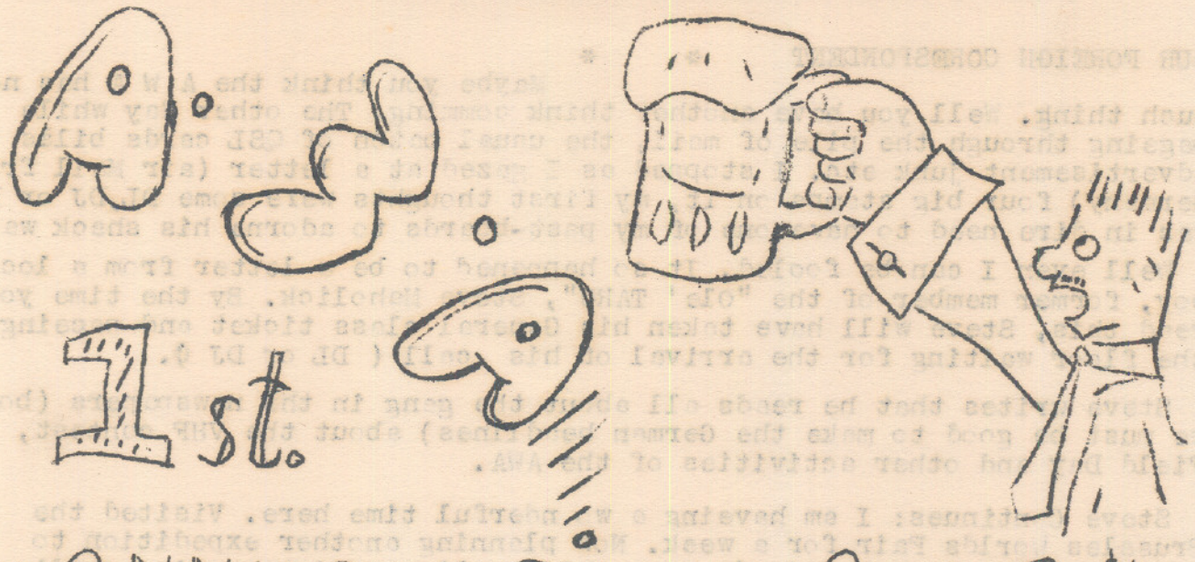



# ANNUAL Picnic - Aug. 24.

NEXT MEETING of the Anthracite Wireless Asso. will be sponsored by Tom, W3CPR at 215 Gay St. Tamaqua. Ur attendance to this meeting will bring forth any final picnic plans the committee mite have forgotten.

OOOops - Goofed again... Last issue we forgot to announce that Harp, W3OML was also one of the F.D. gang. For eye-ball QSO as details see him at the picnic. We WELCOME new members to the A W A. Tom W3CPR our Chocklat Peter Rabbit and George K3CSO, Coaldale, Summit Hill, Outa-bounds. (George is frum Lansford rite in the middle)

EDITORIAL :

Perhaps this donation bizness isn't wat its cracked up to be. As you know our A.W.A. has no specific dues for membership. Therefore all bills are paid on a voluntary basis. If I recall from other local clubs which ranged from 30 to 70 in membership I paid on the average of 3 bucks a year. Also puting my buck in the pot whenever there were special events. All totaled I figger annually I donated about 15 pesos for amateur Sociability in this area. NOW with no dues and the membership only a meger 5 or 6 I have donated on the average of 50 cents a month for the past 6 months. This includes Field Day expenses. Come the end of the year I'll have saved over six bucks and had a grand time to boot.

Since we do not meet at any specific place, all meetings are taken on a voluntary basis. Presently we have 8 active ( Isay active) members which means that I'll accept the place of meeting about twice this term. As I see it this donation bizness isn't makeing and gain for the AWA treasury but it sure is saveing me plenty by the end of the year. Why, with my saveings I'll extend my QST and ARRL membership.

## Next Meeting Aug 16 - 8PM - QTH W3CPR

PICNIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL * *

The picnic committee met and has come up with the following. The annual picnic shall be held at Frantz's grove, New Ringgold, Pa. August 24. 9 A.M. till ? ? A fee of $ 3.00 per operator ( call ) to be used to defray expenses will have to be in the committees hands no later then August 16. (next meeting)

Now, What do I get for my 3 bucks ? The A.W.A. will furnish Q L F Soda, pretzles, candy and peanuts for you and your family and/ or lady friend. Contests, games and lots of room to bring your portable gear out for a try. Rumors have it that there might be a transmitter hunt. For final data attend the next meeting of the A.W.A.

