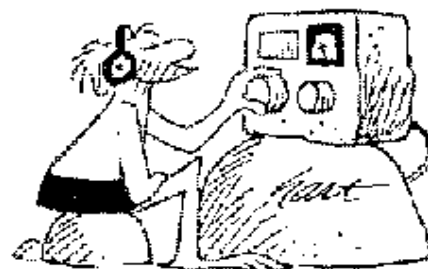


# **BARA** FACTS



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## **PRESIDENTS CORNER DE WB2GHH**

Ah, spring is in the air. Only about 40 days of winter remains to be logged. Speaking about logs, have you filled yours with all that DX on HF? Ten has been open a number of times the last couple of weeks. Worked some strange calls but then since I work so little DX any DX call is strange to me.

Is there an award for "worked all countries that watched the Super Bowl." Hard for me to believe but over 200 countries were serviced by 'feeds' from the game site.

'They' tried something new this year at the game. 'They' copied a page from the cruise lines industry. 'They' photographed each person upon arrival. There must have been a hell of a pile up after the game waiting for your photo packet. The project 'paid' off. From the 100,000 + guests that were digitized and compared to data bases one dastardly criminal was identified (no mention of his capture). He was a ticket scalper. Fantastic cost to benefit ratio. What the hell it was your money anyway.

Mark your calendar for the next general membership meeting (Feb 21<sup>st</sup>). Gotta hav ya in attendance. **BARA Constitutional and By-Law changes** are planned to be introduced and read. I want to assure that all members are well informed on the intended changes. This reading will be the first step in the three step process.

Haven't heard someone on the bands lately or seen them at t BARA meeting lately. Why not take the time and give him / her a phone call. Maybe that HAM could use your input, knowledge, muscle or encouragement to get back on the air. Help a HAM lend a Hand. Maybe there is a hardship or need that BARA could appropriately address. You never know.

According to my calendar, the next HamFest is Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at Horseheads. For all those who had trouble finding the Domes, forget it. The Fest this year is back at the

armory behind the Arnot Mall. Just look for the mud ruts and your there.

Mark your calendar for May 4 (get the place ready day) and May 5 BARA Owego HamFest. As always a lot of hands for a few hours is a lot better than a few hands for a lot of hours. BARA could use YOU. Anyone have that Uncle Sam finger pointing graphic. Picture it.

Good DX, and for some of us, keep your powder dry.

**de WB2GHH**

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **"War Secrets in the Ether" by Wilhelm F. Flicke**

Historians — even non-technical historians — often make at least passing mention of the role that technical intelligence played in both World Wars and the revelations of the "Ultra Secret" which have surfaced since the 1980s have left many with the impression that although Germany might have had a tradition of mathematical and technical excellence it fall short in World War II with the result that German Intelligence was far inferior to that of the allies. In a way this impression is not surprising; many have commented that history is always written by the victors and although books like David Kahn's excellent "The Codebreakers" recognizes the ingenious funkspiel (radio game) played by the Germans against the English in Holland and its neighboring countries few other books have any great detail. This book, "War Secrets in the Ether" fills in some of the blanks.

Wilhelm F. Flicke spent many years in the German Intelligence Service and collected much material for a detailed history of German radio intelligence which he started to write during the war. After the Second World War ended his manuscript was purchased by the United States Military and classified until recent times. While this "paid assignment" might make one suspicious of the accuracy of the material there is more than enough

"meat" here to make reading this book worthwhile. There are many primary references to subjects that were kept secret until fairly recent times and anyone familiar with the literature will discover material that helps illuminate otherwise obscure points in the "history as commonly received".

Herr Flicke begins with the First World War and his presentation is of particular interest because his thesis is that radio communication was a technical innovation that revolutionized the way that a commander could direct his troops or a government its agents while at the same time the "public" nature of a radio transmission offered great tactical advantages to an opponent intent on discovering his enemy's secrets. This in itself is nothing new, but the presentation of how Radio Intelligence, Code Making and Breaking, and Traffic Analysis were born and exploited by the European Powers is both fascinating and illuminating.

