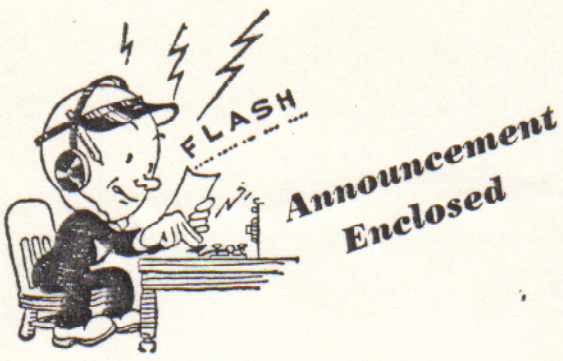
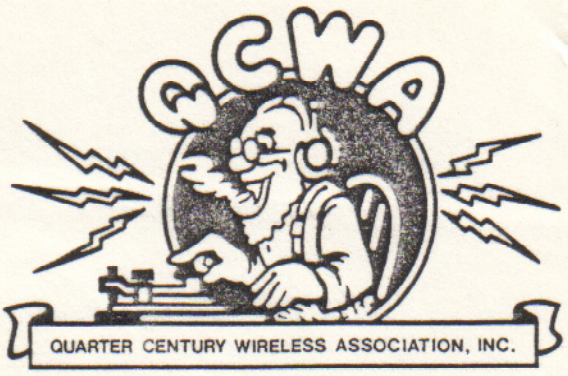



GUNDERSON. PENN - JERSEY QCWA CHAPTER NO. 33

## OUR NEW CHAPTER

The history of QCWA need not be rehashed here, but by your efforts and aknowledgments of the fact you wish to be a member of this newly organized chapter, you have taken the first step in an organization that dwelves mainly on fraternalism.

Since I (ye editor)came in three months after the initial meeting, I have been surprized at the social and friendly aire at the group luncheons held every first wednesday of the month. On October 7 the group took the liberty to name the date, time and place of our first official business dinner-meeting of QCWA Chapt.33. Details elsewhere in this bulletin.

Further action at that luncheon, Hammy, W2WIY assumed chairperson and handled the short session quite well. However, I know not how it happened ? The big question ? How did I end up as secretary ? This remains a mystery to me. Oh well! I've been secretary of our local club for the past 35 years and since all the paper work has been sent me, I'll endevor to act as secretary "Pro-tem" until you have had a chance to check me out.

At the meeting of November 14th it should be proper to hold nominations and election of the following slate of officers for the year 1988. President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Since the organization has no property at this time, it is not necessary to elect trustees. However, this topic is subject for discussion. It's up to the membership.

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PLEASE excuse any typing or spelling errors. I have three typwritters and none of them do a good job for me.
73 - Al

## DINNER MEETING NOTICE

The regular Annual dinner (business) meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 7 PM. The location is at "The Still Resturant" on Rt 517, Tranquility, N.J. which is located 2 miles north of US Rt. I-80, Exit 19 Allamuchy-Hackettestown.

The group will gather between 6 and 7 PM for "Get aquainted ragchews and cock-tails", followed by dinner at 7 o'clock. Other dinner details arelisted on the dinner reservation sheet.

The business session will be called to order by acting president, Hammy, W2WIY at which time chapter 33 officers will have to be nominated and elected for 1988.

In addition, other suggested items for discussion and acted upon; Date(s) and place for the Spring 1988 meeting. On-the -air chapter net session (times es Freqs.) PLUS - any other items you wish to discuss.

It was suggested that a chapter bulletin be printed, I checked with the printer of our local club bulletin and he said we can get it printed via his facilities. Incidently, all the xerox work for the announcements, applications, dinner reservations are printed gratus via K3NYX.

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## INFO SHEET

Enclosed with your dinner reservation sheet you will find a membership application blank. It is proper that the chapter has your amateur history on file in order to serve you better. Please complete this data sheet and return it to ye secretary for file. If you should change your QTH inform the chapter secretary ASAP so we have a correct mailing address.

## ARRL—MEMBERSHIP OVERSEAS QSL SERVICE

**Purpose:** This is an "outgoing" service that allows ARRL members to send DX QSL cards to foreign countries at a minimum of cost and effort.

**Advantages:** While QSLing direct to foreign amateurs is faster, it is also more tedious. Time spent searching for addresses in the foreign Callbook, addressing and stuffing envelopes, and mailing could be better spent operating DX. And, the cost of IRCs, airmail postage, and envelopes can be prohibitive.

An unlimited number of QSLs may be sent for distribution 12 times per year. The fee is just $1.00 per pound or portion thereof (155 QSL cards average a pound).

