



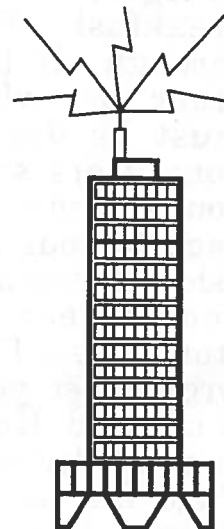
XARC

Monthly Newsletter

The Voice of the Xerox Amateur Radio Club

Xerox
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Radio Club

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May 10, 1990

Next Club Meeting May 17th 1730 hrs

Special Vote!!

It was decided to put the following item to a vote by the full membership.

There has been a proposal to authorize the purchase of a 6 meter multimode radio at the Rochester hamfest at a cost not to exceed \$350. This will be voted on at the May Meeting. If you cannot attend please indicate your vote by a mailnote to Ishler:Wbst129:Xerox or to Mike Ishler 129-37A before the meeting.

Karz's Korner-

Spring has sprung the grass has riz.....the hamfest is less than two weeks away and Field Day is just around the corner. Besides, the sunspot cycle is barely past peak (even if 10 meters has been the pits for the past few weeks). To paraphrase the famous beer ad, "it doesn't get any better than this"

In anticipation of a GREAT field day score, I'm modifying my infamous

Commodore 64 Field Day Reporting program to handle more than the 200 contacts per band it can store now. It will still crash, however, if we make more than 2000 contacts (not counting the novice station). Go ahead... make my day.

For those of you who haven't been to an ARRL Field Day, its a unique experience to say the least. Field Day is nominally a civil defense exercise where stations throughout the US and Canada operate under "simulated emergency" conditions for 24 hours. Basically that means emergency power and antennas specially erected for the occasion. For us it means campers in the XRA parking lot and dipoles on the light poles. It also means getting to know the weekend shift of the Xerox Security people very well and occasionally meeting some "nice folks" from the Tennis Club of Webster. Field Day for us is watching parts fall off the tribander as it is raised to vertical, counting the parts left over after KE2T assembles his Butternut vertical, having the coax break at the antenna after the antenna has been raised, discovering once again that M&Ms and pop cause indigestion when consumed in large quantities and that

Pringles aren't especially good for breakfast. Field Day is ear strain through all the QRM, people on the other end who absolutely positively must be deaf, broken pencils, and generators stopping just as the guy you've been calling for 20 minutes comes back to your call. Field day is falling asleep at the mike, bug spray, sun burn, and (except for last year) thunder storms.....I'm not sure what went wrong last year. Field Day is paper work and Karz yelling at you that you've filled out the log wrong. Mostly, Field Day is FUN (well, you gotta be there.....).

So save the date (this year it's the weekend of June 23 - 24), brush of that key or keyer (remember, CW contacts count double), and come to our next meeting May 17 where we'll be trying something completely different - PLANNING. With a little bit of luck we might even qualify for the 100 bonus points for ADVANCED publicity. We might also figure a way to qualify for the 100 bonus points for making 5 "natural power" QSOs as well as for using packet. We can also decide on the of number rigs to have, etc., etc.

Last year the XARC finished respectfully, beating 58% of the entrants in our category. This year it's number one!

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Bob, K2OID

HAM RADIO HISTORY

4 Billion BC - Earth is a swirling ball of flaming gases. Propagation is extremely poor.

1 Billion BC - First dry land appears. It is divided up into squares. County Hunters Club formed.

500 Million BC - Second patch of dry land appears. First DXpedition Credit disallowed because of questionable licensing agreement.

400 Million BC - Flowering plants and grasses evolve. Telrex invents first beam antenna but sales area slow because of lack of suitable structures.

300 Million BC - First tree appears. It is immediately cut down, stripped of branches, placed in a concrete base and named a telephone pole. Telrex sells first beam.

200 Million BC - Second beam sold by Telrex. Installer falls from top of pole. First safety belt sold.

100 Million BC - First mountain appears. Repeater invented.

50 Million BC - It is decided by WARC that "seek you" is too cumbersome to send on CW, so abbreviation "CQ" is adopted.

4 Million BC - Humans replace swine as dominant species. The name "Ham Operator" hangs on, however.

3 Million BC - Dugout canoe invented. Maritime Mobile Net formed on 14.313 MHz.

2 Million BC to 800 AD - Nothing much happens for a long time.

900 AD - Chinese invent gunpowder. BY1AA is first "Big Gun" DXer.

1790 AD - Ben Franklin invents long wire receiving antenna. Ground switch invented.

1961 AD - Second repeater erected. First repeater group refuses to change frequency. First frequency coordinator appointed.