Although specific radio technologies are not discussed this is a very detailed and balanced presentation of a subject that is relatively unknown and there is enough of general interest to make this a worthwhile library addition for anyone interested in the history of radio communication or of military history. Flicke is also evenhanded in his assessments of "why we lost" and many of his lessons will have value to those interested in communications security.

"War Secrets in the Ether" by Wilhelm F. Flicke is published by Aegean Park Press (ISBN 0-89412-233-9).

Thanks to KB2SCF !!

## CONSTITUTION UPDATE

We are working on some changes to the club constitution. The primary reason for the changes is to move our officer elections back one month to separate the elections from our traditional holiday party in December.

There are also changes in the areas of defining a quorum, signatures on club issued checks, monthly spending limits, and some minor wording changes regarding the election process.

The following is the current proposal, it includes the old wording for reference. See the legend to sort out what's new!

The proposed changes will be reviewed at the February, March, and April general meetings. Voting to accept the changes will be in April.

## CONSTITUTION

Revised June 1990, January 1995, January 1997,  
**March 2001**

### January 2001 modifications to the Constitution

Legend:

~~Removed words~~

### **Added / changed words**

*[Moved from Article X Para Y]*

Objective of changes:

- Move elections to November, simplify & clarify officer term
- Election committee changed to match recent practice
- Single signature (Treasurer) on checks
- Specify non-budget spending limit
- Refine definition of quorum
- Added Bylaw to address Article IV Para 1

## Article I Organization

The name of this organization shall be: **Binghamton Amateur Radio Association, Inc.**

## Article II Purpose

The following are the purposes of this organization: To promote social and technical advancement of amateur radio by its members.

To aid, where possible, in emergency communication for the public interest, provided, however that no part of its property or net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual member, and no substantial part of its activities shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

## Article III Membership

### 1. Charter Membership.

The membership in this organization is open to all who have signed the certificate of incorporation; to all who possess a license as an amateur radio operator, issued

by the Federal Communications Commission; and to all with an interest in amateur radio.

## 2. Membership.

An individual may become a member after making application to the Secretary, acceptance by the membership, and payment of the prescribed initiation fee and dues.

### 2a. Full Member.

A full member is any member holding a valid amateur radio license.

### 2b. Associate Member.

An associate member is any member without an amateur radio license. An associate member is entitled to all benefits of full membership except the right to vote and hold office.

### 2c. Honorary Member.

Any person, who in the opinion of any member has rendered outstanding service to the club may be presented to the membership for consideration as an honorary member in BARA. A vote of the majority of the members present at the first meeting following presentation and written notification of the proposed member, shall be necessary to establish honorary membership. An honorary member is entitled to all benefits of full membership except the right to vote and hold office.

## 3. Applicability

All provisions of the bylaws are applicable to all members, full and associate, unless otherwise specified.

## 4. Assignability

Membership in the Association, and the rights of a member, associate member or honorary member shall not be assignable.

## 5. Expulsion

Any member whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of this association, be considered detrimental to the Binghamton Amateur Radio Association, Inc. may be expelled from membership by a vote of two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors, after due notice has been given to such member and the member has been given an opportunity to be heard.

## Article IV Meetings

### 1. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of this organization will be held monthly as indicated in the Bylaws.

### 2. Extraordinary Meetings

An extraordinary meeting may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors upon written notice, or via the club publication, telling time and place of the meeting, and also stating the reason why such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting and by whom called.

## 3. Quorum

~~The presence of not less than one third of the membership will constitute a quorum and will be necessary to conduct the business of this association, but a lesser number may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than two weeks from the original date scheduled, and the Secretary will cause notice to be sent to those members who were not present at the meeting originally called. A quorum as herein set forth will be required at any adjourned meeting. For the purpose of computing a quorum, associate members and those members not in attendance who have not attended at least one of the last two regular meetings will not be counted.~~

**The presence of not less than ten Full Members, not including those officers present, will constitute a quorum and will be necessary to conduct the business of the association. A lesser number may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than five weeks. Such action will be cause for the Secretary to give written notice to the membership of the next meeting date and to identify any unusual topic anticipated to be presented at that meeting.**

## Article V Procedure

At all meetings, all votes except for the election of officers and or the Board of Directors will be oral. Any questions may be put to a vote by a motion, duly made and seconded.

