



TROY AMATEUR RADIO NEWSLETTER

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VOL. I - NO. 3 IS NO TURKEY:

Many items are covered in this, TARA's third newsletter. Sweepstakes CW was last weekend and we already have some preliminary results. N2CKV asked for a membership roster; paid club members will find the latest copy attached (complimentary and exchange recipients will not per the requests of others). KB2JZJ asked us to print a list of packet nodes, digipeaters, and BBSs accessible from the Capital District; it has been included since we know that there are many new packeteers out there. The "final five" list of proposed names for our club newsletter is included and a vote will be held at the monthly meeting. No matter what our faith and with the holiday now upon us, it is time to give thanks for our blessings, our friends and the fellowship we all have through our amateur radio hobby and remember that the consumption of Thanksgiving dinner is NOT a contest! 73 es ENJOY de WA3RKB, Editor. (Gobble!)

MEETING NOTICE:

The regular monthly meeting of the Troy Amateur Radio Association will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:30 PM in Room 3051 of the Center for Industrial Innovation (CII Building), just off the west side of 15th Street, in Troy, New York. From Hoosick Street, turn south onto 15th. After passing under the pedestrian bridge, turn left into the RPI parking area. Walk across the pedestrian bridge, and go another 50 yards to the CII entrance on your right. After entering the building, turn left through the doors and go down the corridor along the row of windows. Room 3051 is at the far end on the right. Talk-in will be available on 147.27 MHz.

OCTOBER MEETING IN BRIEF:

All officers and Board members except WB2HKR were in attendance (Happy Birthday, Dave). It was decided that the club would run a monthly 50/50 at meetings with either a gift or half the proceeds as the prize. There was a spirited discussion on possible names for the newsletter. The list was pared to four titles which will be voted upon at the November meeting. N2CKV and N2LCD comprise the new program committee to seek out topical presentations for our meetings. It was decided that the December meeting would include a Christmas pizza party. All were encouraged to participate in the November Sweepstakes effort for the club, WA3RKB will have log sheets and recaps "shortly".

NEWSLETTER MASTHEAD CHANGE:

Our new emblem, approved at the September meeting, has been included in our masthead for this month. Further changes, pending our forthcoming christening, will be seen on the December issue. I will be bringing several sample type faces to the meeting to solicit member opinion. A list of the "final five" suggested titles for the Newsletter and the vote tally is included below.

Please remember that, when voting for the newsletter title, the club will be viewed by others based upon the name of the newsletter. Try and visualize yourself buying a newspaper down at the corner deli or at the bus stop and the psychological advantage titles such as The New York Times or Akron Beacon Journal have over mastheads sporting the Punxatawny Picayune or the Canastota Bee Journal.

TARA Times - 12 votes

The TARable Facts - 12 votes

Crony Chronicle(s) - 10 votes

Et CeTARA - 9 votes

The Duplexer - 9 votes

ERRATA REVISITED:

Okay, I think I finally got it right this time! The October issue still showed Dorothy Ault's phone number for Marilyn Davis, even though, previously, I had corrected the name and call sign of our club Secretary. We all have days of "brain death" and your Editor is no exception; my thanks to all of you for your continuing support and patience!

WEEKLY TARA PHONE NETS:

Trader Net-Thursdays at 8:00 PM on 147.27 MHz -
NCS: Mark - N2LIJ

TNT Net-Thursdays at 9:00 PM on 28.495 MHz (+/-
QRM) - NCS: Bill - NY2U

CDARC BULLETINS:

The CDARC Bulletins are heard on the 147.27 MHz repeater on Mondays at 7:45 PM and Thursdays at 5:45 PM (local time). Here is the entire schedule:

Frequencies (MHz)	Monday (PM)	Thursday (PM)
145.19 and 146.91	7:00	5:00
146.82, 224.14, 224.42, 442.1, 444.0, 447.225,		
921.1, and 921.2	7:15	5:15
147.00 and 147.06	7:30	5:30
147.12 and 147.27	7:45	5:45
146.76, 147.18, and 442.2	8:00	6:00

PACKET NODES/DIGIS/BBSs/PMSS:

With more and more of our members on packet every day, it becomes increasingly difficult to keep track of all of the activity. Art Ceas, KB2JZJ, recently asked for this list and we thought that there might be others who would find it useful. Where two names are shown (such as BBSUMX/WA2UMX), you may C (connect) to either name.

