

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, November 5, 7:00 PM Library (Basement) 5th and F St.
 SOCIAL MEETING: Friday, November 19, 7:00 PM Kentucky Fried Chicken, No. Lites & C St.
 TRANSMITTER HUNT: Sunday, November 14, 1:00 PM Start McDonalds No.Lites & Arctic 146.52

By the time most of you receive this, the Halloween Party will be history. I hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed yourselves, and that those who could not make it will try and do so next year. Special thanks go to Herb, KL7AE, for stepping in to make the needed arrangements when our regular activities director was called to work unexpectedly.

One of our board members, KL7EOK, has moved to Valdez, and tendered his resignation from the board. Bob will be missed by all of us, but perhaps he can drop in now and then. The board, at the regular October meeting, voted to install Andy, KL7ISB, in the vacant spot.

Also discussed at the board meeting was the sad state of repair of the club owned Heathkit SB-101 Transceiver. It was generally felt that the SB-101 had outlived its service life and was a candidate for replacement. Since the club had about \$4000.00 in the treasury, the purchase of more recent equipment was possible. The existing equipment could be sold at a Flea Market or to a member by sealed bid. This topic will be discussed further at an upcoming general meeting.

Also discussed at the October board meeting was the subject of the ham classes the club is sponsoring. The general opinion was that the present class is excellent in scope and the amount of material presented in the time allowed, and that special thanks go to Meg and crew for the able job they are doing. Also, however, the feeling was expressed that the present class is very fast paced for the absolute beginner. To alleviate this problem, the forming of a new series of classes aimed specifically at those persons with no prior radio exposure or knowledge was proposed. The new classes would have the goal of reaching the Novice class license only, would be shorter than the present classes, and probably cost a bit less to attract students and youngsters. This would leave the present classes as an advancement course from Novice to one of the higher grades, and hopefully reduce the drop out problem of those students who cannot keep up the first time. The new classes would be taught by Herb, KL7BIL and/or Jim, KL7HAQ. The ARRL "Tune in the World with HAM RADIO " series would probably be the basis for the new classes.

An interesting article appeared in the October 22 edition of HR Report. As of 26 November, the use of portable and mobile identifiers is no longer required. What this means is that you do not need to identify " This is KL7AA, mobile 7 " any longer. Most operators will probably continue to identify as mobile, and this is permitted, but you do not need to add the number of the call area after the word MOBILE. Same goes for portable operation. This should come in handy for our checkpoints and net control stations during the dog racing season. Additional information is available in the article for those who desire same.

Help for antenna nuts! Jim, KL7HAQ has developed a program for the HP 67/97 calculators that will figure out loaded and trap antenna dimensions and L/C values. This is just the ticket for you who cant get on 75 or 160 due to limited space for a full sized antenna, or you who want to build instead of buy (\$\$\$\$\$) a trapped antenna. Copies of the program are available from Jim, or if you don't have one of these calculators just explain what you want to do and your problem will be run and the results reported back to you. Treasure Hunt!!! 2584

Occasionally the club (KL7AA) receives a letter from a ham in the south 48 asking for a sked for phone patches or WAS. If any of you would be interested in trying to help some of these fellows out, let me know. You don't have to do all the work, as the tasks will be shared among members. We really should do something to help these guys out, after all they are brothers of the same fraternity. This looks like a good chance for you guys and gals who cannot find the time for a more demanding club connected job to do your part!

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