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APRIL 3rd MEETING NOTICE

"*Old Timers Night*" will be the program for the April 3, 1987 meeting of RaRa. Meeting place will be the 40/8 Club on University Avenue opposite Gleason Works. Mr. Bruce Kelley, W2ICE, curator of the AWA Museum will present the program. Meeting time is 8:00 p.m.

AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS

During the Rochester Hamfest, Amateur Radio Exams will be conducted on Saturday, May 16, 1987.

Applicants must pre-register before May 8, 1987 by submitting an SASE, a completed 610 form, a copy of your current license and a copy of any test credit or interim license certificate (if you have one).

NO WALK-INS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED.

Send your registrations to A. G. de Blicke, KW2X, 59 Bay Knoll Road, Rochester, New York 14622.

If you need a 610 form send him a SASE and he will send it to you the same day he receives your SASE.

After you are registered he will send you an appointment notice indicating time and place of your exam.

The exam fee is \$4.35. **DO NOT** send money in advance. Pay by check or cash on the day of the exam. You must also bring 2 forms of positive identification.

TO THE EDITORS . . .

To the members and staff of RaRa,

I am an avid reader of the *RaRa RAG*. My dad sends it to me monthly. All I want to say is keep up the good work, both on the *RAG* and on all the public service events.

Donald C. Rhodes, KA2WNF

Keesler Air Force Base; Biloxi, Mississippi

P.S. If any of you hear K5TYP on HF give it a call, it may be me on the other end.

PUBLIC SERVICE

We are now scheduled to participate in eighteen (18!) Public Service Events for 1987. The first events are scheduled for May 3, 1987 and the last one scheduled at this time will be November 27, 1987 - Light the Lights. This will again be a busy season for RaRa's ARES/RACES Group.

There will be a general meeting for all members of ARES/RACES on Saturday, April 4, 1987. Starting at 0900 hrs at 111 Westfall Road. The purpose of the meeting is to bring all members up to date on our various activities and to explain our role in serving outside agencies.

The meeting is primarily for members of ARES/RACES but is open to anyone interested in public service or emergency communications. If you know of anyone that is interested - feel free to invite them.

FCC DISMISSES ARRL 17 METER PETITION

The FCC has dismissed the ARRL petition, filed last July, to release the 17-meter band, 18.068 - 18.168 MHz, to U.S. amateurs. This band was authorized to radio amateurs worldwide at the 1979 WARC and about 65 countries are currently allowing their radio amateurs to operate there. In the U.S., amateur occupancy of the band is contingent upon the relocation of certain U.S. Government stations.

FCC said that agencies within the U.S. government had informed them that the band will be required for their operations through July 1, 1989. FCC said it would continue to monitor the government usage of the 17-meter band, and it may be possible to provide for amateur sharing of the band with government operations prior to the July 1, 1989 date.

Tnx ARRL Letter

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THE RaRa RAG 20 YEARS AGO — APRIL 1967

by Ed Gable, K2MP

At the April Farm and Home Center meeting Bill Belor, W2MG, was scheduled to speak on power line noise problems. Bill is well suited for such a task as he is Engineer in Charge of radio communications for the RG&E and has been involved with such matters since 1923. This issue is filled with Hamfest news and includes the 67 Brochure. Highlights of the programming include QCWA with Vic Bochenko, W2APE, VHF Noise figure clinic with Joe Huie, K2PEY, VHF mobile antenna clinic featuring Gordon Wendell, W2FDI, a display of VHF Project Group items with Bob Jeffers, W2ALL, a report on the Lunar Orbiter project by Bruce Elle, W2VTR, Irv Strauber, K2HEA, of Hammarlund Mfg speaking on the Future of Amateur SSB, and Clara Reger, W2RUF, doing the NYS code sending contest.

