

Rochester DX Association



President's Letter

Hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to the "contest" season.

Over the next few months, DX and stateside contests to suite any ability, mode or station are all lined up. After CQWW DX RTTY in September, we've just completed CQWW SSB with fairly good band conditions given where we are in the cycle. NYQP had the "usual" team at W2CCC for the "Herkimer County" pileups. No major issues and the rig was on and manned (well, had an operator, Gayle was there too) for the entire 24 hours. While Irv and Gayle were "running em", Charlie and I were on the roof setting up the XR6 for CQWW SSB the following weekend. The weather cooperated and that task only took a few hours. Great to have friends in required "2 person" situations!! Seems we always make a few "happy" and managed to work the WJ2O "rover" towards the end of the contest. Karen has become a real contest "nut", glad to see another YL active (as a few here, on a local basis have been through the years). Congratulations to many of the RDXA members who were either in one of their first contests or have returned after radio "vacations". Further kudos to the NYQP team for another "world class" contest, one filled with excitement and enthusiasm. So, onto CQWW SSB - Friday nite was absolutely terrible with "hours" being spent on very few points. Glad (well, figuratively speaking) others seemed to have similar results. You always have to wonder if it's "your stuff" or general band conditions. Seems this time around, it wasn't just "me". Saturday, things got quite a bit better with 15m showing a fairly good opening. Signals were strong but nothing like a few years ago. Never had the typical JA opening at dusk and even SA stations seemed a bit weaker than "normal". The good "long haul" stuff seemed to be absent from 20m too so off to the low bands for the overnite. 40m was all static and EU stations that normally are easy weren't hearing well. I headed to 80m where the same multi's that heard nothing on 40m were copying me fine on 80m. Mind you, this is on a G5RV so nothing special but it has performed well in past years. Never heard any EU on 160m either. Static was prevalent there as well, even with the assistance of the beverages. Stayed on into the early morning but took a little nap in hopes of getting some mults on 40m just before sunrise. As usual, the VK's and ZL's were there but only a few of the ZL's heard me, no VK mult as there were no JA mults on 15m either. Usually, those are a given. Went to 20m Sunday as everybody was "new" as it were. Had some great runs, band seemed good but always crowded. Always kept checking 15m for missing Caribbean mults and even saw 10m open for a bit! Don't know how many more contests we'll see that happen for quite a while. Pretty much worked out all that I could hear by about 7:00pm Sunday so packed up the station for the 3 hour ride home. All told, regardless of the band conditions, always fun. Know I have to work on the 40/80m stuff knowing what we're in for several years. RDXA will be busy the next few months with the W2R operation (at W2FU) for sweeps SSB, the annual Holiday Banquet and the yearly Rochester Museum and Science Center demonstration at the end of December.

Great opportunities for all club members to participate. On into 2018, we hope to get another shot at running some vintage gear at the Antique Wireless Museum after the June event saw several radio "issues". We've theorized it was probably close to operating conditions 70 years ago!! We hadn't really planned on that aspect of the operation though.

Looking forward to FD results as the RDXA did a fantastic job once again in 2017. A simplified antenna design and several operating improvements saw this years FD better than ever. Thanks to so many club members who operated and moreover, assisted in setup and tear-down. Several members, even having other plans for FD weekend still came by to assist. Looking forward to another great

FD in 2018 with the planned addition of some “digital” modes. Keep an eye on our upcoming meeting presentations, some fascinating and informative speakers are planned. Thanks to those who continually provide the club with these educational programs. Thanks once again to those who serve on the Board of Directors and members who enthusiastically chair various positions in the club.

Last but not least, the general membership for keeping the RDXA an active and vibrant organization.

Best DX es 73's

Chris, K2CS

RDXA 70th Anniversary Kickoff

AWA operating event

On Saturday June 17th, club members gathered for the kickoff event to launch the on-air celebration of our big 70th anniversary operating activity that will run through the end of the calendar year. As you may have heard, our actual “birthday” was the previous week, Friday June 9th. On that day in 1947 the local “DX men” gathered to officially create the Rochester DX Association. Our heritage has now covered seven decades. (or close to 6 sunspot cycles if you are keeping track) The club has chased or participated in countless DXpeditions, earned huge numbers of DXCC certificates, worked endless numbers of contests and seen numerous entities come and go as the geopolitical situation worldwide waxed and waned. We have a long and proud history as one of a handful of DX clubs who are able to celebrate being around and active since 1947.

