

BARA Facts

Newsletter of the Binghamton Amateur Radio Association

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

The President's Corner

Election Time Again! Please see the notes below for details on our Election of Officers and Directors. I won't say much here, but I will take a moment to thank those who are retiring from the field:

Jim, KC2JED, has kept us entertained with programs of interest and anchored our Hamfest as well. School and related activities will occupy his time in the year ahead, so he bows out as Vice President, but remains as Hamfest Chair. Thanks for stepping in, Jim, and helping our Club move forward.

Our Secretary, Blake, KC2GQX, moves on for similar reasons and will be traveling abroad besides. We thank Blake for her active service and wonder if perhaps we may hear her call from Overseas at some time in the future?

Bob, KC2DSS, steps down as Director noting the need to attend to family business. We presume that a large part of this will be associated with the future plans of KC2GQX and we wish him well. Bob has been very generous in his service to our Club and has filled many roles over the years. We hope that he will continue to be active behind the scenes and expect him to keep us posted on Blake's activities.

Lee, W3EFE, also retires from the Board. We truly appreciate his willingness to work with us and we hope he will join us at many of our meetings. He has been a good friend to our Club and we thank him for stepping forward when his services were needed.

I'll mention myself in this list as well. I'll be busier than ever with "school" activities as my kids have reached the age where such things ramp up. Scouting will take a bigger chunk of my time as I divide myself between a Pack, a Crew, and a Troop. Many items fill the plate, but I suspect that this is true for all of us.

It's an interesting mix, the BARA Membership. Some old (ripened, as WB2GHH might remark) some,

young Many differing interests and ways of looking at this Ham Radio game of ours. If you ask why this club is still around, perhaps it's because we like each others' company and because somehow or other things "click" when we get together. We may not always agree, we may not always see eye-to-eye, and we may not always be able to get to meetings. But all-in-all we hang together and somehow this Club keeps moving forward. I know that I really came to appreciate this as I helped to canvass for the slate of Officers and Directors. Some whom I approached agreed, some declined, but nobody refused out of hand or offered to send me on my way. You come to appreciate a person in a different way when you spend some time talking with them and I suspect that this is one of the charms that attracted us to Amateur Radio. We connect in a way that differs from sports or other recreational activities because our activity is communication and you can't do that unless a message is sent and understood. Perhaps it's not a perfect understanding, but it is a real and basic connection between persons as we go from CQ to DE to QSL and 73. — DE Eddie, KB2SCF

Shack Notes

We are informed that the Rudys (John, WB2FQZ; Jonathan, KC2RIC; and Andy, KC2QYA) spent some time up at the shack doing general yard work, cleanup, and other tasks. We understand that their work has greatly improved the comfort of the operating areas and the general appearance of the site and we thank them for their efforts.

John informs us that we need new manuals for the equipment as the existing manuals were converted to bedding by a family of mice which had taken up residence in a rolled-up carpet in the shack. The carpet has been removed, but the manuals need to be replaced and users should make sure that all papers are safely stowed and that no food or trash are left in the shack.

Remember that all members are welcome to

operate from the shack. If you need directions or the combination to the lock, see one of the Officers or Directors. When operating, keep in mind the following rules:

1. *Disconnect all Antennas and Control Boxes when you are finished operating.*
2. *Secure the Windows.*
3. *Remove all food and trash and take it home.*
4. *Secure all papers.*
5. *Turn off the equipment AND the main breaker before leaving.*
6. *Lock the door and zero the lock.*
7. *Report any problems or issues to an Officer or Director.*

Election of Officers and Directors in the Binghamton Amateur Radio Association

Notice is hereby given that Election of Officers and Directors for the Binghamton Amateur Radio Association (BARA) will be conducted during the regular General Meeting of the Association on 21 November 2007 at 7:00 in the evening (the meeting to be held at the Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, Binghamton, New York).

The Slate of Candidates stands as follows:

President: allen lutins, LC2KLC
Vice President: John Connors. WB2GHH
Treasurer: Paul Slocum, N2NCB
Director: Warren Marks, KC2NGR
John Rudy, WB2FQZ
Bill Jaker, WB8RAE
John Carrington, WN2SGS

The position of Secretary is, at present, open.

