

# HAM RAG

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JUNE, 1971

"What's in it for Me?" That's a common expression heard today. Nobody wants to do something for nothing. At last Month's meeting, we heard that the free parts and equipment program for MARS members has been all but discontinued, because of a few people who took more than their share of the goodies. We, who try to organize Public Service Corps, such as RACES, run into these characters, occasionally they say "Why should I join to help others, when they won't do anything for me?"

It's discouraging, when we hear that almost 50% of our income goes into government taxes in some form and millions of people are sitting home, on Welfare, being supported by this tax money, it's easy to say "Let's Freeload."

What has this got to do with Ham Radio, you ask? Well, Amateur Radio is a selfish hobby, unlike coin collecting or goldfish raising, Ham Radio Demands a lot from YOU. If it's DX you chase, you might as well plan on some lost sleep and many hours spent on the rig, trying to work the elusive few. Ditto, for the contest operator. The fellow who prefers VHF will spend his time, either in the workshop or on top of the tower, trying to squeeze one more DB. out of the antenna. How well I know, the Public Service Operator will spend hours at distant meetings, only to be rewarded with calls at 3 A.M. saying that a "Walkie-Talkie" is needed at the scene of some Disaster. It's not easy to keep Ham Radio a simple hobby, and not get involved.

So, as you see, we have no room in Amateur Radio for the selfish Operator. It just won't work. Yet, we seem to have them. It is this type of individual that, purposely, jams WIAW code practice sessions, that caused the Milwaukee Repeater to be discontinued, because he liked to Hetrodyne QSO's and add comical ad-libs, or throws his Kilowatt-plus on your frequency to tune up, during an enjoyable QSO. We have no room on the bands for this type of Operator. Sure, there are Laws against this sort of thing, but, the FCC has no where near the needed Manpower to enforce them. So, it's up to us. Only, if we have a successful self-policing attitude, will Ham Radio survive, as an enjoyable hobby. We must clean up our own house.....We can't depend on others to do it. And, it must start with the Amateur Radio Club being the backbone. It works with TVI complaints.... why not with the rest of the clutter on the Air.

de K9PAK

## FIELD DAY 1971

When: Start: June 26, 1971, 1800z (1:00 P.M. for you Lids)  
End : June 27, 1971, 1800z

Where: Rock Valley College Mountain (West side of Campus)  
Call sign: W9AXD/9

Entry: 2A - Club Group Operating 2 Transmitters, simultaneously

Station #1- Chief Op - Pete, W9LVT; Bands 40 & 15 Meters, CW-SSB:  
Antennas - 2 El. 40 Meter Quad, 3 El. 15 Meter Beam.

Station #2- Chief Op - Gunnie, K9WTS; Bands - 80/75 & 20 Meters  
CW & SSB: Antennas - 3 El. 20 Meter Beam, Inverted V.

Power Category: 200 Watts D.C. Maximum (400 Watts P.E.P.)

Power Engineer: Bud, WB 9CHU

Power Source: 3750 Watt Gasoline Generator from County C.D.

Housing: Stations to be housed in C.D. Trailer

Publicity Chairman: Dave, K9PAK

Operators Volunteered: W9LVT, K9WTA, K9UIY, WA9ZCP, KØGXR/9  
K9PAK, WAØVBM/9, K9QYY, WB9ETH.

Special Guest: ZS5JM, John, from Durban, So. Africa, will be  
visiting and will see Field Day for First Time.

Club purchased: 50' Push up Mast, 1000' Guy Wire, COAX.

Needed: If Novices want to have a Station, they will need a  
Chief Operator. Previous Volunteer defected. Novices  
will operate under a Novice Call Sign. We have ample  
power for Generator, but must dig up rig. Contact  
W9LVT, Pete Grillo, or K9WTS, Gunnar Ohlson. Looks  
like VHF could be good, too, if only somebody wanted  
to help.

## TRANSMITTER HUNTS

Ten Meter Transmitter Hunts used to be a tradition with RARA. Every other Friday night, Mobiles would gather at a prearranged location, usually a Shopping Center or other large Parking Lot, and try to find the "Bunny" who was hidden, somewhere in the County. Many ingenious direction finding antennas were invented. When a Mobile was hot on the trail, he would call the hidden transmitter and have him make a few minute transmission, while maps were pondered and antennas turned. The Mobile who found the hidden transmitter, with the least mileage, won.....Speed does not count. Therefore, the last one there, might be the winner. Everybody brought hot dogs or other goodies and an old fashioned picnic followed. Families or friends are welcomed, too. The winner is the "Bunny", next time, or other such arrangement was worked out to pass the duty around.

Sound like Fun? It was! Why not reinstate this event, at least, on a trial basis? We used to use 10 meters A.M. on 28.7. And, of course, all you really needed, was a Receiver in the Mobile, if the "Bunny" would keep talking. Maybe we should try a different Band. Please fill out the enclosed Questionnaire and mail it to K9PAK. Your Call should be on the back side or scribble it in the corner, somewhere.