The Rochester Peanut Whistle Net held its annual banquet where Bill White, K2KAD; Al Crum, W2BWK; and Don Degen, W2EPE, all received "honors". Robert Gross, WB2RVV, in his VHF Group News reported that Chuck Oneske, K2YCO, won first place in the January VHF SS contest followed by Gordy Wendell, W2FDI. The Rochester VHF Group nominated Bob Nezelek, W2CNS, as Chairman; Ed Gable, W2MPM, for Vice-Chairman; and Harvey Prace, WB2IUM, as Secretary for the following year. RaRa nominations were also listed with Ernie Crewdson, WB2FVG, as VP; Joe Castro, WB2HLI, to Treasurer; and Al Mumby, WB2MCP, for Secretary. Nominated for the Board of Directors were: Eddie Dunn, WA2KMI; Ed Gable, W2MPM; Al Crum, W2BWK; Ed Perkins, WB2MAC; John Wenrich, WB2FJU; Bob Lozen, WB2ERE; and Robert Gross, WB2RVV. A new advertiser was Stellar Industries of Ithaca, New York who are now handling all major amateur lines with Dave Flinn, W2CFP, at the helm.

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K2JD — RaRa'S CLUB STATION

by Ed Holdsworth, N2EH

The Club Station located in Room 2 at 111 Westfall Road has received over the years many generous donations of equipment. We have built it from one transceiver, an HW-16 purchased around 1972, to the present station with capabilities for HF, VHF, UHF, RTTY and Packet. We now have 7 operating transceivers as well as a computer and various accessories.

In our continuing efforts to maintain and update the station, we will be making available for purchase by RaRa club members that equipment that we have determined is excess. To make it available to all members, we will make it available for inspection at 111 Westfall Road on Saturday, April 4, 1987 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Those wishing to purchase equipment are invited to submit a sealed written bid to the Station Trustee, N2EH. Bids will be accepted, sealed, between 1:30 p.m. April 4, 1987 and 6:00 p.m. April 8, 1987. All bids will be opened at the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of RaRa prior to the start of the regular scheduled Board Meeting on April 8, 1987.

Successful bidders will be notified as soon as possible following the bid opening, by telephone or in writing. All bids will be available for inspection at the club station as soon as possible after the successful bidders have been notified, and no later than May 11, 1987. The club will reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

FROM THE CO-EDITOR . . .

April always seems like a long month to me since I became a Ham. It was a nice spring April day when my Novice ticket finally came from the FCC back in '81. Every April I try to clean out my junk-box and help my friend to clean out his to get ready for all those hamfests and flea-markets that start up in the Spring.

For me, this April will be even longer since I'll be going to my very first Dayton Hamvention with the "Elmer" who got me interested and into Amateur Radio. Half the hams I have spoke with over the years say it's the greatest thing since sliced bread, and the other half say it's only slightly better than watching "AMERIKA". Well, we'll be taking the trip out to find out first-hand... if it's great, my wife may not be able to get me home, and if it's bad, Cincinnati and the Reds' baseball games are only another 45 miles down I-75....

--- Jack, KA2PJJ

THE APRIL CALENDAR

- 1 - APRIL FOOLS' DAY!
- 3 - RaRa Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
- 4 - North American QSO Contest - CW - 1800Z
- 10 - VHF Group meeting, 111 Westfall Road - 7:30 p.m.
 - W1AW Qualifying Run - 2200 EST
- 11 - QRP Spring CW Contest - 1200Z
 - North American QSO Phone Contest - 1800Z
- 12 - PALM SUNDAY
- 13 - ARRL 2 Meter Sprint - 1900 EST
- 14 - PASSOVER
 - Lunal Eclipse at 0231Z
- 15 - TAXES DUE!!!
 - Sinking of the Titanic- 1912 - David Sarnoff handles Titanic's S.O.S.
- 17 - GOOD FRIDAY
- 19 - EASTER SUNDAY
- 21 - ARRL 220 Mhz Sprint - 1900 EST
 - Amateur Exams (see article)
- 23 - (to 26) DAYTON HAMVENTION!
- 25 - Marconi born this date in 1874!
- 26 - W1AW Qualifying Run - 1900 EDT
- 29 - ARRL 432 Mhz Sprint - 1900 EDT

FCC APPROVES F8E EMISSION

The FCC has authorized emission mode F8E on all amateur frequencies 902 MHz and above, effective April 6. Previously, F8E, a mode in which the carrier is frequency modulated by two or more analog voice channels, was limited to the 902 MHz band only.

