



### Welcome...

If you thrill to the chase of rare DX, if pushing yourself and your station to the limits in contests is your game, if you are an "armchair" DX'er or tester, if you find the challenge and work of Field Day operations exciting, if you want to share your enthusiasm and hard-won knowledge in these fields with like-minded amateurs, then you belong in the Rochester DX Association.

*DX = "distant exchange"; typically, a contact with a radio operator in a foreign country.*

Founded in 1947 in Rochester, NY, RDXA is an Amateur Radio organization dedicated to the art and science of DX operating and contesting. RDXA has been an ARRL affiliated club since its founding. The club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007 and presently holds the callsign W2RDX.

Club membership numbers approximately 80 amateurs in the Finger Lakes Region of Western New York (WNY). Interests of the members range from the obvious pursuits of HF DX'ing and contesting to satellite operating, restoration and operation of antique gear, QRP building and operating, RTTY, ATV and digital modes, VHF and microwave contesting...and more. Help for the newcomer and old-timer alike is a long-standing club tradition. If amateurs do it, you'll find it in the RDXA.

### Club History

The Rochester DX Association was formed in the spring of 1947 when a number of active DX'ers in the area conceived the idea of holding informal dinner get-togethers for the purpose of discussing DX. It became apparent to the group

## ROCHESTER DX ASSOCIATION • APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Callsign \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member: yes no

Awards: DXCC 5BDXCC WAS 5BWAS WAZ VUCC WAC (circle all that apply)

Other awards and radio interests: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership type (circle):

Regular: \$25 Family: \$25 + \$6.25 per additional member

Student: \$6.25 Out of State: \$6.25

Attach check (made payable to RDXA) and mail to:

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that some form of organization would aid in the nourishment and preservation of the common interest in DX. A constitution was drafted and adopted in June 1947. The aim of the organization was not ambitious...more social than political. The experience of the old timers showed that a successful organization results from strong common interests and as little red tape as possible. The credentials for membership were chosen to insure the former and by-laws were drafted to keep the organization simple and flexible. The RDXA founders felt that they had laid the basis for a long lasting organization that would serve its members well. It would appear, over half a century later, that they found a good formula.

### Organization

The Rochester DX Association is governed by its elected officers and a Board of Directors. Club officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Club officers are also members of the Board of Directors. There are four additional elected Board members.

Membership is open to all licensed radio amateurs with a genuine interest in DX. ARRL Membership is suggested, but not required.

### Regular Meetings

The Rochester DX Association holds formal meetings from September through June. Members convene on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, holidays excepted, 19:30 local time, currently at the Monroe County Emergency Operations Center, 1190 Scottsville Rd. The meeting venue is ADA-accessible. Check the RDXA website ([www.rdxa.com](http://www.rdxa.com)) for updates.

The meeting format consists of a short business program followed by reports from various committee chairmen.

The feature program follows the reports and is a 30-40 minute presentation on some aspect of amateur radio. DXpedition videos, hints and kinks night, the annual DX Quiz are just a few of the subjects covered in recent feature programs.

In keeping with the social traditions of the Club, many members gather after the meeting at a nearby watering hole...usually the Scotch & Sirloin in Winton Place, but sometimes elsewhere (ask at the meeting). Here you'll find camaraderie, more tall tales of DX worked and lost, QSL's received and tips on routes to get that elusive one, antenna and rig discussions and more.

### Bulletin

One of the benefits of RDXA membership is a subscription to the RDXA Newsletter. The Newsletter is published 10 times a year, September through June. A typical issue includes DX tips, listings of DX on the air, humorous ham



anecdotes, member contest scores and standings, QSL route information, and more.

### Hamfest

In recent years, the RDXA tent has become a fixture at the Rochester Hamfest and flea market. Members and non-members alike gather here throughout the event to swap tall tales of rare DX, have a bite to eat, or wet their whistle with a "cold 807" before venturing forth to hunt for radio junk and bargains. Often the visitor can find a QRP station in operation...chasing some casual DX or chewing the rag with stateside ops. Drop by at the next Rochester Hamfest and get acquainted. You'll find a friendly group of hams and a spot to rest your feet before resuming your hunt for that elusive bit of radio gear you just can't live without.

### Field Day

Hard work, good food, sweat and radio madness are words which best describe an RDXA Field Day operation. Each year the Club mounts a 3A outing...plus GOTA and VHF / satellite stations. The location is Webster Park Campground. This site has proved near-perfect for a multi-transmitter effort. A 5-acre field is bounded on

3 sides by an abundance of natural antenna support structures; i.e. trees. A 96-foot unused flagpole near one end of the field serves as a support for a variety of yagis and wire slopers. In 2008, the RDXA Field Day team placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the low power 3A category and scored in the top ten nationwide, keeping RDXA consistent with the club's placement in the top 10 standings nationally in the ARRL Field Day emergency preparedness operating event.



### Annual Awards Banquet

RDXA has established a number of annual awards presented to Club members in recognition of excellence and achievement in HF DX'ing and contesting. The awards are presented at an annual banquet, typically held in April or May, at which members also get together to socialize with friends and spouses.

### Affiliated Clubs

RDXA is affiliated with several other amateur radio clubs in the Rochester area. These include: Rochester Radio Repeater Association, Rochester Amateur Radio Association and Rochester VHF Group.

### Want more information?

Check out the RDXA web site at: [www.rdxa.com](http://www.rdxa.com).