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Q: Who was that masked man, Daddy? A: That was no masked man, Son; that was the New York State Tax authority. And by the way, have you seen my wallet? I knew I had it here a second ago...

Nothing, not even 20 meters, is more certain than Death and Taxes. And eboy, did they wade into the recent Rochester Hamfest, laying about themselves with threats of arrest and conviction for failure to hang an original hardcopy of a New York State Vendors' License on the wall next to your cardtable piled high with greasy junk, whether you had a wall to hang it on or not. Hell hath no fury like a nervous burocrat at budget-cutting time, trying hard to impress his superiors with his effectiveness. These boys were so effective they almost got theyselves lynched with RCS/U, and will probably be presenting their superiors with plenty of bad TV publicity and maybe even a fat lawsuit courtesy RARA. Let's hope they get everything they deserve. And about 3000 volts to spare...

Well, right behind Death & Taxes comes the XARC meeting schedule, and we are deadly certain the next meeting will be May 28 at 7:30, in the usual spot. That's next Thursday, guys; beat a trail over.

For those with abundant experience running around in circles, we have a public service job for you. The Lasko Memorial Run around the periphery of the Webster complex will be held June 20, and we need four stalwart souls with HT's to stand around and wait for people to need help. Please let Pete Secrist know if you'd like to help out. We need the PR.

And for those who yearn to get back to nature, we will be chucking all of our modern conveniences except for some state-of-the-art lowband gear and trooping off into the woods behind 337 for this year's Field Day, June 27 and 28. Phil Brown is in charge. We still need everything, from rigs to rags to rugs to tents to generators to operators, and we'll be giving 'em hell all up and down the spectrum that weekend. Contact Phil and volunteer. One special note: We have a small solar panel, and if somebody can come up with a real low-power, low voltage QRP rig, we can get extra points for running a few QSO's directly off the sunshine. Of course, that assumes it won't be raining like hell all weekend. Bets, anybody?

We didn't do so hot at the hanfest; between the drizzle and the taxmen, everybody was sulking around with hands stuffed into pockets and dour looks on their faces. We experienced a net loss on laminating licenses, but we may do better next time. We still have more than \$300 in the treasury, and one more Hot Dog Day may put us over the wire for a new transceiver. For yea, there will indeed be another Hot Dog Day, in fact, there will be Three of them, July 10,11, & 12, for the XRA Umpire's Tournament. We did right fine (\$250+) last time, and that was for one day only. This year we may experiment with hauling pop and hots out to the standing crowds to whip up more business. The hours involved are many; the first day will run from 6 PM to 10 PM, and the following two days will run from 8 AM to 10 PM. This could make us or break us; please volunteer, come out, and sell that junk food for old XARC!

On another, familiar front: We have been asked to perform an RF field strength study up on top of the Square to determine something or other, and after we do that we can again ask to put our repeater up there. If we can demonstrate that five out of six antennas up there could mop the floor with our poor little pipsqueak 220 rig, we will have a powerful argument for the powers-that-be to stop messing around and hand us our approval. Now, in order to do this, we need a good instrument capable of doing the measurements. If anybody out there has a high-quality tested or spectrum analyser of some sort, please let Pete Secrist know. This would include Xerox lab gear that could be borrowed for a day or two.

This do stretch on...anyway, do show up at the meeting, at Field Day, and get your hotdog-hawking hands ready for action. It's going to be a big summer for XARC!

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