Late last year, your BOD had brainstormed over the course of several meetings to come up with a unique way of helping to celebrate our club's anniversary milestone as we had done for our/50 and /60 celebrations. What came of this was a plan to operate “period appropriate” gear on the modes of the day over the last 6 months of the year starting with our actual anniversary date. We would start with gear from the late 40s, (often WWII surplus) starting with AM and CW which was what our forefathers used at the time RDXA was born. After contacting our esteemed colleagues at the Antique Wireless Museum about help with this and receiving an enthusiastic response, the plan was in place. It was decided to start off with party with an on air event at the museum using their restored BC-610 transmitter (military version of the Hallicrafters HT-4) and a limited edition Collins 51J receiver to run AM and CW contacts. The BC-610 will run 375 watts of AM or CW using a pair of 100TH as modulators, pushing a 250TH in the final amplifier. Band switching is done by selecting different plug in coils. The crew at the museum had checked out the rigs prior (twice!) and had everything was ‘go’ to begin operating at the advertised time of 10AM. RDXA members present were setting up the E-Z ups outside and the grill and beverages. We were ready, or so we thought.

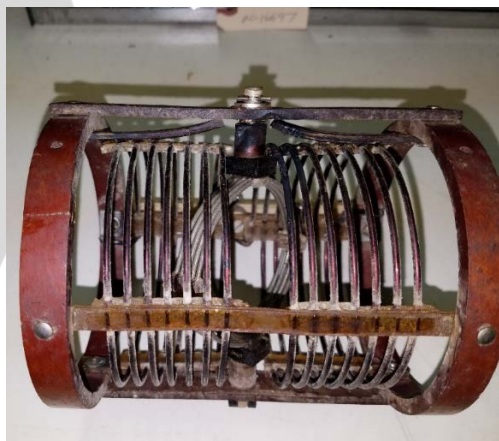


THE BC-610 TRANSMITTER



K2CS LOGS AN AM QSO ON THE BC610

At 9:45 the intrepid AWA crew of Lynn W2BSN and Pete, WB2UAQ fired up the BC-610 and Collins receiver to tune up and get ready to go on the air. It was at that time that long time RDXA member Murphy came to add his contribution to the event. As soon as the rig was turned on, things went sideways in a hurry. Fuses blew numerous times. Attempts to get it tuned up resulted in arcing, sparking and flames. (recall this rig was fired up twice that week and worked fine?) As everyone scrambled to get the old girl back up and running it became quickly apparent that it had suffered some serious damage and may take a while to sort out.