FCC had issued a Notice of Proposed Rule-making, PR 86-207, last June in response to a petition filed by the Southern California Repeater and Remote Base Association (SCRRBA). SCRRBA had requested the F8E emission so that amateurs could experiment with an additional transmission mode. ARRL had filed comments to the NPRM, which said that it had no objection to F8E, provided that it was used in compliance with present and future voluntary band plans as not to interfere with narrowband emissions.

FCC concluded that the addition of the F8E mode would help amateurs develop their knowledge of UHF technology and would have no adverse effect upon existing amateur communications. In authorizing the emission for bands above 902 MHz, FCC stated that it would "encourage all amateur operators to follow the voluntary band plans that are in effect to avoid interference."

Tnx ARRL Letter

TOWER CASE SETTLED

As we reported last week, the Lakeside Park, Kentucky, tower case is over, and John Thernes, WM4T, is the winner. We spoke with John only a few hours after the city had signed a consent decree that gives him the right to finally put up an antenna, and much more. *"I would like to inform the amateur radio community that today, February 25, 1987, a federal district judge signed off on a consent decree to settle the WM4T legal battle with the city of Lakeside Park."*

"As the ham community knows, I had originally asked for a 70 foot tower with an 8 foot mast to support a tri-band antenna at 70 feet and a 2 element 40 meter beam at 78 feet. In settling the dispute, I was given most of what I had asked for. Based upon the discussion held before the settlement conference on February 12, held in front of a federal district judge, the city agreed to the following terms:

- 1) A tower of 65 feet will be permitted.
- 2) The 8 foot mast to support the beams will be allowed for a total tower height of 73 feet.
- 3) All necessary building permits will be issued and will remain free from any present or future ordinances which the city may enact.
- 4) A cash payment of \$13,800 will be made to John Thernes by the city of Lakeside Park. The cash payment represents virtually all attorney fees from the effective date of PRB-1 on, which was in September, 1985."

John noted that while this cash settlement was a big help in defraying the cost of his legal battle, it did fall short by almost \$7,000 of the actual money spent in litigating the case. However, he said that he hoped that the rest of the nation's amateurs would view what happened as a major victory for all hams, "... now that community zoning boards will be forced to think twice before denying an amateur a permit for an effective antenna system which will provide for national and international communication".

WM4T told us that now that he has personally won the right to erect his antenna system, he wants to help others as well. The Northern Kentucky Tower Fund formed to support him will continue to exist and will still accept donations. He is willing to speak at major conventions if invited and says that he will have a booth set up at the 1987 Dayton Hamvention where hams can drop by "to get further details".

Tnx WESTLINK

AT LAST WRITTEN EXAM CREDIT OK

from The Westlink Report

As of February 13, 1987, VE's will be permitted to issue certification for all elements passed in a written amateur examination.

Under the revised examination scheme, an applicant will still have to apply for a given class of amateur examination, and will still be required to pass a test in Morse Code proficiency. In the past, if he failed the code portion of the exam, he was prohibited from proceeding to the written. As of February 13, an applicant who fails the Morse section will be permitted to continue the session. If he passes the written portion of the exam or any elements thereof, he will be issued a Certificate of Successful Completion for those elements passed, similar to the way in which certificates have been issued for many years to candidates who successfully completed the code test element.

A CONTROVERSIAL NEW PUBLIC INFORMATION RADIO

Regency Electronics, Inc. (Indianapolis) has introduced a *controversial* new *public information radio*. The mobile receiver which looks similar to a radar detector plugs into a cigarette lighter and is preprogrammed with all state and local VHF/UHF police enforcement frequencies by state. Unlike scanners, the "Informant" eliminates the hassle of having to look up frequencies and program them into a scanner. With a single touch to access the 2-letter state code, the receiver will scan only that state's police frequencies at the *unbelievable rate of 50 channels per second* using new "TurboScan" technology! A digital display indicates the state being monitored and the type of transmission ("state police", "county police", "local police", etc.). An instant weather feature also searches for the closest active bulletin frequency of the National Weather Service.

