

# XARC

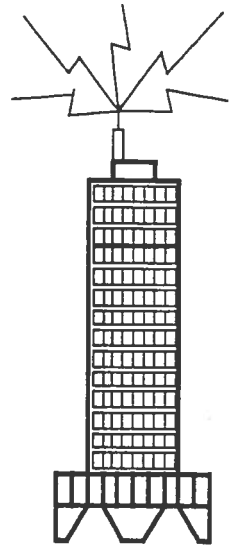
## Monthly Newsletter

The Voice of the Xerox Amateur Radio Club

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Next Club Meeting May 18th 1700hrs

### New Hams!

Welcome to Sam Kaplan KB2HQR, Shannon Wixsom KB2HQS, Dennis Diehl KB2HQT and Clive Bubb KB2HSB, graduates of the most recent Novice class.

### Upgrades

Dick Shearer upgraded to Technician at the Drumlins Hamfest.

### New Calls

Fred Miller is now WO2P. John Wright KE2MA

### I've Heard-

That a member of the club who shall remain nameless(KE2LY), has had problems operating his vehicle and his

handi-talki at the same time. It seems that he is prone to missing his exit on the way to Henrietta and his friends fear he may one day wind up in Buffalo.

### 2 Meter Repeater a Possibility

John Wright has informed me that he has acquired a commercial 2 meter radio suitable for use as a repeater. Still needed will be a duplexor and antenna. Those members interested in supporting the project should attend the next meeting or contact John Wright ext. 25130.

### KB2HQS Stumbles Onto the Airwaves With First QSO

## [Much to The Probable Chagrin of N5OBF]

By Shannon Wixsom

Webster, NY - The long-awaited and historical occasion of KB2HQS' very first QSO in the history of the human race [records were extensively searched for verification] occurred here on Wednesday, May 3, 1989. Here's what KB2HQS had to say through a fog of euphoria, enthusiasm and the usual lack of connection.

"I waited about 6 years [subjective time], or maybe it was only 5 weeks [real time] for my novice license to get to me. The FCC sent it by yak mail. During the interim, I listened on the club radio almost every day - and I'm glad I did, because I got used to the QRM and QRN, which is easy enough if you have the practice of growing up as one of 8 kids [think of it as getting a word in edgewise on your siblings]. Meanwhile, I studied for the technicians' test, pestered various long-suffering members of XARC with long lists of questions [list remains long], and practiced a still-indifferent fist on my practice oscillator, to get ready for The Big Day.

"Which came at last - call me a liar, but somehow I knew that May 2 was the day it would come. Yippee: KB2HQS, KB2HQS, that's me! Shortly after ripping that envelope to shreds to get at it, I called my right-hand man in technical instruction, Mike, KE2LU,

who had shown me how to use the club receiver. Was there anything I had to know that he hadn't shown me? Well yes, there's the little matter of tuning the transmitter [oh, details, you think 22nd century historians are going to include that?]. OK, KE2LU agreed to meet me at high noon, local, the next day.

"Another 6 years of waiting, but the next day did roll around, as next days are inclined to do in the fruition of time, and....there we are at last: KB2HQS, ink still wet on the license, KE2LU, long-suffering as usual, and one authentic club rig.

"Do you want to try CW or voice?" asks KE2LU.

"Oh, CW of course," answers KB2HQS the jock, who never does anything by halves.

"I'm sorry to report that I don't remember a single thing KE2LU showed me about the transmitter because I was so d-d excited about the whole thing -- although I'm sure that was concealed by my usual air of suave cool and detached sophistication, oh sure...

"Anyways, there isn't much on 10 meters, so we switch to 15. Immediately, we hear somebody tune up and send a QRL. Just after that, he sends his CQ,

and I pounce on the poor sucker before he knows what's going on [everybody has to have a first victim]. He is N5OBF. It's a good thing KE2LU is there to steady me down. I manage to get N5OBF's attention, send my call sign funny at first [so bad he had to QRZ]. So I repeat - funny again...how am I doing so far?

"A short pause, then back comes 'TNX FER CALL. NM HR ES BRIAN. HW CPY K2HQS [sic--still ain't got my own call sign down] DE N5OBF KN'

"Send your call sign again,' says KE2LU, 'and your QTH again. And send this.' And he pushes a piece of paper at me that says THIS IS MY FIRST QSO.

"Having that helps a great deal. Out goes my call - better this time, QTH and THIS IS MY FIRST QSO. This time I do better, apparently, because back comes KB2HQS DE N5OBF RR CPY ALL BUT QTH--CONGRATS ON FIRST QSO. More excitement 'on KB2HQS' part, she's becoming more coherent. To make a long story short [you can read about it in more detail in my autobiography], Brian is calling from Biloxi, Mississippi [how about that?!].

"Ask if he's in the call book,' suggests KE2LU.

"What call book?' says KB2HQS, getting vague on everything but this QSO.

"No, answers N5OBF, but he will QSL my first QSO if I send my address.

"I'm happy to report that I steady down enough to get my address through the first time. Again I have help, because KE2LU has brought along a spectacular [OK, modestly spectacular, spectacular to me] QSL card for me, complete with sailboat [the subject closest to my heart]. After a slight discussion on how to spell Wixsom [Wixom or Wixsom, KE2LU almost has me convinced for a minute there], N5OBF comes back MUST QRT ES GO BK TO WORK. GOOD LUCK ES WELCOME TO HAM--BEST 73 SHANNON.