BC-610 FINAL TANK COIL WITH SMOKE REMOVED

Lynn quickly suggested another period transmitter that was available, a Viking Valiant on the shelf in the next room. Members were jumping to help get the rig up and running to start up the operation which we were now past the advertised start time of. The Valiant was plugged in and turned on and even had a tag advertising that it was checked out and ready to go. High fives all around, right? Not so fast. Murphy, now bored in the next room, wandered in to oversee our efforts. The Valiant was having issues and had no power. That was remedied and then a tube didn't light. A replacement was inserted and then something else was getting very hot. Damn, 0 for 2. The team quickly surveyed the museum shop and spotted another Viking, this time a Viking II which looked to be also checked out at some point, it was quickly put on the bench to fire up. Problem, this Viking did not have a VFO. RDXA members scrambled to find crystals that would put us in the AM portion of 40 meters from the 40m crystal box from the AWA parts room. (good thing we are at the AWA right?) A crystal was found and plugged in while the transmitter was put in tune mode. Now, no output! What now? While Lynn and Ed dug into this latest issue, other members spied any other options to get us on the air. We were now pushing noon and had yet to make a single contact. Folks were on our advertised frequency wondering where we were. We saw a Drake TR-4 transceiver sitting on the bench. We turned it on and Lynn said it should be good to go. As we dug up the dummy load and straight key, it appeared that the old Miamisburg, OH product did indeed load up OK. Success at last! We then looked high and low for a microphone. Shouldn't be a problem at the AWA to find a suitable microphone, right? Some of you may recall that Drake, (and some Collins) in their infinite wisdom, decided on using a 3/16" (PJ-068) plug for their microphones in the TR4 series. Realizing these were not that common, they included a plug when you bought a radio. Well try as we might, we could not locate a Drake mike. We did find a beautiful Collins mike, from the KWM1 in the museum that was factory wired and did fit, but was it not wired for the TR4. We would NOT be hacking that mike, another plug had to be found. (recall we ARE at the AWA, surely one would be here, right?) After more precious time had gone by and produced no such connector, we went on the air in CW at about 12:30. Murphy was certainly enjoying the operation. We sent a spot out on the DX cluster and started making contacts, W2RDX/70 was officially on the air. Efforts continued to locate a suitable mike to get us on AM. Roy went so far as to drive home and back for a plug, only to discover the box was mislabeled and we were back to square one. We once again dove into the parts room to try to find the elusive PJ-068 plug for a shiny NIB Shure 444 that Lynn produced to use on the Drake. We found a plug mixed in with the 1/4" plugs, and Roy wired it up for the Drake. It was around that time we discovered the antenna was now exhibiting a high SWR. (once again, it was fine earlier!) Lynn started looking into that while we tried the new mike on the TR-4. Well, Murphy was still lurking. The Drake had zero output on AM or SSB. 0-4 with rigs on AM so far?! Remember our plan was to span the decades of the club's existence by promoting a different mode and gear that was common in that time. Starting with AM and CW, then SSB, then maybe RTTY, or SSTV, FM, ending with modern gear and digital modes. We had planned on doing this over the last 6 months of the year. Well, Murphy had different ideas. It would seem we would be doing this all in one day. After the Drake experiment, we went to yet another rig out in the workshop area, a Kenwood TS 930. As the day was winding down and grill was fired up for our burgers, dogs and Brats, we finally made some decent AM contacts with a period appropriate (ok 1990s) Japanese radio.



LYNN TRIES THE JOHNSON VIKING II



THE DRAKE TR-4

While members dined under canopies behind building 3, several members made contacts on CW and AM between the Drake and the Kenwood using the open wire fed dipole strung between the buildings (that Lynn had finally got working after taking the antenna switch apart, swapping the tuner and not really finding anything wrong and reassembling... ?!?)



SOME OF THE RDXA CREW AT THE AWA



THE COLLINS 51J RECEIVER. (#99 OF 120 MADE)

While the log sheet did have a couple dozen Qs on it, it doesn't reflect the tremendous effort that everyone put in to pulling this event off. Our special thanks to AWA members Lynn, Pete, Ed and Roy among others, who went above and beyond to help RDXA kick off our 70th anniversary celebration. We also had the benefit of having the entire day recorded on HD video by way of Jack, WA2CHV who arranged to have a professional videographer attend the event and recorded over 2 hours of video cataloging the trials and tribulations of getting the operation off the ground despite the many obstacles thrown in our way. We will make the video available once the editing is done. Thanks Jack! Look for W2RDX/70 members to be on the air in many more modes throughout the rest of the year with a special card available to commemorate the event.

2017 RDXA Field Day

(Results Just In...See below)

