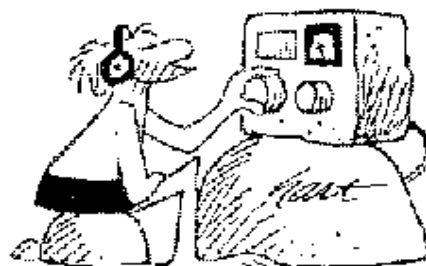


BARA FACTS



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<http://www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/bara/>

PRESIDENTS CORNER DE WB2GHH

Well the Halloween patrol ended without any activity. The frost is on the pumpkins. The deer are becoming more reckless. GHH is seen wearing his hooded jacket (while carrying a pumpkin underneath - or so it seems). All signs that point to the nearness of the annual decrease in the turkey population. Ah, but some of those turkeys get even by passing on enzyme related difficulties. Isn't nature great?

The elections are upon us (not the nationals or locals, the much more important BARA elections of course). Take a minute, sit back and consider running for office. Identify yourself or some other active club member for one of the officer or director positions. Your help is truly needed in this area. New thoughts, new ideas, different opinions are the fuel and oil that keeps any organization's engine running effectively. Pass along your name or that of another member (in confidence if you desire) to VP Rick (N3VKM@arrl.net), the Chair of the BARA Nominating Committee, or to any present officer or director. The December voting is just around the corner. To that end, put a big "X" on the third Wednesday in December (Dec 20th) the date of BARA's annual dinner evening. This is always a grand event. Lots of fun. Details by the event Chair, Hedy AA2MU later.

Other stuff: Did you catch the pictures of K2HK's attempt at constructing a beverage antenna. Check October's QST page 20. Anybody feel the earthquake the on Monday morning (11-06) at 7:16 AM? Everyone enjoyed the northern lights during the late evening of 11-06? Are you taking advantage of cycle 23 and working all that DX? Finally, remember "don't turn to OFF tune to 28.485", the BARA member meeting place on ten meters since cycle 22.

CU on the Radio De wb2ghh@arrl.net

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

My thanks to all the local Hams that helped to make this event a huge success for the second year in a row. Members from BARA and SVARA either supplied equipment or acted as control operators on the day of the event and provided the Scouts with an opportunity to observe and enjoy the benefits of the amateur radio hobby.

Thanks also to Square Deal Sportsmen Inc. RT#26, Maine, NY for allowing us to convert their club house into a first class 'radio station' for the day. Their facilities are ideal to setup the necessary equipment to run this event. The club house building and the surrounding trees made it a field-day activity heaven. The stringing of dipole antennas, mounting a R5 vertical on a pole and even strapping a MA5B 3-element beam antenna complete with a 20-foot tower to the main building were accomplished with relative ease. Square Deal Sportsmen also provided free soda and pizza for the day and KB2JZG's wife Patti provided the morning refreshments with her delicious "get um before they disappear" chocolate chip cookies.

Approximately 65 Scouts attended and were all given the opportunity to TALK on the air provided they went through Joe's KB2AVB mini orientation session on amateur radio. Joe took it upon himself to setup a crash course in radio language (phonetic alphabet), antennas and QSL cards outside the clubhouse. This proved to be a great way to get the scouts ready to go On-The-Air prior to actually sitting with a radio operator.

All of the HAMS in attendance helped in various ways explaining antenna systems, operating a station and generally answering questions about amateur radio.

The most exciting moment of the day was when N2YR Joe made contact with the World International Scouting Headquarters station HB2S in Geneva, Switzerland transmitting on the 10M band. The scouts and HAMS were almost euphoric with excitement trying to get as many scouts on the air as possible during the brief QSO. Wow, what are the chances of that happening?

The majority of the scouts attending were from Boy Scout Troop #212, Glen Aubrey, NY, Cub Pak #30, New-ark Valley, NY and Boy Scout Explorer Troop #76 from Owego, NY.

The following HAMS contributed to the days success: N2NCB-Paul, AA2MU-Hedy, AA2EQ-Ron, KB2AVB-Joe, WA2VCS-Bob, K2TAE-Elwyn, WA2OEK-Charles, KC2AMW-Kevin, KC2BNY-Merri, WB2GHH-Jack, WA8GHY-Mark, AA2CO-Howard, AB2HS-Ford, WB2SYQ-Norm, K2QR-Dick, K2HK-Howard, N2YR-Joe, and K2OH-Bill.

Thank you all for your help.

KB2JZG, Pete



One of the scouts enjoying JOTA

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual BARA Christmas party will be held on Wednesday December 20, 2000 at Russell's Steak and Seafood House 1001 W. Main Street Endicott. This is across from En Joi golf course. Cocktail hour will be from 6-7. They will be looking to take final dinner orders by 6:30 PM. This means we need to be seated to give them orders by 6:30. We need to give them a count of people and the approximate number of dinners the week before the Christmas party.

