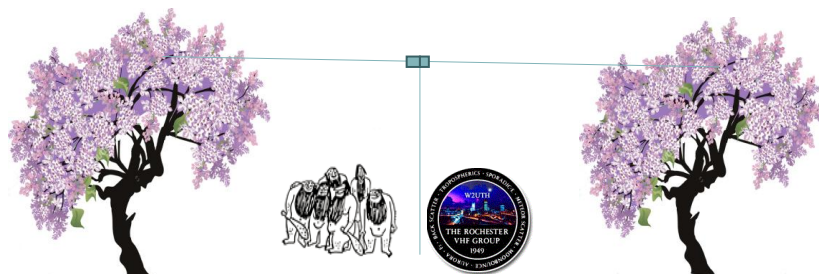
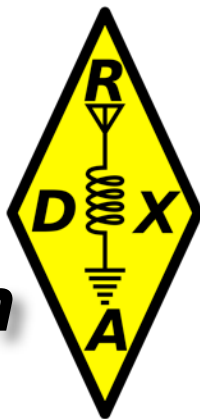


Rochester DX Association



RDXA/RVHFG 2017 AWARDS BANQUET

APRIL 21, 2017

COCKTAILS: 6:00 – DINNER: 7:00

AWARDS TO FOLLOW

LILIAN'S RESTAURANT
2200 PENFIELD ROAD

Cost per person is \$25 – Choice of 1 of the following meals:

- 12oz Seasoned Prime Rib w/ Potato
- Chicken French w/ Potato
- Salmon Lilly w/ Rice Pilaf

Includes Homemade Soup, Fresh Salad Greens, Homemade Rolls/Butter, Sherbet, Coffee & Tea

Please RSVP to rdxabanquet@rdxa.com by 4/5/2017
Include number attending & your meal selection
Gayle – N2TWI

President's Letter

I hope your antenna "farms" and shacks all faired well during the recent wind and snow episodes. We were lucky losing only minimal branches and never losing power. During THE ice storm, we were without power for 17 days. A significant "reconstruction" of the services in our area has bode well for us it would seem.

Lots on the RDXA schedule for the remainder of the "year". We're winding down contest wise with just the CQWW WPX ones remaining. Fun and relatively easy, you can work everybody (not just DX). A signal report and serial number is all you need. Great contests for those without big stations or high power as even stateside QSO's will give you points.

The annual awards banquet will be held on FRIDAY the 21 of April. As in the past, the RVHFG will be joining us. Specific information is included elsewhere in this bulletin.

On into May with the newly located Dayton Hamvention and the same for the Rochester Hamfest as it too will be in a different location this year. That will be held in June (3) at the Walnut Hill Farms. The RRRRA Hamfest will be held at Barnard FD in August (19) so two opportunities to get together with fellow hams locally.

June will be a busy month for us as the W2RDX/70 commemorative special event station will be put on the air from the AWA annex on the 17th. This "celebration" will be run throughout the remainder of 2017, more on that to come.

The week thereafter, Field Day will once again be held at the Webster Park location. With our anniversary, our hope is to make this year the best ever! A show of hands at the general membership meeting indicates "club-wide" participation.

Speaking of general membership meetings, they have been very well attended and informative. As the weather (hopefully) gets better, we'd love to see you, swap some stories and participate in whatever discussions we may be having. The club had done a great job in keeping things in order and concluding at 9:00pm.

Plenty to do outside of cursing at the SFI or A index... it's just the beginning I'm afraid.

Best DX and 73,
Chris, K2CS

2016 NYQP Results

(From your 2016 NYQP team, NW2K, N2ZN, WJ2O, K2TER, K2RNY, N2BEG, W2FU, N2UJN)

The 2016 NYQP is almost in the books. Results are now posted on the NYQP website. <http://nyqp.org/wordpress/2016-results> The plaques are being made as we speak and we expect to have them ready for the awards banquet on April 21st. Get ready for NYQP 2017! (October 21st!) Mark your calendars and start making your plans!

Congratulations to all the 2016 plaque winners. Please take time to thank your plaque sponsors!



Help Wanted

RDXA could use some help. We have positions that could use filing as well as some jobs folks would perhaps like to get a break from. It's not a big commitment but it is important to the health of your club. Currently we need an awards chairperson. We could use an additional board member. Elections are coming up also. Maybe you would like to be a club officer with all the prestige and honor that carries??!! Feel free to drop anyone on the board a note if you would like to help. Thanks!

