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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE XEROX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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AHHHH, March. That's the time of year when you find out where the dog's been going all winter. It's also the month to put on your hip boots and slog through the quagmire and ponder what to do since the ice storm turned your tribander beam into a phased array of inverted V's. So think again, and maybe even put it off; this is one of the few seasons in which things get easier (and not harder) the longer you put them off.

DO NOT however put off getting in early to the March XARC meeting this coming Thursday the 26th at 7:30 PM in the XRA building. Gary Sinkowicz W2TR will be our Honoured Guest, honoring us with a chance to put all those flaky FM rigs on channel, and see that each is no more a deviate than it's supposed to be. Gary will be bringing in more frequency meter and deviation meter than any of us will ever be able to afford, so pop some new nicads into the HT, pry the mobile out from under the dashboard and haul them in. Radios must be on the table to be checked; sitting out in the parking lot won't work. Should be a truly useful time.

We must also vote on the dues prorating changes to the bylaws.

XARC has been asked for a list of hams who would volunteer to assist in evacuation efforts in the exceedingly unlikely chance that the Gannet nuclear power plant overheats. A drill may well be called later this spring, and we could gain some valuable PR by being on hand and ready to go. Think about it, and speak to Pete Secrist either at the meeting or on the landline.

This coming May's Rochester Hamfest is going to be mighty important; XARC will be having a booth the purpose of which is to gather shekels with which to buy a real honest to wouf-hong 558 lowband rig. We will be doing this by encasing licenses, photos, social security cards and other such folderol in plastic. We need people to man the booth (or woman it; wives, sisters, and daughters also invited) and we need them badly. A sign-up sheet will be waved in your face at the meeting; those who can't attend, please ponder your schedule and volunteer a few hours.

We would also like thoughts on an XARC field day effort somewhere on the Webster Xerox grounds.

Another Hamfest note: If you wish to take an FCC exam at the Dome Arena this hamfest, a reminder that a completed NEW form 610 must be in the FCC's hands by May 1. You can't just walk in and say hi.

We also need volunteers for officers for next year. Poor Pete Secrist has lost more hair than he can afford. Put in your year on the hot seat. n A

We have a repeater on 220, in case you hand't heard: 223.08 in; 224.68 out. Get on, make some noise! It's not there to listen to the birdies tweet!

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