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Iowa City Amateur Radio Club Officers for 1978

President: Charles Lindsey WBØVRQ
Vice-President: Kenny Kucera WBØZXU
Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Lucas WAØDXZ

Dues for the Iowa City Amateur Radio Club are \$5.00 per year (includes a subscription to this publication). Permission to reprint is granted if credit is given to the author and this newsletter.

The Iowa City Amateur Radio Club meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Community Room in the basement of the First National Bank of Iowa City at Towncrest, 1117 William Street, Iowa City, Iowa.

The meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. local time.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Something happened the second Wednesday of December last! I found myself elected President of the Iowa City Amateur Radio Club--along with Ken, WNØZXU, as Vice-President, and Bob, WZØDXZ, as Secretary-Treasurer.

No Activities Chairman was elected. Instead, twelve people volunteered to take a program--one for each meeting of this year. This I think is a great idea and all those who volunteered should be thanked. But something was overlooked. It is part of the Activity Chairman's job to be responsible for group activities undertaken by the Club, as you will see when you check your copy of the Club's Constitution contained in this month's RAG. It is within my power as President to appointment someone to this office to take over these duties. However, as this was overlooked before, I feel that the members should first be consulted. This I shall do at the next meeting, which will be held on January 11, 1978.

Also at that meeting, the Mall Demonstration and subsequent Novice Classes will be discussed. Hopefully, there will be volunteers to set up and man the event.

Which brings me to what I want to say. THIS IS YOUR CLUB. It is what you make it--nothing more. It needs your input. The Officers cannot do it alone. We want to hear something from you. And remember, the Officers are new at this, so bear with us. Also, support your ICRC RAG.

See you on the 11th of this NEW YEAR!

Chuck, WBØVRQ

EXCERPTS FROM HR REPORTS

FCC's new TVI Handbook, "How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference," is available from the Consumer Information Center, Department 015F, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. The cost is \$1.50 postpaid.

LI2B is operating in IRAQ with government permission, as he sails his reed boat down the Tuphrates River. Thor Heyerdahl has an OK to operate one hour a day, and reportedly runs 150 watts to a 20-meter dipole on the craft's mast. Unfortunately, the operation will not count for DXCC credit as he is afloat (Rule 8).

Ghana's third-party traffic status has now been cleared with both the State Department and FCC. November 26th was the date the agreement became official and traffic exchange became OK.

The SYNTHACODER 509 is a 12-position matrix synthesizer for the Clegg, Midland, and Cobra 220 MHz transceivers. It is programmed with plug-in IC diodes and features three modes: simplex, repeater offset, and reverse offset.

\$129.95 from Engineering Specialties, Box 2233, Oxnard, California 93030.

A no-code Canadian amateur license is expected by next fall as a result of a recent Department of Communications/Canadian Amateur Radio Federation/National Amateur Radio Symposium in Ottawa. More than 100 Amateurs from across Canada, representing 27 Canadian Amateur organizations, attended the jointly sponsored session, during which the suggestion for a Canadian Novice-class license was firmly turned down, while a no-code "experimenter's" license for 220 MHz and up was strongly supported.

Expectations are that the new license will have a tough technical exam, while other details are still to be worked out.

IOWA CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
CONSTITUTION

(AS ADOPTED 1975)

ARTICLE ONE

NAME

The name of this Club shall be the "Iowa City Amateur Radio Club."

ARTICLE TWO

PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to promote personal contacts between licensed radio amateurs in Iowa City and the surrounding area, to promote technical cooperation between members, to encourage increased operating efficiency and courtesy, to generally advance the interest in and welfare of amateur radio in the community, and to introduce amateur radio to those interested.

ARTICLE THREE

MEMBERS

The club shall consist of members who may be licensed radio amateurs, or who are interested in amateur radio.

ARTICLE FOUR

OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - Only members holding a currently valid amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission of the U.S.A. may hold office.

SECTION 2 - The officers of the club shall be a President, a Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Station Trustee, and an Activities Chairman. All officers except the Trustee will be elected for a one-year term. The Trustee will hold office concurrent with the term of the club station license.

SECTION 3 - All vacancies occurring among the officers shall be filled by appointment by the President or Acting President, and shall serve until the next regular election of the club.

ARTICLE FIVE

MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - The club shall hold regularly scheduled meetings once every month. Business transactions as necessary will be transacted, and in addition a program deemed of interest to the membership shall be presented.

SECTION 2 - One-quarter of the members of the club shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 3 - Members shall vote on any question concerning the club, each member being entitled to one vote.

SECTION 4 - All matters will be settled by simple majority of the members present, except where specifically stated otherwise; any tie will be decided by the presiding officer.

ARTICLE SIX

COMMITTEES

The President may establish committees at his discretion, and may terminate such committees as he sees fit.