2016 RMSC HSTD operation

Doug N2BEG

RDXA was well represented once again in our annual Holiday Science and Technology Days operation over the Christmas break. We were reminded that this was our 20th consecutive year doing the museum operation with RARA. Our friends in XARC were also represented as they have for the past several years..



The AF2K Amateur radio assault vehicle delivering supplies to RMSC

Our usual "Go-to" setup of a G5RV and the XARC IC746 met with considerable obstacles this year. From the get go we had a very high local noise source that was intermittent. Coupled with that were the horrendous band conditions and other interference. The traffic at the museum was lighter than previous years, at least on Monday. It picked up later in the week but our HF contacts did not. The RARA demos and other display garnered the lion's share of the traffic into the display, but our intrepid volunteers persevered. On Tuesday we ventured to the roof to see if we could find anything amiss up there. Short of taking the antenna all the way down, we could find nothing wrong. We ventured back into the museum to continue to try to scare up additional opportunities to get kids on the air. Our interference woes continued as did out attempts to mitigate it. On Wednesday morning the museum had reallocated the large monitor and cart we had been using when we discovered that at least one of our noise sources went with it. We had eliminated the monitor earlier, but a convertor box on the cart appeared to be at least one source of noise. We continued on searching for QSOs while noting that one of the interfering signals was WHAM appearing on multiple HF bands. The mystery deepened yet again. Even with all of the issues, the kids still seemed interested in our operation and asked some great questions. While our overall HF contacts were at all time lows, the purpose of the event still shined through and a number of students and parents walked away with a better understanding of just what amateur radio is all about.



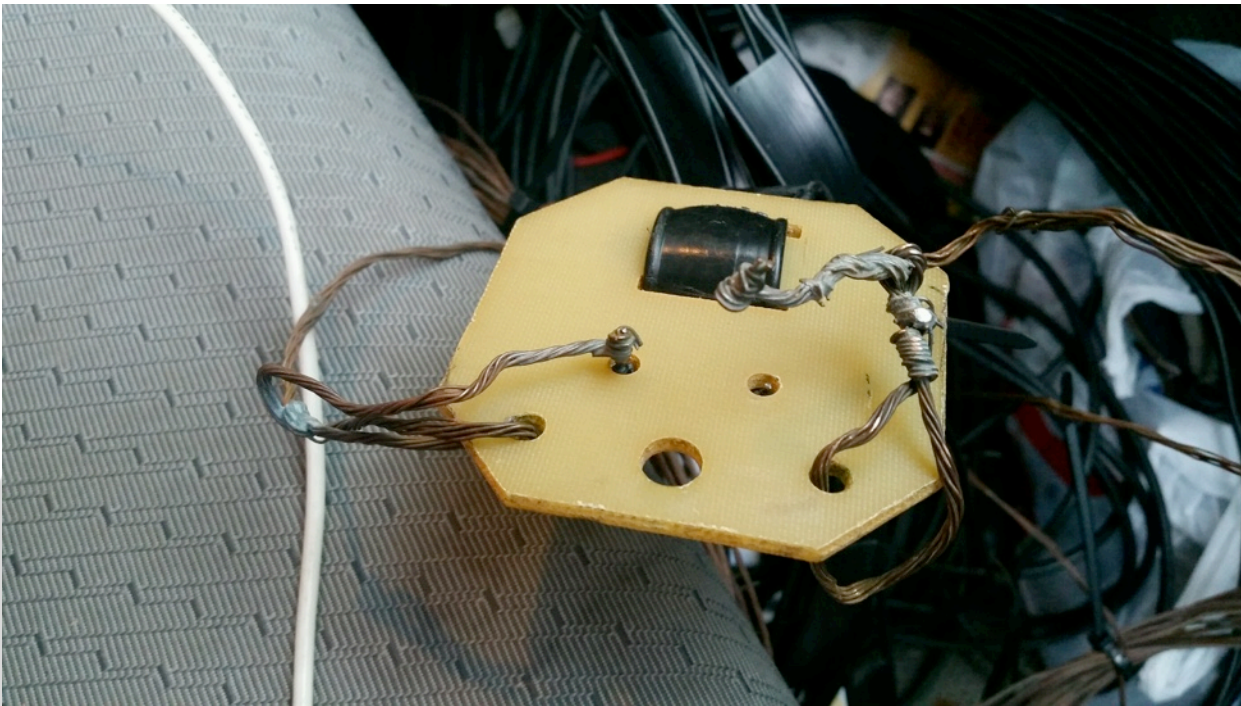
Tom, KC2VHS showing true WNY winter fashion for 35 degrees



