

HAM RAG

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NET meets each Monday at 9:00 P.M. local time on 28.7 megahertz

ATTENTION

The next meeting of R.A.R.A. will be April 18, 1975

at 7:00 p.m. at Rock Valley College in Classroom 222,
Bldg. CL 1.

You will want to be sure and be there, as we have
arranged for a program to be presented to us by the
Bell System.

NEWS FLASH JUST RECEIVED
THE PROGRAM IS CALLED
"LIGHT-FANTASTIC"

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER - DON JURGEN
FROM BELL SYSTEM - JOLIET, ILL.

DISPLAYS FOR PROGRAM ARE TRAVELING
300 MILES,

LASER TECHNOLOGY

PLEASE DON'T MISS THIS MEETING.

PRESIDENT'S LOG

In my opening remarks, I want to thank all of you who have returned your Club Questionnaires. I have not read all of them, but the ones I did read reveal that we have a tremendous wealth of talent in the Club. For those of you who have not done so, please let me urge you once again to fill out the form and return it. If you have misplaced your form, a telephone call to the Secretary, Byron Dale, 965-2519, will get you another copy. This form is important to the Club because, in some cases, it tells us a little more about your activities than we are able to learn at our meetings with a short "Eyeball QSO".

A short visit to the Civil Defense trailer revealed to me what a tremendous job one of R.A.R.A.'s members, Jay Hart, is doing with his many fine volunteers during the flooding of the rivers. I could name many other fine members who are giving of their time and talents. For fear of missing anyone, I am not going to list you in my log but on another page of the log, you will find a list of the people who are working with Jay Hart.

By now, I am sure all of you have received your form from the A.R.R.L. concerning Docket 20282. Please do your part and fill out the form and return it. Remember, this is our chance to show the A.R.R.L. that we appreciate the hard work they are putting forth concerning the docket.

I hope that all of you who read this Log will check your calendars and come to the April 11 meeting if you can. Our attendance at the meetings has been growing. Please keep up the good work.

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RARA/RACES MEMBERS ACTIVE DURING RECENT EMERGENCIES

We have listed below the names of RARA members who gave much of their time and are still giving it during the current flood. To date, these people have put in 856 hours of their time. Nate McClure, Winnebago County Deputy Civil Defense Director, has personally expressed that he is very, very happy with the way in which the RARA/RACES members have responded, both in the search for Joe Didier and during the flood.

Congratulations to all of the following people. RARA, RACES, and the community are proud of you!

K9QYY	Jay Hart	WA9WVY	Lee Gelhausen
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W9BAV	Jim Clark	K9PGW	Claude Baker

To those we may have inadvertently missed, congratulations to you, too!

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IS THERE ANY MEMBER WHO HAS NOT BEEN GETTING THE HAM RAG ?

Please contact John Wacker, 399-1695.

Feb. 22 1975

R.A.R.A.
c/o John Wacker
Rockford, Ill.

John:

Officers and members of E.A.R.S. hereby expresses its gratitude for the financial contribution to the repeater WR9AES by R.A.R.A.

We hope all area hams take advantage of the facilities now open to them on 2 meters via this repeater.

EARS will make every effort to maintain the highest quality of communication facilities at all times thru the repeater and look forward to many years of service.

Thanks again for the financial aid.

Sincerely,



Paul Klein, Sec. E.A.R.S.
c/o S. Wilcox
4960 Hindsdale Court
Rockford, Ill. 61108

REPEATER FEEDBACK

It is always a pleasure to hear appreciative comments concerning the .01/.61 repeater, but especially so when the comment comes from a man such as Art Hampton, who is with the Rock River Emergency Squad, a CB oriented group. Art has been closely involved with recent Civil Defense activities, handling CB and other communications in the CD trailer, and has said that he is very impressed with the dependability and extended range of the repeater. Art is now Second Deputy CD Director for Winnebago County -- maybe we can make him a ham!

