



CLARA REGER, W2RUF

Clara Reger W2RUF - W8KYR *1898-1980* Of Buffalo, N.Y. YLRL, QCWA Chapter 65, ARRL and Amateurs of Western NY - Managed disaster communications after WW2 - Appointed Official Red Cross station of Buffalo, NY.

First licensed in 1933 when Buffalo was in the 8th amateur district receiving the call sign W8KYR at age 35.

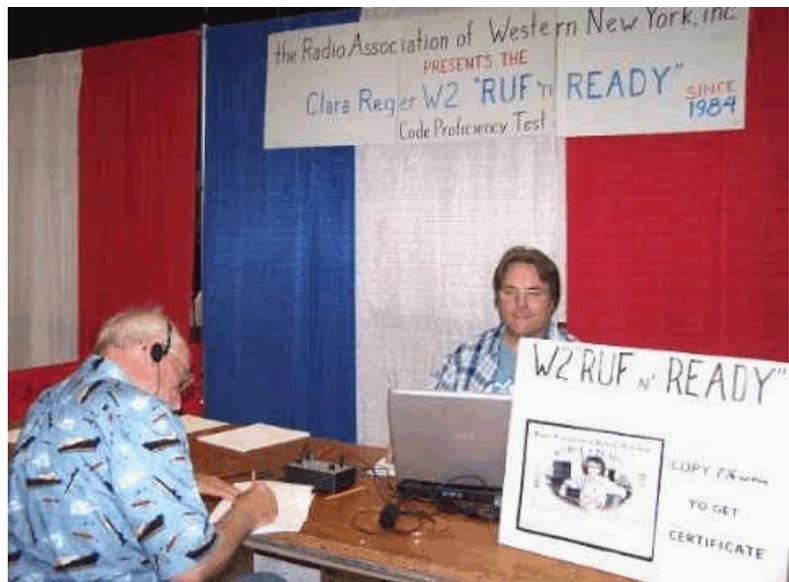
Clara was a life long helper of those who were interested in radio

and electronics. To receive one of her “RUF and Ready Award Certificates” was a strict honor. Clara was so proficient at Morse Code that she could receive in excess of 50 words per minute. She received the outstanding ham in NYS in 1961.

In the 30's Clara developed the signature that all young ladies use on the radio for a salutation “33” which meant love sealed with friendship. She also received the Edison Award.

In 2002 Clara had not been forgotten for her exceptional devotion to her code classes and traffic net control operations - W2PE Radio Room of the Cruiser Little Rock, the U.S. Navy Memorial berthed in Buffalo, was dedicated in Clara’s name.

Your author heard Clara on the air many times but never had the pleasure to chat and get to know each other. It was just one of those things. Traffic people do not stay in any one spot very long and after receiving messages usually delivered them and went back to the Net Control Frequency. Her choice of key was the old time bug (semi automatic key) - they were usually noted with the Lake Erie Swing and spit clix. (Spit Clix) usually an old key would click and Clara’s was no exception.



Each year RAWNY (Radio Assoc. Of Western NY) sponsors “W2RUF & Ready” Code Proficiency tests at Rochester in June. Pictured here Kevin WA2FKV administering. They receive a beautiful four color certificate to those participants who copy at least one perfect minute at 7.5 WPM or more. The certificate will show the date and speed achieved.

The USS Little Rock CLG-4 - A retired U.S. Navy Guided Missile Light Cruiser, 610 feet long, Compliment 1,100 enlisted men – 150 officers and 150 Marines, Served in 1945 until decommissioned in 1976. She is berthed for the public in Buffalo NY.

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Bart W1HNE - Honoring W2RUF

Clara had her ticket
She also had a rig.
Because she was just starting
It wasn't very big.

She slowly tuned the crystal,
And watched the meter drop.
Then tapped the key a couple times
To be sure it wouldn't stop.

Now everything was ready.
She called a short CQ
And received an answer
On thirty-six- sixty-two.

They chewed the fat 'bout stuff and things.
'Bout dresses, work and dates.
They finally called it QRT
The girl sent eighty-eights.

Clara thought it mighty funny
Whether it be Miss or Mrs.
To end a perfect QSO
By sending "love and Kisses."

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It sounds too sentimental;
 Just a little too much “goo”
 To be sending “love and Kisses”
 To a girl the same as you.

For an entire week she pondered;
 Wouldn't even touch the rig'
 She pushed her slide rule by the hour,
 Employing “logs” and “trig”

She added and subtracted.
 What could the answer be?
 To reach a happy medium
 Twixt eighty-eight and seventy-three.

Clara finally looked up from her work.
 All smiles and not forlorn.
 Twas July in nineteen-forty
 That thirty-three was born.

There's no real definition
 But it's meaning is known well.
 It's how a YL says good evening
 To another friend YL.



Name	Birth	Death	Last Residence	Last Benefit
CLARA REGER	28 Mar 1898	Feb 1980	(not specified)	14215 (Buffalo, Erie, NY)

RIP CLARA ZUT!