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MARCH MEETING NOTICE:

The regular monthly meeting of the Troy Amateur Radio Association will be held on Tuesday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day!) at 7:30 PM in Room 4040 of the C.I.I. building on the R.P.I. campus, just off of 15th Street, in Troy, New York. Talk-in will be available on the WA2SPJ "full service" repeater on 147.27 MHz. Please note that this is a change from our regular room location. Room 4040 is upstairs and easy to find. (There will be enough of us out in the hallway that you should have no problem finding us; follow the crowd and the noise!)

SPRING IS IN THE AIR:

Aside from the mild Winter we've had and the early taste of fairer weather, the calendar still says mid-March. That means that Spring isn't here just yet, in spite of the fact that we all have "The Fever"; a few of us have already attended at least one hamfest, with several more in our immediate future. Many of us have already made plans for antenna parties to repair weather damage or simply to upgrade the quality of the aluminum farm. (Some of us even planted aluminum seeds in the Autumn to ensure a good Spring crop with boxes of tubing, clamps, hardware, and rotators crowding the attic and storage sheds!) But, as our outdoor activity levels increase, we tend to spend less and less time in the shack. So all in all, it's a pretty lousy time to start thinking of building up our club...

TARA is approaching its first anniversary. The first year has been a good one for our fledgling organization. We've been successful in attracting a wide range of hams with various talents and interests and gotten to know many of them quite well (in fact, we are a damned friendly bunch!). Those of us who have been involved in the two VHF contests and November Sweepstakes have had a blast! The license examination sessions run jointly with Albany ARA have been eminently successful and a model for other clubs across the country. TARA, as an ARRL Instructor/Dealer, has conveniently provided League publications to hams in the Capital District at a tidy little profit for the club. So there are many, many things that we are doing right! But we may have been lax in several other areas.

First, we haven't really generated new membership at the rate that we could. With so many new hams joining our ranks with the code-free Technician license and the massive effort made by

many groups in our area to educate prospective hams, our own roster has been curiously static. Invite (or better still, bring along) these new people to our meetings. Maybe we should consider various incentives to make TARA membership more attractive to new and prospective hams.

Second, there are many activities that we, as a club could be more actively pursuing. Programs after our regular business meetings might be a welcome addition. Most all the other clubs in the area attract members to their meetings based on the promise of a semi-technical program of general interest. Any volunteers to line up speakers?

Next, maybe we could consider a fundraising program that might be used to offset club expenses. We really haven't been spending that much money; the newsletter is costing us less than \$18.00 a month and is our only recurring expense. But in the future, there will be expenses for the proposed 440 MHz repeater; Liability Insurance will be required for Field Day, the repeater, and other club activities. There will be Field Day expenses with which to deal and repeater power and maintenance costs. Should the club consider a major endeavor, such as running a regional hamfest, there will be many up-front expenses that will require seed money. Everyone coughed up a big chunk of change for first year dues, but that revenue won't be there forever. Despite the country's current economic woes, there are many ways in which we can swell our own coffers. And what the heck, if we don't spend the money, we could always reduce the annual dues or initiation fee as an additional incentive for prospective new members to join TARA!

Many of our members are already active in the various Public Service activities here in the area; there is little more we could do along these lines beyond our continued cooperation and to endeavor to create continued public awareness of amateur radio participation within the community.

None of us have all the answers; there are (and will always be!) differing views on what might be best for the future of TARA. One thing is certain, We need YOUR IDEAS, YOUR TIME, and YOUR SWEAT. We got your money, but we need more than just bucks to offer a proper return on your investment. Pitch in, develop an idea, or take on a job assignment in a concerted effort to build a fine organization into the BEST. It is up to each of us individually, and all of us together. - 73 de WA3RKB, Editor

FEBRUARY MEETING IN BRIEF:

The regular monthly meeting was held at RPI February 18th. WB2HKR was unable to attend but submitted a Treasurer's report to the Board (copies were later mailed to all members). Stan Israel, WA2BAH, was in attendance and summarized the club's effort in the January VHF contest. Pending receipt of all logs, the club will top 10,000 points. (This is a better score than Schenectady ARA racked up their first year in 1991!) The January joint party meeting with RVWARS was recapped and those injured in the melee were again deemed healthy! WA3RKB was granted a cash expenditure to cover one previous and two future months' newsletter expenses. An expense statement and receipts were submitted to the Secretary. RKB also reported on the sudden passing of NoBARC President Dick Goodman, WB1HIH. There was discussion on reviewing our own Constitution and By-laws to allow for a smooth transition should such a tragedy befall TARA. RKB also discussed the January CDARC meeting, happenings at the ARRL Hudson Division Cabinet and Board of Directors meetings, continuing contacts with WA2DHF and WB2VUK, the impending WARC, and the cable TV program on amateur radio. Field Day was discussed by KE2XF noting that a final site decision was pending. T-shirts and badges for members were also discussed. RKB will work with KB2KFV and WA2IWW to get estimates from various vendors. Both committees will report back to the body at the March meeting.

WB1HIH SILENT KEY:

The amateur community lost yet another one of its goodwill ambassadors. NoBARC President Dick Goodman, WB1HIH, suffered a massive heart attack on the morning of Sunday, February 16th. Goodman had been President of the Northern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club for about 10 years. He was active with the Berkshire Mountains Search and Rescue Team, the Lions' Club, and in various sports activities. Dick collapsed after warming up for a hockey game and was dead on arrival at a nearby hospital.

NoBARC Acting President Chuck Lowery, N21Z, noted that Dick's sudden passing caught us all unprepared. "He was a loyal friend and respected amateur. The club will miss Dick and the many hours that he spent making NoBARC the club that it is today. We extend the amateur community's deepest sympathies to Karen and his family."

The wake was held Tuesday evening, February 18th at the Hopkins Funeral Home in Williamstown. The Funeral was held the following morning at The Second Congregational Church in Steel's Corners, where the Service had been moved to accommodate the outpouring of support for the family and the many hams in attendance. Dick was eulogized by his good friend Warner Smith, W1YBT. Interment was at the Eastlawn Cemetery in Williamstown.

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

WE'RE BEING WATCHED FROM AFAR:

CDARC and Capital District radio clubs were singled out by ENY Section Manager Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK, in an article in the February WECAGRAM (monthly newsletter of the Westchester Emergency Communications Association). Paul, who is also WECAGRAM Editor, is working to establish a council of clubs, similar to CDARC, in Westchester County. Quoting from his article, "This idea is not new; it was suggested before by several people including (Rich Moseson) NW2L who was affiliated club coordinator of Eastern New York sometime back. (Rich is now Northern NJ Section Manager. - Ed.) This idea is working successfully up in the Capitol (sic) District area (Albany area). The reason it is working is because of the efforts of several people... and the cooperation of the individual clubs. Putting aside the fear of loss of identity, newsletter editors of the various clubs have been including items in their newsletters regarding what other clubs in the area are doing. This can only enhance cooperation."

"A project of putting on a weekly or monthly cable program would be a good project for a council of clubs in Westchester. This way, talent of a number of clubs could be tapped to make for an interesting series of programs and the project would not put an unnecessary burden on one or two clubs."

Bottom line: We must be doing something right!

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AROUND THE CAPITAL DISTRICT:

The Southern Vermont Amateur Radio Club discussed plans for future club activities and meeting programs at their February meeting. Also discussed was a proposal by Vermont Section Manager Mitch Stern, WB2JSJ, to establish a statewide council of amateur radio clubs (Sound familiar? - Ed.). It was also announced the ARRL New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI had been elected First Vice President of the League at the January Board of Directors meeting in Rocky Point, CT. Vice Director William Burden, WB1BRE, of Strafford, VT automatically assumes the position of Director and will fill out the remainder of Tom's term.

NoBARC's February meeting came on the heels of the news of WB1HIH's passing. Chuck Lowery, N2IZ, as Acting President, was given a vote of confidence to fill the remainder of the term as President. The Board of Directors will meet in closed session later this month to discuss the vacancy now created in the Vice Presidency. Chuck has indicated that he will step down as NoBARC Public Information Officer pending his appointment of a replacement. Their club auction will be held March 29th at 7:00 PM. Plans are also coming along for their May Flea Market on Sunday, May 3rd, the day after Deerfield.

