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UNSUNG SALESMEN

by Ed Gable, K2MP, President

There are tens, perhaps hundreds of our members whose dedication to RaRa qualifies them as "unsung salesmen" - club officers, Board members, committee people, and just plain interested members quietly recruiting new members for RaRa.

It seems to me that this is the principal way in membership our organization should and must grow. One member reaching one non-member, then another, and so on. True, our September mailing reaches out to some two thousand surrounding area hams, but remember, new licensees and newcomers to the area find their mail boxes full of literature from all sorts of people eager to sell something. Who can blame the neophyte if, without personal contact of the Association or individual member-friends, he should consider his literature from RaRa as just another attempt to separate him from his money. Unless, that is, an "unsung salesman" can personally point out the benefits his \$6.00 investment buys for all of Amateur Radio as well as himself. It is the enthusiasm of the individual member, with a conviction which cannot be matched by the printed word, which can best convince the new prospect.

Your membership in RaRa will strengthen the voice of Amateur Radio. The larger and more united Amateur Radio becomes, the greater our contributions to the public, and the stronger our position in the community. It's up to you "unsung salesmen."

Suggested Operating Habits (for Repeaters)

PAUSE: per K2YA: pause to let the WR2AEI carrier drop off the air to reset all the repeater timers.

IDENT: always identify your station, plus one other station you were in contact with (to be strictly legal). Its not necessary to say mobile or portable anymore. Its not either necessary to say all the calls each time you speak.

Immediately acknowledge a breaker -

Whats the best way to get in:

- 1) say your call sign once
- 2) if an emergency: say your call once and the word emergency once - then wait to be acknowledged.

RaRa Annual Auction Meeting Friday, October 7th

Once again it's auction time at RaRa. This year October is the month and the Fire Academy is the place. The auditorium is where we will be starting at 8:00 p.m. The academy is on 1200 Scottsville Road opposite the airport and next to the drive in. Parking in the back of the building only, please.

This year as last the auction is limited to RaRa members and their guest. Have your card with you, Bob Erskine will be at the door collecting memberships. 1976 was the best auction to date. We saw all kinds of equipment change hands. One thing noticed was the small boxes of parts, tubes and so forth got no play. In fact when we cleaned up, many boxes were still there.

As usual, ten percent will be the club take. We hope that all the side sales going on will be discouraged, but that 10% will get to the club treasurer somehow.

So come early, browse thru the gear the other guy brings, while he looks at the good stuff you bring. de WA2ZNC

SYRACUSE HAMFEST OCTOBER 8

The 13th annual Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse Hamfest will be on Saturday, October 8 at the Syracuse Auto Auction, Route 11, between exit 15 and 16 of I-81.

Activities include flea market, exhibits, complete food service, talks. Tickets at the gate. See you there!

DUES DUE!!!

This is the month of the year when all RaRa memberships expire. Expiration date is October 31. Many have already paid their dues. If you have not, plan to do so at the October club meeting or by mail.

Dues are still only \$6.00 regular; \$3.00 associate and \$1.00 extra for family membership. Life memberships are available at 20 times the annual dues or \$120.00 at this time. Life memberships may be paid in full or in four equal installments (quarterly).

All members receive a copy of the 1977-78 Rochester Area Amateur Radio Directory when their dues are paid. The directory lists all Rochester area amateurs by call and by last name.

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ROCHESTER VHF GROUP

The October meeting of the Rochester VHF Group will be held at 8 p.m. on October 14 at the RF Communications, 1680 University Ave.

Our guest speaker will be Richard Potika, W7DTL, who is Manager of rf Power Transistor Applications for Motorola in Phoenix, Arizona. Rich has promised to present an interesting talk on transistor power amplifier design and to bring a "sack" of samples. Data sheets and other application information will also be available. It should be an excellent program.

Yours truly has petitioned the FCC to allow operation of a beacon on 432.044 MHz. A local beacon would give everyone a signal of known frequency for checking converters, feed lines and antennas plus allow out of town stations to check tropo conditions. A list of other beacons currently operating will be available at our October 14th meeting. See you there.

Floyd, WA2WVL

RRRA Rochester Radio Repeater Association

by Richard Koehn, WB2SNA

The October meeting of the RRRA will be held on Friday the 21st at our regular location in the basement meeting room of the Pittsford Town Hall. Ample parking is available at the rear of the building. A double program is on the bill for that evening. Michael Rienf WB2HYP, assisted by Gary Sienkiewicz, W2T. (ex-WB2WZG) will present a slide program on the Gridd Radio Network, a series of four relatively new open repeaters in the Rochester area. This is an opportunity to learn about the operation of the 34/94, 07/67, 147.69/147.09 and the 220 repeaters now available for general use.

Joe Hood, K2YA, RRRA Technical Committee Chairman, will then discuss and show slides of the recent move of the 28/88 repeater from the Kodak office tower to the Cobbs Hill Radio Communications Center. Refreshments will be served following the regular business meeting and program. Come to the October RRRA meeting and learn more about the machines in the Rochester area.

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There is no doubt that the ferrite core is the most useful device available to amateurs in the never ending battle against breakthrough (interference here is breakthrough there). You might even call it a breakthrough on breakthrough.

A big advantage in using these ferrite doughnuts is that in the majority of cases, the leads to be filtered do not have to be cut and the filters are used external to the equipment effected. They are easily removed and the resale value of the equipment remains the same.

This device is wideband and is equally suitable for use on UHF, VHF, TV or Radio, HiFi AC line of filters, etc.

Most cases of interference to stereo systems can be traced to long unshielded speaker leads. Up to now, we have recommended shielded wire as the cure. A few turns of the unshielded leads around a ferrite ring (Amidon, Phillip or Mullard FX 1588) will do the job. Usually 8 to 10 turns is enough, but neither the number

of turns nor the grade of ferrite used is critical. They may be used both for receiving and transmitting purposes.

If rings are not suitable, transistor ferrite radio rods as a good second best in many cases. Ed. Note: Try also the ferrite cores from scrapped TV flyback.

FOR SALE: Tri-band beam antenna, Hornet TB-500, three element, \$50.00 -- Contact Irv Goodman, WB2WCE, at 671-4430.

FOR SALE: Equipment available, contact Len Gessin, WA2ZNC, at 381-7328. Johnson Viking Thunderbolt - 1000 watts at VHF, AM-FM-SSB-Cw-RTTY-SSTV, on 6 and 2 meters. Hallcrafters HA-6 Transverter, 10 meters in, 2 meters out, 50 watts p.e.p. receiving and transmitting. Drake TR line, speech processor, DX Engineering Heath Two'er with 145.35 crystal, in mint condition with no modifications.

A FM Broadcast Band program "Ham Radio Feedback" is heard on WRVO, Oswego, every Friday morning at 7:35 a.m. and repeated every Saturday morning at 10:10 a.m. This program is hosted by John Krauss, WA2HWW, and presents news and features of interest to hams around central New York. WRVO broadcasts with 20,000 watts in stereo on 89.9 MHz, and can be heard in the Rochester area, though a beam antenna is often helpful.

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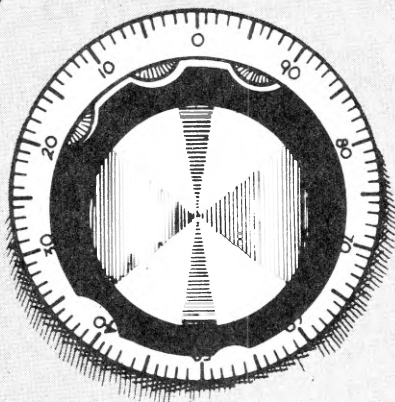
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