N2BNE copies some code

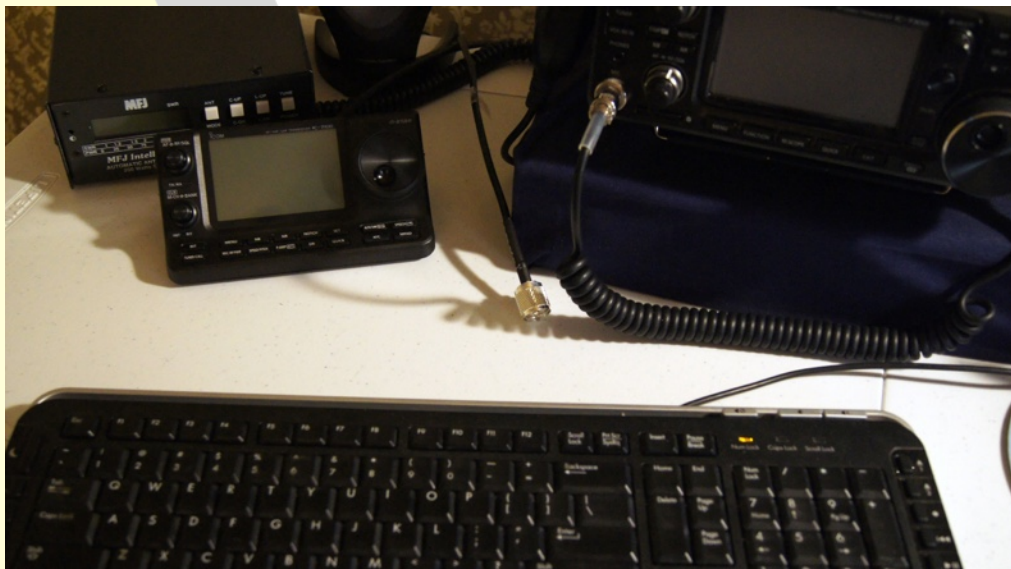


W3OAB, assisting with the takedown of the misbehaving G5RV



The culprit of at least some of our antenna woes, broken leg on the G5RV

As the operation wound down we had a steady stream of kids come through our demos and a lot of parents. They asked great questions and at least one or two said hello on the air. We will endeavor to have a more robust setup going forward and continue working with the museum on a permanent radio exhibit at RMSC. Thanks to all those who lent a hand with the setup or operation at the museum. We look forward to another great adventure next December.



A simple solution for lightning protection
Submission by Dave pfonner
KD2IVQ

September 2016

6 — BOD
 20 — Meeting — EOC
24-25 — CQWW RTTY

October 2016

4 — BOD — K2TER
15-16 — NYQP
 18 — Meeting — EOC
29-30 — CQWW SSB

November 2016

1 — BOD — N2BEG
5-7 — ARRL SS CW
 15 — Meeting — EOC
19-20 — ARRL SS SSB
26-27 — CQWW CW

December 2016

2-4 — ARRL 160m CW
 6 — BOD — N2UJN
10-11 — ARRL 10m
 20 — RDXA Holiday Dinner
 26-29 — RMSC Event

January 2017

3 — BOD — K2CS
 17 — Meeting — EOC
27-29 — CQWW 160m CW

February 2017

7 — BOD — K2TER
11-12 — CQWW WPX RTTY
18-19 — ARRL DX CW
 21 — Meeting — EOC
24-26 — CQWW 160m SSB

March 2017

4-5 — ARRL DX SSB
 16 — BOD — W2BSN
 21 — Meeting — EOC
25-26 — CQWW WPX SSB

April 2017

4 — BOD — K2MTH (MacGregor's)
 18 — Meeting - EOC
 21 — RDXA/RVHFG Annual Awards Banquet

May 2017

2 — BOD — K2TER
 16 — Meeting — EOC
 19-21 — Dayton Hamvention
28-29 — CQWW WPX CW

June 2017 (W2RDX/70 begins)

3 — Rochester Hamfest (Walnut Hill)
 6 — BOD — TBD
 17 — W2RDX/70 operating event
 20 — Meeting — EOC
24-25 — ARRL Field Day

July 2017

8-9 — IARU

August 2017

TBA — IRVfest
 19 — RRRA Hamfest (Barnard FD)
 31 — Contest season concludes
 Membership year concludes

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