Those RVWARS guys had a meeting with TARA in January and haven't been able to get it together since! In all actuality, their February meeting, which was to feature a program on amateur satellites by Marty Miller, N2LDR, was called on account of inclement weather. "We have to be concerned with the lives and safety of our members" noted WD2K. So, Marty can keep his antennas up until the April meeting. March will see the club's 2nd Annual Auction. Dave invites everyone to come buy and sell (ouch!) and to not forget to bring the boat anchors.

March is definitely the month for auctions and sales! (This must be the time of year when everyone does a damage control survey to see what they ruined over the winter!) Saratoga County RACES ran their annual SWAPFEST earlier this month. Sparks from the Spa Editor Millie Feeny, KV2A, penned an excellent item on club President Jim Polewczak, KG2H, thanking him and touting all the effort he has put into their organization over the years, especially with regard to amateur licensing courses.

Albany ARA heard a program by Merrill Mondello, KA2YZH, on WEFAX at their February meeting. N2DU reports that the club mailbox, N2DU-4 on 144.95, is off the air again, this time probably for good. Dave is working on an alternative solution to this longstanding problem. Submittals for their B Plus again must be left on K2TR on 144.97. The March meeting this coming Friday will be (you guessed it!) the club's Annual Auction, to be held at 8:00 PM in the auditorium of the Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Avenue. The club's annual banquet will be

held in place of the May meeting at the Bavarian Chalet on Friday, May 8th.

The annual SKYWARN Certification session brought the largest attendance of the season to the Rensselaer County ARES/RACES Association's February Meeting. Meteorologists from NOAA/National Weather Service at Albany County Airport, including Stan Levine, KB2LNI, presented a multi-media program on effective weather spotting and reporting techniques. CBers from Tri-county Assistance and other groups, scanner listeners, and hams alike were on hand for this interesting program, arranged by Carli Drake, WB1BTJ. KAZAXN reported that the new communications van was nearing completion and that the County had been awarded the requested Federal grant monies for emergency amateur communications equipment. Plans continue to proceed smoothly for the Empire State Regatta in June. This is the group's major annual public service event.

Schenectady ARA heard Hal Post, AK2E on the ARRL Official Observer program at their February meeting. Hal explained that there is much more pressure on OOs now that FCC is not in any kind of financial position to push enforcement issues on the amateur frequencies as they once did. He emphasizes that OOs are only observers and not empowered with the force of law. Most of the severe violations of Part 97 occur on packet and 2 meter FM voice, especially with regard to the "No Business Rule". But, there are also blatant cases of violations on HF, particularly those involving foul and abusive language, which tend to give everyone in the amateur service a black eye.

WECA, the Westchester Emergency Communications Association, Inc. ran their annual WECAFEST at Yonkers Raceway earlier this month, with many Capital District hams in attendance. (Yes, I know, we're starting to stretch the bounds of the Capital District just a bit far here, but hey! What the heck? We should be nice to these people, their newsletter Editor is our SM, WB2VUK! - Ed.) Their March meeting featured a program on The Joys of DXing by Jim, N2HOS. Jim is 13 articles deep into a series of the same name in the club newsletter WECAGRAM. This is the first time we've reported on WECA activities and we welcome them aboard! Anytime you swing down the Thruway toward NYC or Jersey, hop over to the Valhalla 147.06 repeater. There's a good gang of folks over there who are especially helpful with directions and such during afternoon drive time. And, in the mornings, they make a lot more sense than Howard Stern. The machine has good coverage from just south of Kingston down to beyond Elizabeth, NJ and southwest to beyond Somerville, NJ (the still incomplete I-287 loop). The Southern District Net can be heard nightly on 06 at 9:30 and NewsLine Fridays at 6:00 PM. WECA is an active ARRL Special Service Club.

1992 ALBANY/TROY JOINT EXAMINATION SESSIONS:

All exams are held in Room 3051 of the CII Building on the RPI Campus in Troy. Doors open for registration 40 minutes before examinations begin. The doors WILL BE CLOSED at the listed time and no one else will be admitted. THIS CONTINUES TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Talk-in will be available on 145.19 and 147.27 repeaters.