"Want to send hugs and kisses, because he probably doesn't know you're female,' says KE2LU. Oh yes, hugs and kisses is exactly what I feel like sending right now. 'Then send 73 ES 88.'

"73 ES 88 it is, then a signoff.

"I did it!' says KB2HQS.

"The job isn't over till the paperwork is done.' KE2LU grins and hands me the log.

"So not having any gold pen, I record my very first QSO in the XARC logbook in

plain and modest pencil. And there it remains, for God and everybody to see.

"And there you have it, sports fans. If KB2HQS can do it, so can you. I plan to inflict myself on the amateur bands as often as I can. Do you know what euphoria is? Do you remember your first QSO?

"I'll never forget mine.

Many, many thanks to KE2LU and N5OBF."

And that's the way it was with KB2HQS on Wednesday, May 3, 1989.

Editors Note!

The following day in the midst of a mountain of bagels (but that's another story) Sam Kaplan made his first QSO, to Yugoslavia. Congratulations to both of you.

## **Remember! Hamfests/Auctions**

**May 19th-21st**, the Rochester Hamfest, Rochester NY.

The outdoor fleamarket opens Friday afternoon, and the indoors on Saturday.

**September 30th**, Elmira International Hamfest, Chemung County Fairgrounds, Horseheads, NY.

**October 4th-8th**, the Antique Wireless Association annual conference and flea market, Canandaigua, NY.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

Remember field day is coming **June 24-25** let's make it bigger and better than last year. If you want to help contact any of the club officers.

## **Tower Status**

The tower renovation team reports that you wouldn't recognize it. The tower was blasted with 400 lbs of sand and two sixpacks. Recently it was painted with two coats of Derusto light gray paint (and one sixpack). The remaining work is to replace the broken pulleys and fabricate a new thrust bearing.

## **For Sale/Wanted**

Nothing this month.

## **Remember!**

Never trust a computer bigger than you can lift.

## Minutes of the April Meeting of XARC

The meeting was brought to order by President Gene Parker at 1710 hrs. on Thursday the 20th of April 1989. There were 6 members and no visitors present.

The reading of the minutes were waived as they are included in the newsletter.

### TREASURERS REPORT 4-20-89

#### CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 3-16-89*	\$381.44
<b>Deposits:</b>	
Dividends 4-1-89	\$ 2.67
Total Deposits	\$ 2.67
<b>Expenses:</b>	
John Wright(Digi-Key)	\$ 39.78
Jim Hutchinson(Spkr-Amp)	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 49.78
Total Checking Account	\$334.33

#### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 3-16-89	\$152.08
Dividends 4-1-89	\$ 2.11
Total Savings	\$154.19

#### ACCOUNT TOTALS

Checks on hand (Speaker-Amp)	\$ 13.80
Total Checking Account	\$334.33
Total Savings	<u>\$154.19</u>

**TOTAL FUNDS 4-20-89**

**\$502.32**

**\*Includes Carry Over (Coffee Fund)**

**\$ 5.00**

**Long range planning committee report:**

No report...

**HF Station report:**

No Report. Jim Lannom will try to assemble the antenna during a noon hour.

**Membership and Training:**

Current class has ended with 4 new hams.

**Packet Report:**

No report

**Special Events report:**

No report

**Program Committee report:**

No report

**Long Range Planning Committee report:**

No report

**Old Business:**

**Tower:**

When we get all approvals etc. John Wright will pick it up and sand blast it, then deliver it to XRA. Bill Bailey will examine it and design a new thrust bearing for the tower. We will probably install the two meter beam at first.

**Building Hours:**

The building hours have changed until the beginning of softball season next month.

**Leesburg station:**

There still has been no reply from the Recreation office in response to Gene's inquiry.

**ARRL Affiliation:**

The necessary paper work has been submitted and we are waiting final approval.

### **New Business:**

We have two new call in the club. KE2LU- Mike Ishler and KE2LY- Dick Germain.

#### **Field Day:**

Rick LaDonna has 8 insulators. We need to decide which poles we want them on and get maintenance to install them.

We will have two generators courtesy of Lloyd Durfey and Bob Karz.

We should have activities for kids, treasure hunt, games etc.

The idea of a Bar-B-Que on Saturday was discussed.

Bob Karz is to be chairman.

Each radio owner needs to make out an instruction sheet on how to operate his particular rig.(Band changes, tuning, loading etc.)

We should be able to switch lobes on the dipoles.

We should chip in ahead of time for food and drinks.

Bob Karz has agreed to tutor us in his logging system- and the rules.

Extra points are awarded for publicity in publications like the Webster Herald/Post if someone will write the articles.

Gene Parker will contact Leesburg again and also inform Bob Karz of his responsibilities.

Geoff Williams has a Laptop computer we can use for logging.

Dorothy Faucz is in charge of the Bar-B-Que and snakes

We need to get a site plan for the poles.

### **Agenda for May**

- Assignments for Field Day.
- Current status of the tower.
- Two Meter Repeater

Meeting Adjourned 2002

My thanks to Jim Lannom for assuming the secretarial duties for this meeting.