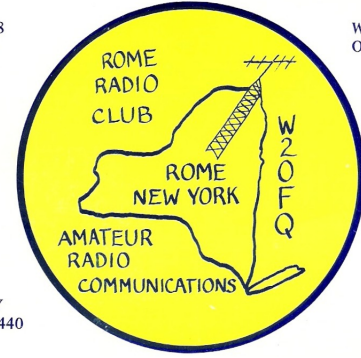


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2008 Officers Elected

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The Rome Radio Club elected a slate of new officers for the year 2008. The following officers were elected during the Sep 2007 meeting. The Term runs from 1 October 2007 to 30 September 2008.

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Quick Notes:

- *Next Meeting - December 5th, 2007 at Stiefvaters Consultants located on the Griffiss Technology Park in Rome, NY*
- *Next Testing Session - December 7th, 2007*
- *Next RRC Hamfest - August 16th, 2007*
- *The Rome Radio Club, Inc is 73 years old*

Club Repeater Getting New Antenna (146.880/280)

The Club's 2 meter repeater, the 146.880 MHz repeater located off Belcher Road in Lee, NY, has been on a back up antenna for a while. As it turns out, the widow of one of our life members, Norm Bernstein, K2KLV (SK), has donated an antenna that was mounted out in her backyard.

Club members have gone to get it and will be installing it

at the repeater site when the antenna can be tested and refurbished as necessary.

Bill Effland reported at the October meeting that even with the backup antenna, the repeater is getting pretty good coverage.

OCTEN, the Oneida County Traffic and Emergency Net, one of the local National Traffic System (NTS) nets

has been using the repeater for the last 6 to 8 months as one of their satellite repeaters and as one of two primary repeaters for their late nets.

The repeater is also a backup ARES repeater and has been used as an Echo Link gateway repeater in a joint project with the Madison-Oneida Amateur Radio Club (MOARC).



Oneida-Madison Counties ARES—Oneida County RACES

Oneida-Madison Counties ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) is part of the Central District, of the Western New York Section of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

LEADERSHIP:

[EC John Sallustio, AB2QZ](#)

[AEC Mike Little, KB2CCD](#)

[AEC Doug Arvidson, AK2Z](#)

Simulated Emergency Test

The 2007 SET was held on the morning of Saturday October 20th.. Twenty stations participated over a 2 1/2 hour period. This year the SET was centered around providing the Utica Chapter of the American Red Cross with emergency communications support during a simulated shelter activation. Although only one station was actually at a

Red Cross shelter, simulated radio traffic of the formal and tactical variety was passed locally and out of the area. Liaisons with the NTS, the Central District Emergency Net, the Oneida Red Cross Chapter and Onondaga County ARES/RACES were established. Thanks go to Rich K4LV for his efforts to make this possible.

OMEN: OMEN (Oneida-Madison Emergency Net) meets twice a month on the 145.170 MHz W2MO repeater. OMEN is an ARES/RACES training net. Nets are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 1915 local time and typically last from 15 to 30 minutes.

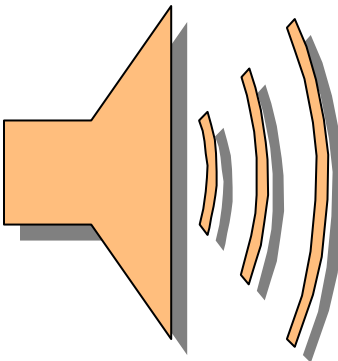
SNOW SPOTTERS NET:

To help the National

Weather Service, one of our served agencies, O-M ARES conducts a snow spotters net on the W2MO repeater every evening at 1915 local time whenever there has been a significant accumulation of snow over the past 24 hours. For the purpose of the snow spotters net, a significant accumulation is defined as 3 or more inches of snow at least somewhere in the greater Oneida and Madison county area.

Anyone can call a snow spotters net and instructions are available on the [O-M ARES Website](#).

For information about how to measure snow fall accumulation, check out the website of the [BGM NWS Website](#).



Audio Recordings of Club Meetings Available to Members

Starting with the October 2007 meeting, Russ, WB2JIL, has started recording the business meeting and providing it as an audio stream for club members to download and listen to; thus, letting those that can not

attend to know what is going on.

The link to get to the October meeting audio stream is: [Go to Audio File Here](#)

Note, if you have problems with this, contact Russ,

WB2JIL at wb2jil@arrl.net and he will be happy to help you.

