

Rochester DX Association



September 2025

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

This year we are planning three general membership meetings: October 21, February 17, and June 16 in addition to our other events: the holiday dinner, awards banquet and field day. See the calendar later in this issue for more.

TIME TO PAY OUR DUES

Dues are payable now, at the beginning of the club year. Members who have not paid by January 1, 2026 will be removed from the membership list and will no longer receive club email including this newsletter.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2025/2026

- Chris Shalvoy, K2CS has stepped down as president, leaving that office vacant for now.
- Joe Casey, K2JKC, replaces Mike Sanchez, KM2B, as RDXA Treasure

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Please welcome our new directors joining the board:

Joe Casey, K2JKC

Mike Maynard, K2GC

Jack Kelly, WA2CHV

Our thanks to Mike Sanchez, KM2B, who has resigned from the board after many years of excellent service.

RDXA EMAIL LIST GOING TO GROUPS.IO

Starting this month RDXA email is moving to Groups.io. All members will soon receive an invitation to join the rdxa group. This will make it possible for us to read old message threads on the Groups.io website and allows members to choose whether they receive each message through email or receive messages grouped in a digest once a day. The existing email reflector will continue in operation through the end of the year.

NYQP IS NOW AN RDXA COMMITTEE

The RDXA Bylaws now define the New York QSO Party as a committee of the RDXA. See the article on recent Bylaw changes for details

From the Board of Directors – Fall, 2025

As we head into the 2025-26 RDXA calendar year, the board has made a few updates regarding meetings, those of the general membership and the board itself.

In noting none of us are getting any younger and in consideration of many who attended our meetings regardless of their ability to get around or moreover, the weather we experience all too frequently around here, we looked at our current meeting schedule and made some changes.

We have maintained an event of some sort or another for every month throughout our calendar year (September – June) but there will NOT be a general membership meeting each month.

And just to thoroughly confuse the issue, we'll be meeting on a special date in October so we can review and promote NYQP.

So, our first general membership meeting of the 2025-26 season will be TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER at Johnny's 7:00pm. The topic will be NYQP as well as other club business. As has been a custom recently, several of us will meet for dinner at Merchants about 5:00pm, all are invited and enthusiastically welcomed.

The board has decided to meet 5 times next year – September, November, January, March and May. The plan there is no different, all are welcomed and the board meets for dinner beforehand and then heads to Johnny's to conduct business. Those dates have traditionally been the first Tuesday of the month.

Our primary "social" events will not change, the Holiday Dinner, Awards Banquet, Field Day, IRVfest and hamfests so plenty to do outside of your own DXing. The bulletin schedule will remain the same.

"Popup" get togethers may also be held, much along the lines of the Friday "Happy Hours" of past years.

We're also moving over to "Groups.io" very soon, a more modern and easily maintained email reflector system.

A top-down review of memberships is also being conducted to be sure we have everyone in order, thank you to those who so quickly renewed after our recent email correspondence.

Several changes are also being made to the Bylaws to reflect the new meeting schedule and how business is conducted overall, things that have been done but now need to be reflected in our operating documents.

Even though the bands have been far from what we've been led to believe, we still have plenty to do and share with the membership.

Moreover, the camaraderie aspect of the club is the most important part, isn't it?
Chris, K2CS

RDXA Board of Directors

** Please look at the 2025-26 calendar elsewhere in this issue for particular dates and events.

Bylaw Changes

The RDXA Bylaws have changed to eliminate the requirement to hold monthly membership meetings and to incorporate the New York QSO Party as a committee of the RDXA. The entire RDXA Constitution and Bylaws can be found on the RDXA website.

Article IV. Club year, Meetings, Activities

Section 1. Club operating year . The "club year" shall be from September 1 through August 31.

Section 2. Regular membership meetings – The Club shall hold ~~regular monthly~~ membership meetings ~~on as scheduled by the third Tuesday of each month, September through June.~~ Board. Meetings shall consist of the minimally necessary business, and primarily be a program of interest to the members.

Section 3. Business meetings – The Directors shall hold business meetings. Meetings shall be announced in advance and be open to all members.