Tnx W5YI Report

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Amateur Radio Equipment and Accessories

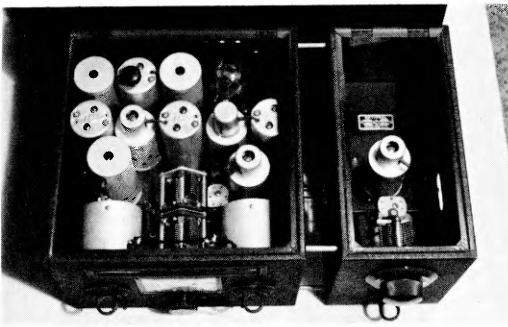
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The National FB-7 receiver was available in 1932 as the first commercial-made superhet designed for amateur use. The set is highly collectible and sells for about five times its original price

WHAT IS IT WORTH?

Do you know that a mint set of QSTs sells for \$3000 or that the tube market has collapsed with some tubes selling for as little as 10¢?

Both new and old-time hams are interested in the value of used equipment. Two well-known collectors will discuss the subject at the April meeting.

Bruce Kelley (W2ICE) will cover early broadcast and commercial receivers while Ed Gable (K2MP) will give his thoughts on amateur gear. Numerous examples will be given including the pitfalls in buying used equipment.

The program will conclude with a colorful show of old magazine covers accompanied with period music.

ARRL PLANS STRENUOUS OPPOSITION TO FCC 220-MHZ REALLOCATION PROPOSAL

The American Radio Relay League is formulating the strongest possible opposition to an FCC proposal to reallocate 2 MHz of the 220-225 MHz Amateur Radio band to the land mobile service. The Commission's proposal was released February 12 in a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in FCC General Docket No. 87-14.

In commenting on the Commission's proposal, ARRL President Larry Price, W4RA, said: "Let no one question the League's resolve to fight, with every means at our command, this unwarranted spectrum grab on behalf of commercial interests. Amateurs need this band - all of it - if we are to fulfill our public-service charter." Mr. Price noted that if the proposed reallocation were to be made, high-speed intercity data links, vital to the future existence of the amateur packet radio

network, would be completely disrupted. "The FCC has just opened the packet radio revolution to Novice operators, and now it proposes to cripple the very network they will need in order to use the medium effectively," he said.

The 220-222 MHz band is also used for control and auxiliary links required for repeater and remote control operation, as well as for advanced amateur communication such as earth-moon-earth (moonbounce) and for research into unusual propagation modes. These uses cannot be accommodated in the band above 222 MHz without serious disruption of previously coordinated repeater stations.

"For 15 years, the threat of commercial exploitation of 220 MHz has slowed the growth of Amateur Radio activity in this band," Mr. Price observed. "In spite of this, the growth rate has been phenomenal, far outstripping land-mobile growth rates in the same period. Now, after 12 years, the FCC has finally granted the League's longstanding request that the band be opened to Novice operators. It makes no sense at all for the Commission, on the heels of that action, to say that the band is 'lightly loaded'. I'm confident that an objective comparison of our needs with those of commercial land mobile will show that the public interest lies with maintaining the amateur allocation."

Comments on the FCC proposal are due at the Commission April 6. Individual wishing to support the League position are urged to submit an original and at least five copies to the Secretary, FCC, Washington, D.C. 20554. "General Docket No. 87-14" should be mentioned prominently at the top of the first page.

DIRECTIONS TO DAYTON

Take the Thruway West through Buffalo, and keep going West through Erie to Cleveland. At Cleveland, take I-271 South to I-71. Take I-71 South to Columbus. At Columbus, take I-270 West to I-70 West. Take I-70 West to Ohio Route 4 South. Ohio 4 South goes into the middle of Dayton. The Hamvention is at the Dayton Hara Arena & Exhibition Center. (Approximately 480 miles from Rochester.)

FOR SALE - Heath HW-101 with AC/PS w/manuals and Base Mic - \$275. Call Marti at 235-4894 anytime.

FOR SALE - Just in time for upswing of Solar Cycle Wide Spaced 15 M 3el delta loop beam - \$50. Call Marti, 235-4894 anytime.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are trying to make sure that the membership records are up to date and that we have your correct call and address. Please take a moment and check the mailing label on the envelope that your "RaRa RAG" was delivered in. The label should contain your name and address and your current amateur call sign if you have one. If anything is either incorrect or missing please fill out the form below and return it to the membership chairman at the address shown.

