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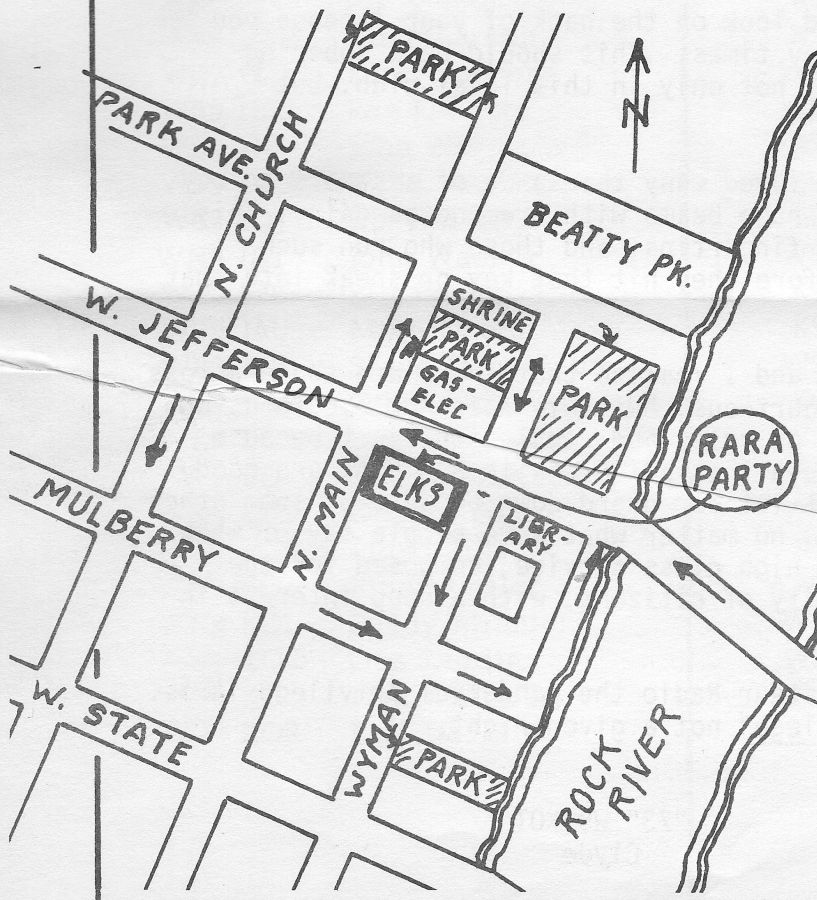
DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1973

PLACE: ROCKFORD ELKS CLUB

TIME: COCKTAILS - 6:30 PM
DINNER - - 7:30 PM

Ring front door bell. Open when attendant buzzes lock release. Go DOWN the stairs to our cloak room, dining room, and bar. (Sundstrand is having another party upstairs, so don't get lost)

John Wacker and Clyde Aspling will be at the dining room door to check reservations, and to collect \$5.50 for guests of members.



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Your suggestions and criticisms are invited - phone any time.

"PRIVILEGE"

We as amateur radio operators have a tremendous privilege granted to us when we pass those Government exams and receive our license. It is an accomplishment and a privilege which, I believe, we take too lightly many times, myself included. We should all reconsider this privilege every-time we sit down at our radio equipment and pick up the mic or lay our hand on that key. Whether we run five watts or 1,000 watts, the communication coverage we have at our disposal is tremendous, when you really think serious about it.

Everyone talks of the lack of courtesý on the air today. I believe this is because so few amateurs really seriously think of the Amateur Radio Service as a "privilege." They feel it is a "right" they have. It is not a "right;" it is a "privilege" granted by the Federal Government when you pass those exams from the Federal Communication Commission.

If you will take a moment now and look on the back of your license you will see the word "privilege" many times. This should be a sobering thought to all of us as amateurs, not only in this local club, but across the country.

Our affluent society today has allowed many thousands of amateurs to buy Kilo watt rigs, 100 foot towers, huge beams with tremendous gain. This is awesome power to have at your fingertips, and those who run such power should think about that before they hit that key or speak into that mic.

Courtesy starts with each of us, and I realize that there are those across this country who will never be courteous, but this does not excuse us who are law abiding to begin fudging on rules and regulations just because the "other fellow does." I believe that all of us in R.A.R.A. are good, courteous amateurs, but let's not let our guard down because of some other sloppy operator. Amateur radio, no matter what some people say or what articles are written, is still a high class service, composed for the most part of a real fine fraternity of citizens, with a deep interest in the Art of Radio Communication.

