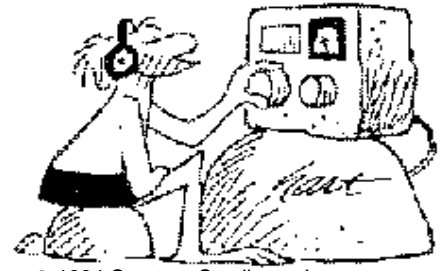


# **BARA** FACTS



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## **PRESIDENTS CORNER DE WB2GHH**

Well, I hope all of you have made plans to attend the BARA Christmas Party on Wed December 20th at Russell's Steak House. I'll even try harder to make it this year. I'll be careful, make certain I pass the ER and go directly to Russell's.

I believe we have a full slate of candidates for the club offices this year for consideration of members. If you have some ideas or suggestions or want to volunteer for a position please drop the nomination chair (Rick an e-mail at n3vkm@arrl.net.) The more the merrier.

Call up your buddy, see if he or she is going to the party, if not twist an arm, invite them to a good meal and a good time. Attendees need not be BARA members. If you're planning to attend or are successful in inviting others please let Paul know (n2ncb@prodigy.net). He can pass the word to Hedy, AA2MU (Christmas Party Chair) so appropriate accommodations can be provided.

Hope to CU you all there!

## **DINE-A-MATES STILL AVAILABLE**

Ed, NE2W has a few 2001 Dine-a-Mates left, they will be available at the BARA Holiday Party, December 20. Dine-a-Mates are \$16 each and offer hundreds of dollars in savings at local businesses. See Ed at the Party!

## **2001 ELECTIONS**

I write this as I listened to arguments in front of the US Supreme Court for Bush v. Gore. Pretty amazing stuff!

Hopefully the club elections will be a tiny bit easier! Rick Melton, N3VKM is in charge of the election and has sworn to act as Judge, Jury, and Executioner, oops...

The election will be held during the Holiday Party on December 20 at Russell's Steak House. No need to attend the dinner in order to vote. The election will occur after

dinner, approximately 8PM. Automatic re-counts will commence at 8:30PM, legal briefs will be filed at 9PM, all chads will be digested by 10PM. Sigh...

## **UPGRADE ?**

Just spotted a small announcement on the ARRL web-site. Effective January 1 the exam fee will be \$10.

## **2001 HAMFEST PLANNING UNDERWAY**

Hedy AA2MU and Bill N2BC will head up the 2001 Hamfest committee -the 42<sup>nd</sup> year for the Owego Hamfest!. The date is set, May 5, 2001.

Planning sessions for the hamfest will be announced in the future. As always we need all the help we can get, especially on hamfest day. Mark that new calendar right now!



## YOU MIGHT BE A HAM IF...

...If you have used coat hangers and duct tape for something other than hanging coats and taping ducts.

...If you window shop at Ham Radio Outlet.

...If your ideal evening consists of flipping through the latest QST mag looking for technical inaccuracies.

...If you like to run new software programs before reading the manual.

...If you thought the concoction ET used to phone home with was stupid.

...If your HT has more computing power than your PC.

...If you have ever saved the power cord from a broken appliance.

...if you are old enough to know what an 807 is.

...If the salespeople at Circuit City can't answer any of your questions.

...If you have a habit of destroying things in order to see how they work.

...If the microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to the front to fix it.

...If you have more friends on the 20 meter band than in real life.

...If you've ever tried to repair a \$5.00 radio.

...If your favorite part of the 6 o'clock news is comparing their latest satellite weather picture with yours.

## ARISS PINS DOWN DATE, TIME FOR FIRST SCHOOL CONTACT

NEWINGTON, CT, Dec 11, 2000--Tuesday, December 19, will be a banner day at Luther Burbank Elementary School in Burbank, Illinois. The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station--or ARISS--program has announced today that a dozen youngsters at the Burbank School will be the first to get a chance to talk to the ISS Expedition 1 crew via Amateur Radio. The approximately 10-minute pass will start next Tuesday at around 2100 UTC--3 PM Central Time.

Getting the schedule pinned down was not easy. "With multiple spacewalks, and lots of repairs on the ISS, the schedulers and crews have been *extremely* busy," said ARISS spokesperson Will Marchant, KC6ROL. ARISS had announced two possible dates late last week. Now that the space shuttle is back on Earth, NASA was able to turn its attention to working out a schedule for the contact.

SAREX/ARISS veteran mentor Charlie Sufana, AJ9N, who's in charge of setting up the Amateur Radio station at the Chicago-area school, said he, several other amateurs, a few parents and the school's principal installed two antennas on the school's roof over the weekend. "I am having a short practice with the kids Monday night," Sufana said.

The ISS downlink will be on 145.80 MHz. Marchant says efforts are under way to set up a Web cast of the occasion.

The Burbank School is located on the southwest side of Chicago and has a population of 700 pupils in kindergarten through eighth grade. Another 18 schools are under consideration for ARISS school contacts.

Burbank teacher Rita Wright says she and her colleagues have been incorporating ISS and space-related themes into the curriculum and have developed a Burbank School/ISS "mission patch."

The first ARISS school contact is expected to attract the attention of Chicago-area news media. A telephone link is planned between the school and MSNBC.

More information about requesting dedicated contacts is available on the [ARISS web pages](#).

Pretty cool stuff! Jerry KG2FY is working on scheduling a QSO with ARISS, get with Jerry for more info or to help out!



## HAMFEST PRIMER – JUST GETTING YOU READY FOR THE BARA 'FEST ON MAY 5

Hamfest:

English Translation

This rig puts out a BIG signal

It's 50 kHz wide

This is a really good CW rig

It doesn't work on SSB

This is a really good SSB rig

It doesn't work on CW

This is a really good rig

It doesn't work on CW or SSB

The transmitter is outstanding

It doesn't receive

The receiver is really hot

It doesn't transmit

This rig is really hot

It's stolen

It seems to be a vintage regenerative type

It oscillates

I just aligned it

The slugs on the transformers are jammed

I don't know if it works

it doesn't work, probably never has

It doesn't chirp

it doesn't chirp because it doesn't transmit

The audio sounds great

The 120Hz buzz is faithfully reproduced

I just had it serviced

I sprayed WD-40 over all the wiring

It comes with the original box

Just brush out the kitty litter

Better buy it now, cause it won't last

no transation needed

Sure, it works at full power

It sucks all it can from the wall

This rig has wide frequency coverage

It drifts up and down and out of band

Frequency stability is great

The VFO doesn't work - you'll have to use crystals

QST gave this one a really great review

The language broke new ground for profanity

It might need a bit of tweaking

Marconi himself couldn't fix it, much less align it

It was used in government service

It was stored outdoors on a wooden pallet

The dial drive may need lubricating

the gears are stripped and the setscrews frozen

I plugged it in to check that it lights up

The light came from the two foot high flames

I'm selling it because I have two of them

I'm getting rid of my parts radio

You won't find one at a better price

Better from the point of view of the seller

It came from an estate sale

If you have any problem take it up with the owner

I had it on the air just last night

And you thought the woodpecker was gone

It worked last time I used it

if it still worked I'd still be using it

The only lightning damage was a fuse

The only lightning damage I recognized was a fuse

I'll help you carry it to the car

I'll do anything to unload this boat anchor