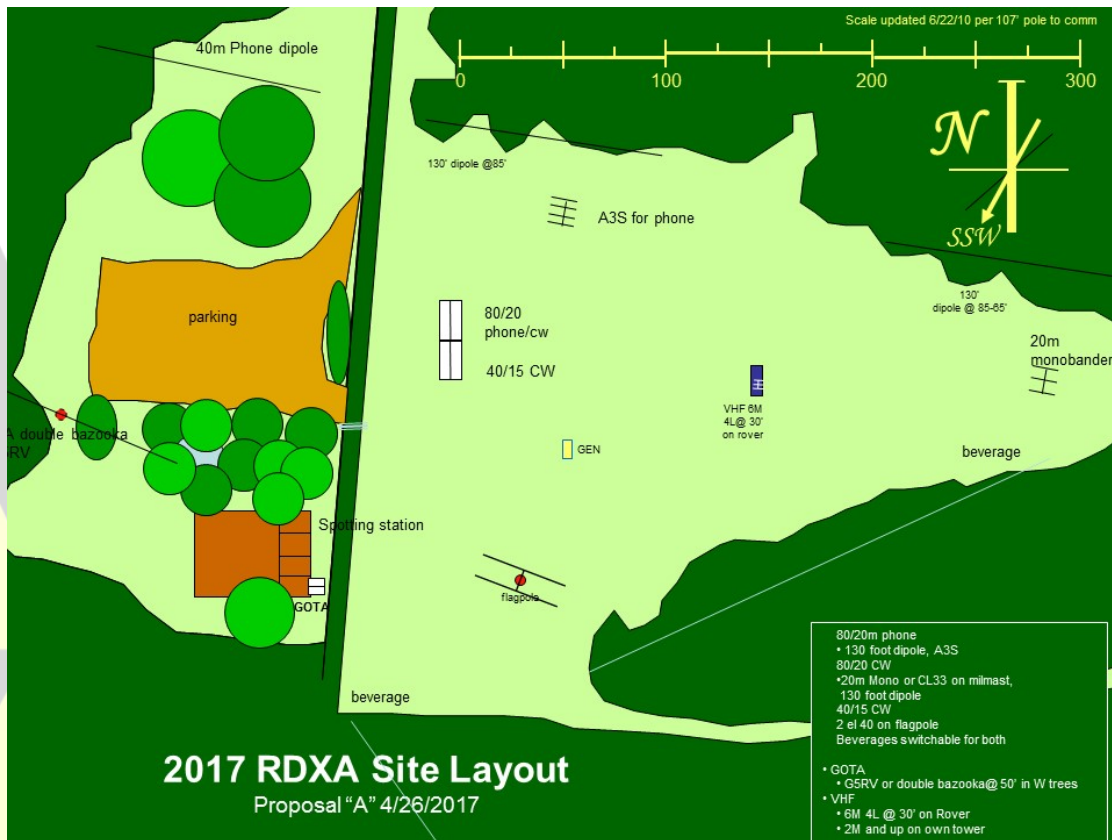
The annual RDXA big event was by all accounts a huge success even if we don't know how we did just yet. This year was a BIG change in that we didn't have the driving force of Vic, K1PY "in the trenches" with us with his all-out planning and attention to detail. While Vic was sidelined for most of the action, he did contribute some vital intelligence, some much needed detail and help with planning and layout mostly via conference and cell phone. With Vic on the mend, I volunteered to help coordinate getting our plan together and attempted to fill some pretty big shoes. I embraced the KISS principle in my approach and plan. Having the benefit of our decades of experience with this time-honored exercise and knowing what "just works", I wanted to use what we know has stood the test of time and then try to improve what we could with minimal effort.

We had several planning meetings and shook out many details with an amazing number of old and new members taking part. Our plan was the "basic" plan we used every year, we decided on staying in 3A with the usual 2 CW, (80/20) and (40/15) 1 Phone, VHF and GOTA. Antennas were next. Again, stick with what we know works and is relatively low impact to benefit our mainly senior work force. The 40m beam on the flagpole, check. The 20m monobander on a milmast, check, A4 on the other milmast, check. Dipoles laid out end to end as far apart as possible, check. Beverages available for receive, check. VHF in the middle of the field, check. We decided to move the GOTA station away from the other operating tents due to the increased audio QRM we had last year. The changes we wanted to explore were better scheduling of the stations, an increased GOTA QSO count, to improve the spotting station implementation we had last year and then as a fall back in case the propagation fell through the basement again, a digital backup plan for one of the CW stations and wireless networking. Another new idea, courtesy of Vic, was to have a weekend long 50/50 raffle with the drawing at the end of takedown on Sunday with the winner having to be present to win. That sounded great!

The next order of business would be hardware. We were very lucky to have Jeff, W2FU available this year during FD week. He volunteered ALL three of the K3s we would use for the main stations, that was HUGE! As they were from his contest station, they were set up with all the filters, etc. and Jeff made sure they were all configured the same for ease of operation and integration. (He also supplied the wireless network for all the stations, flawless Green Heron operation was guaranteed.) Lynn volunteered to make up laminated 1 page K3 operating instructions for those less familiar with the K3s. As anyone knows who has operated one of these fantastic rigs, they are an awesome radio. The receivers are nothing short of phenomenal. Things were indeed coming together nicely.

