

President's Corner

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Well, I finally did it – finished up my new studio (which includes a corner of a desk dedicated to radio), and I'm back on the air...kind of. I fired up the Yaesu on shortwave, but had a bit more difficulty establishing a contact than usual...don't know if it was the conditions that night, or if the connections to my antenna are getting a bit weathered (I haven't serviced my antenna since I put it up quite some time ago, and I'm not using the finest coax nor connectors, so next spring it'll probably be time to check all that out). And I don't have an outdoor VHF/UHF antenna yet, and I no longer have a metal filing cabinet to stick my magnetic mount telescoping antenna on (went to all wood furniture). When you're trying to maintain a shack on a shoestring budget, these are the challenges I suppose one ought to expect!

This will be my last "President's Corner" column in the BARA Notes. Hopefully your new President, Brian Adeo (K2DLB), will keep up the tradition of sharing his thoughts with the membership on a monthly basis. I will try to submit an update once in a while, but I will be busy with many other projects and organizations (although I plan to work behind the scenes to bring some compelling programs to future BARA meetings). I trust that BARA will continue to be a valuable organization to New York's Southern Tier, and encourage the leadership to seek an increase in its membership by expanding its scope to include wireless technology in general (which is expanding tremendously), since amateur radio has a rich history of being at the forefront of this realm (including spread-spectrum modes, which are just now beginning to be used more widely, especially for wireless network access). The club might even consider expanding its scope to include the electronic technology in general, including such topics as robotics, which is quite popular with young folks these days.

I would like to thank the Officers with whom I've served these past years, and offer congratulations and best of luck to the incoming Board & Officers. Hope to see y'all at the holiday party on the 15th of this month!

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