The November 2007 meeting has also been recorded and its location will be given in the December issue of this News Letter.

Club's Hamfest Date set for 2008

At the October 2007 meeting, the Rome Radio Club voted to conduct a hamfest on the third Saturday of the month of August 2008. On 16 August 2008, the annual Rome Radio Club hamfest will once again be held at the

Westmoreland, NY VFD.

Last year's hamfest was a great success and it is hoped that the same weather man will be available to give us another sunny hamfest day. Many of the clubs hamfest

memories include lots of rain and wet weather.

So mark your calendars and come out for a great time. You never know what kind of "Good Stuff" you'll find.

Up-Coming Contest Calendar

November	3 - 5	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)	Rules Soapbox Logs received
	17 - 19	ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)	Rules
	24 - 25	ARRL International EME Competition	Rules
	30 - 12/2	ARRL 160 Meter Contest	Rules
December	8 - 9	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	Rules

Editor's Notes — The View From Where I Sit

Its been a while since we've had a news letter published. But we are back on track again. A new format that I hope you like. I will always be glad to accept input and I'll publish any appropriate articles (either in whole or in part—space being the limiting factor).

I while putting this news letter together, I noticed that the club is coming up

on our 75th anniversary in 2009. I think we should plan some BIG events to celebrate. I'll propose one now to get the ball started. O-M ARES has over the recent past picked and continued our club's long history of public service with supporting the Honor America Days Parade. I think we should set up a "Field Day" like special event station at Fort

Stanwix for that Saturday. We can dazzle the public during the time between the parade and the concert that evening. What do you think? If the club likes the idea (or if some one else has a better one), then we should start the process now.

I enjoyed listening to the recording of the October meeting and look for to hearing the next ones—73



Club Membership Dues are Due in January

Don't forget that membership renewals are due in January for the coming year. Dues are \$10/year, additional family members are \$5/year.

Make Checks Payable to: Rome Radio Club, Inc.

Membership forms are available on the club's website located at:

[Rome Radio Club](#)

Life Members:

Current Life members include:

WA2PUU/Viv

K2GVI/Bill

WA2GBE/Tony



Roaming Romans Net — Still Going Strong

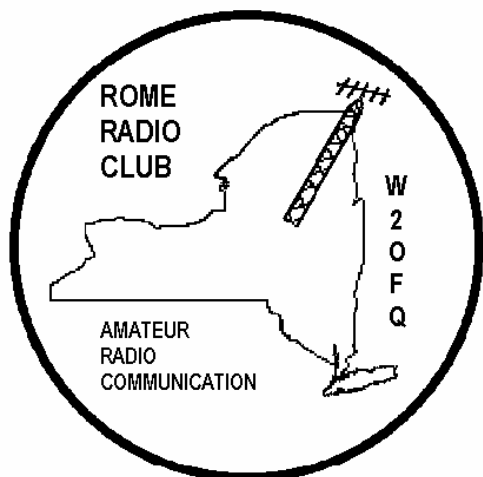
The Roaming Romans net is still going strong on the 3712.5 KHz starting on or before 0700 Eastern Standard Time Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday day mornings. Regulars on the Roaming Ro-

mans Net include W2WZQ-Ralph Mifflin, W2GVE-Jim Chase, W2FYL-Frank Longley, KA2AUP-Dave Hanes, K1RD-Ralph Dieter, WA2HRS-Brian Kelly, WA2GBE-Tony LoVaglio, N2DKB-Pat Daily, and

other good friends. Ralph, W2WZQ is spending the winter in Florida and Pat, N2DKB is moving to Indiana. Checking into this net would be a great way to keep in touch with them.



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We are on the web

**[http://pages.prodigy.net/
romeradioclub/](http://pages.prodigy.net/romeradioclub/)**

Back to the Future — Club History



From the Daily Sentinel, Rome, NY
Saturday Evening, December 3, 1983

CALLING SPACE—Lt. Col Howard L. Beard of 132 Riverview Drive sits at his ham radio console and plots the course of the shuttle Columbia. The shuttle passed over our area Thursday morning but Beard, who has worked with ham radios since 1946, couldn't establish radio contact with mission specialist Owen K. Garriott. The orbiting Columbia, 120 miles above the Earth, will transmit again Tuesday and Beard will tune in, but isn't very hopeful because conditions won't be very good for reception.