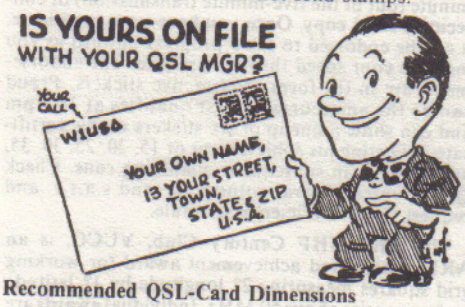
**Additional Notes:** The ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service operates ONLY in an "outgoing" capacity. To receive QSLs from DX stations,

See NOTE at LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THIS SHEET

**Requirements**

1. Pre-sort your DX QSLs alphabetically by callsign prefix (A3, AP, C6, CE, F, FG, G, GI, GM, JA, 3A2, etc.).
2. Enclose the address label from the wrapper of your current copy of *QST*. This information shows that you are a current ARRL member.
   Family members may also use the service by enclosing their QSLs with those of the primary member. Include the appropriate fee with each individuals cards and indicate "family membership."
   Sightless members who do not receive *QST* should indicate that the QSLs are from a "sightless member."
   ARRL affiliated club stations may utilize the service when submitting club QSLs by indicating the club name. Club secretaries should check affiliation papers to ensure that membership is current.
3. Enclose payment in the form of a check or money order.

Sending large amounts of cash through the mail is not suggested. Please do not send stamps.




**Recommended QSL-Card Dimensions**

The efficient operation of the worldwide system of QSL bureaus requires that cards be easy to handle and sort. Cards of unusual dimensions, either much larger or much smaller than normal, slow the work of the bureaus, most of which is done by unpaid volunteers. A review of the cards received by the ARRL bureau indicates that most fall in the following range:

Height = 2-3/4 to 4-1/4 in. (70 to 110 mm)
Width = 4-3/4 to 6-1/4 in. (120 to 160 mm).

## -- D X  Q S L ' ing --

Not all members of our Tamaqua Transmitting Society are DX'ers, however we thought it would be of interest regarding the swapping QSL with other DX stations. As an ARRL member you can use the bureau to send out-going cards,(See attached data "Overseas Service" .

Only one thing that isn't so hot about that system is you must accumulate at least one pound of your QSL's to benefit on an economic basis. (150 cards = 1 lb.)

Since our society is ARRL affiliated, our DX'ers can still benefit. Since none of us accumulate a pound of cards in a year, how about three months or quarter of the year. If we as a club collect your cards every three months then we could get about a pound of cards. The Tamaqua Transmitting Society QSL bureau ships them all to the ARRL bureau for disbursment.

Here's how it works. The club secretary collects your cards every three months, for example; In March 1985 John gives me 25 cards, Joe 32 cards, Al 42, Gene 20 and Harry 15 cards making a total of 134 cards. We might be shy a few ounces to make the pound.

Our expenses would tally as such:

$ 1.00 for ARRL per lb. of cards
1.25 (approx) shipping via UPS

$ 2.25 total cost

Dividing this cost by the number of cards comes to $0.0167 or around 1½ cents per card. Therefore John would pay 42¢, Joe 53¢, Al 70¢, Gene 33 ¢, and Harry 25¢

What do you think ? Compare about two cents per card to 30¢ each for surface mail - Airmail is a whole lot more. If we get this thing rolling, the cards will be collected in March, June, September and December. Other clubs have taken advantage of this for some time and their members put a dollar bill into the QSL clyb bureau and your individual QSL expense is deducted from it. When your fund gets low, just donate another buck.

One last requirement. Save the mailing sticker that comes each month on your issue of QST. This MUST accompany your pile of QSL's each time so start saving the address labels. Don't forget, if you don't send QSL's out, your not going to get many in return.

NOTE * * NEW 3rd. CALL AREA QSL BUREAU ** NEW*NOTE

As of September the new 3rd. call area QSL bureau is NO longer in Philadelphia. Do not send any more money for your cards. The new QSL bureau is the Cumberland County Amateur Radio Service. P.O. Box 448 New Kingston, Pa. 17072. Do not send any money. Do send an S.A.S.E size 5 x 7½ inches in size. Ye editor has aleady received two mailings from the new bureau. They are doing a bang-up job. KUDOS to those boys.

COMMING EVENTS

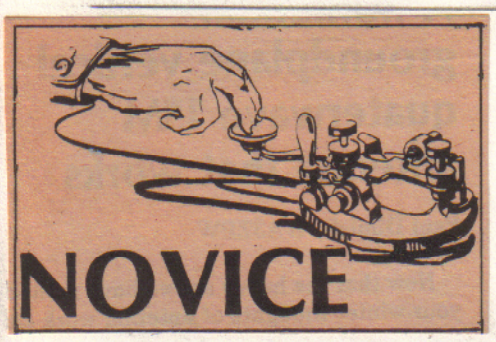
The ARA will sponsor a Fox Hunt April 24. A small entrance fee will be charged to cover refreshments etc. For further details as they arrise, keep an ear open on the Wednesday and Friday evening traffic net on 146-67 mhz. OR contact director in charge, K3IJ.

