

HAM RAG

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HEY, YOU. YES, YOU... THE ONE WITH THE RARA MEMBERSHIP CARD IN YOUR POCKET. I THOUGHT YOU KNEW WE WANTED MORE FROM YOU THAN YOUR \$3 LAST SPRING. THOSE OF US THAT COME OUT TO THE MEETINGS, AND HELP OUT IN CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE HAVING A HELL OF A GOOD TIME DOING IT. WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD ENJOY IT TOO, BUT... MAYBE WE JUST HAVEN'T HAD A PROGRAM TO SUIT YOU? MAYBE WE JUST AREN'T DOING ENOUGH? WELL, I SURE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOMETIME. HOW ABOUT AT THE NEXT MEETING. BRING A FRIEND, TOO.

I, FOR ONE, DO NOT LIKE TO BELONG TO A CLUB THAT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING. I ASSUME YOU DON'T EITHER. I AM TRYING TO HELP THE CLUB GET SOMEWHERE. THAT GOAL TO ME, IS TO HAVE AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS RESPECTED IN THE EYES OF OTHER FELLOW HAMS, MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL WE MUST HAVE A CLUB THAT IS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO ALL. ARRL CAME UP WITH SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS LATELY. I DON'T RECALL THE ACTUAL FIGURES, BUT IT HAS BEEN SHOWN THAT THE CLUBS THAT LAST OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME ARE NOT SPECIALTY CLUBS. IT SEEMS THAT THOSE CLUBS THAT AIM FOR ONLY DX'ERS, ONLY VHF'ERS, OR ONLY ANY OTHER FACTION, DO NOT LAST. OF COURSE THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS, BUT MOST OF THESE ARE IN MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS. SO WE WOULD BE SOUNDING OUR DEATH BLOW BY CATERING TO ONE AREA. I WANT THE RARA TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND DISCRIMINATION FOR NO ONE. I THINK IF YOU LOOK BACK AT OUR PROGRAMS THE PAST YEAR, YOU WILL SEE A PRETTY GOOD VARIETY. BUT, YET, WE HAVE NOT ATTRACTED THOSE POSSIBLE MEMBERS WHO WANT TO PUT JUST A LITTLE BIT OF WORK INTO THE CLUB TO GET SOMETHING OUT. WHEN I HAVE ASKED SOME FELLOWS TO HELP I HAVE RECEIVED ALL KINDS OF EXCUSES FROM EVERYONE, INCLUDING A FEW "HELL, NO'S". LOOK, I'M NOT GETTING PAID FOR THIS JOB OF PRESIDENT AND NEITHER ARE ANY OF THE OFFICERS OR BOARD MEMBERS. NOW AT THE NEXT MEETING I WILL BE LOOKING FOR A COUPLE OF PEOPLE TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES. WE WILL NEED A COMMITTEE TO PLAN FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. SURE, IT INVOLVES A LITTLE WORK AND TIME... MAYBE A WHOLE 2 OR 3 HOURS TOTAL. BUT WE JUST AREN'T GOING TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY WITHOUT SOMEONE TO PLAN FOR IT. AND, IF WE DON'T HAVE A PARTY, HOW ELSE ARE WE GOING TO FIND OUT WHO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB ARE ANYWAY? (MAYBE, WE SHOULD HAVE A RULE THAT ONLY MEMBERS WHO ATTEND ONE OTHER MEETING ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.) JUST KIDDING!!!

73, AND C U OCTOBER 8TH, DE K9PAK

NOVICE SCHOOL

ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE'S FIRST ATTEMPT AT RUNNING A CLASS FOR AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS TURNED OUT TO BE A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT FOR ALL CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO BE HAMS. STATE LAW REQUIRES TEN STUDENTS TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS BEFORE IT CAN GO. ONLY FOUR SHOWED UP AT THE FIRST SESSION, AND IT HAD TO BE SCRUBBED. THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION IS THAT THE LACK OF PUBLICITY KILLED THE CLASS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS HIDDEN IN A LENGTHY SCHEDULE OF CLASSES IN ONE ISSUE OF THE PAPER, SINCE THE TIME THE CLASS WAS CANCELLED, THE COLLEGE HAS HAD MANY CALLS FROM PEOPLE WHO JUST DISCOVERED THE COURSE... ENOUGH TO MAKE IT GO NOW, BUT IT'S JUST TOO LATE. SO WHERE TO GO NOW??

