hook it up to the spud gun. Back up was the Armstrong toss method. After several attempts we got the antenna up at about 30 feet or so. We started on 40CW figuring out how to have Ben log by verbally telling him the exchange. Clunky but it worked. (not advisable for CQWW) We had a few good runs before our first visitor showed up, a state Environmental Conservation officer. He looked pissed before he even got out of his vehicle and as Ben tried explaining what we

were doing his expression never changed. His only concern was the McDonald's bag Ben had put next to the car to make more leg room. Convinced we were just nuts and not a threat, he went on his way. After a couple hours we decided to pack up and head to our next stop in Alleghany County at the Swift Hill State Forest. We decided to stick with the hamstick which worked amazingly well on 40. We had some great runs from our spot but there on 40 but hunger forced us to town.



After lunch we decided to try to find an air pump. This was no easy task in Houghton, NY. After stopping at the only stores in the area, we gave up and headed to Wyoming County to our secret location on "Doody" Rd. (Really), Working several stations while mobile. We managed to get the G5RV up on 2 light posts in a deserted parking lot we used last year. This also worked great and we had our best runs here before the rain started. Luckily we were all set and hunkered down unabated by the elements until well after dark. We kind of lost track of time and decided to move very late (after the rain had stopped) We broke down the antenna and headed for Livingston county. We were mobiling on 80 phone and running out time and stations who could hear us, the rig

(NYQP Rover, Cont'd)

was not happy with the hamstick on 80 phone. We pulled into a gas station and messed with the stinger on the hamstick. We managed to make the rig happy on CW in the closing minutes. We headed north frantically calling anyone who was cq'ing. We only managed 10 Qs from Livingston county but they were all grateful. Adding to excitement was our headlights modulating with the CW that had to make a few people wonder what was going on. It was quite noticeable. We ran out of time before we got out of Livingston County.

All in all it was a success. I'm hoping to have a rig that can interface with the laptop next year, and a mobile antenna to allow more time on air. Need to appropriate the wife's' van for more room too. We managed 52 counties and 326 Qs

mixing up S&P and CQs. Another good NYQP roving!



The middle of nowhere, Alleghany County.

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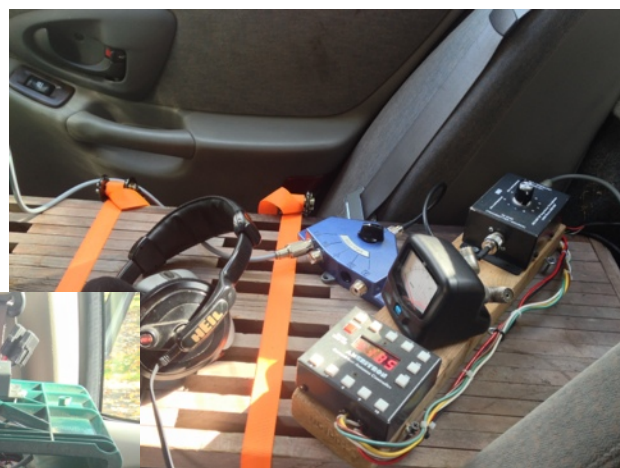
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RDXA Board Member Busy Multi-tasking at RIT

Max Kelley, KC2SPY, now the Staff Engineer with WITR, has also established his own weekly "The Pulse of Music" session every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 AM. You can catch the "Silver Hammer" D-J on WITR 89.7 MHz or on the website, witr.rit.edu.

NYQP Rover Activity Pictures

Mark Hazel, K2MTH



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