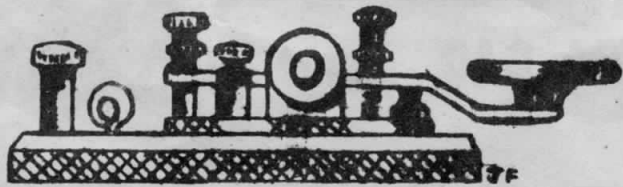


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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Iowa City Amateur Radio Club will be September 8, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at the First National Bank, 1117 William Street, Towncrest area of Iowa City. The program will be presented by Jim Brady, WB0LKW, who will speak on Media Management and recommendations for future club action on publicity. This is a topic of great importance to Amateur Radio at this time to inform the public of the value of Amateur Radio, and to help them differentiate between us and CB.

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CEDAR VALLEY

The second annual Cedar Valley Hamfest sponsored by the Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club will be held October 3 at Hawkeye Downs on 218 at the south edge of Cedar Rapids. The event promises to be bigger and better than last year's fine event,

HAMFEST

with a list of prizes the likes of which you have never seen: Collins 75S-3C, Wilson WE-224 2-meter mobile, Wilson 1402SM Handi-Talkie, Hy-Gain TH3MK3 tri-band beam, and a Heath HW-8 QRP transceiver. Gates open at 7 a.m. with the drawing at 3 p.m. Sounds too good to miss! Tickets are \$1.50 in advance, \$2 at the gate.

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TWO METER

First Two Meter Worked All States was achieved by K0MQS (Delta, Iowa--Ed,) when he worked K6YNB/KL7 via moonbounce Tuesday afternoon!

W. A. S.

The Alaska contact was particularly timely for K0MQS as he'd just nailed his 49th state--Idaho--when he contacted W7UBI on August 2. The QSO with K0MQS was, coincidentally, K6YNB/KL7's first EME contact though the DXpedition station had made some Perseids contacts.

--HR Report

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FCC

The FCC will be giving the Amateur examinations in Cedar Rapids on October 1, 1976 for a special one-time affair. If you are interested you must apply to the FCC Chicago office before the middle of September. Send an FCC 610 to apply--if you don't have

EXAMS

one, they are available locally from K0UJJ. Further information may be obtained from Greg Copeland, AB0OET, Cedar Rapids.

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JOHNSON COUNTY

EMERGENCY NET

The AREC (Amateur Radio Emergency Corps) sponsored Johnson County Emergency Net meets each Sunday Evening at 7:30 p.m. local time on the Iowa City Repeater, 146.28-.88 MHz, with an alternate frequency of 146.52 Simplex in case of Repeater

malfunctions. All Amateurs in Johnson and surrounding counties are invited to check in. Please join us and do your part to support emergency communications in your community.

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Mike and Arlyce Nowack, WBØHOG and WNØQQX respectively have moved to Quincy, Illinois where Mike has taken a new job with Harris Communications, a manufacturer of broadcast transmitters, and Arlyce has taken a job with a hospital in Quincy. We wish them well in their new home. They will be missed in Iowa City. With their moving, the job of EC (Emergency Coordinator) for Johnson County is open. The club is looking for a volunteer for this job, which consists primarily of organizing the Sunday Net and reporting emergency communications to the Iowa SCM, Max Otto, WØLFF. It carries with it the prestige of being a League Appointee, with the privileges that go with that--CD Bulletins, participation in CD parties, etc. It is a job that needs to be done, and is a way of becoming more involved in Amateur Radio in your community. Volunteers please contact Craig Fastenow, KØUJJ, 351-8258 or Max Otto, WØLFF, 337-7179.

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The job of Vice President and Editor is also open, as yours truly has moved up to President with Mike's departure. We need some new blood in the executive council--why don't you step forward and lend a hand to the health of your club. If you don't, no one else will.....

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FOR SALE: Drake 2-C Receiver with 2-CS Speaker, 2-NT Transmitter. A Fine Novice rig. Contact Doris Delaney, 337-5986.

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IN CASE YOU

The August 11 meeting of the Iowa City Amateur Radio Club was called to order by Craig Fastenow, KØUJJ and it was announced that Mike and Arlyce Nowack were moving to Quincy, Illinois.

MISSED IT

Dave Christ, KØLUM gave a report on the progress of a proposed bike race on August 29 and September 25 and requested volunteers to help with communications. It was announced that WBØLKW's letter on behalf of the club appeared in the Des Moines Sunday Register. FCC exams will be given at Cedar Rapids October 1. There will be a Ham Radio exhibit at Linndale Plaza August 21. The Iowa City Amateur Radio Club will probably sponsor Novice Classes in October if there is enough interest. The meeting was adjourned and turned over to WBØQFQ who have a report on the ARRL National Convention at Denver, which he attended.