ARTICLE SEVEN

AMENDMENTS

This constitution shall be amended only in the following manner: proposed amendments shall be mailed to all members at least 30 days prior to being brought to a vote. The proposed amendments shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present for two consecutive meetings before being adopted. All amendments to this constitution shall take effect immediately upon adjournment of that meeting at which they are adopted.

ARTICLE EIGHT

APPROVAL

This constitution will be approved by following the same procedure stated for approval of amendments.

BY-LAWS

OF MEMBERS

(1) Application for membership shall be made by providing the secretary-treasurer the required information.

(2) Validation of membership shall take place when the prospective member has paid his dues. If dues are not paid within thirty days, it shall be considered that the applicant has withdrawn his application.

(3) a. Loss of membership shall occur when any member's dues are in arrears for 60 days. The annual dues are to be set by the membership and payable the first of each year. If a member joins during the year, his dues will be pro-rated for the remainder of the year.

b. Any member who shall be considered to have conducted himself in a manner unworthy of membership in the club may be dismissed from membership by a three-fourths affirmative vote of the members present at two consecutive meetings.

OF OFFICERS

(1) PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all business meetings of the club, shall make necessary appointments and fill vacancies existing in the various offices.

(2) VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in case of the latter's absence or disability.

(3) SECRETARY-TREASURER: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a careful record of the meetings, maintain a membership roll, publish a membership roster annually, receive and hold funds for the club, disperse funds when authorized, collect dues, receive applications for membership, and report on these activities regularly to the membership.

(4) TRUSTEE: The Trustee shall perform all duties as prescribed by the appropriate Federal Communications Commission Regulations.

(5) ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN: The Activities Chairman shall be responsible for all programs and group activities undertaken by the club. He may appoint others to assist in carrying out these activities.

ELECTION

(1) Candidates for office shall be nominated from the floor or by a nominating committee at the next to the last meeting of the year. Any nominee not present must have given his previous permission for nomination.

(2) The election of officers will take place at the last regular meeting of the year. The ballot will be secret and should there be a tie vote, the presiding officer shall cast the deciding ballot. The newly-elected officers will be installed at the first regular meeting of the new year.

Saturday, February 18, 1978, is the date for the Amateur Radio Demonstration at the Mall. If there is sufficient interest in the project, it will be continued through Sunday, February 19, 1978. This "sufficient interest" probably involves the public and the club members.

Space is always available in the RAG for advertisements of radio and/or radio-related items that you wish to BUY, SELL, or TRADE.

Call Dick, WBØVMV, at 337-3351 (between 12 Noon and 5:00 P.M.) before the 20th of the month preceding publication.

You are invited to call the same number to submit news items for the RAG. In fact, if items are not submitted, this publication can go no where fast.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Raymon T. Carpenter is one of the persons who took the "General" course taught recently by Craig, KØCF. He, also, took the University Code Classes. At that time he did not have an amateur license. HE DOES NOW! He went to Rock Island in November, and walked out with an ADVANCED ticket. His call is WDØFQP.

Also in November, Russ Lenth, WDØFCI, upped his license to General. Russ' XYL, Mary Ann, has taken her Novice test, and feels confident that she passed.

Three that we know of upped their tickets to Technician:-- Jim Boorman, WDØFBA; Dick Coon, WBØVMV; and Dorothy Coon, WBØVMX.

Kathy Hudachek (XYL of WBØVRN), Peggy McAtee, and Owen Edwards have passed their code tests, and are awaiting the Novice written examinations. Bob Kerf and Jim Snead, too.

"..... for I.D."

de KØCF

Station identification is one of the most basic operating requirements, but it seems very few know exactly what the requirements are. One short section of the FCC regs is devoted to station identification--97.87.

The requirements are simple--at the beginning of an exchange of transmissions and every ten minutes thereafter, you are required to give your callsign, and at the end of the exchange you are required to give the callsign of at least one of the stations with which you are in contact and your own callsign.

Furthermore, this identification must be given on each frequency on which communication is conducted.

Some examples: at the end of a QSO it is not sufficient to simply say, "KØCF clear." But, "WØXYZ this is KØCF" is proper. Also, "KØCF QSY to 52" is not legal, but, "WØXYZ from KØCF QSY to 52" is.

In the case of a net, you may give the name of the net instead of the other station's callsign--for example, "Johnson County Emergency Net, this is KØCF" is a legal sign-off.

I hope that this has clarified some of the confusion that has existed.

JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY NET

Sunday 7:30 P.M. Local Time

146.25 input; 146.85 output. If Repeater is down, 146.52 Simplex.

All amateurs in Johnson County or within listening range are welcome to check in.

F O R S A L E

SWAN 350 with Power Supply. Late Model--under three years old. This belongs to Jim, WBØLKW (or W9JB).

He wants \$300.00 for this, but make him an offer that is too good to refuse.

Please, let us know if the identifying information we have on you is incorrect.

We would like our mailing list to be factual and accurate.

Have an opinion?

Voice it in the RAG!