COAL DUST....When the AWA was formed there were about 53 on our mailing list. Each month it has been decreased. Now with the hike in postage it will be made as small as possible. Active members of the AWA will remain on our list, but due to financial reasons quite a number shall be dropped after this mailing... LDV is bildin' a class -B mutilator.. BGF has been QRT sum time nw, sumone sed he had YL itis.... Oh well its happened to lots of gud ops...CUK was mobileing dwn Georgia way for 2 weeks...CPR is sportin' a nw windom ant, DX'in nw...Papers gittin' all see yawl at the picnic ....Don't forgit to keep up ur ARRL dues....

August as September is Hurricane season. Now is the time to check your gear for emergency operation. Don't grt caught short without a spare piece of wire for a sky wire should yours suffer from wind-stroke.

OUR FOREIGN CORESPONDENT * *

Maybe you think the A W A has no such think. Well you have another think comming. The other day while pageing through the pile of mail, the usual batch of QSL cards bills advertisement junk etc. I stopped as I gazed at a letter (air Mail frum Germany) four big stamps on it, my first thoughts were some DL,DJ or DM was in dire need to have one of my past-boards to adorne his shack wall.

Well even I can be fooled. It so happened to be a letter from a local boy, former member of the "Ole' TARC", Steve Maholick. By the time you read this, Steve will have taken his General class ticket and pacing the floor waiting for the arrival of his call ( DL or DJ ).

Steve writes that he reads all about the gang in the newspapers (boy we must be good to make the German headlines) about the VHF contest, Field Day and other activities of the AWA.

Steve Continues: I am haveing a wo nderful time here. Visited the Brussles Worlds Fair for a week. Now planning another expedition to Pariee-ee (Paris u bums) I'm sure this would make interesting reading for our membership. I am very interested in the Army night problems ( I wounder who the attraction is) take walks or hikes as we call it. 15 or 20 mile hike is nothing common over here. As soon as I get my general ticket I would be very pleased to make skeds with the gang and meet you on the air. So till then DX and Aufwidersein.... Steve.

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A La Field Day 1958 * * W 3 L D V / 3

The sun rose brightly Satyrday AM, a most unusual site for field day cuz it gererly rains. The AWA gathered at 1 PM just an hour lateer then the time set, and all decended upon the area of Lucust Valley, Pa. for the week end. Upon arrival on the site the local citizens put up a struggle in relinquishing the grounds for our antennaes. A herd of cattle, our barrier, was soon giveing ground when we were assisted by a few of the local ranch hands. 3 of the cattyle did manage to stick around and were bed-buddies to K3 BGF as W3LDV.

Upon entering the confines of the compound ( shack) some of the crew got the KW xmitter perkin and the balance proceded to check out the provisions and prepare for a long week-end. Since a 266 foot center fed ant. was used there seemed necessary an over abundance of R. F. oil. At first it was a bit trying to get used to ruffing it. Electric refrig., running water, electric stove and good plumbing ( I inspected it personally)

KJJ as CPR were in charge of getting us on the air. While IGH as ZRQ ably assisted by LDV as BGF were getting the kitchen and sleeping area in order. one hour before the dead-line a supper meal was served consisting of Country fried sausage, baked spuds, corn and all the fixin's.

After the meal the contest was under survailence. Shift ops and logers were picked and each recieved a log form. I'ts never been found out what happened to BGF's log, it was jest as clean the next day as when it was given him. As the evening hours came so did the procession of visitors including one of the gang Herp, W3OML. I never learned till breakfast time that he was an all night attender.

The FD competition was teriffic then to aid matters an Arora storm come up and put the bands in a screwy lopsided way that it was hard to make any points. The night shift CPR as BGF were doing fine so long as they were makin' QSO but when condx went sour they blamed every thing from the Antenna insulators down to poor grounds and even thought the 4x250a in the KW was shot. They tried every thing in the shack but tear the floor boards up and best of all during this whole operation were not by all means quiet in doing so. I still maintain they were the loudest nite-shift operators I've cum across.

A breakfast of Hot-cakes, juice, bacon and eggs washed down with liberal amounts of battery acid soon took the peeked looks from the gangs faces. The bands were still playing tricks and condx didn't get better till around 10 AM. from then on till 4 PM the boys caught up for lost time. I think at this time a note of thanks should go to all the boys of the AWA for a wonderful F.D. and the greatest of thanks to Mr. Francis J. Beyrent for the use of his cabin.

In one statement I made and I'll say it again, this was one of our best Field Days since 1952. Cooperation and peace reigned during the whole week end. With the hot weather season soon turning into stormy and hurricane weather, I'm sure that some of the new boys at F.D. have picked up some pointers on emergency operating. Each year during the month of August I look over the emergency gear and bet things shipshape for any thing that mite turn up. At the next meeting I think a talk on how to string up an emergency antenna would be in order. Hopeing to see you at the meeting and also at the picnic. .... 73 Editor

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Meet the A.W.A. gang Sunday mornings 10 A.M. 3855 Kc.