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## November 7th Auction at

### Fire Academy by Jim Collinsworth, WB2EDT

The annual auction continues to be the single most popular RaRa meeting. Certainly, this year's auction promises to be equally popular.

Note the change in meeting locations for this month only. Due to a prior commitment at our regular location, we will meet at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Training Academy on Scottsville Road, across from the airport. Adequate parking is available in the rear of the building. Please keep the front clear because the building does house fire fighting apparatus that is called out occasionally.

A few rules have been adopted and modified for the auction over the years.

- The auction is open to RaRa members and one guest per member. Membership cards will be checked at the door.

All equipment for auction must be marked by the seller with:

- a) name and call
  - b) what it is or does
  - c) operational condition
  - d) the minimum starting bid (\$2 or more)
  - e) whether "Chinese" bidding is acceptable or not (Chinese means--seller will accept less than the minimum when no bids are received).
- Please, no basket cases, or out and out junk.
  - RaRa will receive 10% of selling price (to facilitate this, all transactions must go through the club treasurer).
  - Commercial exhibitors, who are club members, may sell directly on the floor as long as such sales do not interfere with the auction itself. These sales are also subject to a 10% club contribution by the seller.

Our capable, and loud, auctioneer will again be the popular, and sometimes funny, Mr. Thomas Ball, WA2THS.

Load up the stuff you bought last year and the year before and get to the meeting early.

## CHECK, PLEASE

Check, please, to see if the address label on our copy of the Rag is correct. Is your call listed? Is it correct? Is your name spelled properly? If there is need for a correction, please let us know by sending a card to the club Box 1388, Rochester, N. Y. 14603, or by giving the information to the membership chairman at any meeting.

## New Club Station, K2JD Now Available for Member Use

by Jim Collinsworth, WB2EDT

For several years the RaRa Directors and the RaRa CD/Public Service Committee have been working toward establishing a RaRa Club Station at Civil Defense Headquarters at 350 East Henrietta Road. The station has slowly been taking shape and antennae have been being added. This has been happening quietly--mostly under the guidance of our club Trustee, Ed Holdsworth, WA2EKR, assistant RACES Radio Officers, Ed Gable, W2MPM, RaRa president and committee secretary, Bill March, WA2CER and a host of helpers they have recruited.

Recommendations along these line were made a few years ago, but it has taken some time to get equipment together and to get some security that we deemed acceptable. The station still has a long way to go but it is for use by members, particularly new licensees, as well as for emergency and public service use.

As a start, the station will be open on Monday evenings starting about 7:00 p.m. We are working on plans to expand the schedule, but it will involve some intricate control of building security as well as necessitate having a responsible control operator volunteer to meet a regular schedule.

This will provide members an opportunity to use the club equipment--particularly the new Heath SB-104 Transceiver, as well as provide an opportunity to expand our classes to include actual on the air experience.

Watch the Rag for more information as we are able to develop a better plan and expanded schedule.

## VE3RPT (Toronto) will be Topic at Next RRRR Meeting

Representatives from the technical committee of VE3RPT in Toronto, the oldest repeater in the area, will provide the program at the next Rochester Radio Repeater Association meeting November 21, at 8 p.m. in Pittsford Town Hall. RPT is one of the most complex machines in the Amateur system, comprising five racks of solid-state equipment. We hope to see you all there.

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## ..... From the President

by Bill March, WA2CER

The Novice Licensing Class has gotten off to an excellent start with more than 70 in attendance, Bob Lauzon, WB2NSD, is the very capable and dedicated instructor. Unfortunately, a conflict with another interest will keep Bob from attending RaRa meetings this year. Hurry back, Bob.

Our club station trustee, Ed Holdsworth, WA2EKR, is busy working on ideas and plans to increase usage of the club station. More specifics will be available as plans are set. The fund drive for the Heath SB-104 transceiver is off to a good start with over \$50 contributed by October 8th. Many thanks.

The club van is off on another active year of public service. In October, it help provide communications for a road rally conducted for charity purposes and attended a Boy Scout Jamboree in Mendon Ponds Park.

It was unfortunate that CFP Communications had \$12000 worth of amateur radio gear robbed at the Cleveland Hamfest. It shows some real pros are lifting ham gear.