Forging ahead, we called on volunteers again to be station captains. They would be responsible for lining up operators and coordinating them. It broke down with Carey K2RNY for CW1, Raj, N2RD for CW2, John W3OAB for Phone, Tom KV2X for VHF, Gayle, N2TWI for

GOTA and Chris K2CS for the spotting station. Again, it was great to have such a great response from some of our most experienced club members.



THE 2017 RDXA FD SITE PLAN

With the plan in place the next order of business was feeding people. Food is an important staple for any successful field day and again we were lucky to have a great group present at planning that stepped up big time. One of the things that makes RDXA such a great organization is the diversity of skills and the willingness of everyone to help out when called upon. Food can be complex, but we decided to just break it down and see if folks would step up to handle individual meals as we had done in the past. (Again, the KISS principle) The usual suspects were called upon and in true RDXA fashion, they all agreed! Meals were Friday lunch DONATED by Mike, N2UJN. Dinner, RDXA provided traditional pizza ordered by Irv. Saturday lunch were subs arranged by Rick W1TY, Saturday dinner was a pasta meal with all the trimmings, again donated by John W3OAB and N2JQR. Sunday breakfast was DONATED by Tom, KC2VHS and Sunday lunch of burgers and dogs was by yours truly. This was again just an awesome response, and totally unexpected. Having to not worry about food was huge and hats off to all who helped out. While we have done a number of things over the years with food, I don't recall ever have so much donated by members. It was never requested, just volunteered. Another testament to our awesome membership.

The food was in the bag as it were.

With the planning almost done, we just had to get stuff there (and back) and coordinate with the park and get the generator. This is all standard stuff as it were, and the usual suspects were called upon and again, all signed up. West side transport was handled by W3OAB and N2CK, Eastside by the N2BEG Field day transport vehicle. Tom, KV2X again volunteered to pick up the now standard, (but hugely appreciated!) Admar generator that we have had use of for longer than I can remember, again DONATED for our use for the entire weekend. With that, the plan was done and the only thing left was execution.

As in years past, the traditional kickoff breakfast was held at the Nutcracker on Field day Friday at 7am. After a hearty breakfast, the caravan of vehicles then descended on Webster Park to start setup. The park had allowed us to “forward deploy” a bunch of the hardware so we didn’t have to move it twice. The crews started setting up the milmasts and antennas. Things went amazingly well and the weather was great. Like the choreographed plan on paper, the execution matched. By early afternoon, the generator arrived, the antennas were largely set up and the shelters in place. Jeff arrived with his cadre of K3s, networking hardware and beverage stuff. A steady flow of new volunteers arrived throughout the afternoon and by the time the pizza was ordered, we had the majority of stations set up and antennas almost finished. As the evening came, we had checked most everything out and we were amazingly ahead of schedule, with rigs, network and antennas all checked out. I can’t remember that ever happening?! But, as with every field day, sooner or later, something goes sideways. As Jeff checked out the phone station with all the antennas, all of the sudden the A4 read an infinite SWR once he attempted to tune up into it. Subsequent checks confirmed that our tested antenna was now dead. It would have to come back down in the morning. By evening the campers settled in for some campfire beverages and the usual field day stories, this has also become a RDXA field day tradition. As the fireflies came out, we called it a long day and settled in for another busy day to follow.

