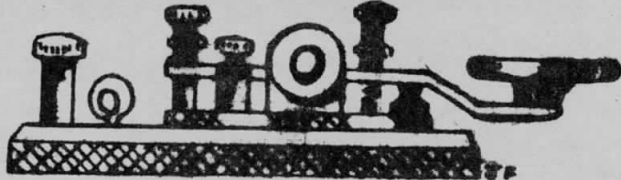


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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Iowa City Amateur Radio Club will be October 13, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at the First National Bank, 1117 William Street, in the Towncrest area of Iowa City.

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To Craig Fastenow, Vice-President and members of the Iowa City Amateur Radio Club:

As many of you are already aware, my family and I are leaving the Iowa City area to relocate in Quincy, Illinois. Therefore, with much regret I must tender my resignation as President of the Iowa City Amateur Radio Club. I wish to thank all those who have supported me as an officer and the club in general. I have greatly enjoyed my association with the ham community in Iowa City and Arlyce and I both will miss the many friends that we have made over the past nine years. In the past several years the club has grown into one of the most active in the state and something that each member can be very proud of. I know I am.

My resignation will throw a greater burden on the shoulders of Craig who is now editing the Rag and I would hope that each of you will do what you can to help him out.

I plan on remaining in contact with the club through the Rag and also by way of the HF bands with those of you active there. So until next time,

73, Mike Nowack, WBØHOG

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**BUMPER** Publicize ham radio! Help support our WARC-79 preparations! A new bumper sticker is available bearing the message "TUNE IN THE WORLD WITH HAM RADIO." Available for \$1 from ARRL Headquarters, postpaid, or at the League booth at hamfests and conventions. If anyone is interested in a group order, please contact Craig, KØUJJ at 351-8258 and we will try to arrange something.

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## JOHNSON COUNTY

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

## EMERGENCY NET

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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## IN CASE YOU

The September 8th meeting was called to order by Craig Fastenow, KØUJJ. WØLFF reported that as a result of our Novice Instruction the following new calls have been reported: Dorothy Coon, WNØVMX; Richard Coon, WNØVMV; Debbie Fay, WNØVTH; John Wilson, WNØVMQ;

## MISSED IT

Bob Adams, WNØVMO; John Kirby, WNØVTG; Bob Arceneaux, WNØVMW; Mike Fulton, WNØVTI; Cody Vincent, WNØVWZ; and Charles Lindsey, WBØVRQ. There are others, but they have not reported their calls as yet. WØLFF expressed the hope that the club will follow through with the new Amateurs, and give them any help they might require. It was decided that the club would again sponsor Novice Classes beginning October 19th. Richard Butcher, WØPSP addressed the club to report that John Kirby, one of the new Novices, has been denied the permission to erect a Novice Antenna at the Mark IV apartments. As this complex receives Federal funds, letters to Iowa congressmen was suggested, also the possibility of John being able to operate at U of I station WØIO. WAØDXZ played a recording of 2M CW signals during a recent Aurora disturbance. The meeting was adjourned and turned over to Jim Brady, WBØLKW for a report of "How to be successful in public relations and publicity."

--Max Otto, WØLFF

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## PUBLIC

Suggestions from Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ, Public relations assistant, Southwestern Division, and other amateurs:

## RELATIONS

Display your call letters: license plates, bumper stickers with words "Amateur Radio Operator." Wear a lapel pin or badge with your name and call letters. Put a sign on your mail box.

"Thou Shalt Not Be Responsible For Creating TVI!" Set a good example when operating and encourage other Amateurs to do the same.

Distribute ARRL pamphlets. Keep them in your automobile along with handbills about your club's licensing classes.

Consider publicity for any Ham as publicity for ALL.

In conversations with friends or acquaintances, bring the subject of Amateur Radio up frequently, but don't bore them! Teach children CW as a game. Name your pet rock CQ, QST or ....?

When you run a phone patch, finish the call by reminding the person "this was by Amateur Radio."

Be a "one person Public Relations Office" for Amateur Radio.

