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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE XEROX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Hey, where'd that woodpecker go? I realized the other night that I haven't heard Igor and Ivan testing their over-the-horizon radar on the ham bands lately. Nobody's quite sure why, but one possible exception is that it ~~works~~ works. They trained it on the west coast and returned an echo of the autos on the San Bernadino Freeway and thought they were missiles heading for Moscow--shook up our Russian cohorts so much they retired to the labs to work on something a little less unsettling--like a gun that shoots around corners.

Don't disappear over the horizon this coming Thursday the 19th--since it's always tough to compete with total turkeys in any walk of life, we moved the XARC meeting from Thanksgiving up a week. Robert Nazlek W2CNS will be sharing some of his secrets on how to run up massive scores in VHF DX contests. He'll be giving us a slide presentation on the various exploits of the Rochester VHF group. We'll be digging in for the VHF contest later this winter, so it be a good idea to come down and soak up some expertise. As per usual, 7:30 in our little corner of the XRA world in building 337.

Our repeater is going like hell--now we have to get more than about five percent of the club working it. Dan Thomas noticed an ad in GST for subminiature HT's. I sent away for information, and you see the flyer reproduced in these pages. For the first time a pocket-sized rig that can actually fit in a pocket--I'm impressed. A 220 version with TT pad and two pairs of crystals will cost \$229, including wall charger, battery pack, and 220 duckie. We will get 5% off for 5 or more, 10% off for ten or more. Is anyone else interested? Drop a note or call Jeff Duntmann in building 831 at X28895 if so, and we'll see if we can't roust up a club order.

Fund raising plans are in the wind again. Yes, in fact, we're pondering a proposal to XRA for a Festival In The Air this spring or early summer. The idea is for XRA to hold a combination kite contest, model airplane meet, and general family picnic somewhere on the grounds. Hotdogs by Le Chef de XARC--notch. Other possibilities include buying a couple hundred inexpensive kites and making a quarter profit on each, and adding funnel cakes and home-baked cookies and cupcakes to the hotdog line.

XRA has expressed interest. Any suggestions? Other Xerox clubs can be involved; there is a model makers' club here, and a clown club as well. It could well be a damned fine time. Let's talk about it a little at the meeting.

Until then, a reminder to those who haven't tossed in their bux for the year to dig down and get to it--you don't get the ARCOVER for good will and fervent prayers! If your listing in the roster has become inaccurate for some reason, drop a corrected questionnaire to building 831.

Til the meeting, a reminder--we done got a lowband rig; let's not let it gather cobwebs. Do your thang down at the XARC station, and be there at the November meeting!