As daylight broke on Saturday, those of us who camped at the site headed down to the nutcracker again for breakfast. The plans were gone over, things were looking good even with the set back of the A4 of being ready to go well in advance of the 2pm start time. The morning work started with lowering the A4 and discovering a short at the feed point that was easily fixed. It was repaired, tested and cranked back up. Other tests were done, the GOTA station was finished being set up and the beverages for the main stations and the spotting station were finally figured out after much work. Jeff had gone above and beyond to supply not only some transformers, but also his beverage server computer and hardware that allowed the 2 beverages to be shared between all three stations and also shared with the spotting station. By clicking an icon on the computer, beverages could be switched to either NS or EW. Final preparations were being done and schedules posted on the white board at the commissary (another new addition this year) As the noon hour approached, Ricky went to get the sub order while the station captains did their final tweaks. Two new issues, the GOTA station was limited to a 80/40 double bazooka, which did not load up anywhere else. My aging G5RV was once again pressed into service (after another repair!) to allow more bands for that station. And, finally, the A4 had once again developed a high SWR at the phone station. Seriously?! More checks were done. All things pointed once again to some problem at the antenna. It had to come down again! The Milmast team quickly dropped the tower and checked out the antenna. With the antenna disconnected from the coax, it checked out fine. The issues seemed to be with the feedline. Each piece was checked and the offending piece located and replaced. Back up it went, stopping to recheck numerous times. Things were again looking good. It was around 1pm. It was an uneasy feeling being ready before 2pm!! As the time clicked down, the starting ops were in place and all seemed go. When the clock hit 2pm, we were off and running.

As field day typically goes, a steady stream of visitors arrived throughout the day and evening with different folks volunteering tours to officials and interested passerby’s as the QSOs piled up on the typical bands. There was an exceedingly large number of visitors this year that drove by as the scout camping areas beyond us were full with different groups, as well as the normal campers from Webster park and others that were wondering what the heck we were doing with all that hardware. Our road sign out on Lake road also attracted some visitors. As dinner time approached the smell of Italian food wafted through the air and W3OAB and N2JQR setup a bountiful spread of eggplant parmesan, meatballs, pasta, rolls and salad to the multitude of members at the site. The operators were rotating and all was looking good as the sun set and the bands changed. The QSO count continued to pile up as all three stations ran their frequencies and GOTA had a plethora of ops try their hand at making QSOs. The VHF station had a steady stream of contacts throughout the day and evening with those attending bringing their handhelds to make QSOs on multitude of bands and modes, up to and including light!

The evening ops continued to rotate, a couple stalwarts spend considerable time in the chairs. Gary W2TR and Larry W2LB both put in some long hours (yours truly overslept) We could always use more night time ops. As the evening wore on, the contacts started to get sparser, but nothing like last year. You know it’s getting close to morning when Irv shows up, the consummate early riser. At some point in the AM Sunday, Tom

KC2VHS arrived with coffee and breakfast. One very important missing component this year was the RDXA coffee pot, which spent field day in my garage. (That will be remedied next year for sure.) Tom made countless carafes of coffee throughout the morning as the ops battled QRM and in some cases sleep deprivation, to keep racking up Qs. Things continued to progress normally as the morning wore on when Gayle at the GOTA station discovered that 15m was open. Bill, K2TER wasted no time in securing a phone frequency and started to run 'em. About the same time 6m came to life and Tom, KV2X at the VHF station starting logging Q's at a good pace. Lunch was now in the mix. As the grill was fired up, the bands were on fire. Now 10m was opening! Dave, N2CK and I starting cooking burgers and dogs as the crowd rallied. Chris was now actively feeding the run stations with good spots to work. As everyone ate lunch, all the operators started their final push. All cylinders were still firing, onto the finish!

Tear down started early with the 80m dipoles and anything else we no longer needed as the final hour of operating continued. With the exception of a couple showers Friday night, the weather had been a non-issue. As the 2pm hour loomed, the teardown efforts intensified. When the hammer dropped, everyone pitched in and dropped the milmasts in short order. As the second milmast was brought down, there was a howling in the trees heard by everyone. This turned out to be a weather front coming in off the lake. It blew with such force it picked up one of the 10 by 20 canopies and sent it cartwheeling all the way across the site. Thankfully no one was hit by it or the flying poles as it went. The rest of take down proceeded in great haste so all present could see who would win the 50/50. Everyone pitched in and by about 4:30 all was down and mostly stowed away. I had to get a load to Irv's and be back for the big drawing. As we gathered around and loaded the last of the gear, Jack, WA2CHV, produced some bottles of the Transmitter S9 brew he located earlier this year. A perfect end to a well-executed field day that was made significantly better by some much needed propagation. Hats off to everyone who participated in any way, we couldn't pull off an operation like this without everyone's help. Special congratulations to Don, KD2CTZ who won the big 50/50 at the end of take down on Sunday, just shy of \$60! We finished very well, look for all the details from our statistician extraordinaire, K1PY elsewhere in this issue! Thanks again to everyone for a stellar operation and one for the record books.