DON'T FORGET DOCKET 20282

Copies of RARA'S letter to the FCC concerning Docket 20282 will be available at our April meeting. This letter has been approved by the Board of Directors and has been forwarded to the proper people. If you haven't sent one of your own yet, you might be interested in using the RARA letter as a guide. Proper format and addresses were included in last month's RAG, copies of which will be also available at the April meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alpine Park (behind Colonial Village) has been reserved as the site for the 1975 RARA Family Picnic on June 22. Mike Oberg will handle the picnic details...watch for them in the May HAM RAG.

FIELD DAY will be June 28 & 29 this year. Jerry, WB9LOM, is this year's Field Day chairman and is actively soliciting operators for the club effort. The RARA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we have accepted the offer of the Rock Valley College station for field day use. Warm up those fists! All members interested in joining the Field Day crew are urged to contact Jerry at 633-2345 (home) or 633-1444 ext. 233.

Quarterly EARS meeting is coming up on April 20, Sunday, at 7:00 PM, Rockford Red Cross Chapter, 727 N. Church St. in beautiful downtown Rockford. EARS members (now some 50 strong) welcome all those interested in the local 2M FM repeater to come down and watch present repeater decisions and future planning in action.

SILENT KEY

It has come to our attention that Marion Wheeler, WB9HJE, of Albany, Wisconsin, recently became a silent key. Marion was always interested in RARA activities and was a member in good standing. He enjoyed getting the HAM RAG in order to keep informed on Rockford Area happenings, and was active on 75M as well as 2M FM where many of us had met him. We extend our sincere condolences and sympathy to his family.

W9NKQ GENERATES HARMONIC

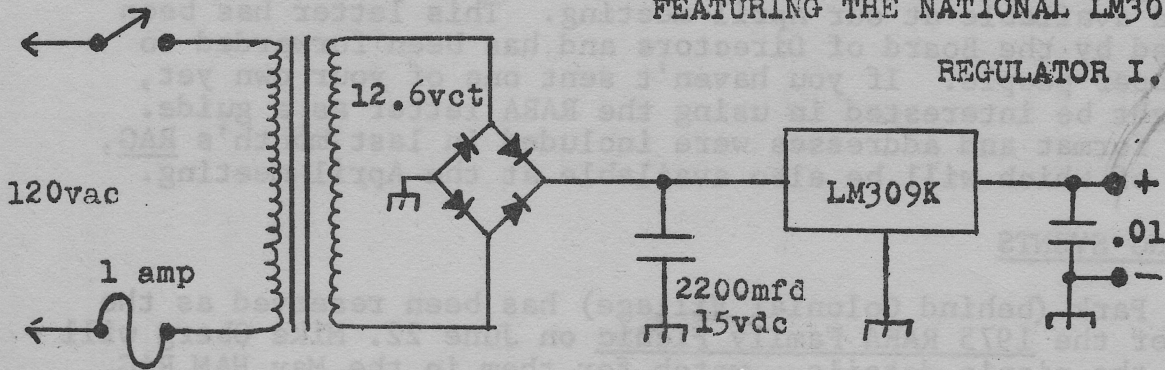
Mick, W9NKQ, whose 6M SSB harmonics might be somewhat cut down since the recent windstorm, has generated a much more likable harmonic. Mick and his wife Althea are the proud parents of another boy, Jason, to help no. 1 son Matt run the station at W9NKQ. RARA's congratulations to you!

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YES ! ! TREASURER JACK MUNTZ WILL STILL ACCEPT YOUR 1975 DUES!

A FIVE VOLT 1 AMP REGULATED POWER SUPPLY

FEATURING THE NATIONAL LM309K
REGULATOR I.C.



The National Semiconductor Corp. recently released a new voltage regulator I.C. type number LM309K. This regulator will supply five volts at 1 amp. with no heat sink and 1.5 amps. with a heat sink on the package. This regulator has internal thermal shut down so that if its ratings are exceeded it will shut off and not be damaged. There is also a lower power LM 309H available if you dont need a full amp of current. These units are a much better choice for power supply regulation than the old Zener and pass transistor method. The cost is \$1.50 for the LM309K and \$1.05 for the LM309H from JAMES ELECTRONICS, POB 822, Belmont, CA. 94002.

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