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13th Annual Valentine Dinner-Dance to be on February 9th Last Call for Reservations

The social event of the RaRa season is the annual Valentine Dinner-Dance. That is the one evening each year when amateur radio operators in the greater Rochester area gather to honor the ladies in their lives. Time and place for the event this year, the 13th annual, is Saturday, February 9th at the Hilton Inn-On-The-Campus, Jefferson Road near the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Back in the 50's and early 60's, the club would set aside one meeting night each year as "ladies night" with special programming and refreshments served at the meeting hall, then located at the Rochester Museum. Along came Cappy Capauldy, K2UXF, who in 1961 was secretary of RaRa. At a Board of Directors meeting, Cappy offered the suggestion that perhaps it would be a good idea to have a dinner-dance at a fine restaurant in town in lieu of the ladies nights held in years gone by. The Board adopted the motion and Cappy became the first chairman. For those of you who may remember, the first such evening was at the Manger Hotel (now replaced by the Seneca Office Building), on February 10th, 1962.

Cappy is still an active member of the club and is sure to be at the Dinner-Dance. If you miss it, you have only yourself to blame. Something that has been a success for twelve years must be worthwhile.

Festivities will begin around 6:30 p. m. when cocktails will be served. Next is a buffet dinner. Then, our master-of-ceremonies Eddie Dunn, W2ECH, will lead the entertainment portion of the evening. After awards are presented, the lights will be lowered and the orchestra will start the dance music. From that point, you are on your own for the balance of the evening.

Your final opportunity to get tickets will be at the February 1st club meeting. If it is impossible for you to get to that meeting, mail your request to ticket chairman, Helen Smith, A2YRH, 153 Mason Avenue, Rochester, N. Y. 14626. Make your check payable to Rochester Amateur Radio Association, Inc. Ticket price is only \$7.50 each, or \$15.00 a couple. If you write for your tickets, be sure to include the buyer's first name so name badges can be prepared in advance.

FEBRUARY 1st MEETING Electronics and Film

by Joe Hood, K2YAH

The February RaRa meeting will continue the tradition set several years ago of having one joint meeting each year with the Kodak Park Radio Club. This joint meeting provides a pleasant break in the routine of meetings held at the Farm and Home Center and, as you will see as you read further, gives RaRa members a unique opportunity to hear a program which might not be possible otherwise. It also gives those of us who live on the north side of town a brief respite from the trek to the other side of town.

The program for this joint meeting will show the results of effort within Kodak to marry motion picture projection and television electronics technologies into a most unique product ... The Kodak Supermatic Film Video Player.

The program, made available through Mr. R. L. Cox, a marketing specialist with Kodak's Motion Picture and Audio Visual Markets Division by the efforts of Frank Lisuzzo, WA2NQS, president of KPRC, will explain what the video player is and what makes it tick. It should prove particularly interesting to those amateurs interested in slow or fast scan television.

Now wait! Before you show up at the Farm and Home Center on February 1 and wonder where everyone is, remember the meeting is being held in the Camera Club Theater in the first basement of the Kodak Park Recreation Center (Building 28). The Recreation Center entrance is located on the north side of Ridge Road West at the second signal light west of Lake Avenue. Ample free parking should be available in the visitors lot located just south on Ridge Road West at the first signal light west of Lake Avenue. Just look for the usual herd of mobile antennae and you can't miss it.

The whole affair begins at 8 p. m. with refreshments (courtesy of KPRC) and awards to follow the program. See you there.

HR REPORT Jan. 2 - FCC license renewals running very slow; 8 to 10 week turnaround not unusual. Apply early and note application date in log. If your application is "timely" (at least a month before expiration date) you can continue operating after expiration.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Bob Lauzon, WB2NSD

Attendance at the January meeting speaks for the reputation of the program planned for that night and it was not disappointing. The subject was interesting and well covered by Joe Hood K2YAH, and Bob Reifsteck, K2LZG. We hope that the microphones, which are out for repair, will be back in service for the March meeting.

The February meeting will be held in conjunction with the Kodak Radio Club on February 1. Directions to the meeting will be found elsewhere in this issue, we hope to have a good turnout for another interesting program and the usual goodies awards with tickets this time!

Hamfest plans are progressing with a few major changes in the planning due to the energy crisis but it will be a record event again and you can look forward to a great day. Don't forget to reserve the Friday night before the Hamfest for the usual get-to-gether being held this year at the Hilton Inn-On-The-Campus.

Saturday, February 9, marks the day of our yearly Valentine's Day Dance also to be held at the Inn-On-The-Campus - it will be a gala affair with a few surprises for everyone and especially for special member of our organization. Get your tickets at the February meeting or from any of the officers or Directors but be sure to get them. Don't miss this one!

The Code & Theory Class draws to a conclusion about the time you read this, so far some of the students have passed their CW test and taken their theory examination but regulations forbid the examiner to even look at the questions so we will all have to wait on the FCC to see how the students made out. We are confident that they will do well having had the expert tutelage of Dave Hassett, K2QSI. Another class will form immediately for those students who fail to pass the CW and who want to continue studying.

No suggestions, comments or criticisms were received by the Members' Relations Committee at the January meeting but there was a discussion at the meeting of the disturbing noise in the back of the room during the program. It not only disturbed the audience but it also bothered the speakers. Necessary conversations during the program should be carried on in the entryway and unnecessary conversations should be eliminated.

Don't forget - see you at Kodak in February.

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This is possible because the lead time to prepare and mail the Rag is less than half that of the national magazines. Perhaps the greatest scoop ever was publication of information from ARRL headquarters in September 1967 (released August 24th) concerning FCC Docket 15928, the incentive licensing matter. The information was received on the very day the Rag went to press and was therefore included. This sort of luck doesn't happen too often.

The competition mentioned here comes from Greenville, New Hampshire, home of Ham Radio Magazine. Publisher Skip Tenney, W1NLB, has created a new publication, HR REPORT, prepared by the editors of Ham Radio Magazine. It is the first amateur radio newsletter offered on a wide national scale which will reduce the information lag time from weeks or months to days. HR REPORT gets airmailed to its subscribers twice monthly. It includes news of all facets of amateur radio on a fast, regular basis. FCC actions, ARRL announcements and reports, DX-peditions, important industry news, significant overseas happenings and much more.

Get a free sample copy of HR REPORT at the next club meeting. If you like what you see, and every active amateur is sure to like this, you will want to subscribe. Skip has a special offer available to RaRa members. Only \$10 for a complete year subscription.

VHF CONTEST LOGS

If your log for the January VHF Sweepstakes contest is still on your desk, get it in the mail immediately. The Rochester VHF Group needs every log. Everyone will help us climb closer to coveted first place nationally. Send your log today to Len McCowan, K2CEH, 81 Anytrell Drive, Webster, N. Y. 14580.

HR REPORT Jan. 2 - FCC repeater licensing over the hump, with 429 repeaters licensed (as of mid-December) and only 278 applications pending. 28 licenses were issued in first week of December, and if rate maintained, backlog should be gone in February.

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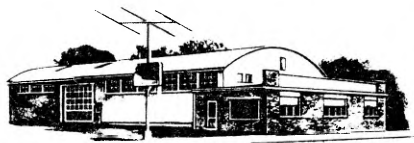
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