

Vice-President's Column

I like to consider myself active in hobbies other than radio, two of them being photography and marching band. It's not often, but there's a lot of elements of these hobbies you can reflect on in other hobbies. One large aspect of the 'band mentality' is to always remember "One Band, One Sound". Your performance will only sound as good as your worst player, making it important to help everyone and teach them what they don't know. With that in mind, I'm applying that to radio.

This November, I am teaching a Technician Licensing Course to allow for anyone who wants to be a ham but doesn't know how. If you are looking for details on the class, please reach out. Also, as I step into the world of photography, another outstanding example steps out to me. As I line up my viewfinder and the shutter clicks, I think the photo is perfect. It's not until I look at the picture afterwards I notice, "the bird I was trying to photograph was blurry", or "that person could have taken a few steps back to be in frame". The idea is "nothing is ever perfect".

I think this applies to more of the hands-on aspect; for example, cutting a wire antenna or planning an event will never be perfect on the first try. I've always been told "The difference between sounding like a mediocre musician and a professional, isn't the number of mistakes you make, but how you react to them." Like I've said music isn't radio, but a lot can be spread across multiple aspects of hobbies.

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