144.93 - ALBANY/WA2WNI-1 - NEDA node provides access to the regional digital network including NET40 (WA2PVV BBS) and BBSUMX (WA2UMX BBS via ALBANY3/WA2WNI-3).

144.97 - K2TR - This is the YCCC PacketCluster system that provides DX spotting and BBS services. This is not a full service BBS as forwarding of messages is confined to the other PacketCluster systems throughout the region. Occasionally interconnected to South Jersey DX Association, Frankford RC, and Potomac Valley RC systems.

145.01 - KINDER/WA2PVV-1 - packet switch provides access to WA2PVV BBS and the NEDA network.

- SRTGA1/WA2UMX-1 - node with direct access to BBSUMX, SCROWD, the NEDA network (via ALBANY3/WA2WNI-3), and other node services provided by Saratoga County RACES Assn.

145.05 - SRTGA5/WA2UMX-5 - node with direct access to BBSUMX, SCROWD, the NEDA network (via ALBANY3/WA2WNI-3), and other node services provided by Saratoga County RACES Assn.

- WMA/K1FFK - NEDA node with direct access to the NEDA network and the Saratoga system. Mt. Greylock location provides wide coverage area.

- KA2HRM-4 - TARA PMS provides information for all TARA members including items for sale, meeting recaps, and other club notices and uploading of packet mail to the network via WA2UMX.

- WA3RKB-4 - CDARC/TARA PMS provides access to the CDARC Bulletin Manager and a current listing of ARRL Bulletins, exam sessions, license classes, club meetings, and uploading of packet mail to WA2UMX.

145.09 - SCH145/K2AE-1 - Schenectady ARA node which provides access to the NEDA network and is part of the Albany Local Area Network (LAN) system. (Remember that nodes can also function as digipeaters.)

- KB2CS-2 - provides direct access to KB2CS-4, the NY SEMO BBS, which is not a full service BBS, but does provide forwarding to other RACES BBSs. Part of the Albany LAN.

- WA2GYY-1 - digipeater provides access to other services in the Albany LAN.

- WA2GYY-4 - Hudson Valley Community College club PMS. Part of the Albany LAN.

- NIMO - Niagara-Mohawk PMS has wide area coverage. Part of the Albany LAN.

- NIMO-1 - digipeater provides wide area access to other services in the Albany LAN.

- KB2HPM-4 - Rensselaer County ARES/RACES Assn. BBS. This is not a full service BBS, but does provide forwarding to other RACES BBSs. Part of the Albany LAN.

- N2AIG-1 - digipeater provides access to other services in the Albany LAN.

- N2AIG-4 - PMS at National Weather Service at Albany County Airport used for SKYWARN and weather alerting services. Daily weather forecast and anticipated activation status posted by 6:00 AM.

- N2AIG-10 - printer output at National Weather Service at Albany County Airport used for SKYWARN weather alerting services. (No menus here, no hype, just type.)

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

(Editor's Note: Bill's column is picked up where we left off last month due to time and space considerations. Thank you for your understanding!)