1990 AD - Amateur radio humor sinks to a new low.

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CONTEST!! PRIZES!! HOURS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE CLUB!!!

(Sick to your stomach yet? Read on)

By proclamation of His Hamness, Bob Karz, K2OID (Have you been reading Karz's Korner lately? I told you there would be a quiz), let it be known to all club members that starting immediately, there will be a **CONTEST FOR THE XARC QSL CARD!**

What do I have to do to enter?

Easy. Design a QSL card for the club. You may use your own artistic tools, or if you have an idea for a logo and layout that you would like scanned and printed, send your drafts to Shannon Wixsom (W129-37A for hardcopy, WIX:WBST129 for electronics/VP, Ventura or XPS/XPIW formats only). Send all entries, in whatever format, to aforementioned Shannon Wixsom.

What's in it for me?

I thought you might ask that. This is no cheapshot club (not to be confused with cheapshot *members*). We have a *dazzling lineup of prizes* that would bring a gleam to the eye of Hiram Percy himself.

FIRST PRIZE: A copy of the 1990 ARRL Operating Manual (*every shack should have one*)

SECOND PRIZE: A night on the town with the vice president (hi).

THIRD PRIZE: Two nights out on the town with the vice president (hi, hi).

OK, ok, restrain your greed and keep reading:

Exactly who will determine the winning entries?

That internationally known panel of art experts, the club's Executive Committee, which consists of club officers and repeater trustees.

Where can I get further information if I need it?

Call yet again aforementioned Shannon Wixsom at X23190.

Are you ever going to end this, article you babbling weirdo?

Am I accommodating, or what? No sooner said than done.

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QSL Cards Available

Members wishing to have one of the QSL cards from the 50th anniversary station should contact Gene Parker x22245 there are a limited quantity available.

Do you have QSL cards to send?

As a club we are entitled to combine ARRL members cards in one mailing. Just order your cards as always, include a current mailing label from QST and give them to one of the club officers.

Is your ARRL membership up for renewal?

If so remember to renew through the club. See Mike Ishler(x24134) for details.

Hamfests/Auctions

If anyone knows the dates of a hamfest not listed here please forward the information to Mike Ishler 114/22D

May 18-20 Rochester hamfest

June 3rd, 9-5 Rome hamfest. Stanwix Hts. fire dept. Bartlettroad, Rome NY. Talkin 28/88 repeater.

June 3rd, 8-4 Breezeshooters Hamfest.
Butler Farm show grounds. Butler Pa.
Talkin 147.96/36

June 16, 7-3 SARC Hamfest
Courtland County Fairgrounds
Cortland NY
Talkin 147.825/225

June 17th, 8-? Fredrick Hamfest.
Fredric Fairgrounds East Patrick St.
Fredrick, Md.
Talkin 146.52 Repeaters 146.73 and
147.06.

August 25 TCARC Hamfest
Fingerlakes Hamfest
New York State Armory
1765 Hanshaw Rd.
Ithaca, NY
Talkin 146.97/37

September 29, 6-4 Elmira Hamfest
Chemung County Fairgrounds-
Horsheads NY
Talkin 147.36/96 444.42

**October 13th, Syracuse at the state
fairgrounds**

**The following list was supplied by
Gary Bauer.**

**Mar. 23 -25 Orlando Fla. Orlando
convention ctr. Orlando, Fla.**

**April 27-29 Dayton. Hara arena,
Dayton, Ohio**

**May 5 Owego, Marvin Park
Fairgrounds, Owego, N.Y.**

June 3 Lancaster, NY

**June 9 Kitchner, Bingman park,
Kitchner, Ont**

**July 7 Ontario fest Burlington, Milton
fairgrounds, Milton**

**July 8 Batavia firemans field,
Alexander, N.Y.**

other fests - unknown dates

Welland, Ont. June (16 ??)
Wilksbere. Pa. July (1 ??)
Milton, Ont. July (7 ??)
Gowanda, N.Y. July (28 ??) second
annual
Baltimore, Md. July (29 ??)
Winchester, Va. Aug (5 ??)
Skaneateles, N.Y. Sept (15 ??)
Kingston, Ont. Sept (??)
London, Ont. Oct. (14 ??)