Nominations for candidates remain open and may be directed in advance of the meeting to Ed Plesnar, KB2SCF (callbook address or number listed on the last page of this Newsletter). Nominations may also be made from the floor until the nominations are closed

just prior to the opening of balloting.

Empire State Games

Mel, WE2K, informs us that the Empire State Games will be held in the Binghamton area from 23 through 27 July 2008. Planning is getting underway and Mel and Bob Brackett, KD2IM, would appreciate it if anyone interested in helping out would fill out and return the form included in this issue.

Holiday/Christmas Party

Hedy, AA2MU, is finalizing plans for our 2007 Holiday/Christmas Party — the crown jewel of the BARA Social Season and the axis about which our world of hamdon revolves. At the suggestion of several members, she investigated several alternative venues with respect to the following key criteria: (1) sufficient room to accommodate our group and (2) individual billing. Once again, the only place satisfying these requirements is Russell's in Endicott.

We hope that you will join us for our 2007 Holiday/Christmas party. It will be held at Russell's (1001 West Main Street, Endicott, NY) on Wednesday the 19th of December. We can meet in the bar to socialize between 5:00 and 5:30 PM and seating should commence at 6:00 with orders taken at 6:30.

A separate insert with this issue of the *Facts* describes the menu choices. Please consider the options and contact Hedy (hclothier@stny.rr.com or 607-748-4387) as soon as possible with your selections.

In any event, the "General Meeting" for December will be at Russell's and *not* at the Town of Binghamton Hall!

Iraq Returns to the Airwaves

According to a posting on the ARRL Website, Amateur Radio will resume normal operations in Iraq as of 20 November. This good news rescinds a March 2007 suspension of Amateur Operations which was part of a new Security Plan. It would appear that the resumption of operations would include both Iraqi citizens and foreigners and, presumably, US military personnel and civilian contractors will be back on the air.

Just the Facts...

Here is another reminder from your editor that submissions to the Facts are always welcome. We try to provide articles of interest and it is always interesting to report on the activities of our members. We try, also, to provide complete and timely information and to fill at least three pages of this Newsletter.

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Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, South
of the Ross Park Entrance

Board Meeting

7:00 PM, Wednesday December 5th
Broome Community College Campus, Office of Emergency
Services (West Side of Campus)

Exam Session

7:00 PM Monday, November 26th
Vestal Public Library, Route 434 Vestal

BARA Dues

\$18/year Single Member; \$27/year Family

DX Cluster

W2OW on 145.070 MHz with a Data Rate of 1,200 baud;
questions to n2bc@stny.rr.com

Local Repeater Nets

146.73 MHz STAR Net (NTS Feeder) Every
Evening at 6:30 PM Local Time
146.82 MHz BRAT Net (Informal BARA) Sunday Evening
at 8:00 PM Local Time



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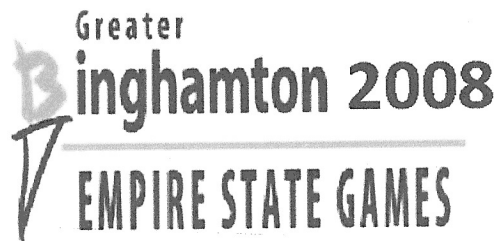
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Next General Meeting

7:30 PM, Wednesday, November 21st

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Amateur Radio Support – Binghamton

Hello,

It is that time of year again. We are signing up volunteers for the Empire State Games. We are sending this letter early so that you may reserve the date.

The games this year will be held in **Binghamton** from July 23 to July 27 (opening ceremonies are the evening of July 23) If you can work at any time during these dates, please fill in the form at the bottom of this page and send it back by June 15th so that we can begin scheduling. Any time you can give whether it is two or three hours, a day or all four days is greatly needed.

Communications will be done using 2 meter handheld radios with PL tone capability. If you do not have this equipment let us know some "loaner" equipment may be available.

For those traveling from outside the Binghamton area, and who will be working several days, housing will be provided. Please reply as soon as possible to be sure there is a room available for you. If you will be staying in Games housing, you will need to bring your own sheets, pillows and towels.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____

Days and times that you can work

Thursday _____

Friday _____

Saturday _____

Sunday _____

Limitations or Special needs:

Shirt Size (circle one) Small Medium Large Extra Large

Venue Preference(s) (if you have a favorite sport)

Please reply to:

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