On the subject of our club repeater, we have been more than fortunate with the offer from the WNYT Channel 13 Engineering Group for the use of the "Full Service" 147.87/27 WA2SPJ repeater system on Bald Mountain. This repeater is in the rebuilding stages as I type this article. Presently, they are running a temporary ICOM transmitter with an output power of around 12 to 15 watts. Hopefully, when the new transmit section hits the hill, it will return to the old output power of somewhere near 40 watts. Taking you back to our May meeting, both Rich Kline, WB2TBG, and John Bauchiero, WA2SPJ, (Channel 13 Engineers) attended our meeting to answer questions about the system. Discussions centered around the addition of a new controller, inter-mod problems, auto-patch possibilities, and other general repeater related items. TARA has offered to be a sponsor of the repeater on a club level, seeing that we put just a few hours on it. In the years to come, I hope, as I'm sure the rest of the club does, that our relationship with the "13 Engineers" will continue to blossom. By the way, the new 450 MHz repeater system will be on the assigned frequency of 449.225 MHz (output, input down 5 MHz) and its test location will be at the home of Dave "The Banker" Pascale, WB2HKR, atop that new tower (100' plus). At the June meeting, I appointed Bob Isby, N2LUD, as Repeater Manager and his first task is to get the 450 MHz (RCA) repeater up and running. We're all very confident that Bob will do his very best at this new position.

Presently, we are waiting for our acceptance as an ARRL Affiliated Club, which should take a month or so. (We're in, see the item elsewhere in this newsletter! - Ed.) In addition, we are an Instructor/Dealer for the League, which allows us to purchase publications at a reduced rate. If there are any individuals that need ARRL Publications, please contact me anytime. Before I finish this first President's Report, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the fine job that John Clement, KA2VBI, did at organizing our first club VHF/UHF contest on the weekend of September 15th. John, along with the rest of the contest team (Art Ceas, KB2JZJ, Steve Anderman, WA3RKB, and Bob Isby, N2LUD) put in a very impressive effort. We were lucky to have loans of equipment from Marty Miller, N2LDR, and George Bowen, N2LQS, along with the hospitality of the Ceas family. In addition, TARA has entered two HF RTTY contests. The first was the SARTG RTTY Contest with the most recent one being the CQ WW RTTY Contest on the weekend of September 28th. TARA was able to log 103 QSOs, 22 zones, and 29 countries. The very skilled DXer Kevin Curran,

N2DCM, and I worked the keyboards (Kevin even found AA2BW from Botswana). If anyone has any questions regarding TARA, please feel free to contact not only me, but any of our new Board of Directors: Barbara Agneta, N2LCD; Thomas Articola, N2CKV; Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB; and Fred Wilcox, N2KFR. (Officers and Directors are listed below. - Ed.) Hope to see you all at the meeting. 73 de Bill Eddy, NY2U.

THE TARA/RVWARS SWEEPSTAKES CHALLENGE:

We're still engaged in a classic "struggle of the ages" and we'll need to summon all the forces of good to beat (yea, to overwhelm) the monstrous and mighty mustered forces of evil (RVWARS) in the 58th ARRL November Sweepstakes.

The CW portion of the contest ran on November 2nd and 3rd and phone runs this weekend from 4:00 PM Saturday, November 16 to 10:00 PM, Sunday, November 17 for phone, all times local). The loser will make a contribution to Courage HandiHams in the name of both clubs. Even Novice and Technician Plus ops can compete on the ten meter band between 28.3 to 28.5 MHz. Club aggregate scores will determine the winner. The more people we have on, the better chance we'll have to win. 100 contacts or so in 24 hours should be a cinch; the ARRL is awarding a handsome pin for 100 or more phone contacts. "Clean Sweep" coffee mug awards are available to all who work all 77 ARRL/CRRL sections. Complete contest rules are on pages 103-104 of October's QST.

Some of our members kicked some serious butt during the CW portion; but now let's show how well rounded the members of this club can really be by hitting the phone bands hard this weekend! It doesn't take a lot of effort, a few hours from everyone can make a difference. Contact NY2U or WA3RKB to secure rules, logs, dupe and recap sheets.

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OFFICERS:

President - William Eddy, NY2U	273-9248
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Thomas Articola, N2CKV	785-5055
Frederick Wilcox, N2KFR	882-1238

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Paul "Skip" Wilson, KE2XF	664-4521
Newsletter Editor, Publisher	
Stephan M. Anderman, WA3RKB	439-4519
Repeater Technical/Liaison	
Robert Isby, Jr., N2LUD	766-3473

AROUND THE CAPITAL DISTRICT:

Bill Eddy, NY2U, Bud Hovey, WF2B, and Ernie Popp, KA2HTU, led the group of VEs at the successful October 5th and November 9th exam sessions at RPI.

