

TIDBITS FROM WORLDRADIO

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AS OF OCTOBER 29, 1985, THE NUMBER OF AMATEUR OPERATOR LICENSEES IS EACH CLASS WERE: EXTRA, 38,168; ADVANCED, 97,864; GENERAL, 117,268; TECHNICIAN, 83,361; NOVICE, 76,466; TOTAL OPERATORS, 413,127.

8-YEAR-OLD GETS TICKET

ROB KLAUS, A THIRD-GRADE STUDENT OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA HAS PROVEN ONCE AGAIN THAT AMATEUR RADIO HAS NO AGE BARRIERS. AT THE AGE OF 8, ROB HAS PASSED THE FCC NOVICE LICENSE EXAM, AND IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF HIS TICKET.

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN NANCY KLAUS, ROB'S MOTHER, SAW AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER ABOUT THE NOVICE CLASS WHICH WAS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE HARRISON ARC OF FT. HARRISON. WHEN NANCY CALLED ME ABOUT THE CLASS, I WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT ROB'S CHANCES OF PASSING THE TEST. I EXPLAINED THAT I HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS OF ANYONE HIS AGE BEING ABLE TO COMPREHEND THE MATERIAL. AFTER A LONG TALK, WE DECIDED TO GIVE IT OUR BEST "SHOT."

SPECIAL HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS WERE DESIGNED TO HELP ROB UNDERSTAND THE MATERIAL AND MATH REQUIRED. THEY WORKED MANY EXTRA HOURS OF HELPING EACH OTHER UNDERSTAND THE MATERIAL. ROB WOULD COME TO CLASS EVERY NIGHT WITH THAT SPECIAL GLEAM OF EXCITEMENT IN HIS EYES, WHICH MADE ME TRY EVEN HARDER TO SEE HIM THROUGH THE CLASS. AS I TAUGHT, HIS ATTENTION AND ENTHUSIASM GREW. THIS YOUNG MAN WAS EAGER TO LEARN!

THE "BIG" NIGHT FINALLY CAME. WHILE THE REST OF THE STUDENTS WERE SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE TEST, YOUNG ROB BLURTED OUT, "LET'S DO IT!" ROB PASSED THE CODE TEST, ANSWERING 100% OF THE QUESTIONS PROPERLY. ON THE WRITTEN TEST, HE SCORED A 95%. AS THE RESULTS WERE REVEALED, THE CLASS RESPONDED WITH A HEARTY ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR ROB. MOM WAS ELATED; SHE ALSO HAD PASSED THE FCC EXAM. AS THE INSTRUCTOR, I HAD TO HOLD BACK MY TEARS OF JOY WHILE WATCHING ROB JUMP AROUND THE ROOM IN HIS MOMENT OF EXCITEMENT.

THIRTY-SIX OF THE 50 STUDENTS WHO ENROLLED HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE CLASS! WHILE I WAS EXCITED FOR ALL OF THE NEW NOVICES, ROB'S SUCCESS MADE THOSE NIGHTS AWAY FROM HOME ALL WORTHWHILE. IT JUST GOES TO SHOW WHAT A LOT OF EFFORT COMBINED WITH ENTHUSIASM CAN DO.

CONGRADULATIONS TO ROB, NANCY, AND ALL OF THE OTHER STUDENTS OF THE HARC NOVICE CLASS WHO HAVE MET AND ACHIEVED THEIR FIRST GOAL IN THE HOBBY OF AMATEUR RADIO.

LET'S SEE SOME MORE "YOUNG ONES" GET THEIR TICKETS, USA! -RICHARD VIEHE, KM9E

COMING EVENTS: LA PORTE INDIANA HAMFEST, FEB. 23rd. TALK-IN ON 52.