THIS QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD MEETING HELD LAST TUESDAY EVENING, AND HERE IS WHAT IS NOW BEING PLANNED. TWO CLASSES WILL START NEXT JANUARY OR FEBRUARY... ONE, CONDUCTED BY THE CLUB, WILL BE FOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE ONLY. IT WILL BE LOW IN COST, JUST \$2 OR \$3 DOLLARS TO PAY FOR MATERIALS, AND WILL RUN FOR TEN OR TWELVE WEEKS. THEN, ROCK VALLEY WILL TRY AGAIN WITH A CLASS TO BE TEN WEEKS IN LENGTH, COSTING \$15. IT OFFERS COLLEGE CREDIT, AND PERHAPS WILL HAVE A LITTLE MORE TECHNICAL EMPHASIS, AND OF COURSE, MORE RESOURCES SUCH AS TEST EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATIONS. THIS COURSE IS NOT LIMITED AS FAR AS AGE GOES. A YOUNGER PERSON MAY TAKE THIS COURSE SHOULD HE DESIRE.

WE PLAN A TWO-PRONGED ATTACK TO PROMOTE THESE CLASSES. THE JANUARY, 1972 MEETING OF THE CLUB WILL BE PROMOTED IN THE PAPER AND BY OTHER MEDIA FOR VISITORS TO COME OUT AND SEE WHAT AMATEUR RADIO IS ABOUT. WE WILL OBTAIN SOME FILMS, SUCH AS HAM'S WIDE WORLD TO SHOW. WE MAY BRING IN A COUPLE GUESTS, ETC. THEN, TO PROMOTE THIS MEETING, AND HAM RADIO IN GENERAL, WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A BOOTH AT COLONIAL VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER MALL ON A WEEKEND BEFORE CHRISTMAS. AMATEURS WILL BE PRESENT TO TAKE MESSAGES OF CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FOR SERVICEMEN. THE TRAFFIC CAN BE SENT RIGHT FROM THE SHOPPING CENTER OVER VHF TO AREA STATIONS WHO WILL THEN RELAY THE TRAFFIC TO APPROPRIATE NETS, EITHER AMATEUR OR MARS.

THIS ARTICLE HAS DRIFTED OFF THE SUBJECT OF THE TITLE, BUT IT IS ALL TIED IN. WE ARE STILL OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS, TOO.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

LAST SUMMER, RED, W9FX, TOOK A LENGTHY TRIP TO THE WEST COAST AND HAWAII. HE TOOK ALONG HIS CAMERA TOO, AND NOW HAS PREPARED A TRAVELLOG OF HIS TRIP, WHICH INCLUDED MANY STOPS FOR HAMMING ALONG THE WAY. JOIN US NEXT FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 8TH, 7:30 PM, AT ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE [CLASSROOM BUILDING #1] FOR A TRIP TO THE LAND OF W6 AND KH6. OF COURSE, COFFEE DRINKING AND RAG CHEWING FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM.

EVER THINK ABOUT GOING RTTY? WHAT DOES IT COST? IS IT DIFFICULT? WELL, COME TO OUR NOVEMBER MEETING AND FIND OUT. DCN, W9BQC, HAS BEEN ON RTTY FOR YEARS, AND HE WILL TELL US ALL ABOUT IT ON NOVEMBER 12TH. PLAN ON IT.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

WELL, ONE THING IS FOR SURE. IT TAKES SOMETHING REAL SPECIAL TO GET YOU GUYS OUT OF A NICE COOL SHACK AND OUT TO A RARA MEETING. THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WAS A CHANCE FOR EVERYTHING TO COME OUT IN THE OPEN AND LET YOU, THE MEMBERS, TELL THE OFFICERS JUST WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR CLUB. MANY THINGS WERE DISCUSSED BY THE 19 MEMBERS WHO WERE THERE. IN SUMMARY, PETE, W9LVT, DISCUSSED CLUB PARTICIPATION IN UPCOMING CONTESTS IN THE FALL AND WINTER SEASON. WE HAD A SMALL TASTE OF CONTEST OPERATING DURING THE DX TEST LAST SPRING AND WE PLACED VERY WELL. THE POSSIBILITY OF A DUES INCREASE WAS BROUGHT UP. WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE MORE MONEY, BUT THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE COULD BE DOING WITH A LARGER TREASURY THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE NOW. AFTER ALL, THERE AREN'T MANY CLUBS THAT CHARGE \$3.00 DUES, AND THEN GIVE YOU YOUR MONEY BACK AT THE END OF THE YEAR IN THE FORM OF A FREE DINNER PARTY, AND STILL COME OUT AHEAD. MORE MONEY WOULD MEAN BETTER PROGRAMS TOO.

