

It was good to see the newcomers, the oldtimers, and the out-of-town hams there, too, and even oldtimers like "69" yr. old Ducky "like the duck" Duckwitz, W8CJT, were there. After watching an excellent magician show, we gave away some good prizes. Rev. Ray got the swiss knife, Bill, K8WSN, won the big clock, and Lucille and Wells won the electric blanket.

HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL RADIO CLUB What You Can Do.

Our Radio Club consists of Amateurs with many diverse interests. You have oldtimers and new Hams, those interested in CW only, those in RTTY, 2 meter buffs, repeater buffs, slo-scan operators, contest fiends, DX hounds, equipment builders, appliance operators, those interested in becoming Hams, highly technical engineers, a sprinkling of Cbers, and finally occupations that go from Doctor to machinist and retirees. We have one young man of 13 years who attends regularly, and several beyond 65 years. At times, we have three women Hams in the audience. Thus it is obvious that we have a very complex problem of satisfying everyone when we have a group with so diverse an interest, and yet are all Hams.

The first job our officers face is to sell patience, respect, and tolerance for the other person's viewpoint. We must realize that every program or activity will not interest us. We must have a very carefully selected club program and activities that tries to keep everyone relatively happy. It is important that our President appoint a very capable program and activities Chairman. The activities Chairman should carefully weigh his yearly program. The program and activities should not just happen - the whole year should be laid out. This year, we had one very fine program of general interest - that of the film on the Bell Tel. NYC fire. We should have more like this. Our Christmas party had as entertainment a magician, and this is wonderful as our wives could not care less about an intricate Ham Radio speech.

We must have at least a couple of activities each year where we can bring our wives. They put up with a lot of abuse via the Amateur Radio route. Incidentally, what happened to our very fine annual picnic in July?

Selection of officers should not just happen as it did in our last election. Fortunately, we selected a fine president, but it could have been a debacle. The election process is at the heart of the Club - lousy officers can kill a club, and it did once before in the history of the Cherryland Club. We should amend our Constitution and Bylaws to appoint a nominating committee whose job it will be to select competent men, and then get their assent that they will accept and do the job. This business of nominating from the floor, such as we did, and have four people decline nomination, is for the birds. Sure, there should be nominations from the floor after the nominating committee report, but at least, if we go this route, we know that some real thought has been put into selection of officers.

It is my opinion that a Club as small as this one should not be a Board of Director type Club - however, we do have the approach that anyone can attend the Board meetings. But who can find the time to attend? Also, we should look seriously at the power invested in the

Board. Above all and most important - THE MINUTES OF ALL BOARD MEETINGS SHOULD BE WRITTEN UP IN CHERRY JUICE, SO THAT EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. We should strive to make everyone feel that he is part of the decision making of the club.

Summing up - Club activity and careful selection of officers is the thing that makes or breaks a Club. The only way you will get attendance is to have short snappy meetings with varied programs that have some sex appeal.

We should never forget that in this day and age of hundreds of varying types of organizations that are competing for our time and attention - that we must present something worthwhile or they will go to a Rotary or Elks meeting instead.

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Wells, W8CI

FOR SALE: Ernie, W8ALG, has a 10-15-20 Quad antennae; like new - \$40.00, Phone 946-7775.

Feb. 11th, Swap 'n' Shop. 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. We will have a Repeater table again this year, so save your goodies for this.

FROM PRESIDENT BILL:

May each and every one have a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. We hope you will join with all the members of Cherryland Amateur Radio Club in making 1978 our very best year.

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Bill Martinek, W8JUY

For Sale--Hights Aluminum 40 ft fold over tower. \$250. Contact Stan W8ME on W. Carriage Hill Dr. TC or Jack Leishman K8XX.

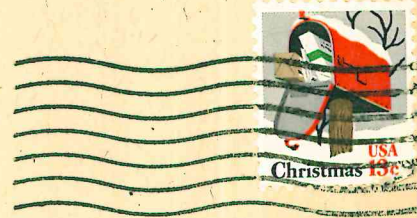
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Other prize winners at the Christmas party were Dorothy Walt (XYL of W8RNQ) who won a brooch and Al W8CYO who won some "Culture at Interlochen"--two tickets to a Tommy Dorsey Orchestra Concert.

Our thanks to Martinek's Jewelers, J. C. Penney Co., Dave Sporny and the club treasury for the prizes.

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