Section 4. Annual meeting. The annual meeting of the Club (the corporation) shall be held at the normal date, time, and location of the last regular ~~monthly~~ membership meeting of the Club year.

Section 6, Committees

Subsection II:

New York QSO Party (NYQP)

The NYQP is the state QSO party of New York, and part of the State QSO Party Challenge. Members of RDXA reinstated NYQP in 2009 after a long period of dormancy. NYQP is structured as a Committee of RDXA, with the following guidance:

a. Committee structure: The Board shall appoint a committee chair who shall remain a member of the RDXA in good standing. The NYQP Committee chair shall assemble a committee of members and advisors as needed to effectively lead, operate, and grow the NYQP. These members may be invited to participate from other New York clubs and from outside New York as deemed appropriate by the Committee. Any RDXA members shall remain in good standing during their tenure on the NYQP Committee.

b. Financial responsibility:

i. The RDXA Treasurer shall also function as the treasurer of the NYQP. The RDXA Board and Treasurer may choose to use a separate bank account or a combined account for NYQP and RDXA funds. If the same account is used, a separate ledger for NYQP funds must be maintained. The RDXA Treasurer maintains administrative financial responsibility for NYQP finances, reporting to the RDXA board.

ii. The NYQP Committee shall be responsible to create and maintain a balanced budget for NYQP. If the NYQP Committee requests additional funding for a special project, the Committee will provide the Board with as much notice as possible, appropriate justification, and where possible, efforts to secure funding.

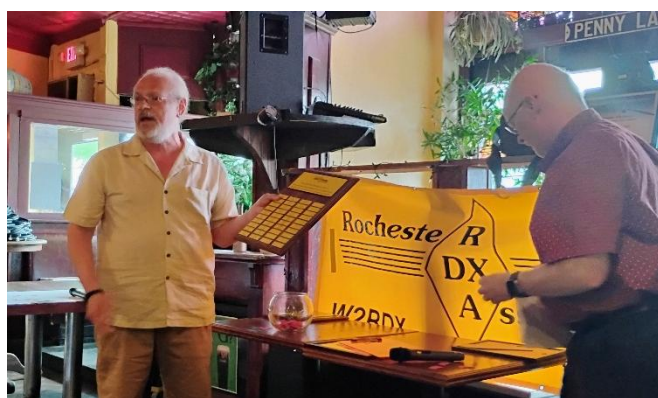
c. Conduct: The NYQP committee shall conduct itself with the highest standards, reflective of the RDXA's sponsorship.

Awards Banquet

June 22 2025



Cliff Milner, K2SKO is recognized for his long career
in amateur radio



Chris Shalvoy K2CS receives the
2025 KE2WK Memorial Award

Field Day 2025



Doug N2BEG hangs the banner



Hexbeam going up on K2GC's generator trailer



Larry, Rus, Anthony, and Mike in the CW bus



Lynn W2BSN teaching code to Hilton Troop 99



Chris K2CS and Larry W2LB
wrangling wire antennas



Chris K2CS working the
phone station



Station captains Rus and Bill briefing the troops



This year we ran the wires over the road



Brad, Doug, and Ed at the public information table



Chefs! Rick W1TY and Dave K2DH



Larry W2LB, Vic K1PY, and Ed K2MP



John W3OAB demonstrates the pneumatic antenna launcher to Cub Pack 80 from Penfield



Mark K2MTH with the solar-powered station



Friday breakfast at Mama Lor's on Lake Rd

Thanks for pictures to Jack WA2CHV, Doug N2BEG, John AC2RL and probably other's who I've forgotten.

Our Field Day Claimed Score

Here is the score that we submitted to the ARRL. Official scores will be published in December 2025.