## MAY MEETING

Our thanks to Dave, Don, and Elmo, from Army MARS, who presented a fantastic program at last month's meeting. They came out from Chicago on their own time (with a little prodding from their superior Officers) and gave us a most interesting look at what MARS is all about. It was good to see such a great turn-out from our Members. I have received some booklets and literature, about the Army MARS program, from the State Director, which I will bring to the June Meeting.

de. WB9ETH.

## JUNE MEETING

Ever heard of a Hot Carrier Diode? (No relation to Hot Pants) Or, how about a dual Gate MOS-FET? varactor should be in your vocabulary, by this time, or is it? well, Friday Evening, June 11th, you will have an opportunity to find out about these little Gems and More. Wes, W9LST, from Clinton, Wisconsin, will be our Guest. He operates a small at-home Business, manufacturing a fine line of VHF Transmitter and Receiver Accessories, under the name WESCOM. Many of his 2 Meter Pre-Amps are in use across the Country. He will be here to discuss the application of new solid state devices to your equipment, and, perhaps, tell us of things to look for, in future Ham gear. This should, definitely, be a DON'T MISS MEETING. Remember, Friday, June 11th, 7:30 P.M., Rock Valley College. Follow Signs to Classroom Building One.

## THE GRAPEVINE

W9FX is on an extended vacation to California and Hawaii and plans to give his 2 Meter FM a real workout. Bill, WA9WGW is home, on leave from the Service. He's stationed at Ft. Meade, Md., where he operates Slant 2. Congrats to WB9EEH on graduating from U. of Wisconsin. He will take up permanent residence in Rfd., and will be married this Month, too. Six people responded with \$ when the offer to buy some 2 Meter FM rigs, at low price went out. There appears to be a delay, though, as the source is temporarily, out of stock. Your President is holding the Loot. Refunds cheerfully granted, otherwise, we will wait a few weeks, to see what develops. Another source is being followed up, too. No response to Club Shirts? What? Has apathy set in? Leland WA9WVY, is busy building a family room addition to his Home. He's planning on a private hamshack, in the corner, as long as the XYL's sewing machine doesn't win out. Band openings? Wow!.....2-Meter FM provided Mobile to Mobile QSO's into Michigan and Indiana. W9MAP worked Muskegon, Mich., as he was in Lafayette, Ind. on the way to the 500 Race. He said the Indianapolis Repeater was going day and night. Six Meters has given good solid QSO's into the East Coast and Florida, so reports K9WMA and WA9IYK. Ten Meters has shown good openings, as well. K9KGV is Mobile on the low bands.

RARA IS NOW UP TO 70 MEMBERS.

## TRADING POST

For sale: Six meter Cushcraft Beam - \$15; Small 2 Meter Beam - \$5; Call Bob WN9ERZ, 968-0116

## RARA JUNE QUESTIONNAIRE

I am interested in Transmitter Hunts. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What Band should they be on? \_\_\_\_\_ Meters

How often? \_\_\_\_\_ every other week \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ (Other)

I prefer a club \_\_\_\_\_ shirt \_\_\_\_\_ jacket \_\_\_\_\_ cap

Color? \_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_\_\_ grey \_\_\_\_\_ (other)

I have following program ideas \_\_\_\_\_

(Tear off or copy info on other card or paper and mail to K9PAK now.)

## TVI TROUBLES ?

A few months back, we published a form letter, asking each of you to copy it, sign it, and send it to the FCC. It requested get-tough action to require TV Manufacturers to build better Receiver-Front-ends, to reject interference. Apparently, the nationwide campaign has done some good. The FCC is cracking down. In the meantime, the high-pass Filter must be relied upon to provide the needed help. Enclosed with this month's HAM RAG is a list furnished to us by the ARRI. As you can see, most TV Set Manufacturers will now provide free filters. Save this List. Share it with your Buddies, who may be having problems. Offer help to your neighbor, who may be having TVI trouble, even if you know it's the CB'er down the block.

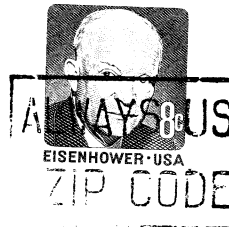
## HAMFEST NEWS

What probably is the best attended Hamfest in the Midwest, will be held this weekend. On Sunday, June 6th. It always seems strange why the Starved Rock Hamfest is so popular.... since the facilities couldn't be worse. But, it's Central location and a great P.R. job goes a long way to help it along. Anyway, if you're interested in buying or selling or swapping (ham gear) it's worth the trip down Highway 51 to Ottawa. This presents a great opportunity to sell tickets to the Hamfest at Belvidere, too. So, by all means, don't forget to take your tickets along. If you have a sales set-up take along the flyer to Post at your Booth, to publicize the Event. Remember, every ticket sold is money in our pocket.

## MAKING HISTORY

Ernie, W9MAP..... Did you know you have been appointed our Club Historian? Congratulations, Since you are one of the few Charter Members still active in RARA, the choice was a natural one. W9FL got the Ball rolling, by bringing scrapbook material to the last meeting. Now, if we can get the rest of the Members to gather up the old clippings and mementos, they may have and get them to you, we can start on a long overdue project. Ern, and keep the chin up.

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