



BARA Facts

Newsletter of the Binghamton Amateur Radio Association

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The President's Corner

Well, it has been a very busy month and that is the reason that this edition of the *BARA Facts* is arriving late and in an abbreviated form. Things have been very busy between work and family commitments and I had to push the *Facts* to the back burner in October.

The most important item to bring forward is a reminder that the Election of Officers and Directors will take place at our November General Meeting. The Slate is still being prepared and there will, as always, be an opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor, but it makes things a lot easier if we have the names for the ballot ahead of time. If you have been thinking of serving and are willing to step forward, please contact Jim, KC2JED, our Vice President, me, or one of the other Officers listed on the back page of the *Facts*. Please do consider running because our Club needs your support to continue as a viable organization.

Another point worth noting is that our Hamfest plans are locked in place for 2008. Jim, KC2JED, will once again serve as our Hamfest Chairman and our Club should be grateful for that. We have nailed down the dates for the Fairground and 4-H Building and we can begin to publicize the event any time. Please let Jim or one of the Officers know if you are willing to help out with either the publicity or execution of our 2008 Hamfest.

On the subject of Hamfests, I might mention some of the positive comments that I heard about the Elmira Hamfest this past September. It was a fine event and I know that I had a lot of fun browsing the wares. Several commented on the well-organized and neatly laid-out Flea Market area and I have to say that I agree. I also have to say that as I wandered the fest, I kept my eyes open for staffing and other details (there is always something to learn) and I counted several specific teams at work. Just to give you an idea, there were at least three ticket takers and three "parking directors" at the

entrance; at least three "traffic control officers" were directing vendors into place inside the Flea Market, and two others were using poles and string to keep the rows orderly. That's a minimum of eleven people outside — not counting the people running the Main Table and the building — and I am sure that several teams rotated through the day. The fruit of their hard work was a wonderful Hamfest and a splendid time for all in attendance, but organization and numbers were two key factors in their success and it is no poor reflection on those who helped with our 2007 Owego Hamfest to say that they could have used some extra hands. Please keep this in mind next May and help us to make 2008 the best Owego Hamfest ever.

Thanks

Those who attended the September Meeting at the National Weather Service learned several things: (a) There is a lot going on behind the scenes even during "normal" weather events. (b) The NWS staff up at the airport is impressive and competent. And (c) Weather predicting has changed a lot since the days of a grease pencil on a glass map! We appreciate the hospitality of the NWS Staff and we thank Jack, WB2GHH, and Ford, AB2HS, for getting the ball rolling and arranging our visit.

Election Notice

Members of the Binghamton Amateur Radio Association are hereby notified that an Election of Officers and Directors of the Association for the year 2008 will be held during the General Meeting of Wednesday 21 November 2007 (the meeting to begin at 7:30 PM). Nominations of candidates may be submitted to Jim Lawson, KC2JED, chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

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Next General Meeting

7:30 PM, Wednesday, October 17th
Town of Binghamton Town Hall, 279 Park Avenue, South of the
Ross Park Entrance

Board Meeting

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

Exam Session

7:00 PM Monday, October 29th
Vestal Public Library, Route 434 Vestal

BARA Dues

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

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