A special event station is being planned at the Eckley Miners Village this summer. The call to be used KE3AA or King Coal three American Anthracite, call belonging to Dr. Steve Motika. As usual, a project of this size undertaking is going to need manpower. PLEASE don't wait to be asked to help out. Why not volunteer your services NOW. It's always nice to say after any club event, " I helped on that project".

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NOTE * Next board meeting of the ARA will be held Sunday March 27, 8 PM sharp at the QTH of K3PGI. All directors are requested to attend.

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A NOVICE class of instruction is to start soon.Sorry, but details are sketchy with ye editor. For full data and dates contact N3ASW who is in charge of this project.

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HARC ELECTION * *

Members of the Hazleton Amateur Radio club should be receiving ballots to elect a new slate of officers for 1983. The following are the candidates nominated. Your ballot must be present at the next meeting, March 16 at 8 PM.

Nominated: Pres. N3ASW Ray Weichman and N3CME John Harris. Vice Pres. N3CQB Dick, N3AIN Joe, W3IVG Joe, K3JSZ Herm. Treas. KA3CAN Jane Kujat. Secy. WB3EGD Rick Rockman.

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## THE VOLUNTEER EXAMINATION PROGRAM

During recent months the FCC has advised that it can no longer afford the million dollar annual expenditure required to give amateur license examinations. The lead editorial in the December 1982 issue of QST lays the issue squarely on the line. This program represents a long term commitment not only for the administering organization(s) but for the volunteers as well. The cost will be very high and it is not clear at the time of this writing whether any of the costs might be recoverable. Printing, postage, manpower and computer management necessary to provide a uniform operable system will be expensive; an off-the-cuff estimate five years down stream may be as high as a quarter of a million dollars per year. This does not take into account local costs such as liability insurance, room rental, supplies and the out-of-pocket expenses of the volunteers (travel, parking, meals, etc.). It may be wishful thinking, but maybe someone can come up with simple solutions that can be implemented nationwide on a continuing basis.

FROM WHERE WE SIT --- By W3TI

Editorials are not usually found on the last page, but I thought there were more important things to print up front. If there was space left I'd fill in. First I want to thank the board of directors in aquiring a secretary from the Hazleton area. Next, I wish to thank the membership for persevering me as their secretary for three years (wow- has it been that long). However, the board did not forget me. They me editor of the club bulletin.

A few words on the bulletin. I would like to publish at least 3 issues a year. One in Jan/Feb. to catch officer ballots and election results , plus any spring acticities. Another in May to catch Field Day, Hamfests, picnics and other club summer activities, and still another around October to round out the year-end events and announcements.

There is just one draw-back in being a news sheet editor. He always needs news items to print. Here are a few pointers on what's news worthy items.

1. Short technical articles.(Not copied from QST,CQ 73 etc.)
2. Comming Events- Always a must so long as the event has not taken place before the bulletin has been printed and mailed.
3. Personal Experiences, examples such as field day, Mini-DX peditions, Visits to other states or countries, vacation trips, or your observations and experiences at your own club meet.
4. Future DX events, Again NOT copied from QST or other ham journals. If your that interested then you'll buy them direct.

From my previous journalistic days in writting for our local news sheet years ago, an ol'e timer reporter and editor told me to follow the "5 W's", WHO, WHEN, WHERE, WHAT,& WHY. If your article answers these five questions, then it's news. If it's just WHAT & WHERE, then it is just a want ad. Please get your articles to me at least 2 to 3 weeks before bulletin time. 73

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ITEMS FOR SALE - -

ICOM 2 AT W/accessories leather case, speaker mike, DC module & cord.$200
MODEL 15 Teletype W/ extra units & table $ 35.00
LINEAR Amp & Pwr.sup.80 -10 mtrs. Pr. 811 A's W/extra tubes. $ 100. KB3WQ - 788-3977

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RTTY - Video display type 10" screen. Complete W/keyboard and terminal unit. Fot technical details contact N3BBX. For sale item, $ 185 see W3TI.

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R UR DUES DUE ?

Please check your membership card to see if you are a paid up member. New rules as of Feb.24 meeting. Please pay your dues direct to the club treasurer or via mail, Anthracite Repeater Assn. PO Box 73, Hazleton, Pa. 18201 You will be issued a dues card and a receipt for payment. Don't forget, to keep the repeater on the air we must pay for electric power.