

## **The Wizard's Offer...**

### **An offer aimed at kids.**

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Here is my Wand. I hold it out to you. It is enjoyable, yet it conveys power and responsibility. Will you accept its challenge?

Who is wise enough to take it up? (Do not do so lightly...)

I will reveal all its secrets to you happily. I seek only to pass my arcane knowledge on, because it is Valuable, and was hard-won. It is useful, practical knowledge that on fairly regular occasion is needed most urgently to do some good things for people in very grave danger. At other times it is interesting and educational just for its own pursuit.

It holds century-old, world-spanning personal power, without gatekeepers or toll-takers.

It is free, yet it is also costly in things more important than mere money. Time. Effort. Dedication. Intelligence.

It is easy, yet it will challenge your mind for the rest of your life, and never be finished. I am 63 years old now, and have far more left to do than I have done so far; and I started over 42 years ago. Along the way, I have held every rating in this Art from the lowest Novice to the highest level of Extra Adeptness, and I earned each and every step.

My Brothers and Sisters in this Art are poorly understood by most people. (We have not done a very good job of explaining ourselves.) This Art draws us into some odd ways, not entirely like other mortals. We sometimes do our work late at night, or in the very earliest of morning hours, or in the broad, main daylight. The mysterious and vast energies of The Sun itself power our exploits, and we seek to know its every mood, minor blemish, and major tantrum, because The Sun expands greatly, or destroys utterly, our power to span thousands of miles instantly with our merest of our spoken thoughts.

In basements and in workshops in solitary labor we sometimes make things, special devices, not available anywhere else, with our own hands to our own personal designs, sometimes out of seeming junk, devices that are unique in all the world---and yet things that will become connected to all the world.

I can toss a few feet of common wire over a tree, and by doing, know the exact atomic time in Boulder, Colorado; or I can know at that precise instant what's being heard from Japan; or I can eavesdrop on 10,000 conversations---and join in any of them in less than a

heartbeat. You cannot do these things yet, or many. many others until you study this Art, and are admitted to the membership of its examined and certified practitioners. For example, there is a precise formula for the length of that wire and the manner of its orientation that you are not schooled in yet, and so do not know yet, and so could not do. I can tell you how. And then you'll be amazed of how really easy it seems, once I give you that simple but arcane secret. And, in time, you can teach others.

As almost a side-effect of taking up my offer, you'll learn a universe of things you have little idea of now. You'll gain an understanding of many things that is very rare in today's world. You'll eventually know how almost everything in everyday life works. Not all of it right away, but in a steady gaining over the years, as you grow in this very special Art.

My Special Art's name?

It is called Amateur Radio.

You will learn some physics, some electronics, some chemistry, some basic machine shop and technical construction skills, how to design and execute your ideas for new devices that never existed before. You'll gain understanding few people achieve.

You'll have help. Special guides we call "Elmer". Books. Many books. And you'll have literally millions of fellow students world-wide who you can talk with, learn from, and teach in turn the unique things you've discovered. Their thoughts, their conversations, surround you right now in the very air around your head this very instant. The endless conversation of the radio waves.

It's a very, very special global community. And it's open to you---if you'll accept the challenge.

Join us. (It isn't easy. It's not for everybody.)

That's Amateur Radio in the 21st century.

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(My Wizard name...)