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SPECIAL REMINDER -- This months meeting will be held Thursday evening, the 13th, at the home of Harold Sharp (K8ZGO), 471 Morse Street, just north of the Career Center. Larry (WD8RHU) will be giving a live demonstration on packet radio, so hope to see you all there at 7:30.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR BRANCH COUNTY EMERGENCY COORDINATOR (KS8D)

To borrow a term from the local newspaper, "butterflies" to those who helped with the Halloween Parade. In spite of the typical mass confusion we had a good time.

A couple of months ago in this column I asked about a new Icom HT. Well, I finally found it! The new Icom IC Micro 2AT is designed to cover 139-174 MHz on receive and 140-150 MHz on xmit. It has ten memories each with its own offset and access tone; an LCD readout on the top panel; scanning; 1 watt output and 32 built in subaudible tones. The HT weighs 1/2 pound and is a tiny 2.3" x 5.6" x 1.1". Wonder how much it'll be?

If you have always enjoyed Wayne Greens column in "73" but didn't agree with what he said you are invited to respond. See the November issue for details. Also in this issue - a super simple way to put your C-64 on RTTY.

Speaking of RTTY - Rainbow magazine is now available on disk and one of the programs in the November issue is "RTTY FOR THE COCO". Also see page 42 for "HAMMING IT UP WITH PACKET RADIO". And pages 80 & 86 for articles on BBS systems.

From what I read in various magazines it looks like Novices will soon have added phone and data communication privileges. The general consensus of opinion seems to point to 220 and above. This should help recruit new Novices and maybe rekindle interests in existing Novices who are inactive. Who do you know that fits in this category? The new privileges could come as early as next month. In the same vein, the ARRL now has available "ARCHIE'S HAM RADIO ADVENTURE." A comic book aimed at youngsters between 9 and 15.

Will be unable to make the meeting so enjoy and see you at the Christmas Party.

73, JIM (KS8D)

A.R.E.S. / R.A.C.E.S. NET CONTROL SCHEDULE:

NOV. 20 N8GTM (GERALD)  
NOV. 27 WD8OUO (DENNIS)  
DEC. 4 KC8OT (LEE)