NOTE

I have extrapolated these dates from last year's
list to
this year's calendar. The dates may not be
accurate, but
there is a good possibility that these are
accurate. Check
ham pubs for further information.

For Sale/Wanted

The following are items for sale.

Tektronix 310A scope
w/manual \$85

contact Fred Miller WO2P x29126

Yaesu FT-707 8 band, solid state, digital
xcvr, 240w dc input
Yaesu FV-707DM matching digital 12
memory vfo
Yaesu FC-707 matching swr / pwr mtr,
ant tuner, dummy load
mic, mobile mounting bracket, relay box
for amp, all books

contact Gary Bauer, KA2CKR x26715

Minutes of the April Meeting of XARC

Following an excellent talk by Joe Stephany on the subject of "How Radio Amateurs Developed Radio", the business meeting was called to order by President Bob Karz at 1830 hrs. on Thursday the 26th of April 1990. There were 12 members and 1 visitor present. The reading of the minutes was waived as they are included in the newsletter. The treasurer's report is as follows:

XARC TREASURERS REPORT 4-26-90

Balance 3-15-90	\$1411.21
Income:	
Interest Checking	\$ 2.18
Interest Savings	\$ 2.12
ARRL(4)	\$ 158.00
Dues(4)	\$ 31.00
Power Supplies	\$ 170.00
Misc.	\$ 1.00
Total Income	\$ 364.30
Expenses:	
VFH Contest Award	\$ 19.00
ARRL Memberships	\$ 169.00
Call Books	\$ 52.65
Total Expenses	\$ 240.65
Accounts:	
Savings Account	\$ 162.80
Checking Account	\$ 1372.06
Total Funds (4/26/90):	\$ 1534.86
Funds Allocated:	
2 Meter Repeater Allocation	\$ 16.32

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Total Allocated \$ 16.32

Total Funds Available (4/26/90) \$ 1518.54

Misc Funds:

2 Meter Duplexer Fund	\$ 485.00
Power Supplies	\$ 1310.00

Richard LaDonna Treasurer

A motion was made and a discussion held regarding the publishing of the club's financial status in the newsletter. The motion was to delete the financial report from the newsletter. After discussion the motion was not seconded thus leaving the financial statement in the newsletter.

Long range planning committee report:

No report...

HF Station report:

Bob Karz reported that the TS440 should be here by the next meeting.(He hopes) Barry reminds us to please leave a note when we borrow club equipment so we can keep track of the club's equipment. Barry also announced the formation of a computer software library to be kept at the club station. Any donations will be accepted, and the library is available to club members.

Repeater Committee report:

The 440 repeater is still experiencing difficulties according to several members of the club. There is no report on repair activities.

Membership and Training:

All members of the novice class have received their licenses and are on the air.

Packet Report:

No Report

Special Events/Field Day report:

Bob reports that field day is rapidly approaching and that it's time to begin planning. The next club meeting will be devoted to field day planning.

Program Committee report:

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No new speakers until fall however a trip to the Antique Wireless museum is in the planning stage.

Long Range Planning Committee report:

No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A discussion was held on ways to spend the revenues from the power supply sale. As expected the proposals were many and varied.

Headphones, desk microphone, slugs for the Bird wattmeter, TNC, a satellite station, RTTY setup, a request to get the repeaters operational before we make any large purchases, new hardline and antennas for the repeaters, voice mailbox for the repeaters, new mast and 6 meter beam, 2 meter vertical, a 220 Isopole, a proposal to earmark 1/3 of the money to a public service project(packet link etc.), a station clock, HF linear, 6 meter radio, HF link to the repeaters, membership trinket or club symbol (QSL cards, hats, badges etc.)

As can be expected there was a lively discussion concerning what to buy and what not to buy. The above list shows there is a long way to go before a decision can be made.

A proposal was made that due to the upcoming Rochester hamfest did we want to allocate a sum (\$350) for the purchase of a used 6 meter multimode radio. After a discussion the motion was seconded and approved. Due to the close nature of the vote a second motion was made to retract the previous motion and to put the item before the full membership. This motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda for May

Field Day Planning

Meeting adjourned 2012.