Day	Date	Doors Open	Exams Begin
Saturday	March 14th	8:20 AM	9:00 AM
Saturday	April 11th	8:20 AM	9:00 AM
Saturday	May 9th	8:20 AM	9:00 AM
Wednesday	June 17th	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
Wednesday	July 15th	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
Wednesday	August 19th	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
Saturday	October 10th	8:20 AM	9:00 AM
Saturday	November 14th	8:20 AM	9:00 AM

An audio amplification and distribution system will soon be implemented for the CW examinations. Applicants will each wear a headset to hear the taped program. Each position will sport individual tone and volume controls which can be adjusted to personal taste. This should eliminate the acoustic echoes that some applicants have encountered in previous test sessions.

For additional information or to pre-register for any session, contact Bud Hovey, WF2B, at 518/283-2337 or Bill Eddy, NY2U, at 518/273-9248.

Postponement due to inclement weather will be announced on major Capital District repeaters where/when possible and on WGY-AM at 810 kHz.

CAPITAL DISTRICT TRAINING NET:

The net experienced a reasonably successful first month. Participation was slow initially but has seen steady improvement despite the band being a bit "long" some evenings. The net is called up each Monday at 10:00 PM local time on 28.200 MHz (-QRM). It's designed to teach good CW net procedure and to improve code speed. The first half of the net runs at five to seven words per minute (WPM) with the speed increasing slightly during the second half. The procedure for checking into the net is included in the preamble during each call-up.

WB2HKR has moved into a niche as a competent (if not confident! - Ed.) NCS (Net Control Station), taking over some of the responsibility from N2LOJ (who many still know as WA2JBO) and the dreaded "K" man, WD2K. All net members get the opportunity to transmit during the net and to move on to try their skills as NCS. This is an excellent opportunity for Novice and Technician Plus licensees to learn proper CW net procedures and skills. At the end of the initial one month trial period, it was decided that participation in the Friday night net at 8:00 PM on 3.705 MHz did not warrant continuation of those sessions. Further activity levels on 10 meters will determine if the net continues or is cancelled.

CDARC BULLETINS SCHEDULE REVISED:

The CDARC Bulletins are now heard on the 147.27 MHz repeater on Mondays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 5:00 PM (local time). Here is the complete revised time schedule:

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

This new schedule exchanges times for K1FFK/R 146.91 NoBARC/Mt. Greylock, MA and WA2SPJ/R 147.27 Channel 13/Brunswick, NY repeaters. The change was initiated by NoBARC's Chuck Lowery, N217, concerning the potential need for emergency use of "91" during "afternoon drive time" and in consideration of the diverse (and often adverse) driving conditions often encountered in K1FFK's prime coverage area.

Troy ARA President Bill Eddy, NY2U, indicated that the switch would also benefit users of "27", which is more heavily utilized at the earlier times. He feels TARA will be better served by the change.

Seventeen (17) repeaters are currently served by the CDARC Bulletins. The negotiated schedule revision, suggested by CDARC Bulletin Manager and ENY OBS Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB, and approved by elected leaders of both clubs and CDARC Chairman Jack Donnelly, WA2YBM, again proves how Capital District amateur organizations continue working together to discuss and resolve common problems through CDARC. The entire revision process was completed with five phone calls in less than an hour on the evening of Thursday, February 20th.

The Rensselaer County ARES/RACES link system repeater on 147.345 and a planned machine on 145.37 will be added to the schedule with 146.76, 147.18, and 442.2 when the link radios are re-installed.

RED CROSS DISASTER DRILL:

Randy Davis of NYSEMO (New York State Emergency Management Office) made a presentation at January's CDARC meeting. New management of the Albany Chapter of the American Red Cross is pulling out all the stops for a major, full-scale disaster drill on Saturday, March 28th. This will be the first ARC involvement with local hams in several years.

The Albany Chapter serves southern Rensselaer County (including the City of Troy) and Albany, Columbia, and Greene Counties. This effort will involve the services of about a dozen operators on packet, 2M FM voice, and HF voice. ARC indicated that this will be the sole means of communications for the drill. Call N2LUD or N2LOD to volunteer.

