



The **Rochester Amateur Radio Association, Inc.** (RARA) is a widely diversified, highly active amateur radio club located in Rochester, NY. We were founded in 1930, and incorporated in September of 1960. Currently, with over **600** active members, we are one of the largest Amateur Radio clubs in North America; including many international members. Our annual Hamfest attracts thousands of attendees from far and wide. RARA provides a unifying focal point for much of the amateur radio activity in Western New York; focusing on education, entertainment, and camaraderie.

**Public Service** - RARA also excels in many other areas of amateur endeavor. Many RARA members, in cooperation with ARES and RACES, provide reliable communications during disasters and other emergencies at the local and national level. RARA members participate in more than two dozen public service events each year. Our extensive Public Service activities help build public awareness and generate goodwill towards Amateur Radio, provide needed communications to worthy charities and non-profit organizations, all while fostering and enhancing emergency communication preparedness.

**Community** – The RARA Venture Crew is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are between 14 years 21 years of age. Our Scouts explore all facets of radio electronics, while advancing through the ranks of Scouting they also advance through the levels of FCC licensing. Our Scouts are active participants in public service events as well as RACES and ARES activities. The highlight of their year is Field Day which combines camping with emergency preparedness.

**Education** - For many years, RARA has sponsored spring and fall licensing courses in the greater Rochester area. These courses cover all license classes and provide many opportunities to prepare for a new license or upgrade.

**Testing Sessions** - License testing sessions are held monthly, September through May, by our dedicated RARA Volunteer Examiner Team. These examination sessions are given for all levels and elements of licenses. The May testing session is held in conjunction with our annual Hamfest.

**Meetings and Guest Speakers** - RARA meets regularly on the first Friday of the month, September through May. Each month a new and interesting guest speaker joins us to entertain and educate, covering a broad spectrum of topics ranging from the highly technical, pushing the boundaries of amateur radio, to the non-technical, practical and fun for the whole family.

**Hamfest** - RARA is the proud producer of the Rochester Hamfest, the largest in the region, attracting thousands of attendees and filling over 15 acres. The Rochester Hamfest is a major club activity attracting international visitors from Canada and Europe.

**Membership Rewards** - Any member who performs a service for the club, such as volunteering at a public service event or holding a non-elected office, is rewarded with points. The points are accruable and then redeemable towards things like dues, dinner, gift certificates, and merchandise.

**Benefits of Membership:**

- **Free** admission to the Rochester Hamfest!
- **Free** admission to our exclusive *Members Only* Auction in November.
- **Free** admission, food, and drink at our summer picnic and winter cabin party.
- **Free** amateur radio licensing courses.
- **Free** amateur radio license testing.
- Monthly newsletter: *The RARA Rag*
- Annual club banquet
- Reduced rates for ARRL membership and renewal.
- Membership Rewards program

For more information and to join today visit our website: **www.RochesterHam.org** or return this form with your remittance to: RARA Membership, PO Box 93333, Rochester NY, 14692

Membership Application		
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Call sign</b>		<b>Class</b>
<b>Street Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>Country</b>	<b>Phone</b>	
<b>E-mail (to receive the monthly newsletter)</b>		
<b>Levels of membership</b>		
<b>Regular</b>	\$15.00	
<b>Associate (unlicensed)</b>	\$10.00	
<b>Student (-22)</b>	FREE	
<b>Life</b>	\$300.00	
<b>Senior (65+)</b>	\$10.00	
<b>Senior Life</b>	\$200.00	
<b>Additional Family</b>	\$5.00 ea	
<b>Tax deductible donation to our Scholarship Fund:</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Are you an ARRL member?</b>	Yes / No	
To qualify for Senior or Student levels please provide date of Birth.		
List additional Family members below:		
<b>First name</b>	<b>Last name</b>	<b>Call sign</b>
Total Enclosed: \$ _____		