

Correction to last month's column: Mike Schulsinger, N8QHV, contacted me right after the January Anom Prop was published to tell me that he WOULD be able to work the MVUS Hamvention booth this year. Sorry, Mike! Glad to have you with us. But that doesn't mean we don't need others to help out, so let me know when you can be available to help with the booth. I have it confirmed that we will have one; we just don't have the specifics yet although I suspect we will be outside in a tent. Should be interesting.

I also do not have anything solid yet for the VHF/Microwave forum. Not sure why that is taking so long. Maybe Tony, WA8RJF (oh wait, he's got a new call but I don't recall what I was told it is) has it under control. Was it K8ZR? Lots of cool people have 'Z's in their calls.

Plans for MUD 2018 are moving ahead although slowly at this point since it is still some 18 months away. Lots of research into hotels going on at this point. Stay tuned.

If you are on the email list for MVUSA you saw a note last week about Merle Rummel's, W9LCE, equipment sale. Merle has had to move out of his house for the usual reasons that go with the inconvenience of getting older, and is offering some classic ham radio gear, mostly Heathkit, for sale. Some of it is in need of repair, but other pieces probably just need a bit of cleanup. They are located in his basement, so part of the help he needs is getting them out of the house. I hope that some of you will be willing to assist with that. In the early years of MVUS, Merle was a regular at the meetings and always had a useful perspective on our activities, so it would be good if we could repay the favor. If you want to see the list of items, send me an email and I will get it to you. It runs about 4 pages, and although Gerd is always after me for articles, I don't think it's the right sort of thing to publish in Anom Prop.

Speaking of articles, Gerd really is always looking for something to publish so please write up what you have been doing, or even an idea piece like Joe, WA8OGS, wrote last month on beacons. If it interests you, it probably interests other MVUS folks as well.

Another thought that just struck me (no harm done) is to have a space in the newsletter for want ads, for sale or to buy. An ad could run for two months, no charge. Just provide a description of the item, condition, and some way for an interested party to contact you. If you close the deal the first month, please let us know so we can take the ad down to make space for new ones. I may just crank one out when I am done with this awesome literary effort and submit one myself.

That is probably enough for this month, so I hope to see you at the MCL on Feb 24th!

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