TRANSMITTER BREWING LIMITED EDITION S9 ALE, COURTESY OF WA2CHV

So...HOW DID WE DO??????

W2RDX, #1 3A

Many thanks to all who helped make this happen!!!



More field day pictures can be seen here:

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2017 FIELD DAY CUMULATIVE DATA 2013-2017

Vic K1PY

With the previous two years as a reference, the hope for this year was primarily “please, nothing like the last two!” Surprisingly, though, score-wise, those previous two years were comparable to our “regular” years, in spite of what Mother Nature threw at us. What we didn’t want was the wx and noise, and to return to better conditions. That turned out to be the case.

This year we achieved a nice score that gave us one of those numerical milestones we all like: crossing a higher “thousands” mark. This year’s score, under a more normal and simplified approach, was a pleasant surprise: greater than 15k!

CW continued to lead the way with the highest CW contact total since 2010, helped by end-of-contest openings on 15 and 10.

- That opening helped make the 15M CW total the second all time, beating the ‘08 record.
- 20 PH is also second all time, beating the ‘07 record.
- Our 20M combined total (both modes) also eked out the ‘08 record by 30 Q’s.
- Lastly, 10M PH and 10M combined each set a new record!

We also achieved better VHF/UHF results, and great numbers from GOTA. These are reflected in the spreadsheet numbers in the illustration.

SIDEBAR:

Is 15k our biggest ever score? No, but yes under “normal” circumstances. Here’s why no: ’08 through ’10 were not “normal” FDs. We engaged in a scoring battle with W9CA, who was regularly beating us in 3A, and bumping us to #2. For three years, we expended enormous resources and energy, with efforts that put us into hyper mode and were unsustainable. We lucked out only one time: They lost a tower during FD, and we beat them with 17k points. (That earned us an invitation to the Dayton Contest Forum where we presented how we achieved this – it was that notable!). But they came back the next year and beat our top ever score, 18, 614. Then they disappeared.

2017 Field Day

3830 Score Comparisons

It’s always interesting to see what the competition does. 3830scores.com is often the place to find that out. However, not that many clubs/groups post their FD scores there – probably because most are not contesting groups, so they’re not familiar with it. Be that as it may, a couple of groups did, and with our nice 15k score this year, I was curious to see who else got anything similar.

It turns out there are only two, neither in our 3A class. Regardless, it’s always interesting to see what they did to get 15k – it’s right up there score-wise for FD.

3830 is nice because groups provide their band/mode breakdowns. Being “interested” in such things, I used our existing spreadsheet with our 2017 breakdowns, and added theirs. It’s fun to see and compare, so have fun with the data table.

RDXA Field Day

1987 - 2008

		RDXA	K2AA	KS0MO
		3A	7A SNJ	2A KS
CW	80	358	316	459
	40	1028	1047	869
	20	677	968	1028
	15	297	352	424
	10	0	121	174
		2360	2804	2954
GOTA		0		
VHF		61		29
DIG		0	42	
TOT CW		2421	2846	2983
PH	80	151	149	0
	40	352	1160	68
	20	583	635	292
	15	83	118	0
	10	128	66	0
		1297	2128	360
GOTA		264		
VHF		118		333
DIG		0		
TOT PH		1679	2128	693
QSO	80 HF	509	465	459
	40 HF	1380	2207	937
	20 HF	1260	1603	1320
	15 HF	380	470	424
	10 HF	128	187	174
MAIN		3657	4932	3314
ALL		4100	4974	3676
PTS	CW pts	9684	11384	11932
	PH pts	3358	4256	1386
	QSO pts	13042	15640	13318
	BONUS	2010	TBD	1722
	TOT pts	15052	15640	15040
PLACE		?	?	?

(W2RDX #1, 3A K2AA #1, 7A KS0MO #1, 2A!!!)

NYQP 2017

Selected stories from members...