October featured the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association's Annual Auction. The program of the Albany Amateur Radio Association meeting was presented by N2IUL, Sy Syvertsen on amateur satellite communications. Nominations were presented at the November meeting and the annual election will be held in December. The club's annual auction has been moved from November to the March meeting to avoid conflict with the SARA auction held the previous month. The November program included the ARRL video The New World of Amateur Radio and a feature on 1990's World Radiosport Team Championship held during the Goodwill Games in Seattle. Scheduled for December is a program on Laser Communications to be presented by Dr. John Nagi, N2CQA.

Attendees at the Saratoga County RACES Association meeting in October heard a discourse on Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT) give by Virg Montavon, W2HQW. It was amazing to hear how most "alerts" were caused by these "alarms" going off inadvertently (usually in the middle of the night or when locked in the trunk of a car!). Editor KV2A was under the weather but is now "back in the pink"!

NoBARC ran another successful VE Exam Session at St. Joseph's Central High School in Pittsfield. Their October meeting incorporated one of their annual auctions. The club's annual election procedure continued at this meeting with nominations for 1992 officers again opened to the floor. Paper election ballots will be mailed to all members during the month. Ballots will be opened and counted at their meeting later this month.

Rip Van Winkle ARS ran a VE exam session earlier this month as the culmination of their Novice/Technician Class course. Another VE exam session will be held Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 AM at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson.

Last month, the Rensselaer Co. ARES/RACES Association heard a short program from WA3RKB on the evolution of the two meter band and bandplan. Doug Sharp, WB2KMY, has done some recent work for the group and contributed a complete GE repeater with 100 watt amplifier as his "public service" for the year. The machine will be added to the Rensselaer County link system on 145.37 MHz and located at Camp Rotary in Postenkill. ENY SEC Bob Schaps, WB2NVR, was scheduled as guest speaker in November, but a last minute change of plans forced the club to reschedule Bob's program until January.

SOVARC continues to work on devising their new election procedures. The current officers have served for over 18 months by gentlemen's agreement. An election is expected to be held in December with

the winners scheduled to take office in January. The October meeting heard a program and demo on repeaters given by N1GVQ.

The Capital District Amateur Radio Council held its quarterly meeting at RPI last month. NoBARC had sought limits and/or a set of guidelines on the content of CDARC Bulletins. Unanimously rejection by the member clubs indicated their feeling that Part 97 was considered to be sufficient. Bulletin Manager Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB announced that the CDARC Bulletins were now being aired on 16 repeaters in three states, with the 147.345 Rensselaer County repeater and sites in Utica and Kingston going on shortly. Doug Sharp, WB2KMY, spoke on possibly airing bulletins on ALL repeaters simultaneously, using a secured 440 MHz link system and allowing the repeaters to "mix the signal instead of voting for the strongest". This would allow for emergency communications through the individual repeaters over top of the bulletins. Bulletins could be run for a full 15 minutes twice on each of the scheduled days and such features as Newsline could also be added, reducing the time commitment of the Bulletin Manager (sans production time) by approximately 60%.

Under Public Service, October saw several activities including the Boy Scout Camp at Henry Hudson Park in Bethlehem, where a demonstration of packet and 2 meter FM was given. Communications were provided for the 2nd Annual Childs' Hospital 5K Run along Hackett Boulevard in Albany and, the following day, for the Mohawk-Hudson Marathon from Schenectady to Albany. This race covered 26+ miles along bike paths and city streets, ending at the Corning Preserve. Raleigh Keeter, K2RI, coordinated the SARA side of this joint Albany and Schenectady ARA effort. The "Pumpkin Patrol" was back after a one year hiatus here in the Capital District as amateurs provided "extra eyes" at NYS Thruway overpasses to report incidents of vandalism which might threaten the safety of motorists. Hams and CBers worked side by side to provide protection at bridges from the Poughkeepsie/Newburgh area through to Buffalo. Many thanks to Albany County Asst. EC Jack Donnelly, WA2YBM, for coordinating and staffing these events.

