



# GRAM NEWS



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## February Meeting

The February meeting of GRAM will be held on Thursday, February 19th, 2004 at 7:30 PM. The meeting location will be at the Salvation Army in Batavia, 529 E. Main St.

This month's program will be Major Boynton of the Salvation Army and he will speak to our club about SATERN.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Thursday February 19th.

## Silent Key W2SRP

Ange DiFazio, W2SRP, a charter member of GRAM, passed away on 1/22/04. Ange had been a HAM since 1932 and an active member of GRAM since 1962.



All of GRAM extends condolences to the Di-Fazio Family.

## Field Day 2004

The Club has decided to participate in Field Day this year. Joe Ogozaly, KC2IQT & Terry Cook, KC2JKU will be the chairpersons for this years Field Day activities. The club has also decided that this will be a for fun event. We need to help out Joe and Terry as much as we can to make this a successful event for GRAM. With that in mind the planning should begin now. So that we can decide where to hold Field Day, how are we going to get the equipment to the Field Day site? Help will be needed for set up, operating, and tear down. As well as food for the participants. If you would be interested in helping out on Field Day in any way, please let Joe and Terry know or a GRAM Board Member or Officer.



## Club Officers

President: Theodore Karpenko, KB2LXD

Vice-President: Brian Stricker, N2XNY

Secretary: Joan Brundage, KB2ZCE

Treasurer: Harold Hay, W2ABQ

## Directors

2005: Jim Cochrane, KC2EZL

2005: Joe DeFazio, W2DIG

2004: Howard Flint, KC2EZJ

2004: Peter Brundage, WB2CGF

2004: Tom Rosica, W2GIR

## Committee Chairs

Membership:	Howard Flint, KC2EZJ
Program:	Open
Newsletter:	Brian Stricker N2XNY
Website:	Brian Stricker N2XNY
Publicity:	Tom Rosica W2GIR
Education:	Brian Stricker N2XNY
Christmas Party:	Don & Cheryl Yaxley KB2QKE & KB2RFI
Field Day:	Joe Ogozaly KC2IQT Terry Cook KC2JKU
Picnic:	Howard KC2EZJ & Carol Flint
Historian:	Open
Ways & Means	Harold Hay, W2ABQ

## Committee Chairs (cont'd)

Hamfest:	Harold Hay W2ABQ
RFI:	Harold Hay W2ABQ
Equipment:	John Maha K2ZUT
Benevolence:	Joan Brundage KB2ZCE
Repeater:	Harold Hay W2ABQ
ARRL:	Dr. David Bell W2YCS
ARES/RACES:	Les Wilcox WA2GUP

## Club Repeater

The club operates a 2m repeater, W2RCX, on 147.285 MHz with a + offset. The repeater control persons are:

Harold Hay W2ABQ  
Howard Flint KC2EZJ  
John Maha K2ZUT  
Joe Defazio W2DIG

The GRAM Net is held on the club's repeater, W2RCX, on Thursday nights at 9:00PM. All amateurs with a technician class or higher license are invited to check in. This is an informal net. So come on and join in on the fun !

If the repeater is off the air, please tune to 147.285 MHz simplex and attempt to contact a repeater control person.

## Name Badges

New members in good standing who have joined the club since 1999 and have not received a name badge from the club will be eligible to receive a name badge from the club at no cost to the member. If you meet these requirements please contact Howard Flint, KC2EZJ, Membership Chairperson, to request your name badge. The deadline to request your badge will be the GRAM meeting on March 18th.

The name badge will have your name, call, ARRL logo and will identify you as a member of GRAM. The badge will also keep in the tradition of a white badge with blue lettering.

## Computer Corner

Which printer should I choose, inkjet or laser ? Lets chat about printers for a bit. The type of printer that you choose depends mainly on what you want to print. It used to be that for the home user an inkjet printer was the printer of choice. This was mainly due to the cost of the printer vs. other choices (laser or dye sublimation). With the cost of laser printers dropping (they now start at \$200), the choice of a printer is not as easy.

Your choice of printer should be dictated by what you will be printing. For example, if you are a home user who is into digital photography. A good color inkjet is your best choice. This gives you great looking prints of photographs. Plus the you still have the ability to print in black and white. A good color inkjet will have separate color and black cartridges that you do not have to swap. The less expensive ones usually require that you swap the color and black cartridges or use the color cartridge to print black which rapidly depletes your color ink cartridge.