OUR MEETING PLACE

NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF RARA HAS THE CLUB HAD SUCH A GREAT MEETING PLACE. IT WAS WITH CONCERN WHEN THE OFFICERS WERE TOLD OF POSSIBLE UPCOMING PROBLEMS OF MEETING AT ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE. ANYWAY, THE AIR HAS CLEARED, AND THINGS HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET AT ROCK VALLEY, PROBABLY IN THE DOWNSTAIRS ROOM WHERE WE HAVE BEEN MEETING. THE UPSTAIRS ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE TO US ON A PREARRANGED BASIS FOR LARGER, SPECIAL PROGRAMS. PARKING IS NO PROBLEM, MEMBERS WILL BE ISSUED PARKING STICKERS AT NO COST. IF YOU COME TO A MEETING, OR INVITE A GUEST, AND DON'T HAVE A STICKER, JUST PARK IN THE AREA NEAR THE CLASS-ROOM BUILDING AS USUAL. ONE NEW RULE NOW MUST APPLY... NO SMOKING. IF YOU MUST SMOKE, LEAVE THE ROOM, AND GO OUT IN THE HALLWAY ON THE TILED AREA. THIS IS A STATE AND FIRE DEPT. RULING. UNFORTUNATLY, WE HAD ONE MEMBER WHO DID NOT UNDERSTAND THIS LAST MEETING. WE HOPE HE DOES NOW. WE ALL OWE VITO, K9UCM, OUR PERSONAL THANKS FOR GOING TO BAT FOR THE CLUB WITH THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION, AND FIGHTING FOR THE PRIVILEGES WE NOW ENJOY. WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO RUIN HIS HARD WORK WITH ONE STUPID INCIDENT.

CONTESTS

A GOOD CONTEST SERVES TO JOIN THE MEMBERS TOGETHER IN A CLUB EFFORT, BESIDES BEING LOTS OF FUN. IT ADDS A SPIRIT OF COMPETITIVENESS BETWEEN CLUBS AND WITHIN THE CLUB. ONE OF OUR CONTEST CO-CHAIRMEN, PETE, W9LVT, GAVE A REPORT LAST MEETING ON UPCOMING CONTESTS. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE INTERESTED HE WILL HAVE MORE AVAILABLE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING. ELSEWHERE IN THIS PAPER IS A CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS, INCLUDING IMPORTANT CONTESTS. LETS GET SOME CLUB SPIRIT AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.

TRADING POST

FOR SALE: MOBILE EQUIPMENT - HALLICRAFTERS PS150-12 POWER SUPPLY, BUMPER MOUNT, COMPLETE HYGAIN MOBILE ANTENNA SET, INCLUDING ALL COILS. TOTAL COST NEW: \$171.85. MAKE OFFER OR SWAP FOR ??? CALL AL, W9PAE, 398-2699 FOR MORE DETAILS.

FOR SALE: LAFAYETTE HA-350 RECEIVER, HAM BANDS ONLY. THIS IS A GOOD RECEIVER FOR A NOVICE, CALL ORRIN, EX-WN9CGQ, 633-6272 FOR A GOOD DEAL, LIKE NEW.

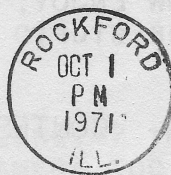
CALENDAR

- OCTOBER 8.....NEXT MEETING OF RARA
- OCTOBER 30-31.....CQ'S WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST PHONE
- NOVEMBER 6-7.....ILLINOIS QSO PARTY
- NOVEMBER 13-14.....ARRL SWEEPSTAKES (PHONE)
- NOVEMBER 12.....MEETING OF RARA
- NOVEMBER 20-21.....ARRL SWEEPSTAKES (CW)
- NOVEMBER 27-28.....CQ WW DX CONTEST CW
- DECEMBER ?.....RARA CHRISTMAS PARTY

SHORT SUBJECTS

K9WMA IS STILL IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL. WB9ETH HAS STARTED A FUND TO HELP HARVEY, SINCE THERE IS NO INSURANCE TO PAY THE TAB. CALL OR SEE JIM TO HELP OUT. BELATED CONGRATS TO LARRY, K9KZT WHO WON THE QST COVER PLAQUE AWARD FOR THE BEST ARTICLE IS QST. IT WAS PRESENTED TO HIM AT THE BELVIDERE HAMFEST BY ARRL DIRECTOR W9HPG. WATCH FOR PHOTO COVERAGE IN QST. THE TEN METER NET HAS HELD UP WELL THRU THE SUMMER WITH A GOOD NUMBER OF CHECK-INS. FOR THE LATEST PLEASE CHECK IN, 28.7 AT 9:00 PM MONDAYS. AND HOW ABOUT SOMEBODY RELAYING ARRL BULLETINS TO US ON THE NET??

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