MY NEW WORLD AS A HAM: by Fred Wilcox, N2KFR

I got my ham license on January 16th, 1990. I went out and bought a Kenwood TS-440S and got on HF. After I saved a bit more money, I bought a 2m/70cm dual bander. That's when I found out that 2 meters was not the place to be! No good or "proper" ham would be on 2 meters! The way I understand it, the 2 meter band sounds just like, uh, er uh, well, CB. Oh God, I said the bad word...

Most of the new hams were once on CB, but not too many will admit it. Are they ashamed of it? I'm not, I thought I was a good operator!

What is it about 2 meters hams that makes them like or different from CBers? Is it how we talk? I have asked several hams and cannot get a straight answer from any of them! One guy told me that one difference was use of such terms as "10-4". I always thought the police were the ones that started the use of the "10-codes", so why don't they say "You sound just like the police band"? I speak English, I didn't know that there was a special language for hams. If there is, where can I find a school to learn to talk "Ham"? I've seen courses for CW and theory instruction, but no classes to learn how to talk like a ham...

Is it what we talk about? The feeling that I get is that it's not "right" to talk about trucks, but it's okay to talk about boats, RVs, and airplanes! So when you're in the area, check into the TOA (Truckers of America) Net! (Hi, hi!)

So now I belong to the Troy Amateur Radio Association. We started the club because we wanted to enjoy being hams. Now, when I operate 2 meters FM, I don't feel like I have to put on a my goggles, leather gloves, leather hat, leather jacket, leather boots, and a white scarf around my neck before I sit down at my station to operate.

Our club members use the 147.27 WA2SPJ repeater on Bald Mountain, north of Troy. We call it "The Full Service Repeater". Most of the time, there is someone on to help you with any problems you may have. When hams from around the world visit the Capital District, they always seem to end up on "727" for directions, eating places, motels, and other sites. Why? Because they all say that they have put their call signs out on many other repeaters and no one will come back. They also say that our club is the one of the most helpful they have found. Why? Because we all believe that part of being hams is helping other people. They all say that, when they come back to visit our area again, they will be on "727". But 2 meters sounds like CB. Could it be that some of that helpful attitude occasionally found on 11 meters (back in the old days) is slowly spilling over to 144 MHz? Oh God, I did it again...

Maybe someday someone will answer my question of exactly how a CBER talks or sounds. Sign me...

Confused in Galway

TALKING AMATEUR RADIO CONTINUES:

"SAREX" was the subject of Episode #5 of the TV Series Talking Amateur Radio. This month's guest is Marty Miller, N2LDR. The program was taped on Wednesday evening, February 19th and produced with an all "ham" crew that included George Bowen, N2LQS, Neil Anderson, N2LOD, Cheryl Bowen (George's XYL who is currently enrolled in the RVWARS license course), Kevin Curran, N2DCM, Jack Donnelly, WA2YBM, Ridge Macdonald, KB2HWL, and Stephan Anderman, WA3RKB.

The program featured a NASA news briefing on the Atlantis shuttle mission STS-45 scheduled for March 23rd launch. Aboard will be hams David Leestma, N2WQC, Brian Duffy, N5WQW, Dirk Frimout, ON1AFD, and the newest astronaut/licensee Kathy Sullivan, N5YV. Sullivan is a veteran of two previous missions and the only female American to venture outside a space craft. She is one of only two YL hams who are veterans of space flight.

The program continues to expand its coverage and will be available to over one million households in four ARRL Sections and three Divisions.

Cablevision-Rensselaer/Schodack/Bethlehem Channel 31 and Taconic Technology Cable Channel 7 air the show every Tuesday at 3:30 PM. Mid-Hudson Cablevision (Catskill-Hudson) Channel 10 runs the program every Tuesday at 2:30 PM. Schedules for other cable systems were unavailable at presstime. Consult the CDARC Bulletins for the latest skeds.

The April episode will be taped on Thursday, March 12th with guests Carli Drake, WB1BTJ, 14 year old Jennifer Patashnick, KB2IPW, who was featured in the April 1991 QST, and Jennifer's father Harvey, WB2LOI. The May program, scheduled to be taped on Thursday, April 9th, will feature ARRL Hudson Division Director Stephen Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, and ENY Section Manager Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK.