(This article was written based upon input received by the Editor from the various clubs' newsletters, attendance at meetings by our huge editorial staff, word of mouth, member's comments, and on-air discussions overheard by our clandestine listening network of stations around the globe. If you said it or wrote it and we didn't print it, we assume no responsibility for our own ineptness. The Troy Amateur Radio Association welcomes the exchange of newsletters with other clubs throughout Eastern New York, though we realize that, unless you're in the Capital District, you're nowhere as far as amateur radio activities are concerned. So there.)

TARA MEMBERSHIP ROSTER - SORTED BY LAST NAME

November 1st, 1991

AGNETA, BARBARA	N2LCD	68 WEST STREET	ALBANY	12206-2503
ANDERMAN, STEPHAN M.	WA3RKB	1990-29 NEW SCOTLAND ROAD	SLINGERLANDS	12159-9737
ARTHUR, RICHARD	WV2F	1378 DIVISION STREET	CHARLTON	12019-2906
ARTICOLA, THOMAS	N2CKV	22 HAROLD AVENUE	LATHAM	12110-2411
AULT, DOROTHY	KB2LGA	290 NINTH STREET	TROY	12180-1605
AULT, RUDY	N2JZK	290 NINTH STREET	TROY	12180-1605
CEAS, ART	KB2JZJ	686 FEURA BUSH ROAD	DELMAR	12054-9787
CULLITON, JACK	N2LBZ	3 OXFORD CIRCLE	TROY	12180-7051
CULLITON, THOMAS	KB2KJZ	3 OXFORD CIRCLE	TROY	12180-7051
CURRAN, KEVIN	N2DCM	50 FORD AVENUE	TROY	12180-5811
DAVIS, KENNETH	KB2KFB	139 HUDSON AVENUE	GREEN ISLAND	12183-1213
DAVIS, MARILYN	KB2JZI	139 HUDSON AVENUE	GREEN ISLAND	12183-1213
EDDY, WILLIAM	NY2U	2404 22ND STREET	TROY	12180-1901
GRIPPO, GABRIEL	KA2YZW	1120 ST. JUDE DRIVE	SCHENECTADY	12303-3380
HOVEY, HARRY "BUD"	WF2B	15 SYLVAN LANE	TROY	12180-8542
ISBY, JR., ROBERT	N2LUD	318 LAKE SHORE DRIVE	NASSAU	12123-9509
LINCK, CHRIS	N2NEH	6 PARK AVENUE	EAST GREENBUSH	12061-2108
MASTERSTON, MATTHEW	N2LGZ	4 OXFORD CIRCLE	TROY	12180-7052
MURRAY, GERALD	WA2IWW	220 LENOX AVENUE	ALBANY	12208-1408
PASCALE, DAVID	WB2HKB	19 RAFAILLO DRIVE	LATHAM	12110-5628
ROBERTS, BRUCE	KA2HRM	2 EASTVIEW DRIVE	RAVENA	12143-1603
SIEMERS, PAUL	WY2F	5 BARRY SPUR	CLIFTON PARK	12065-4027
SMITH, JUNE	KA2VEK	112 HILLSIDE COLONY PARK	STILLWATER	12170-9759
STEVENS, CLAYTON A.	KB2LSQ	R.D. #2 - BOX 50B	VALLEY FALLS	12185-9714
STEVENS, JAMES A.	KB2LNG	R.D. #2 - BOX 50B	VALLEY FALLS	12185-9714
SULLIVAN, FERRIN T.	WA2MRL	1041 MADISON AVENUE	TROY	12180-5007
WILCOX, FREDERICK	N2KFR	1535 HERMANCE ROAD	GALWAY	12074-9711
WILSON, PAUL "SKIP"	KE2XF	112 HILLSIDE COLONY PARK	STILLWATER	12170-9759

TALKING AMATEUR RADIO ALL OVER:

Talking Amateur Radio, directed by George Bowen, N2LQS, is a new series of locally-produced, hour-long series of TV programs featuring the many aspects today's amateur radio hobby. Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB, doubles as host and producer for this monthly show. Episode #1 for November on VHF and UHF Repeaters featured local repeater "guru" Doug Sharp, WB2KMY. Doug is also a member of the ARRL's VHF/UHF Advisory Committee (VUAC).

