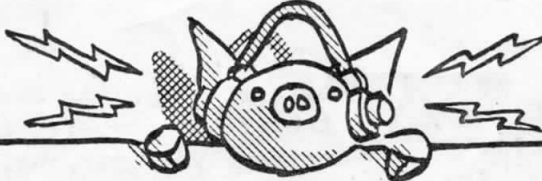


THE RIVER CITY RADIO RAG



IN CASE YOU WEREN'T THERE

The meeting was called to order by president KØUJJ. KØLUM put in a request for old ham magazines. A report of C.W. T.V.I. was reported near foster road.

The minutes and treasurers report were read and approved. WØLFF reported that almost \$70 was taken in during 1976 in excess of operating expenses. He suggested the dues could be reduced, a new records box for the treasurer, or a permanent P.O. box could be rented for the clubs business address. It was voted to sponsor a Mall Project in february. WØPPF, previously nominated, was elected president for 1977. WØQFQ was elected program chairman. WNØPYI and WØVTK volunteered to edit the "rag". The meeting was then ended for a break, and then turned over to Donald Dunlavy for a fantastic program on solar heating.

FOR MOBILE OPERATORS

An extra power cable with heavy battery clips can be a life-saver for mobile operators.

W60JY got help in the "wee smalls" after a complete electrical failure in his car by jury-rigging his 2 meter radio direct to the battery so he could bring up the OTAY repeater.

Thanks SDRA Squelch Tales.
HR-REPORT

NO MORE FEES

Suspension of FCC licence fees went into effect Jan.1,1977. The fee suspension, announced at a morning press conference, will apparently apply to all FCC licences.

It's the result of a court desicion announced last month, the result of a suit brought by cable TV and other interests, who had charged that the FCC's fee structure was arbitrary and thus improper.

Implications of the suspension, particularly to the logistics of Amateur and CB licencing, are far reaching.

Starting Jan.1, all check and money orders sent with licence applications will have to be returned, which means the heavily burdened FCC staff at Gettysburg will now have to stuff and mail about half a million more envelopes each month. It's even possible that the applications themselves will have to be returned, to be resubmitted without the fee.

Duration of the suspension, will probably depend on congressional action

Other details were still being worked out at press time.

Suspension of licence fees could favorably affect the growth rate of ham radio if historical relationship between licence applications and fees still holds.

HR-REPORT

A REAL FOX HUNT

After KL7DOB'S car was robbed of about \$2000 in tools and gear plus a Tempo hand-held, a strange voice on WR7AFN (Anchorage) wanting help in finding out "how come I can't hear this radio on my CB?" was answered by "Observer"(SCM KL7CUK) and others offering to help the newcomer out.

When they met, the Tempo was recovered but the culprit took off cross country. KL7DOB trailed his footprints home through the snow, found all the missing gear there.

Thanks KL7HAQ
HR-REPORT

STRAY

We regret to report that "Buch" WBØPSP has moved to DesMoins to attend college. However, he is planning to keep in contact via 2meters and the HF bands.

IT'S MALL DEMO TIME AGAIN!

Another demonstration of Ham Radio at the Mall Shopping Center is planned for this year. The date is not certain but it is intended to have the Demo on Saturday Feb. 12 or 19. An early date will make the timing of the next Novice Class

better, and allow the new Hams to get on the air by Summer. Last year's Demo was extremely gratifying, both in terms of participation by members and expression of interest by visitors to the exhibit.

If the February date is confirmed we will spend most of the January meeting enlisting volunteers, arranging equipment loans, and assigning task groups. The following types of participation are needed:

- (a) Operators
- (b) Equipment pickup/setup
- (c) Antenna party
- (d) "Barkers"
- (e) Publicity

Please think ahead and decide which activity you would like, so we can make this a 100% ICARC activity.

For those who missed last year's Demo, the Club had a typical general/advanced and a typical novice station on the air, two or three 2M FM boxes, SSTV, and a hard-wired RTTY set up for kids of all ages to type messages. Owing to the extensive publicity campaign waged by Jim, WBØLKW, there was an impressive amount of public interest, and coverage by two TV stations.

Can we top last year?

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