

Tri-State Amateur Radio Society

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1321 South Governor Street
Evansville 13, Indiana

On Thursday, February 6, 1947 at 7:00 p.m. 19 persons including amateurs, an ex amateur and newspaper reporter had dinner in the Spaghetti Bowl basement located at Second and Sycamore streets in Evansville for the purpose of forming an Amateur Radio Club. Those attending were; John McCutchan, W9MOK, Victor Chamberlain, W9BBC, Lawrence Forster, W9ENZ, Keith Johnson, W9JEU. Sheldon Lloyd, W9HC, Carl Nienaber, ex-W9AAY, Darwin Covert, W9KVE, Neff Cox, W9MDX, Al Schoettlin, W9UMS, Harold McClellan, W9WNM, Willard Riney, W9MWN, Philip Hatfield, W9GFS, Paul Robbiano, W9NEC, Morton Silverman, W9GZB, Robert Wilson, W9GFO, Earl Alldredge, W9UNT, Fred Sawyer, W9JFI, Clifford C. McGuyer, W9DGA and Rip Manion, Press reporter.

After the dinner, the group unanimously appointed Morton Silverman to act as temporary chairman. Mr. Silverman appointed Clifford McGuyer to act as temporary secretary.

It was decided by Mr. Silverman the first step toward an organizational meeting was to find a meeting place. He appointed Mr. Robbiano to find this place. Suggestions for a possible meeting place were made. Al Schoettlin suggested the Knights of Columbus Hall or Red Cross. Carl Nienaber suggested the museum of Fine Arts. Mr. Robbiano considered the Y.M.C.A.

The subject of program was then brought up. The chairman appointed Darwin Covert to provide a program for the next meeting.

Following, John McCutchan told of his past experience and history of former clubs and agreed a club would make better amateurs in this area. Mr. McCutchan thought an organizational committee should be selected and reasons for forming a club be made known to all amateurs in this locality. Following reasons were given by the group as a whole:

1. Emergency co-ordination.
2. Exchange of Technical ideas.
3. Exchange of means to reduce broadcast interference.

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4. Fellowship.
5. Social Relationship.
6. Improve standing of Southern Indiana Amateurs within the ARRL structure.
7. Provide Amateur station for use of members.
8. Acquaint public with amateur radio.
9. Help improve sportsmanship on operation within this locality.
10. Clearing house for excess radio parts within membership.
11. Help the beginner.

After these suggestions, an organizational committee was formed with the purpose of drawing up a mailing list to notify the amateurs of the organizational meeting to follow. Persons missed by mailing list would be notified by radio and press. Harold McClellan was appointed chairman of this organizational committee along with Sheldon Lloyd and John McCutchan.

The question arose as to who the organizational committee should invite. Whether to invite only licensed amateurs or any one interested in amateur radio. Mr. McClellan suggested any one with an interest, whether commercial operator, amateur operator or short wave listener be invited. Mr. McCutchan suggested this be left to the committee. Quite a lively discussion followed with the following (suggestion) motion made by Mr. McClellan that the section of the American Radio Relay League Constitution for voting eligibility be used pending the adoption of a permanent constitution. This section states the voting power is held only by a licensed amateur and that other members called associate members have no power to vote. Any one with interest be invited with only licensed amateurs holding the power to vote. This motion was seconded by Mr. Robbiano.

Again quite a discussion followed with Mr. McClellan withdrawing his motion. The group as a whole stated its hope that the club would not become a SWL club. A motion was then presented by Mr. Schoettlin to invite only licensed amateurs for the general organizational meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Sawyer. This motion was carried unanimously.

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At this time, Mr. Silverman thought a financial committee should be appointed. Mr. Schoettlin suggested each present contribute one dollar. Mr. McClellan and Mr. McCutchan pointed out that their committee would be the only one where expense was conderned and stated their committee would pay that expense. The group accepted their proposal with the understanding that after the official formation of the club, this committee would be reimbursed any expense they had to pay. No motion was needed as this was a verbal understanding.

The motion was made by Mr. McCutchan the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Mr. Hatfield. The meeting adjourned at 1010 hours.

Clifford McGuyer
Temporary Secretary