NAME: _____

CALL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Return to: Membership Chairman
Rochester Amateur Radio Association
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Rochester, NY 14603-1388

FCC RELEASES CALL SIGN INQUIRY

Acting in response to a letter written by ARRL last June, and requests by three other interested parties, FCC has asked for comments on a proposal inquiring if call signs could be issued by the private sector.

As stated in the Public Notice: "*FCC favors the implementation of such a system if it can be accomplished with no additional cost or workload to the FCC. The purpose of this Public Notice is to solicit comments and proposals on this matter ... so that a determination can be made as to whether to proceed with its implementation.*"

According to this proposal, FCC:

- Would only issue one 2 x 3 call sign for each new licensee, regardless of license class.
- This call sign would be from the NA-NZ block.
- FCC would then discontinue processing requests for any call sign changes, and freeze all presently assigned call signs.
- All other call signs would then be available to a special call sign coordinator, or SCSC, who could assign one or more supplemental call signs at the request of the licensee. This supplemental call sign could be used in lieu of the FCC assigned call sign.
- A SCSC would be operated on a not-for-profit basis but would be allowed to recover administrative costs.
- FCC said, in its preliminary view, that it would prefer having only one SCSC, since it would be more efficient in preventing the same

call sign from being assigned to different stations and avoiding inconsistencies of assignment. Further, a single SCSC would minimize the number of points of contact between the SCSC and the FCC, thus holding the administrative burden upon the FCC in check.

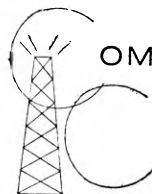
• The FCC said its selection criteria for an SCSC are:

- 1) The ability to assign call signs in an efficient and objective manner;
- 2) The ability to provide an accurate on-line access data base of assigned special call signs for Commission monitoring and compliance work;
- 3) The ability to minimize FCC resources required in the establishment of the special call sign system and;
- 4) The ability to minimize the cost to the licensee for administering the system.

Written comments on this matter, number PRB-3, and proposals to be the SCSC, are due on or before April 23, 1987, with reply comments filed on or before May 22. The Commission requests an original and 4 copies.

Tnx ARRL Letter

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NOVICE ENHANCEMENT QUESTIONS

Headquarters has been receiving many letters and phone calls concernig Novice Enhancement. The following are some of the more commonly asked questions:

Q: "Will Novices be able to operate through repeaters?"

A: YES

Q: "What if the repeater input is in the Novice subband, but the output frequency is outside of the subband?"

A: *No problem. As long as the Novice is transmitting inside the Novice subband, it makes no difference where the repeater output is. The repeater output could even be in another band entirely.*

Q: "I am teaching a class for Novices to upgrade to Technician. What should I now teach since Element 3 is now being divided into 2 parts?"

A: *ARRL will shortly issue a supplement to its Technician/General license manual which reflects the fact that the FCC has divided Element 3 questions into 3(A), for Technicians, and 3(B) for Generals. Until that is published, simply continue to study the entire element. Now that there is written examination credit (it began February 13), passing both elements given the former Novice a Technician license, and only passing the 13-wpm code test stands between him and a General class license.*

Q: "I'm a Volunteer Examiner. In the future how will I know if a Technician who wants to upgrade to General has already passed Elements 3(A) and 3(B), or a new Technician who has only passed Element 3(A)?"

A: *Technician class amateurs licensed prior to Novice Enhancement and who wish to upgrade will be asked to bring some proof of this to the examination session. Obviously, a copy of their Technician license dated prior to Novice Enhancement is the easiest proof.*

Q: "After March 21, FCC will require 2 examiners for the Novice license. But on my FCC Form 610, there is only room for one examiner's name and address. What should I do?"

A: *FCC will shortly issue its modified Form 610. Until then, simply write the information needed for both examiners in the space listed for one examiner.*

Q: "I'm studying for my Novice license. How can I find the additional study materials?"

A: *Never fear. A supplement to Tune In The World should be available from ARRL Headquarters by late March. This will include the additional questions which match the new privileges.*

Q: "Can I modify my old AM CB rig to operate on the Novice 10-meter subband?"

A: *NO. Novices can only operate CW and SSB on the "phone" segment of the Novice subband from 28.3 - 28.5 MHz.*

Tnx ARRL Letter

RADIO JAMMER FINED \$1,000!

