

## **President's Corner**

### **January 2009**

Season's greetings and happy new year! I'm looking forward to serving as BARA President for another term, and hoping we have another successful year in 2009. Yes, we've had some disappointments and misfortune (most notably our members who've gone silent key), but I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on the things that went well last year, including:

- Good attendance and a wonderful time at the annual picnic;
- A rather successful and fun-filled hamfest;
- A joyous and well-attended holiday party (with a new location that appeared to be universally appreciated);
- A series of varied and interesting programs at our general meetings;
- Fun, entertainment and the opportunity to provide community service at the Empire State Games;
- A wonderful field day experience at the BARA shack.

These are things that can't be pulled off nor appreciated by a single individual – rather, they come to fruition and benefit us because we choose to support our club. I am especially grateful to those individuals whose extra effort helped make these things possible – including Paul (N2NCB) and Jack (WB2GHH), our active officers; John (WB2SGS), Bill (WB8RAE) and Warren (KC2NGR), our Directors, John (WB2FQZ), who did double-duty as Director and as Shack Coordinator; James (KC2JED), our Hamfest Coordinator; Ed (KB2SCF), our Newsletter editor; and Hedy (AA2MU) and Ford (AB2HS), who made our Holiday Party such a delight. There are many other people working behind the scenes to augment our hobby and our club, and my appreciation goes out to them as well.

The past year was one of great strides in amateur radio for me personally as well. For the first time in my life I acquired a rig with voice capability, and became an active ham again after a 27 year lull (the recent Skywarn Recognition Day helped me nab a few more stations needed for my WAS!). I also got to travel to England for five weeks because of my relatively new job as an electromagnetic interference technician, a position I owe primarily to my background in amateur radio.

I always love to hear from my fellow members; I can be reached via email at [allen@lutins.org](mailto:allen@lutins.org) (the email address with my callsign is no longer active) or at 607-729-4817.

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