K2MTH and W3OAB (Allegheny County)

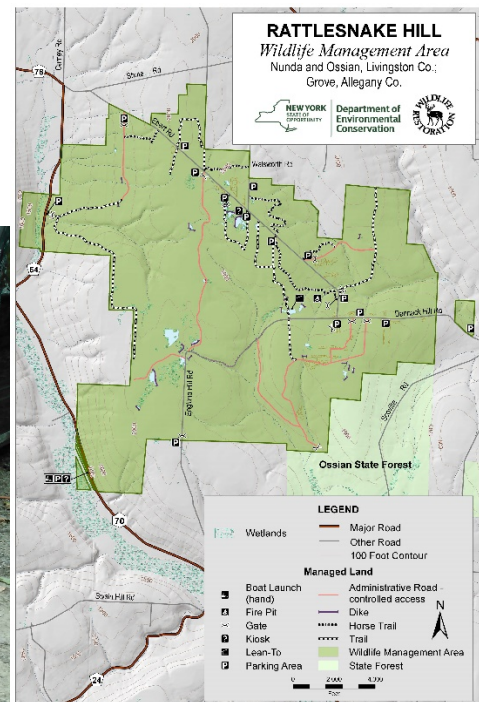
John and I had many errands to run on the day of the ny qso party.

Our first stop after we got up and got the van packed was the N2PA site down in Naples and perform some home repairs on the network infrastructure for the camp down there.

After completing those tasks, we ran over to Allegheny county to the Rattlesnake Hill wildlife management area. As indicated on the map if you look at the parking area just off the road that's where John and I set up so it's right on the edge of the Rattlesnake Hill management area.

Took us a while to scout out a good location so we didn't get started till about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, then we ran till about 930 at night we put up a halfway decent score for the effort we put in. It was a very pleasant afternoon for sure the weather was perfect and we had no issues with the radios we have no issues with the antenna generated work magnificently all in all was a good day

And we managed to not get arrested even!



K2MTH at the Mic in Allegheny County for NYQP

W2CCC

Herkimer county, ops K2CS,N2TWI,AF2K,WA2CHV

NY QSO Party this year was excellent despite not working as many as usual in the Rochester / Monroe County area. Bottom line exceeded last year's. Just 4 of us up there in Herkimer County, north of Utica in the Adirondacks. Elevation is 1485 ft. above sea level at Chris and Gayle's establishment. The callsign we use every year is W2CCC for Cold Brook Contest Club.



AF2K AND N2TWI AT W2CCC

Next Meeting: Tuesday Nov 21st at 7:30 at the EOC.

“The Transistor, from Birth to the First Solid State Amateur Transceiver”

By Lynn Bisha, W2BSN



The Rochester DX Association

Cordially invites you to our

*Annual Holiday
Dinner*

19 December 2017

Rick's Prime Rib House

889 Buffalo Road

Rochester, NY 14624

Cocktails: ----- 6:00pm

Dinner: ----- 7:00pm

Dinner Selections - \$30

Prime Rib

Chicken French

Orange Roughy

Dinner, Hor d'oeuvres, Desert, Coffee included

Cash Bar

**Reservations and dinner selection by December 11th to
RDXABANQUET@RDXA.COM**

Gayle – N2TWI

2017 RMSC Holiday Science and Technology Days

RDXA and RARA will once again participate in this annual event at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. The dates for our participation in this year's event are Wednesday, December 27 – Saturday December 30th. Some have already responded to the sign up. We will also look for a couple folks to help with the antenna install, typically the weekend before. Look for updates coming through on the reflector as we get closer to December. Please consider signing up for a time slot, the kids really get a kick out of demos and we have actually generated some new hams from this yearly activity. Email N2BEG at dstewart@akoustis.com to be added to the list.

W2RDX/70

Hey, want to get on the air and use our special 70th anniversary call? Its available for anyone to use. If you find yourself with some radio time and want to generate some contacts, feel free! All we ask is that you put you call on the schedule so we can track the use. Go to www.RDXA.com and select the RDXA/70 pull down. The schedule link is halfway down the page. Tell anyone that you work about our 70th anniversary and if they want a special card (yet to be designed, but certainly special) The QSL manager is AF2K. Here is a direct link to the schedule:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IJMaUtPMwXHE69NaXDBPL8ORFUCRIItntV5BVxnggnZE/edit#gid=0>

WANT TO DESIGN THE W2RDX/70 QSL?? FEEL FREE!!



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