Another example is the home user who occasionally prints documents and may or may not require color. In this case an inexpensive ink jet is the way to go. Be careful here as your printing requirements could change and you may not have the optimum printer to suit your new needs.

Finally, we come to the home office user. These types of users may want to consider a personal laser printer. They give you great black and white documents and good throughput. For color printing, an inkjet is the way to go unless, you want to spend the money for a color laser printer (\$700). That choice will depend on your color printing needs as they relate to print volume and color quality.

Of course if you want the best of both worlds, get a laser printer and a good inkjet printer. The choice is yours. Just keep in mind what you will be printing, how much printing will you be doing, and your budget.

## Editors Note

If you have an article that you would like to submit to GRAM NEWS, please submit them via e-mail. My e-mail address is: N2XNY@yahoo.com. I understand that not everyone has e-mail, so you can also send submissions to:

GRAM Radio Club  
PO Box 572  
Batavia, NY 14021-0572

## Program Chairperson Needed

After many, many years, Tom Rosica is stepping down as the Program Chairperson. Many thanks go out to Tom for a job well done. As such, the Program Chairperson position is open to any member of the club. If you are interested in this important position, please let the club officers and board members know.

## Activities

Is there a Ham Radio activity (Fox hunt, contest, satellite, SSTV, Road Trip to Dayton, etc.) that you would be interested in ? Chances are that others in the club share the same interest. Please let a board member or club officer know. They can let the rest of the club know about the activity, recruit participants, and select a date.

## Membership Chairperson Needed

The club is in need of a Membership Chairperson. As of 11/30/03 Harold Hay, W2ABQ, will relinquish his Membership Chairperson duties. If you are interested in this Chair, please contact a Club Officer or Board Member.

The club thanks Harold for his tenure as Membership Chairperson.

## Upcoming Events

2/19 GRAM Meeting  
 2/21 RARA VE Session  
 2/28 Horseheads Hamfest  
 3/18 GRAM Meeting

## GRAM Treasurer

Previously, it was reported that Harold Hay was resigning his post as GRAM Treasurer, effective 1/4/04. Harold has agreed to stay on as Treasurer until his replacement can be found.

With that said, any full member of GRAM wishing to complete Harold's term as GRAM Treasurer should contact a GRAM Board member or Officer.

## Amateur Radio License Testing

All Elements need to complete a License Class. Saturday February 21, 2004. Contact Cheryl Joyce AB2NU , for any special needs (585-533-9252) Registration - 8:30 A.M. Testing - 9:00 A.M. Room 2150, Building 76 ( Park in Lot F ) Rochester Institute of Technology, 1 Lomb Memorial Drive Rochester, New York 14623 ( Make sure you call )

Submitted by Harold Hay, W2ABQ

## Horseheads 23 rd Annual Winter Hamfest

Saturday, February, 28th 2004 Starts at 8:00 AM. Breakfast 8:00 AM. At the New York State National Guard Armory- Horseheads, N.Y. Go to : [www.arast.org/winterfest.shtml](http://www.arast.org/winterfest.shtml) for directions, and get more information.

Submitted by Harold Hay, W2ABQ

## What's Happening ?

I usually try to include a couple of articles from the ARRL letter or Bulletins. However, the recent ones are quite lengthy and would take up too much space in this newsletter. So below is a summary of 2 articles. I'll provide a path to the article itself in case you want to read the whole thing.

The ARRL will be asking the FCC to create a new Novice class that would grant HF Privileges without a Morse code test. They will also be asking to consolidate the remaining class of licenses into 3 license classes. These consolidated classes would have a code requirement of 5 WPM.

I believe that Howard Flint, KC2EZJ sent this article to the reflector. Below is the path to the ARRL website that contains the article in it's entirety.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/04/0123/>

The FCC has decided to put forth a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in regards to Broadband over Power line (BPL). This is the next step in BPL becoming a reality.

There has been much debate over this technology that will allow high speed internet over existing power lines. Early tests of this technology have had negative effects on the amateur bands.

To read the article in it's entirety please visit the following ARRL website.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/04/0213/>