Lawrence Kaczmarczyk, ex-W3UQW, of Manhonoy City, Pennsylvania, has been fined \$1,000 for operation of an Amateur radio transmitted on December 5th, 1986.

Kacmzrczyk was monitored and visually observed by the FCC's Langhorne, Pennsylvania facility transmitting harassing and jamming type signals which interfered with the ongoing communications of licensed radio amateurs. Mr. Kaczmarczyk had previously voluntarily surrendered his Amateur radio license for cancellation in October of 1985. This action terminated a revocation proceeding by the FCC relative to Kaczmarczyk's malicious jamming of Amateur radio transmissions.

Tnx W5Y Report

FOR SALE - Heathkit HW-101 w/cw filter, HP-23B power supply, GH-12A mic, HD-15 phone patch. Very good condition. \$225 or best offer. Call Bill, WB2OEV - 716-288-3241.

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I.R.S. TO HELP AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

Now that the I.R.S. has finished re-writing the W-4 form (at least for now) it has decided to allow Amateur Radio operators to declare their rigs and antennas as dependents on their federal income tax returns.

This unprecedented action comes from the recent Reagan Administration's "*Tax Simplification Plan*" with a here-to-fore little unknown "*Pride and Joy*" clause. Amateurs will be allowed an extra dependent deduction for their base station equipment, one more if they have a tower in their back-yard, and one-half of a deduction for every hand-held piece of Amateur Radio equipment they own and use. Under the now-disclosed regulations, all deductions will be doubled next year if the radios and antennas are American-made.

FCC COMING TO ROCHESTER

With the recent resignation of Mark Fowler as the head of the F.C.C., the F.C.C. Board of Directors will be coming to the next A.R.A.R. meeting in an attempt to pick a new chief.

Over the years the F.C.C. has kept its' eyes on the good work and ideas accomplished by the membership of A.R.A.R., and has decided that an A.R.A.R. member should be its' next Director. Prior to coming to Rochester, the F.C.C. has already convinced the U.S. Senate that any A.R.A.R. member would be a more than worthy replacement of Fowler, so Fowler's successor will be picked out of a hat containing the names of all A.R.A.R. members who make it to the next meeting. Due to the anticipated attendance, the Rochester Amerks will give up one of their Calder Cup play-off home dates for this very important meeting of A.R.A.R.

WANTED - Radio Amateurs needed to squelch "*Russian Woodpecker*" - contact Ronnie and Nancy, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.

NEW THREAT TO AMATEUR RADIO

The latest developments in Amateur Radio have often come out of the Silicon Valley of California, and now the latest threat seems to be coming from there as well. Elmer Hunnicut, KA6DUM, son of the world-famous Korean War surgeon B. J. Hunnicutt, is being sued for divorce by his wife, Betty. As part of her divorce suit, she wants to take Elmer's rig and tower from him as part of the settlement under California's community property laws.

When asked by the *A.R.A.R. GAG* why she wanted to take Elmer's equipment and tower away from him, she said that "*he has paid more attention to that junk than he has to me. This way it will remind him that I was married to him rather than his radio.*"

NO MORE ZONING WORRIES

Inside information has come to the *A.R.A.R. GAG* that a group of A.R.A.R. members have gotten together and purchased a considerable piece of land in the Town of Perinton. These hams will be developing a housing sub-division where all the homes must be owned by an Amateur Radio operator, and each amateur will be required to have a tower in his/her back-yard that is at least ten feet taller than their home. The *GAG* will keep all A.R.A.R. members posted, including trying to confirm the report of *five percent* mortgage financing by this development group.

SPECIAL HOME BREW NIGHT

The *A.R.A.R. GAG* reaches a lot of readers, and some of them happen to be the C.E.O.'s of Kenwood, ICOM and Yaseu. When they read of the results of the last A.R.A.R. Home Brew Night, they contacted A.R.A.R.'s Board of Director to schedule another Home Brew night since all of their Research and Development units had run dry of ideas. The C.E.O.'s all were impressed by the fact that an A.R.A.R. member could build his very own 2-Meter base station that also had 15 Watts of audio output.