The show was produced by Unbelievable Productions in Association with Seadrift Productions and in conjunction with CDARC. Taped October 24th and 26th at the Cablevision studio facility in Rensselaer and on location at W2SZ on the RPI campus in Troy, additional crew members for the broadcast included Studio Cameraman Kevin Curran, N2DCM, and Joel Glickman, KA1PRT, handled Studio Audio and Remote Facilities.

Several cable systems in the region have already picked up the show for broadcast. Here is the remaining schedule for November's first episode:

Cablevision

Rensselaer-Schodack/Bethlehem - Channel 31

Tuesday, November 19th at 3:30 PM

Tuesday, November 26nd at 3:30 PM

Schenectady - Channel 11

Friday, November 22nd at 10:00 AM

Monday, November 25th at 12:00 N

Troy Newchannels - Channel 30

Friday, November 15th at 6:00 PM

Monday, November 18th at 6:00 PM

Taconic Technology Cable - Channel 7

Tuesday, November 26nd at 3:30 PM

Pittsfield (MA) Warner/Amex Cable - Channel 5

Friday, November 22nd at 8:00 PM

Airing on Capital Cablevision in Albany and Cablevision Industries systems in the Glens Falls and Saratoga areas is scheduled to begin early in 1992. Production is underway for episodes #2 and #3 of Talking Amateur Radio for December and January. Tentative topics for these shows will be Amateur Radio Satellites and DXing and Contesting.

The show hopes to project our hobby into the homes of many new prospective hams and therefore tries to steer clear of the more technical side of the activity in favor of showing the fun side of hamming as a "hook". Additional volunteers to assist with pre-production and post-production duties and studio tasks are needed and comments, questions, and suggestions are always welcomed in an effort to improve the show each month.

ITEMS WANTED OR FOR SALE:

If you've got something to sell or are looking for equipment and can't find it, list it here in the newsletter. This is a free service to dues paying members. Commercial ad rates are also available.

TARA NOW ARRL AFFILIATED:

The Board of Directors of the ARRL, at minute 10) of their Meeting Number 439 held October 26th in Memphis, Tennessee, declared the Troy Amateur Radio Association, Green Island, New York and 15 other Category I amateur radio clubs from throughout the country, as affiliates of the League on a motion by Southeastern Division Director Frank Butler, W4RH. TARA must now maintain at least 51% of its membership as full members of the ARRL and report same to the League annually.

OCTOBER NET REPORTS:

Check-ins:	<u>Trader Net</u>	<u>TNT Net</u>
03-Oct	10	no net
10-Oct	10	14
17-Oct	no net	10
24-Oct	24	12
31-Oct	no net	no net

NY2U is back up and back on as TNT NCS on 29.495 MHz. Bill has appointed Gabe, KA2YZW, as Assistant NCS. Skip, KE2XF, performed yeoman's service as temporary NCS on the weekly TNT net while Bill's rig was in the shop for some upgrading. In the meantime, Mark, N2LIJ, has done a fabulous job in his difficult capacity as NCS for the trader net on 147.27 MHz. He reports that there was no net on those weeks where repeater technical problems forced the machine into "PL" mode and that turnout seems to be highest toward the end of the month and when "plugged" on the CDARC Bulletins.

We appreciate the work of these volunteers and your participation in our activities. Let's all continue to support these guys and our club's nets!

ARRL PUBLICATIONS:

The Troy Amateur Radio Association has been designated an Instructor/Dealer by the ARRL. Items such as the Now You're Talking code-free Technician Class instruction package, FCC Rulebook, the written examination Study Guide for General, Advanced, and Extra Class theory elements, the Operating Guide, the venerable ARRL Handbook, and many other "League Publications" are all available from TARA. Many items are already in stock and immediately available (immediately after we get your money, that is!). Some items must be ordered from Headquarters and have about a 7 day turnaround. Contact Dave Pascale - WB2HKR on 147.27, at 785-5040, or see him at the meeting to place your order. Proceeds from the sale of these items benefits your radio club!

