

2017 FALL RALLY REPORT

The RVRN Fall rally was held in Alexandria Bay, NY September 7th thru 10th. The attendance was small in number but large in spirit. By the time I arrived most folks were already there and I only had to drive 50 miles from my home in Croghan, NY which as you all learned Saturday noon, is the "Baloney Capital of the World". By that I refer to the Baloney, not I who happen to live there and I must admit, is full of baloney. I was late in arriving because when I was about 45 minutes in to my drive to the park, I realized I had left Friday mornings breakfast at home in my fridge.

Everyone enjoyed Fridays Breakfast of Pancakes made by our "Pancake Man" Dave, KI5OJ, and smoked sausage cooked in the capable hands of John, W4CCQ, with REAL Maple Syrup, Coffee, Orange juice went really well despite the high temperature or in fact, lack thereof. It just proves one can survive and have a good time in 40 degree temperature with a wind blowing in off the water.

Friday afternoon we had two seminars by Hank K4HM and Tom W3TOM. Friday evening some of us went to supper at "Cavalarios Steak House" in Alex Bay. Great food, but a little pricy for my meager budget.

Saturday Morning dawned cloudy and cool, but sausage gravy over biscuits breakfast with orange juice and coffee was well attended by folks in Eskimo suits. However spirits soon rose when I lied and told everyone it was going to clear off and be warm. Instead of a Sardine lunch, we had Croghan Baloney and Cheese Curd, this time out of the wind between Dave's house and mine. Much better. Big thank you to whoever suggested that! Saturday evening some of us went to "Obrien's" in Clayton for supper.

Sunday morning we awoke to warmer(?) temperatures and a sun that we hadn't seen in days. Coffee and donuts between the houses, Final finals and 73's all around as folks hit the road for home, or next rally as it were.

My feeling is that it was a good rally all in all. To quote our fearless leader, PAT, people make the rally and to that I must aver. My apologies for not knowing how to conduct a rally, however with the help of Hank, Dave, John, and Tom it somehow came together and I for one had a damn good time.

73's Harry WB2SFZ