Let's all do our part to keep Amateur Radio the wonderful privilege it is. Remember, it is a granted "privilege" not a given right.

"73" WB9KOT
Clyde

PRESIDENT'S LOG

Hope you enjoyed the flicks and cake at last month's meeting. Gene plans to have at least two meetings of that kind next year. Gives us all a chance to relax as preparation is a minimum and we don't have to toss the coffee down and run before curfew.

Boy S.S. phone is a real test of a new rig! Started at 2200 GMT and worked till 0900 GMT. Hit the sack and back on for 14 hours on the air. First contest for me, scored 13,328 points as class "A", good enough for 30th place in Ill? Glad I put up a hasty 40 meter V, as 30% of qso's on that band. Really had a ball. C.W. following week was another matter. Seems I forgot how to copy high speed code. Six months off the C.W. kick is not the best way to start a contest. Gave up after about 100 qso's. Naturally, got Pete W9LVT/6 and K9UIY; Vic was at nr. 390 at 1842 GMT, bet he comes out first again. Vic sure can punch that key, no wonder he is an A-1 operator.

Note; contests in December- 160 meter, 8-9th; 10 meter, 15-16th; and straight key nite the 31st. Am attempting to assemble a power supply for a converted TCS-12 to get on 160. Any one got a spare vertical around for 160? Its only about 250 ft. high.

This issue marks the close of my log as President. It's been a most rewarding ham experience. My thanks to Dick, Clyde, Bill, Ralph, Ray, Jack and all who helped make 1973 a successful year for R.A.R.A.. With your support we can make 1974 even better. --- Tnx, 73's and Merry Xmas De WB9IOG

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5. THE AFRICANA GROUP - SSB - Mon thru Fri 12 Noon, 2 hrs.- 21.355 MHz.

DXers use this net to get QSL's from many African countries and other rare ones. No membership is required, but operation is fast and tightly disciplined. WA6BJS, Herb, near San Fransisco is in charge, His back-up in the Midwest usually is WØGX, Leo.

Shortly after opening the net, African stations (up to five) will be invited to check in. Then W6BJS will announce their calls and QSL information, repeating this periodically. Stateside call areas are called in rotation, admitting up to ten stations per call area. When NCS calls for 9's, give him only the suffix of your call, and persist until he acknowledges you. Then keep quiet until he calls your suffix ("HHH make your call"). then very quickly call the DX station you want.

Use phonetics. Call twice, give him your call twice, his signal report (4 by 5), your state and handle, and say "QSL?". He will QSL the report, and report on your signal, which you must QSL. You may make two contacts in each go-around if desired. Remember to turn it back to net control as soon as you finish. Do not try to get into a QSO - it is not permitted on this very fast net operation. It is suggested that you listen to the Africana Group for a while to get the feel of it.

About QSL cards, be sure you have your s.a.s.e. at the DX Bureau in Elmhurst. If your contact has his own stateside QSL manager, send him a s.a.s.e. If your QSL must go direct, the IRC's may become expensive.
de WB9HHH

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6. RARA SLOW SPEED CW NET - - Reactivation Notice.

There was some talk at the last meeting on getting another CW net going like we had last year. It was decided that it would be worth while to give it another try. RARA SLOW SPEED CW NET will meet every Sunday night, starting December 16, at 7:00pm local time, on 21.150 MHz. Its purpose will be to ragchew and to gain code proficiency. The net will operate at a speed of 8 WPM, hopefully a good speed for both novice and higher license class holders.

Jim, WN9KZQ, will take net control December 16, and it will change from week to week. See you on the Net.

de WN9KZQ es WN9MMM

RARA CONGRATULATES -
JIM DUNLEA, WN9KZQ, who
passed his General Class Exam
on November 23.

AT LAST - -
CLYDE, WB9KOT, received his
General ticket, two long months
after passing the exam.

Jack Stuman, K9UWN, still doesn't feel so good, but he used his talent to come up with a new front cover design. Too bad we had to clutter it up with too much stuff. Except for the clutter, how do you like the design?

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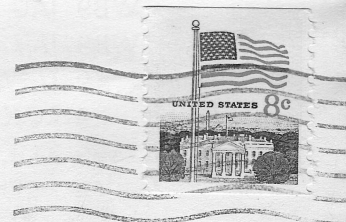
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