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER:

The following suggested newsletter names were received by mail from Tom Articola, N2CKV, the day after our last meeting: The Network, The Beamwidth, Backscatter, The Duplexer, Feed Point, The Radiator, Ground Waves, The Balun, and TARA Transponder.

CALENDAR:

- 18-Nov - Rip Van Winkle ARS-John L. Edwards School-Hudson-7:00 PM (new time)-147.21
- 19-Nov - Troy ARA-Room 3051-CII Building-RPI 15th Street-7:30 PM-147.27
- 24-Nov - NoBARC-Polish Community Center-Linden Street-Pittsfield-7:00 PM-146.91
- 26-Nov - Southern VT ARC-Bennington Public Library-Union Street-7:00 PM-145.35
- 28-Nov - Drive to somebody's house, drink beer, watch football, and eat their food-all day
- 29-Nov - Go home, chug Pepto Bismol, consume huge volumes of Roloids and Tums-all day
- 2-Dec - Schenectady ARA-Linton H.S.-McClellan and the Plaza-7:30 PM-147.06
- 7-Dec - Exam Session-10:00 AM-Columbia-Green C.C.-147.21-call 732-7532
- 7-Dec - Exam Session-12:00 N-4H Solar Building Ballston Spa-147.00/147.24-call 587-7794
- 9-Dec - Saratoga Co. RACES-4H Solar Bldg-Ballston Spa-7:30 PM-147.00 or 147.24
- 11-Dec - Rensselaer Co. ARES/RACES Assn.-Hudson Valley C.C.-101 Fitzgibbons-7:30 PM-147.18
- 13-Dec - Albany ARA-Colonie Community Center-Central Avenue-8:00 PM-145.19

NEWSLETTER EXPENSE REPORT:

September Mailing
 30 stamps @ \$0.29 - \$ 8.70 (mailed 26)
 address labels - 12.84

October Mailing
 60 stamps @ \$0.29 - 17.40 (mailed 53)

Total Expense \$38.94 (bal. 11)

Projected November
 60 stamps @ \$0.29 17.40

Projected December
 60 stamps @ \$0.29 17.40

Year-to-date Exp. \$73.74

OCTOBER SET - WE FOUND THAT WE WERE, NYS WASN'T:

Eastern New York's largest ARES sectionwide Simulated Emergency Test in many years took place on Saturday, October 19th. Coordination among NWS/Skywarn groups, county EOCs, the various county ARES ECs and RACES ROs, and other county, and local emergency management personnel were tested. SEMO (State Emergency Management Office) decided that they could not afford to be a participant due to the overtime expense (write the Governor's office and your State Legislators and pray that a disaster or other emergency never strikes this area at any time other than Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM when the State and union work rules allow these people to work).

NEWSLETTER CIRCULATION:

In recent weeks, several people have asked me to whom our monthly newsletter is being sent and why we've spent "so much money" on postage. Aside from it being an "editorial decision" on my part, for which I'll either stand or hang, I must justify to you, the membership, where your "tax dollar" goes!

First, complimentary copies are a "necessary evil" in the newsletter business. There are other clubs in the area with which we are establishing an exchange of club newsletters. It is a time honored tradition in amateur radio to promote the exchange of information between the different clubs within a geographic area. CDARC has strongly pushed this idea which helps all of the newsletter editors fill space, develop programs, and promotes a friendly, competitive attitude amongst the different clubs. Comp copies are also sent to the ARRL Club Division in Newington, and our Division Director, Section Manager, Section Emergency Coordinator, Section Traffic Manager, and ARES Emergency Coordinators and RACES Radio Officers in neighboring counties, to help keep TARA in the forefront of the club activity on a sectionwide, statewide, and national basis!