I highly recommend a trip to the Antique Wireless Museum in Holcomb, N. Y. The Antique Wireless Association has done an excellent job in setting up the museum in its new headquarters. The museum is a documentation of wireless communication and is of interest to more than just hams. Many local amateurs and club members are deeply involved in work at the museum. Unfortunately, the museum is now closed for the season but will reopen in the Spring.

That's all for this month. Remember, the annual auction will be held at the Rochester Police and Fire Academy because we got preempted by a member organization of the Farm and Home Center. See you at the meeting.

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FOR SALE - Collins KWM-2 (S/N 10132) with matching AC supply console type 516F-2, asking \$650. Good electrical and physical condition with manuals. John Schooley, W2BLU, 225-3626.

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# Letter to the Editor

Oktober 1975

A letter not only for YL's.

I am not sure if my english is good enough to write this letter, but I give it a try because is a good way to tell a lot of people a lot of things. First of all I would like to tell you who I am, but maybe it isn't necessary. Most everyone knows Lia, the YL with the accent, even on CW a ham said once. I am glad to have the opportunity to write a few words and to say thanks you to all who helped me to Ham Radio and through the not easy stages to the exams. Each word, each encouragement was important to me and a help.

I remember when the sound of the keyer would bother me and I couldn't understand OM sitting there in his hamshack listening while he was building something. Then came the day I tried to copy and got excited and couldn't stop anymore until I got the Novice license, then General and at the Hamfest this year there was a very happy YL in Rochester.

Ham Radio means a lot to me, meeting good friends, people all over the world and I was so glad to visit Europe and to meet OM's and YL's and felt like in a family with them.

At the Antique Wireless Association, I was fortunate to meet Louise Moreau, W3WRE, for me the First Lady in Ham Radio. I admired her smallest key in her collection and we made pictures and had a nice chat. Ham Radio means to go back and to learn more and more. The little boy who went to school for the first time and coming home, his mother asked, "Did you learn something?" "I guess not", said the boy, "because I have to go back tomorrow.", and that was what I did, going back and never let those beautiful machines get too dusty and rusty and trying to get those far away Hams or the ones nearby.

I was proud to be part of this great Ham Family during the Sister Cities Convention and wish I had a SB104, my square mink coat, how I call this new transceiver. It was interesting to see people from all over. I spoke to french, italian and german visitors and had QSO's with many stations.

I hope more girls will join us. We need them. There is so much a YL can do. One day I would like to find out how many YL's we have in the Rochester area. What we need is more YL's like Clara Reger, W2RUF, who helped so many into Ham Radio and teaches code for many years and I know many are thankful to Clara for it.

Before I close, a funny note. Our parakeet, Matilda, call BYL! says CQ CQ many times every day. Lately she calls, pretty busy, she says. Yes I am a pretty busy YL, but it was a pleasure writing this letter to you.

A special thanks to my OM, Lee, W2WPF, for all his patience during my studies and the moral support. Also thank you to Bob Lauzon, WB2NSD, and Dave Hasset, K2SQI, my teachers and thanks you to all.

88's from Lia Zwack, WA2NFY

# VHF NEWS

by Bob Moore, WA2JFM

The Rochester VHF group met on October 10 to hear Kaz Deskur, K2ZRO, speak about Oscar tracking. He showed many ways of describing the simple satellite motion. By the end of his talk, the audience had developed an intuitive grasp of the motions and a working knowledge of reference orbits, equatorial crossings, and descending passes. The business meeting preceding the talk included lively discussion of the July 20 sporadic E opening on 2 meters. The January contest chairman is Eddie Dunn, W2ECH, with Len Gessin, WA2ZNC, serving as vice co-chairman representing the VHF group.

Two miniprojects were presented. Bob Crumrine, WB2DNN, showed construction techniques for making VHF beam antennas with ordinary hand tools. The design of an antenna range and some early results were shared. Did you know that the metal mast and feedline can cut the gain of a vertically polarized yagi by 10 db?

Haywood Parker, K2YMM, presented a VHF SWR bridge which he has used for several years. Printed circuit boards, germanium diodes, schematics, and parts lists were given to all who attended the meeting.

The VHF group meets on the second Friday of every month from September to May at the Farm and Home Center.

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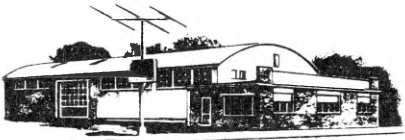
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