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A Kodak Hosted Meeting and ILS to Headline Dec. 3 Meeting

by Morris Codehater, AKA W2MPM

This year we are again privileged to be invited by one of the various Kodak Amateur Radio clubs to join in a common meeting of the two groups. This year's December 3rd meeting will be hosted by the very active Kodak Park group.

Through the fine efforts of Earl Kalbfleisch, WB2BJE, the Vice-President and Program Chairman of KPARC, the facilities of the Kodak Park Recreation Center are being made available. The center is in building 28 with access from 200 Ridge Road West. The 8 p.m. meeting will be in the first floor cafeteria. Ample parking can be found directly across the street in the Visitors Parking lot.

Some of us have at least heard of the term Instrument Landing System. We have all benefited from an ILS during flights on commercial and more advanced private flights. However, like many things we take for granted the ILS is a very complex and exacting system. If our Ham yagis go out of alignment we merely squirt some RF into some unknown portion of the sky. If the ILS directivity system falters an airliner may be directed to touch down at Route 47 and Scottsville Road, a very embarrassing situation! To learn about why this doesn't happen and many other interesting facets of an ILS system, be sure to catch this very interesting talk and slide show. Our speaker will be Mr. Tom Quinnan, the Engineer-in-Charge of the ILS at the Monroe County Airport. Mr. Quinnan is with the FAA.

Once again, we should thank our hosts for the evening; Earl Kalbfleisch, Al Wise, and Richard Tyson from the KPARC for all their fine work in preparing this sure to be excellent program.

I find it hard to believe that the next time this column comes out the Christmas Holidays will be but memories and a new year will be upon us all. This has been a busy and vibrant year for Amateur Radio. 1976 will surely be remembered as the "year of the rules changes." What will 1977 bring is anyone's guess at the moment. In any event let me take this opportunity to wish you all the best during this Holiday season and a hope for the greatest of New Years.

ROCHESTER HAMFEST EXPANDED

The Rochester Hamfest, largest in the northeast, continues to grow. The 1977 Hamfest, to be held on May 20-22, 1977, will be three days long.

The first activity to start will be the flea market. It will begin early Friday afternoon and continue through Sunday afternoon. There will be no waiting until the gates open on Saturday. An indoor flea market will also be open.

The exhibitors in the Dome Center will be open all day Saturday and Sunday. Programming will be conducted both days at the Dome Center.

Activities at the Marriott Inn will include the usual Friday evening funfest and the annual banquet on Saturday evening.

Additional details will appear in the Rag as they become firm. The program-brochure will be mailed to nearly 10,000 people who have attended the Rochester Hamfest in previous years. If you have friends who indicate they have not yet attended the Rochester Hamfest, have them send a card to the Hamfest, Box 1388, Rochester, NY 14603. Their names will be added to the mailing list. The general mailing is made about April 1.

FCC CHANGES

With the close of business, December 3, 1976, the Canandaigua Monitoring Station will cease as such and a new activity described as a Limited Enforcement Office (LEO) will begin operations at the same site. With the closure of the monitoring station all HF monitoring and related direction finding will be terminated. The new LEO, with a reduced staff, will accomplish inspections, investigations and VHF/UHF monitoring throughout New York and Connecticut. The LEO will not be a public office.

Administrative supervision will be by Mr. John Theimer, Engineer in Charge at the Buffalo district office. Mr. Richard Holbert, Senior Engineer on the existing staff, will be Acting Engineer in Charge of the new LEO.

HISTORICAL FACTS: Sixty years ago (1916) there were 40 licensed amateurs in Rochester of which 24 had two-letter calls. Of this group, only one is still active, Cy Staud, K2DQ. (Bruce Kelley, W2ICE, Club Historian)

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hr REPORT

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Ed Sanders to Retire

Edward W. Sanders, W2VM, Engineer in Charge at the Federal Communications Commission Canandaigua Monitoring Station will retire from the Commission's service on December 3. Ed has spent almost 39 years as an engineer in the field for the F. C. C.

Ed tells us that during a large part of his 39 years of service, he has enjoyed the friendship and cooperation of many RaRa members and other amateurs of the area. He hopes to continue the pleasant association via his amateur radio interests.

Rochester VHF Group

by Ed Valmore, K2EVJ

The VHF group will host a joint meeting with the Rochester Radio Repeater Association on Friday, December 17 at 8 p.m. In anticipation of the January VHF Sweepstakes contest, our contest chairman Andy McCaskey will discuss contest rules and procedures. (Andy, WA4MTP/2, is a newcomer to our club. He has recently moved into his new home, and hopes to be ready for 6 and 2 meter operation by contest time.)

As most of you probably realize, the Rochester VHF group has made an excellent showing in recent January contests, and we would like to continue that tradition. So plan to attend this meeting, and plan to be on the air for the contest.

Some boards for the frequency counter mini-project have now been distributed, and another "production run" may be necessary. If sufficient interest is shown, future projects will include a 40 watt two meter linear power amplifier and a receiving converter for 10 to 80 meter conversion.

The December meeting will be at the Monroe County Farm and Home Center, 249 Highland Avenue. To allow for conversations before the meeting, the meeting room will be open at 7:30. Once again, I would like to encourage members to bring in their home-built equipment to facilitate an interchange of construction ideas. If you are having a problem with a new project you might well get a helpful suggestion too. See you there.

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HISTORICAL FACTS: The first radio club in the area was the ROCHESTER WIRELESS ASSOCIATION which was listed in the October, 1912 issue of "Modern Electrics" magazine. The first amateurs to appear in the first call book (1913) were C. L. Van Hoesen (8ES) and E. H. Blatten (8FU). Many amateurs before WWI were not licensed since their transmitting range was very limited. It was customary to use one's initials for call letters -- providing of course another nearby amateur didn't have the same letters.

(Bruce Kelley, W2ICE, Club Historian)



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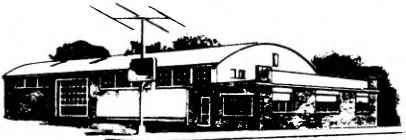
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