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Welcome to GEARVAKf '97!

In an executive meeting held on May 16, 1997, the GEARVAKf Trusteeship Council voted 15 to 13 to issue the following statement: "Welcome to GEARVAKf '97."

So What is GEARVAKf, Anyway?

GEARVAKf (the "f" is silent), also known as the greater enon amateur radio vention and kite fly, is the most prestigious imaginary ham radio and kite flying organization in the world. We are not an equal opportunity organization. We despise political rectitude and we discriminate indiscriminately. Memberships are awarded only rarely at the whim of the GEARVAKf Trusteeship Council and are never based upon merit or suitability of qualifications. We are proud that our bureaucracy rivals that of the U.S. Government and makes about as much sense.

Every year at this time, we invite you to join us to hear, meet, and grovel at the feet of self-proclaimed experts as they talk about everything. Our fly-by-night exhibitors will bring lots of useless equipment to our unusual flea market. If you can't find it at GEARVAKf '97, you'll probably find it somewhere else! For further information on GEARVAKf, we invite you visit us at our Internet web sites: <http://w3.gwis.com/~joelr/vent.htm> and <http://w3.gwis.com/~joelr/gear.htm>.

Exploding-Rat Amplifier Tested, Again

Director of GEARVAKf Scientific Research, Dr. Elwood P. Lishnus, announced last week the successful resumption of testing of the unique exploding-rat microwave amplifier. Work on the amplifier began at the GEARVAKf Research Laboratory in 1978 when Dr. Lishnus discovered the previously unknown exploding-rat principle. He found that placing certain kinds of rats in small copper boxes caused the rats to appear to explode and disappear, spontaneously giving off intense bursts of microwave radiation. Dr. Lishnus then constructed a prototype to evaluate the practicality of the exploding-rat principle. The prototype exploding-rat amplifier was first demonstrated in April 1979 when it was used in a 25-mile long 1296 MHz communications link set up at GEARVAKf Headquarters. The link ran for over two hours and was shut down only when the rat supply was exhausted. At that time, rats for the test had to be flown in from New York City. Later on, a cheaper more reliable source of rats was discovered in Springfield, Ohio. The new tests are being conducted to find out if the rats really explode or, as is suspected, merely disappear into another dimension. If the latter is proven, then an unlimited extradimensional source of cheap microwaves can be tapped.

"Booger" Returns to GEARVAKf! See MUSIC GROUPS on page 9.

