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The Voice of the Xerox Amateur Radio Club

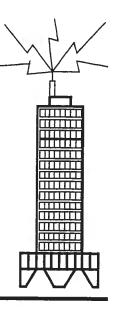
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July 15, 1991

Next Club Meeting July 18th, 1730 hrs

Remember When?

My son, Max, got his new tech call on Saturday June 29. He went out to check the mail. There was a stack of mail but no license. What we did not realize was that mail was left over from Friday. No one brought in the mail on Friday. Later while he was outside, he saw the mailman delivering mail. Buried in the mail was his long sought after FCC license. Was he on cloud nine after waiting almost 7 weeks. He was on the 2 meter repeaters within 2 minutes of opening the envelop. His call is N2MXD and he has been working DX on 6 meters during the recent openings.

73, Ed, W2EQW

KARZ's Korner

Congratulations to everyone involved in Field Day. As promised, it was bigger and better than ever. I'd say that the

quiet generators and 100% computer logging were the biggest improvements from last year. Also, I believe class 3A is here to stay. Everyone, both kids and grown-ups, had lots of fun, and we're already making plans for the next big contest - the January VHF Contest and the Rochester Cup. Keep working on your CW though. That was the one area where our performance declined relative to last year.

The week after Field day, we loaded the kids, the dog, and our luggage into the old minivan and headed for Atlanta to visit friends. Since it had 118,000 miles on it, we decided to join the AAA. As an added precaution, I threw in the 2 meter FM xcvr and a mag mount. It was under the back seat when we passed a van with call letter plates and a sign welcoming a call on 146.52. Since that one "got away", we decided to leave it hooked up in the front seat, and on the way home we got out the repeater directory and did a little hamming. We hooked up with Roy, AC4DV while we were heading north on interstate 85 in northern Virginia. He was heading home to North Carolina from Charlestown, West Virginia where he had brought his packet station but no





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software. Since we were approaching each other we decided we'd try to see each other as we passed. We counted down the mile markers, but unfortunately a hill in the median prevented a sighting. A short time later another station broke in to report an accident, and we got back to Roy just as we were getting out of range. Nevertheless, talking with Roy helped pass the time during what otherwise was a long, hot, boring trip. Bringing a radio and repeater directory along is highly recommended.

While I was in Atlanta, I stopped in at the Ham Radio Outlet store there to buy some baluns for my dipoles and some license manuals so my kids can upgrade. I got to spin the dials on the Icom 781, the Kenwood TS-950, and the Yaseu FT1000. Its remarkable how complicated those rigs have become. On the 950, I couldn't even figure out how to change bands. I think I'll stick with my "old" (?!!!) TS-930 for a while longer. While we're on the subject of upgrades, congratulations to to Ed Kessler's son Max, N2MXD, on upgrading to a tech.

I spoke with Dr. Doug Stockman who was a doctor in Liberia before their civil war and hopes to return when peace is achieved. He's interested in amateur radio for *non-business* uses such as keeping in touch with home. He's tentatively planning to join us at the July meeting.

73 and good hamming this summer.

Bob, K2OID

Club Library

The club now has a library which is used to maintain copies of equipment manuals and related articles of projects,

radio mods and the like. Anything which may now or in the future be of interest to amateur radio is appropriate to include in the library. Anyone who has ever purchased a used piece of equipment without the manual and then tried to get a copy of the manual can appreciate the value of this library. I am soliciting all of you to make copies of any manuals or related articles you may have and mail them to me for inclusion in the library. occasionally publish an index of what is in the library and of course queries are welcome at any time.

Thanx Barry N2EZS

Equipment loans

As many of you know the XARC has recently increased its equipment inventory by leaps and bounds over what we had just a short time ago. I have been asked, as the chairman of the station committee, to publish a list of equipment which is available for short term loan to members of the club. When borrowing a piece of equipment, a note should be left in the club station with the item borrowed, the date borrowed, the anticipated return date, and the borrowers name and call. The following is a list of equipment located at the station in building 337 which is available for lending per the

located at the station in building 337 which is available for lending per the above guidelines. All other items are not to be removed from the station for personal use.

Heathkit HW101 transceiver with speaker and power supply KDK 2 Meter FM transceiver 12 volt power supply (blue box type) Bird wattmeter, 3 - 30 Mhz, up to 100W Kenwood VHF/UHF watt/SWR meter, 140 - 500 Mhz Headphones ARRL Handbook ARRL Antenna book

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US and Foreign area call books (1988 issue)

Software library disks, Amateur related, (5 1/4 and 3 1/2 DSDD disks)

All of the equipment located at the station is, of course, there for the use of all our members at any time. I would strongly encourage you to use the station. The performance of the station is better than most would imagine.

Thanx Barry

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 Rick LaDonna(x29477) for details.

Hamfests/Auctions

If anyone knows the dates of a hamfest not listed here please forward the information to Mike Ishler 139/24A, Ishler: Wbst129: Xerox

some are extrapolated dates:

March 30 Drumlins Hamfest April 13 Auburn Hamfest

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| April 26-28 | - Dayton Hamfest |
| May 4 | - AWA auction Holcomb |
| May 4 | Owego Hamfest |
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| May 17-19 | -Rochester Hamfest |
| June 2 | -Rome Hamfest |
| | 146.28/88 talk-in |
| June 9 | -Lancaster Hamfest |
| June 15 | Cortland Hamfest |
| Julie 13 | |
| | - 147.825/225- |
| July 14 | Alexander (Batavia) |
| • | Hamfest |
| August 17—— | -Ithaca Hamfest |
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| September 21— | –Buffalo Hamfest |
| Sept 25-28 | -AWA conference |
| • | Thruway Marriot |
| September 28— | –Elmira Hamfest |
| 177 | 147.96 talk-in |
| October 5 — | -Syracuse Hamfest - |
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| New Location- Tri-County-Mall in | |
| Baldwinsville | - |
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Wantads

- 1. Dentron kilowatt Tuner, balanced and unbalanced outputs, with new 17 position switch & coax connectors and manual -- \$90.
- 2. Yeasu YH-55 stereo headphones -- \$10
- 3. Field strength/power meter, homebrew --\$5 each CALL John Facci or

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Secretary Peter Fournia

Old Business

The XARC business meeting was called to order buy President

Bob Karz on June 20 1991 in bldg 337. Sixteen members attended.

Fred Miller reported he had completed repair of the club station mast and rotor mount. He had also made a field day tower using spare tower sections. He submitted his expenses for both. Expenses for the club tower repair was less then the \$300 approved for that purpose at the May club meeting. A motion was passed to reimburse Fred \$82 for expenses in constructing the field day tower. Fred also announced that he wanted to install the mast and rotor on the club tower during the field day weekend.

New Business

New business focused on preparations for field day. Bob provided copies of a field day check list that had evolved from previous field day events. The check list was used in detail committing numerous individuals to bring their stuff. It was agreed we would operate 3 stations using Shannon Wixsom's call WV2J.

Barry Rickett demonstrated use of the KBOZP FD logging program. It was agreed to use this program and a lap top computer at each rig as a primary logging method. Barry will solicit the membership

to get the 3 lap tops.

A motion was passed to authorize Gene Faucz to spent up to \$100 for food and refreshments during field day. Setup at the FD site will be 10:30 AM beside building 337.

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