Call Used: W2RDX GOTA Station Call: W2AN ARRL/RAC Section: WNY Class: 2A

Participants: 20 Club/Group Name: ROCHESTER (NY) DX ASSN

Power Source(s): Generator, Battery, Solar

Power Multiplier: 2X

Preliminary Total Score: 10,221

Bonus Points:

Public location	100
Public information table	100
Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC	100 - Documented by IMG_1069.jpg
W1AW Field Day message	100 - Documented by 2025_FD_Message.pdf
Formal messages handled (10 x 10, max of 100)	100 - Documented by IMG_1070.jpg
Natural power QSOs completed	100 - Documented by W2RDX Natural Power Statement.txt
Site visit by invited elected official	100
Site visit by invited served agency	100
Educational activity	100
Youth participation (4 x 20, max of 100)	80
Safety officer	100 - Documented by IMG_1071.jpg
Social media	100
Satellite QSO	100
GOTA Station	1565
GOTA Coach	100
Entry submitted via web	50
Total bonus points	2,995

Score Summary: (Cabrillo log/dupe sheet file: W2RDX.log)

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total	
Total QSOs	1110	252	889		
Total Points	2220	504	889	3613	Claimed Score = (QSO points x power mult) = 7,226

Irvfest

Irvfest was held on August 19 2025 at Quinzi Lodge at Eyer Park in East Rochester. Turnout was less than previous years but a fine time was had by all.



RARA Hamfest

June 21, 2025 at the Barnard Banquet Hall



K2SKO Antenna Party

On Saturday, September 6th we met at Cliff Millner's house to take down his mast and antennas. Despite a damp start, the rain stopped, the task was accomplished successfully and nobody was injured.

Front: Aaron KE2DYI, Cliff K2SKO, Larry W2LB,
Back: John AC2RL, Raj N2RD, Brad KE2CZY, Dan
KE2CYV, Paula, Lynn W2BSN



RDXA 2025-26 Calendar

September 2025

2 BOD
13-15 ARRL September VHF 27-27
CQWW RTTY

October 2025

7 Meeting - NYQP
18-19 NYQP
25-26 CQWW SSB

November 2025

1-3 ARRL SS CW
4 BOD
15-17 ARRL SS SSB
22-23 CQWW CW
30 BULLETIN DEADLINE

December 2025

5-7 ARRL 160m CW
13-14 ARRL 10m
16 ** RDXA Holiday Dinner
27-28 Stew Perry 160m CW

January 2026

3-4 ARRL RTTY Roundup
6 BOD
17-19 ARRL January VHF
24-26 CQWW 160m CW



February 2026

14-15 CQWW WPX RTTY
17 Meeting – Program TBD
20-22 CQWW 160m SSB
21-22 ARRL DX CW
28 BULLETIN DEADLINE

March 2026

3 BOD
7-8 ARRL DX SSB
28-29 CQWW WPX SSB

April 2026

TBA ** RDXA/RVHFG Awards
Banquet

May 2026

5 BOD
15-17 Dayton Hamvention
30-31 CQWW WPX CW
31 BULLETIN DEADLINE

June 2026

TBA RARA Hamfest
13-15 ARRL June VHF
16 Meeting – FD
27-28 ARRL Field Day

July 2026

4-6 CQWW VHF - CW/SSB
11-12 IARU
18-19 CQWW VHF - Digital

August 2026

TBA ** IRVfest
TBA ROC City Hamfest
31 Contest season concludes
Membership year concludes
31 BULLETIN DEADLINE

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Club Station — W2RDX

Club Website — <http://www.rdxa.com>

Facebook group —RDXA QTH

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All those with an interest in amateur radio, DXing and contesting are cordially invited to any meeting and to join RDXA.

Meetings are located at Johnny's Irish Pub located at 1382 Culver Rd. Rochester, NY. Consult the club website for times and dates.

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John Hall—AC2RL

Rus Healy — K2UA

Joe Casey — K2JKC

Mike Maynard — K2GC

Jack Kelly — WA2CHV

Appointed Positions

Webmaster Chris Shalvoy - K2CS

Contest Chairman Charles Kurfuss - WB2HJV

Banquet Coordinator Gayle Shalvoy - N2TWI

Media Coordinator <vacant>

Election Committee Bill Rogers - K2TER

Chairman

Membership Chris Shalvoy -- K2CS

Chairman

Field Day Chairs Vic Gauvin - K1PY

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Regular Membership: \$25.00

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or Out of State member: \$10.00

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