

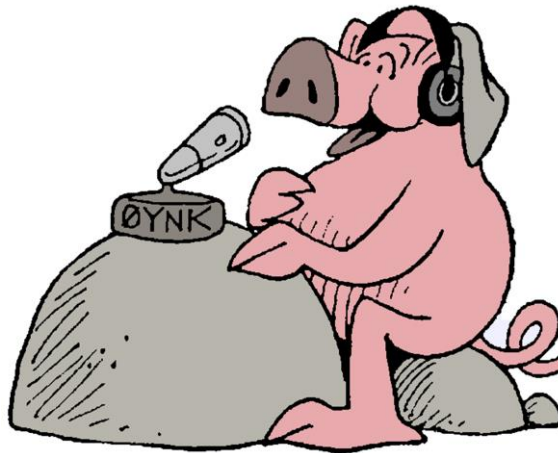
BARA dates to at least 1915, by which time its predecessor the *Binghamton Progressive Radio Association* had formed.

General meetings are open to members and non-members alike. The only prerequisite for attending a meeting is an interest in radio and/or electronics! The typical flow of a general meeting is:

- Introductions
- Business Meeting
- Refreshments / 50-50 raffle
- Program

Anyone interested in BARA can keep abreast of the club's activities through the BARA website at w2ow.org.

The club has a terrific hilltop site at the Kopernik Observatory. The elevation is approximately 1750 feet above sea level (about 900 feet above the surrounding Susquehanna River valley area). The setup includes a station with several transceivers (including remote operating capability).



General Meetings

Kopernik Observatory
698 Underwood Rd, Vestal, NY

*7:00 pm third Wednesday of each month;
members and non-members invited. Also
available by remote attendance via Zoom at
qsl.net/b/bara/zoom/*

License Exam Sessions

Held at 6:00 pm prior to each general meeting (walk-ins accepted)

Dues

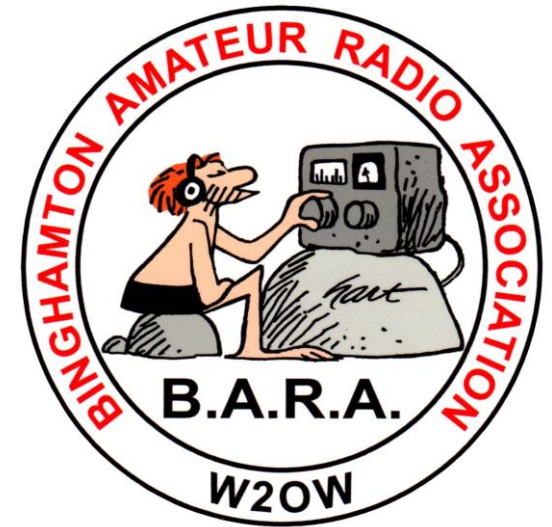
\$24 per year for individual membership
\$36 per year for family membership

Membership forms available at w2ow.org



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BARA is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to all aspects of amateur radio, including communications technology, emergency communications, electronics, and community service.

Membership is open to anyone interested in radio and electronics technology.



The Binghamton Amateur Radio Association is an American Radio Relay League affiliated club.

BARA is a not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

BARA works hand-in-hand with other local organizations, including the National Weather Service, ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and SVARA (Susquehanna Valley Amateur Repeater Association). Our members have diverse interests, including:

- Amateur Communications
 - Contests / special events
 - CW and other modes
 - QRP operations
- Electronics
 - Radio equipment / setups
 - Gadgets & gizmos
 - Digital communications
- Emergency Services
 - Skywarn weather emergency training
 - Community event coverage
 - Emergency communications

This list is by no means comprehensive – we are open to hearing about any facet of radio-electronics you are interested in!



The late Johnny Hart, notable for his creation of the *B.C.* and *The Wizard of Id* comics, was a local artist who provided the cartoon graphics presented in this brochure. All graphics reproduced by kind permission of Hart Trust.

The world of amateur radio is, simply, the world. There are more than 3 million “ham” radio operators worldwide, and over 750,000 in the United States. Hams consist of both men and women, young and old. Some have strong technical backgrounds, while others are drawn to the technology and/or public service aspects of the hobby. Some engage in contest activities, while others simply enjoy chatting with people around the globe, often establishing lifelong friendships.

Amateur radio operators (or “hams”) communicate by voice, computer, even satellite! Amateur radio operators have been pioneers in the development of communications technology, including the technology behind cell phones.

We provide volunteer communications services locally, and assist during weather emergencies through the National Weather Service’s *Skywarn* network.

An amateur radio station may be equipped with thousands of dollars worth of high-tech gear, or a simple setup of minimal cost. Dependable used equipment can be found online and at *hamfests* (electronic flea-markets).



BARA and its members sponsor and/or participate in numerous events and contests each year. These include:

- Monthly programs
- Annual picnic
- Annual holiday party
- Skywarn Recognition Day
- Field Day and Winter Field Day
- International Marconi Day
- Parks on the Air
- NY QSO Party
- Public service events, including
 - Skywarn training
 - Support for road race & running events
 - Licensing sessions



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