

First Meeting of '71 - MONDAY, JANUARY 11 - 8:00 p.m.

Summit Red Cross Building
695 Springfield Ave., Summit, N.J.

World's First Licensed Ham to Speak

Our speaker for January will be John G. Ruckelshaus of Summit, who claims to have made the first commercial radio transmission in Newark prior to the 1920 broadcast of KDKA. His announcement so impressed Louis Bamberger that Bamberger opened station WOR about six months later in 1921.

Mr. Ruckelshaus also invented the first radio tube to use house current instead of a battery, and he was one of the first to communicate across the Atlantic Ocean.

In 1920 he received the first radio-telephone amateur license issued in the world. His station call was 2GF.

What a chance to hear the exciting story of early radio - be sure to hear Mr. Ruckelshaus at our January 11th meeting.

A NEW AMATEUR RADIO COURSE?

We have had a number of inquiries about a new license course for our members and those in the area interested in getting a "ham" license. We have volunteers to teach - but only if there is enough interest. So - invite a potential ham friend - and be prepared to discuss this issue at the January 11th. meeting. If the response is good, we'll run a course - novice or general; if there is interest in both, we may even be able to do both this spring.

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

With a new year, we need money to carry on. Please pay your dues now. Our Treasurer is Gordon Gibson, W2MGD. If you pay by mail, make check out to the club and mail to the address on the top of this notice.

Those who have not paid their dues for over a year will not be sent SPARK GAPS. Seems fair enough as postage is 60¢ per year.

Accolades Department

Congratulations to Russ Zears, WB2JLW on receiving his DXCC - and moreover, Russ is now on the 2 Meter Net.

Our Treasurer, Gordon Gibson, W2MGD, has just been elected Secretary of the AFIA, Insurance Underwriters - based in New York City. Fine business, Gordon.

Sad New Department

Barry Campbell, W2CGX, lost his new quad in the recent ice storm. Lyn, W2GZZ, had some damage, and Bob Latter, W2YFM, lost his low frequency array.