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CALENDAR:

- 13-Mar - Albany ARA-Colonie Community Center-
Central Avenue-Club Auction-8:00 PM-145.19
- 14-Mar - Examination Session-Room 3051-CII Bldg
RPI Campus-Troy-9:00 AM-145.19/147.27
- 14-Mar - Exam Session-Eastern District NYSEMO
Office-Upper East Street-Oneonta-10:00 AM
- 16-Mar - Rip Van Winkle ARS-John L. Edwards
School-Hudson-7:00 PM-Club Auction-147.21
- 17-Mar - Troy ARA-Room 3051-CII Bldg-RPI Campus
-Troy-7:30 PM-147.27
- 21-Mar - West Orange, NJ Hamfest-W. Orange HS-
600 Pleasant Vly Way-8:00 AM-146.415 +1.0
- 22-Mar - Mt. Beacon Hamfest-Arlington Sr. HS-
LaGrange/Poughkeepsie, NY-8:00 AM-146.97
- 24-Mar - SOVARC-Bennington Public Library-Union
and Silver Streets-7:00 PM-145.35
- 28-Mar - American Red Cross-Albany Chapter
Emergency Disaster Drill-be prepared
- 29-Mar - NoBARC-Polish Community Center-Linden
St.-Pittsfield-Club Auction-7:00 PM-146.91
- 1-Apr - W2SZ-RPI ARC-RPI Student Union on the
RPI Campus-Troy, NY-7:00 PM-146.82/224.42
- 6-Apr - Schenectady ARA-Linton H.S.-McClellan
and the Plaza-7:30 PM-147.06/224.06
- 8-Apr - Rensselaer Co. ARES/RACES Assn.-Hudson
Valley C.C.-101 Fitzgibbons-7:30 PM-147.18
- 10-Apr - Albany ARA-Colonie Community Center-
Central Avenue-8:00 PM-145.19
- 11-Apr - License Exam Session-Room 3051-CII
Bldg-RPI Campus-Troy-9:00 AM-147.27
- 13-Apr - Saratoga Co. RACES-4H Solar Bldg-High
Street-Ballston Spa-7:30 PM-147.00/147.24
- 20-Apr - Rip Van Winkle ARS-John L. Edwards
School-State Street-Hudson-7:00 PM-147.21
- 21-Apr - Troy ARA-Room 3051-CII Bldg-RPI Campus
- Troy-7:30 PM-147.27
- 2-May - Deerfield, NH Hamfest
- 3-May - NoBARC May Flea Market-Dalton American
Legion-Dalton, MA-7:00 AM-146.91

FEBRUARY NET REPORTS:

Check-ins:	<u>Trader Net</u>	<u>TNT Net</u>
06-Feb	30	12
13-Feb	13	8
20-Feb	25	7
27-Feb	35	7

FEBRUARY EXAM SESSION RESULTS:

Here are the results of the AARA/TARA VE Exam session held at RPI on Saturday, February 8th.

Seventeen of the twenty-seven candidates who took exams either upgraded or got a first license:

NAME	CALL	CLASS	EARNED
PICHER, SR., GARY R.	WB2RTK	A	E
WELCH, JOANNE G.	KB2NAU	A	E
MCGRATH, JAMES J.	N2LUE	G	A
PETTIGREW, WILLIAM J.			A
MORIN, MARK A.	N2PAZ	T/HF	G
BROWN, ROGER G.	N9NBQ	T	T/HF
CORROW, MICHAEL W.	N1JIF	T	T/HF
PASQUINI, JOSEPH F.	N2NOU	T	T/HF
RUSSELL, JR., ARNOLD W.	KB2MHR	N	T/HF
WELCH, PETER G.			T/HF
FEENY, REBECCA J.			T
HYNDS, GIVEN S.			T
MILLER, JOSEPH			T
PATTERSON, MICHAEL D.			T
SHEPHARD, SR., ALAN R.			T
WATSON, STEPHEN W.			T
PAPANDREA, JAMES M.			N

The next session is this Saturday at RPI at 9:00 AM sharp! - Bud Hovey, WF2B

FOR SALE:

Ten Tec Argonaut (QRP) and 50 watt amp with power supplies and other extras -- \$425.00 or best offer. Apartment vertical 40-10 meter antenna -- \$25.00. Interested? Contact Bud Hovey, WF2B, at 283-1456 days or 283-2337 evenings.