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SPECIAL PROGRAM In November, at its regular meeting, the Iowa City Amateur Radio Club will sponsor a special program for Novices, newcomers or anyone who has a question about some facet of Amateur Radio. A panel of "experts" will attempt to answer any and all questions about ham radio--technical, operating, regulations, etc. So, if you have a question about anything in ham radio, come to the November meeting--the 10th--and try to stump the experts!

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THE CASE FOR BELONGING Recently a questionnaire was sent to all members of the Iowa City Amateur Radio Club, and we have now received all but two of them back. The club now has 50 members, and of that number, 28 are members of the ARRL. I believe this percentage should be more like 90% instead of the 56% that it is. I would like to encourage every member of this club to join the ARRL, and in that interest, I am printing the following, taken from an ARRL handout:

To a degree that is true of few if any other leisure activities, there are good reasons why every ham should belong to and support both ARRL and his local radio club. Yet at least half of all licensed U.S. and Canadian amateurs belong to neither. A recent survey in depth among a representative sampling of amateur radio operators helps explain why. Here are the questions most frequently raised by non-members and what we hope are equally forthright answers.

Q. For me, amateur radio is a hobby -- pure and simple. Why should I get involved in all that ARRL stuff that doesn't interest me?

A. That would be fine if it were really that simple. You hold an FCC license issued "in the public interest and necessity." It is an inescapable fact that you will continue to have a license to operate only so long as our governments continue to believe it is indeed in the public interest and necessity. It is also a fact that ARRL has for half a century been the prime means chosen by thoughtful, responsible amateurs to demonstrate fulfillment of that requirement. ARRL is your best insurance of continued access to bands. The League needs you and you need the League for this reason if for no other.

Q. How much do individual members actually have to do with running the League?

A. League members function through sixteen regional directors elected every other year by the members in each region so that the Board may properly reflect the entire U.S. and Canada. Only ten signatures of full members on a petition are required to nominate a candidate for director. The full time staff of 70 people in Newington, Connecticut, is responsible to the board. Each director keeps in touch with his constituents and seeks continuously their feelings and opinions through an elected vice director, appointed assistant directors, club visits, members of the ARRL field nets and organizations, on-the-air chats, correspondence with members, and so on. It is an imperfect system, of course, but as democratic institutions go it is remarkably and constantly sensitive to the membership. Obviously the actions and decisions of the Board cannot please everybody all the time. Indeed, to try to do so could result only in being innocuous. These unpaid directors do try to reflect the best and majority interests of amateur radio for both the present and the future. It is not always easy.

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Q. The League, and for that matter radio clubs, seem to be primarily concerned with building, with cw, with "improving the art." These things just do not interest me.

A. Whether we like it or not, amateur radio IS changing. There are many more hams on the air. There are new and greater regulatory pressures both nationally and internationally. New Equipment and techniques are being developed at an accelerated pace. No ham can afford to be detached even if he wants to be. That's one side of the coin. On a straight content basis, phone operation, commercial gear, new antennas, etc. all receive their full share of attention in ARRL publications, in club discussions, and so on.

Q. I keep posted as much as I need to be through my own contacts, on the air and otherwise, with other hams, and, when it comes right down to it, clubs and the League have been getting along all these years without me, so why should I personally join?

A. (1) So you yourself can have a voice in the future of amateur radio. How can you influence what the League and the local club do or do not do when you're just a spectator? (2) Because you cannot possibly even keep up, let alone stay ahead of all that affects you in amateur radio just by casual personal contacts. (3) Because you'll get much more out of amateur radio by being a participant, being exposed to all that is going on and the new ideas that are coming.

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REMEMBER The Iowa City Amateur Radio Club meeting Wednesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the First National Bank Towncrest Branch Community Room, 1117 William Street.

THE PROGRAM will be a talk by Bob Lucas, WAØDXZ on working "DX" on two meters with SSB and CW, and on techniques and equipment involved in working the OSCAR satellites, areas that are not familiar to most of us. So, come and learn about a new facet of amateur radio! See you all there!

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