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The November 1st Meeting

ANNUAL AUCTION by Bill March, WA2CER

There are several annual events that mark the amateur's calendar in the Rochester area, depending on individual interests. For the RaRa member, the most popular event, excepting the Hamfest, is the annual club auction. The auction will be held again this year on Friday, November 1st, 1974, at 8:00 p.m.

In order to keep the auction exciting, fair, and running smoothly, a few rules have been established. First, the auction is open to RaRa members and one guest per member. Membership cards will be checked at the door. Secondly, all equipment for auction must be marked by the seller with:

1. name and call
2. what it is or does
3. operational condition
4. the minimum starting bid (\$2.00 or more)
5. if Chinese bidding acceptable (accept less than the minimum when no bids are received).

Please, no basket cases or out and out junk. Thirdly, commercial exhibitors will once again be allowed to return to the auction, subject to these stipulations. They must be a RaRa member and will be expected to donate the usual 10% of sales to the club treasury. Also, if these commercial sales interfere with the auction itself, they may be asked to close shop.

Finally, in order for the club to receive its 10% donation, all auctioned items must be bought and sold at the club treasurer.

For those of you that have never attended the club auction, it is well attended and lots of fun (a real pack rat's delight). Those who have attended past auctions know how fortunate we have been to have a good auctioneer, Tom Ball, WA2THS, has accepted the job again this year. Last but not most important, YOU must bring the gear to be auctioned. So pack up the chariot on Friday, November 1st and head for the Farm and Home Center, 249 Highland Avenue. And we will be ready for early arrivals.

Notes from the President's Desk

by Joe Hood, K2YAH

This month's meeting is the annual auction and is one of the most heavily attended meetings of the season. For this reason the officers and board of directors have established some guidelines to assure that club members will have maximum opportunity to make the most of their auction. These guidelines are discussed by Bill March, WA2CER, RaRa Vice-President and Program Chairman in his article in this issue and they will be reviewed prior to opening the auction. The sole intent of these guidelines is to give the people who support the club --- the club members, the best auction possible.

We found a blackboard and all but a few of the text books for the general and advanced theory course have arrived so we plan to begin the classes at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 21, at the CD facilities at the corner of East Henrietta and Westfall Road. More detailed information on the exact class location is available from Ed Holdsworth, WA2EKR, or Bob Lauzon, WB2NSD. Incidentally, interest in the class is high as is evidenced by the 35 people signed up to attend.

Instructor assignments for the 13 week course are as follows:

Session	Date	Text Chapter(s)	Instructors
1	Oct 21	1 and 2	WA2RYT
2	Oct 28	3 and 4	K2WW
3	Nov 4	5 and 6	W7JRL
4	Nov 11	7 and 8	WA2JFM
5	Nov 18	9	WA2JFM
6	Nov 25	10	WA2RYT
7	Dec 2	11	WB2EDT
8	Dec 9	12	WB2EDT
9	Dec 16	13	WB2EEU
10	Dec 23	14	K2LZG
11	Dec 30	15 and 16	W7JRL
12	Jan 6	17 and 18	K2YAH
13	Jan 13	20	K2YAH

Oh yes, the texts will be \$13.00 each so those of you who ordered them should be prepared to pay for your text at the first class session. If any of the instructors have conflicts please let Ed Holdsworth, WA2EKR, or me know as soon as possible and at least one week before your class session.

Some other exciting things are happening too. Fred Becker, W2GV, and Bob Crumrine, WB2DNN, are busy working on the Space Science, Oscar 7 project for area high and junior high school science departments. They

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M Net Moves

A local two meter FM net which had been meeting each Sunday noon has moved to Sunday evening at 9 p.m. The net meets every Sunday. It meets alternately on WR2ABF, 146.79 and WR2AEI, 146.88 MHz.

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need help so if you're interested in an interesting project which has great potential to be a real feather in Rochester hamdom's cap give Fred or Bob a call. Every amateur should be interested in community service projects. How else can we justify our use of the publicly owned radio spectrum?

Speaking of public relations, there's another exciting development to report. The concern for the public aware of what ham radio is and how it serves the public good spurred one of our club members, Bill Landon, K2CBD, to propose having the Mayor declare a week as amateur radio week in Rochester. After discussion with our PR man, David Holtz, WB2HTH, and myself we agreed the idea had merit. So did the Mayor! So the first week of December will be declared amateur radio week in Rochester. We have a number of ideas in the works for the occasion but we can use more. So tune up your thinker and grab an officer or a board member and give him your ideas.

Finally, your board and officers decided it was a good idea for the board to provide comment on the recent FCC dockets concerning amateur radio. Our comments will endorse the proposals on commemorative licensing, special calls for amateur extras, and, banning sale of linear amplifiers for 27 MHz. Our comments will not endorse the automatic repeater control proposal. It is our feeling that there are better methods and better ways to spend the limited funds available for repeater automatic control than on continuous recording of repeaters. You'd think Washington would have had enough tape recording problems already anyway!

We also discussed the reason why more amateurs don't comment on FCC dockets. It was our opinion that the 14 copy requirement for comments was somewhat absurd in this day and age of office copy equipment. The board therefore decided to petition the FCC to delete this requirement for dockets concerning amateur radio. Who knows maybe it will make something happen!

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Novice Code & Theory Course

by Divot A. Green, GØLF

The first session of the Novice Course was held at CD Headquarters on Monday, October 7. There were 38 potential Hams in attendance which is just about the right number for the cilities and for better results.

Dave Hasset, K2SQI, was there in spite of a serious back ailment to teach Novice theory and Bob Lauzon, WB2NSD, handled the CW end of the training.

The classes will run a minimum of 12 weeks, 2 hours per night. It is not too late for a few additional students so if you happen to know anyone who aspires a Novice ticket refer them to any club officer.

Ithaca Auction November 2nd

The Tompkins County Radio Club announces an auction to be held on Saturday, November 2nd at the Greater Ithaca Activities Center, 318 North Albany Street, Ithaca, N. Y. The event starts at 1 p.m.

Valentine Dinner-Dance

The annual RaRa Valentine Dinner-Dance will be on Saturday, February 1st, at Barry's on Dewey Avenue. Details next month.

OR SALE - National NC-300 with crystal calibrator (100kc) and matching speaker \$105. John Schooley, W2BLU, 225-3626.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Bob Lauzon, WB2NSD

There was quiet at the back of the room at The Farm and Home Center during the meeting October 4. In fact it was too quiet - we like to hear the thud of those five dollar bills hitting the table and not enough thudded.

We added three new Life Members and four new club members in addition to those regular who paid up in advance of October 31.

Dues are welcome at all meetings, in fact if you can't wait for a meeting just send your check to WA2KND and he will see that it gets to the right place.

While we're at it we would like to put in a plug for call sign badges available at the Membership table. Remember, as a member of RaRa you are entitled to a 20% discount if you buy your new badge at one of the meetings. A new badge for a buck - how can you pass it up?

50 and Up

by Ed Maher, WB2ZJY

November will be a quiet month for the VHF Group. There will be no meeting scheduled. In December we hope to be back at our old stand in the Farm and Home Center.

The officers of the group will get together in November to plan the latter half of the 75 season, January thru May.

Much of the December meeting will be devoted to the January VHF Sweepstakes. Otto Bluntzer has accepted the chairmanship of the contest committee. He will be in need of several assistants, give him a call at 247-4976. See you at the RaRa auction in November.

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