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July 4 Independence Day

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Happy Birthday to:

STAN ANDERSON

WB2DML

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K2GVI

Needs help to get the Fence Installed at the Repeater Site

Anyone willing to help please contact Bill at
 315-853-5700

Rome Radio Hamfest
 August 15, 1998
 Westmoreland Fireman's Field

MINUTES OF THE ROME RADIO CLUB MEETING JUNE 3RD 1998

Jim W4BNY called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

There were seven members present.

No minutes taken at the last meeting.

Jim W4BNY gave the Treasurers report.

Presidents report;

- June 17th meeting at Strough Jr. High will be about Field Days and the Hamfest
- W2TGQ is a silent key remove his name from newsletter mailing list
- Contact W4BNY if you want a sign up form for the EMPIRE STATE GAMES in Rochester July 22-26
- June 13 Cortland Hamfest
- August 15 Rome Hamfest
- August 23 Buffalo Hamfest
- August 30 MOARC Hamfest and Fly-in Breakfast
- Will try to have a picnic over the summer
- Will try to have a hidden transmitter hunt over the summer

Repeater report by K2GVI

- Repeaters OK
- He went back up to mark the post hole locations. Anyone with the time can go up to the repeater site and dig the 12 holes 18inches deep. When that is finished the poles can be put in concrete and the fence put up. The fencing will be 26 feet deep and 20 feet wide

Education report by K2GVI

- Things are at a stand still, instructors do not want to have a class for just one or two people

VE report by K2GVI

- Fridays exam will be at Bill and Joan's house. Two people taking the exams
- We will not be testing for commercial radio license

RACES information by K2GVI

- RACES members and other hams will be asked to sign a petition to get the 94 repeater reinstalled at its old site

Vice Presidents report by KB2TXR

- The 76 repeater in Utica is back on the air
- Steve NA2Q can use a few more operators for the July 12th Boilermaker Run in Utica. Contact KB2TXR for the phone number
- Jack needs help getting hamfest flyers to the various hamfests

N2DLG moved for adjournment

WA2HNQ second

Jim W4BNY adjourned the meeting at 00:27 Z June 4th 1998

**PETITION
TO ONEIDA COUNTY**

SUBJECT: OUR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS IS IN JEOPARDY.

In 1997 a new structure was built to house all the new 911 communications equipment. At that time the 146.94 Amateur Radio Repeater used by the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) was removed and upgraded. This repeater was originally built and has been in operation for the last 38 years with materials and labor and donated to Oneida County RACES. The upgrade was completed with materials and labor donated to Oneida County RACES.

Now, with all the work done, there seems to be a problem getting it re-installed into the new building. Oneida County Fire Association apparently owns the property and 911 Officials refuse to allow the installation.

The Oneida County Sheriffs Office seems to be worried about security.

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, (RACES), comes under, and may receive matching funds from, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and has been recognized as an asset by the Federal Communications Commission. It has been a part of 'New York State Emergency Management Office (NYSEMO), and the Oneida County EMO since its inception.

There are hundreds of Amateur Radio Operators trained in RACES who have donated their time and their equipment during an emergency. We cannot over-look this valuable asset. The 146.94 RACES Repeater is the key to their existence in Oneida County. A meaningful organization can also provide communications for events like the Boilermaker, Rome Honor America Day Parade, Pumpkin Patrol, and the list goes on.

During the recent Ice Storm in Northern New York, Amateur Radio Operators went from all over New York and even Pennsylvania to help with communications, and were applauded in the Newspapers and on Television. The same with Hurricanes Andrew and Hugo, the San Francisco Earthquake, and the Alaskan Earthquake in 1964.

I find the current situation unacceptable and request your support in getting the 146.94 RACES Repeater reinstalled in the new communications building and its antennas and feed lines reinstalled on the tower.

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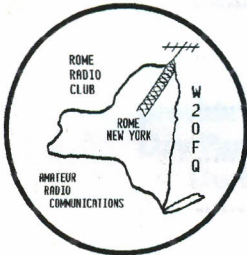
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