--Max Otto, WØLFF, Sec'y-Treas.

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FOR SALE: KLM 140 Watt 2-meter Linear Amplifier, VHF Engineering 25 Amp Power Supply to power it. Bob Lucas, WAØDXZ, 351-1488.

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HOW TO MAKE REPEATER USE MORE FUN -- Impressions on visiting Southern California

1. Don't be pushy - wait for someone in the club or repeater association to ask you to join. If you freeload for a few months you can verify how popular you are by the large number of hams who invite you to contribute your share.
2. Use lots of CW slang. Remember to say "HI" because audio quality on FM is so poor that laughter is not recognizable as such. When CW terms get boring, try the police ten-code.
3. Try to time out the repeater as often as possible. This keeps traffic down, and is good practice because it reminds everyone how long that particular repeater takes to time out.
4. Run as much power as possible, especially on fixed stations, and in crowded areas where two or more repeaters may be keyed up at once. Give everyone in your half of the state the benefit of your transmissions. Do lots of DXing on repeaters - it's a real technical challenge.
5. If another repeater shares the frequency of your machine, be sure to make frequent snide references to "that alligator" nearby. This is especially effective if you use a beam pointed their way, and several hundred watts. Remember that hams are courteous, and when they hear your complaints they will doubtless reduce the power of their repeater, or change frequencies.
6. Confine your rag-chewing to early morning and late afternoon rush hours when everyone is mobile, and to the dinner hour and early evening. There is no point in having a long conversation when few hams are on the air to hear it. Never use simplex for rag-chews, because the repeater should get lots of exercise.
7. Never allow more than a few milliseconds pause between transmissions, or you are likely to lose your listeners' interest.
8. Make frequent derogatory references to CB, but use the term "11 meter" because none of the CBers will know what that means. The only way to keep the amateur operator ranks from being enlarged is to prevent recruiting. If you offend CBers you will help keep the number of hams small and reduce crowding on the bands. Anyway, no CBER has monitor receiving gear, so you probably won't be overheard.

--Luke VanOrden, WBØQFQ

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FOR SALE: Regency HR-2A, Mint Condition. 7 pairs of crystals, popular frequencies. \$150. Jim Brady, WBØLKW, 354-4716.

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The ARRL Midwest Division Convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska October 8, 9 and 10 at the Holiday Inn, 72nd and Grover. There will be many exhibitors, forums and special doin's for the ladies. The forums include recent equipment, microcomputers, QRPp, Novice, RTTY repair, Antenna Matching, Disaster communications, FCC direction finding, SSB, Mars, etc, etc. Promises to be a fine shindig. Pre-registrations are \$14 for Convention and Banquet, \$10 Convention only. Motel reservations phone toll-free 800-453-5555, Mention ARRL for Convention rate.

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WN NOVICE

"WN" Novice prefixes will no longer be issued after October 1 and Novice licensees will receive the same prefixes as higher class license holders. In its announcement of the change late last week, the Commission cited processing problems as the prime reason for the change -- its computer has had some difficulty in translating a WN into a WA, WB or (recently) WD resulting in the issuing of some duplicate calls.

PREFIXES

Present Novice licensees whose licenses expire after October 1 will also be changing prefixes -- the Commission plans to issue them new licenses with the appropriate new prefix starting some time after the first -- until a new license is actually received, however, a presently licensed Novice should continue using "WN."

Results of the change could be both good and bad. Novices should benefit since they'll have to buy QSLs, name tags and the like only once, but they'll lose the tolerance and patience many amateurs automatically extended to the signer of a WN callsign. One unanswered question is how much the lack of a distinctive call will influence Novices to slide out of their band segments, too.

WPX seekers will have to get busy -- some U.S. islands have few if any Novice licensees and the change gives prefix hunters only a month or so to salt those rare ones away.

WD callsigns are being issued or are on the verge of being issued in the 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th call areas, according to the Commission's release on the Novice change, and WDs are imminent in the 5th, 9th and 0 districts.

--HR Report, August 27, 1976

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According to a recent Midwest Division Director's Newsletter, Max Otto, W0LFF has become a Life Member of the A.R.R.L. Congratulations Max!

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REMEMBER The Iowa City Amateur Radio Club meeting Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the First National Bank Towncrest Branch Community Room, 1117 William St. The program will be on publicity. See you all there!

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