I know this is a busy time for everyone but I hope everyone can make it. We always have a great time. As usual we will have door prizes. I have a few but I am always looking for more so if you have anything you would like to donate please feel free to call me or see me at the November meeting. I would love to have enough to make sure every couple gets something.

Also if you know you are going to be attending please sign up at the November meeting or give me a call by the

first Wednesday in December. Enclosed in the newsletter is the dinner menu.

Elections will be held at 8:30. You do not need to come to dinner to vote.

Hope to see everyone there!!!!

de AA2MU (748-4387)

2001 OFFICER ELECTIONS

As I type this (Nov 8 @ 6:35PM) the election of our next President (the one in Washington DC) is still up in the air. Even with all the fun of the last 24 hours, the political parties are a step ahead of BARA – at least they had candidates!

Each year the club elects officers: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors. The duties are:

- **President**

The President will preside at all meetings. The President will chair the Board of Directors. The President will present a report of the activities of the organization for the past year at each annual meeting of the Association. The President will see that all books, reports and certificates as required by law are properly kept and filed. The President will be one of the officers required to sign the checks and drafts of the Association. The President will have all such further powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.

- **Vice President**

The Vice President will, in the event of the absence or the inability of the President to exercise the duties of the office, become acting President of the organization with all rights, privileges and powers as the elected President.

- **Secretary**

The Secretary will keep the minutes and the records of the organization and the appropriate books. It will be the Secretary's duty to process the application of any proposed member, and turn the funds received over to the Treasurer. It will be the Secretary's duty to file any statute, federal or state.

a). The Secretary will give and serve all notices to members of this organization.

b). The Secretary will be the official custodian of the records of this organization.

c). The Secretary will present to the membership at any meeting all communication received as Secretary of the organization.

d). The Secretary will attend to all correspondence of the organization and will exercise all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

- **Treasurer**

The Treasurer will have the care and custody of all moneys belonging to the organization and will be solely responsible for such moneys or securities of the organization. The Treasurer will cause such funds to be deposited in the regular business bank, trust, or savings bank deposits of the organization.

a). All checks or drafts must be signed by the Treasurer together with the President. The Treasurer will collect and be responsible for all fees and dues. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it necessary for the Treasurer to sign the checks issued to it. The Treasurer shall render at stated intervals as the Board of Directors so determines a written account of the finances of the organization and such report shall be included in the minutes of the Board of Directors of such meeting.

b). The Treasurer shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Treasurer.

c). No officer shall for reason of his or her office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but herein shall not be considered to prevent an officer or director from receiving any compensation from the organization for duties other than as a director or officer.

- **Directors**

The business of this association shall be managed by the officers, together with the Board of Directors consisting of four members. At least one of the directors elected will be a resident of the State of New York and a citizen of the United States.

The above is straight from the club constitution. The officers meet on the first Wednesday of every month to work on club projects, handle recommendations for spending, etc. If you are interested, contact Rick Melton N3VKM.

JOB OPENING – NO EXPERIENCE REQ'D!

We're looking for a leader for the 2001 Hamfest. This is pretty much a cookbook affair. But the time is now to get things rolling for our May 2001 hamfest!

DINE-A-MATES, LAST CALL

Ed Krymowski NE2W will be at the November meeting with Dine-A-Mates for 2001. \$16 – save more than that in just a couple visits to the car wash or your favorite bean-ery.

CQWW SSB CONTEST

The 2000 version of CQWW SSB is history. NE2W, N3YKF, WE2K, WB2GHH, K2CM, AA2MU, K2FU, AA2EQ and KG2FY enjoyed themselves chasing DX all over the globe.

GHH mentioned an earthquake in his column this month, seems the overnight crew during the contest thought there was a quake in progress too. Ask GHH about that one.

Thanks to all who participated. More contests coming:

November 18 – ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
November 25 – CQWW CW DX Contest
December 2 – ARRL 160M Contest
December 9 ARRL 10M Contest
January 6 ARRL RTTY Roundup
January 20 VHF Sweepstakes
January 27 CQWW CW 160M Contest

EDITOR'S WHOOPS....

Hope everybody enjoyed Pete Kofira's column on JOTA (page 1). I committed a terrible sin when I forgot to include Pete's JOTA announcement in last month's newsletter.

I'm always looking for goodies to fill out pages, certainly doesn't help to forget a submission! My apologies Pete, glad you had a good turnout at the event!

de N2BC

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SPECIAL EVENT DECEMBER 2, 2000



There is a nationwide special event sponsored by the National Weather Service, December 2, 2000.

See <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/event2000/index.html> for lots of info (frequencies, certificates, etc).

Contact Dave KB2TTT for additional info. Sounds like fun!