## Article VI Rules of Order

"Robert's Rules of Order" will govern all proceedings of this organization unless inconsistent with the certificate of incorporation and or bylaws of this association in which case the certificate of incorporation and or bylaws will prevail.

## Article VII Board of Directors

### 1. 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.

### ~~2. Election and Term~~

~~The directors for the ensuing year will be chosen by a majority vote of the members present at the December meeting by secret ballot and will serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and acting. The election will be conducted by the President following the tabulation of the votes. Such Board of Directors will only act in the name of the organization when it shall be regularly convened by its chairman after due notice to all of the directors of such meeting.~~

## 2. Quorum

Two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors will constitute a quorum and the meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at least once a month. Each director, with the exception of the President, will have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy. The President votes only in case of a tie vote. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meeting as it may deem necessary.

## 3. Vacancies

Vacancies in the Board of Directors will be filled by a vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the office year with the approval of the membership.

## 4. Chairperson

The President of the Association by virtue of the office will chair the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will select from one of their number a secretary.

## 5. Spending Authorization

The board is authorized to spend **a maximum of \$100 of non-budgeted funds per month for the activities and operation of the organization.** ~~The board is authorized to spend only those funds necessary in an emergency.~~

## Article VIII Officers

The duties of each officer will be as follows:

### 1. 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.

### 2. 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.

### 3. 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.

### 4. 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.

## Article IX Salaries

The Board of Directors with the approval of the membership shall hire and fix compensation of any and all employees whose services may be required in the conduct of the business of the association.

[Moved from Article VII Para 4.c.] No officer shall for reason of his or her office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but ~~this herein shall not be considered to prevent an officer or director from receiving any compensation from the organization for services~~ **duties** other than as a director or officer.

## Article X Election of Officers

### 1. Candidates

A candidate for office must have been a member for six months and in good standing at the time of nomination, i.e. a paid up member.

### 2. Term

The officers of the Association shall serve a term of one **calendar year or until their successors are elected and acting.** Election of officers shall be held on the regular meeting date for the month of **November.**

### 3. Election

All officers shall be elected by a majority of those members present, ~~which constitutes a quorum.~~ The election shall be secret written ballot and shall be computed by a ~~three member~~ committee appointed by the President, which committee shall be called the election committee. ~~The members of the election committee may not be candidates for any office, nor members of the Board of Directors.~~ The election committee shall report the results to the President upon completion of the tabulation of the votes.

### 4. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring before the said time of the election shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors, and said appointee shall hold office until the next election of officers.

### 5. Removal

Any officer may be removed on a motion by three-fourths of the members present at a meeting wherein said motion has been presented.

## Article XI Committees

The President may establish and appoint such committees from time to time as deemed necessary for the best interest of the Association and to carry out its purposes. A committee shall have such members as are necessary in carrying out the purpose for which said committee was appointed and which are not inconsistent with this constitution.

The majority of such committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The president shall have the power to fill vacancies in the membership of any committee at any time. The board of Directors may from time to time elect a Board of Advisors to provide technical and scientific advice in furtherance of the purposes of the organization.

## Article XII Amendments

### 1. Consideration

An amendment must be brought before the membership for two consecutive regular meetings before consideration.

### 2. Voting

At the second said regular meeting the amendment may be voted upon and passed by a vote of no less than half of the voting members present upon a motion being presented in the manner herein provided.

## Bylaws

Revised June 1990, January 1995, January 1997, **April 2001**

### A. Dues

1. The dues of the association are \$18.00 per calendar year (\$27.00 per family per calendar year) as follows:

a. Existing member renewal dues are \$18.00 (\$27.00 per family) for the calendar year, payable in the first quarter of the calendar year.

b. New member dues are \$1.50/month (\$2.25/month for family) for the remainder of the calendar year plus a \$1.00 initiation fee.

2. A member's dues may be waived at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

### B. Meetings

**1. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM at a location specified by the officers and communicated to the membership.**

### C. Changes to the By-Laws

1. Changes to the By-laws may be made at any regular meeting of the Association upon proper motion and approval by a majority of the voting members present.