SPLATTER

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RE-INTRODUCTION

I guess it's about time to resume editing of the Sardine Wrapper. It has been about 3 years since the last issue made history. Since then ye editor has retired and resting on Social Security. We also attained 3 new members. It is time now to re-affirm the new as well as our old timers, in order to remain on the membership list your continued activity in all society functions is a MUST. Remember, NO dues are required. Just be active.

MEETINGS

Our regular meeting nights were always Friday 9 PM at Vitales Country House, Hometown. However due to lack of attendance we have been gathering Sunday evenings at the QTH of W3TI. Presently there are Sunday general bull sessions and Wednesday evening technical sessions. You are welcome to attend both. However if we have some special visitor or other event we shall resort to our regular friday meeting place at the Country House. Time and place to be announced.

OFFICERS = NEW MEMBERS

Each year around March-April the annual slate of officers are nominated and elected. Field Day is their installation party. Past presidents are K3NB 1980 and 1981, K3NYX 1982 and 1983, WA3JQJ 1984. Secy. is W3TI, Treasurer W3CMA. Activity Mgr. K3NYX.

Since last printing new members added are: Dave Christ WA3JQJ. He is only active on 40, 20, 15 and 10 CW. He pensioned his tired SB101 and sports a new Kenwood TS 830 solid state job.

Dr. Rick, W3QAB, set up office and practice in town and at present on 2 meter FM. Plans to go HF after he gets the big "G".

Dan Reese, K3PKJ, Lansford, Pa. the most recent member retired from teaching at the same school as ye editor. Dan went solid state with a new FT 902 DM and can be found on 20 and 40 CW only.

With all this new blood and all CW minded, I can see no alternative but to go to the 2 transmitter class for field day.

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As of November 5, 1984 those operating 30 meters are no longer restricted from useing 10.109 to 10.115 Mhz. Use 250 watts A-1 on the whole band. Low power and a 40 meter dipole is all you need to work DX from Europe or the west coast. Also a good late evening band for rag chewers.

ARRL DIRECTOR MEETING

Ye secretary has been a league member for to many years to remember and has held Assistant Director appointment since 1959. In the past 25 years (and 4 division directors) there has never been a director-called-meeting. In September we got notified a FIRST such meeting will take place at Scranton, on Nov. 10-11, 10 AM to 7 PM(9 Hrs)

I proceded to get an influx of ideas, comments and intensions via three area clubs. Each item was placed on the agenda and handled seperatly. To detail or even give a breif of all items discussed, cussed, disolved and/or obsolved would be imposible to cover in a small news sheet like this. Just to list a few items discussed; Spectrum Management, Simplex Autopatch, Club liability innsurance, Zoneing-antennas etc., WARC 1992, QSL Bureaus, C.R.R.L., Nets Vrs. contests, New league publications, The VE program, and much more----

A complete minutes will be sent all in attendance. I plan to have copies made and sent to all member ship on the list and associated clubs which I am representing.

I met the new SCM (Now called SM -Section Manager) Had lunch, coffee breaks and supper with him. If first impressions mean anything, I beleive Jim, KA3A, will try his darnest to bring our EPA section out of the mud where it has been since 1972 and get it back on top where it should be. The OBS appointment so gracefully taken from ye editor during the last SCM term shall be restored so our representative clubs shall be again up-to-date on amateur news and changes as they happen.

It was also learned that lower Luzern and Schuylkill counties do NOT have an EC (Emergency Coordinator)appointee. Anyone in these respective areas interested will surely get the appointment. I attended this meeting but DID NOT volunteer for anything. I'm having to good a time being just a retired has-been.

REPEATER - 147.105/705 Mhz.

The Tamaqua repeater has undergone quite a face lift since it has been put on the air. We started out with an all VHF Engr. repeater, a used 50 ft. TV tower, and split antennas. As always, no one is ever satisfied and changes were made. A brand new 60 ft. tower erected, a set of Phillips-Dodge duplexers added, and new COR (K3IJ design) added with bells lites and rasberries, Over-voltage protected power supply (W3TI design), Moved the whole unit into an insulated cabinet (K3NYX design). Replaced the VHF engr. receiver with an ICOM-230, and more.

At present the lab bench is modifying a better transmitter which

ACTIVITIES

-Field Day-

The society has retained its main annual activity, Field Day, always the last week end of June. If you didn't get to the 1984 fracus, then you missed a gud one. We entered in the one xmtr. class but unlike the old club, every one got plenty of operating time. About a minimum of 3 hours per member. Again, fun and fellowship prevailed. This year the site was 250 ft. from shoar, over 85 ft. of water in the valve house of the Tamaqua Still Creek reservior. We already have site approval for 1985 Plan to attend planning meetings starting in April.

HAMFESTS

Although we have discontinued our own hamfest has not slowed our interest in them. For the past 3 years K3NYX has made use of his van and the members as a group attended the Pack Ratz hamfest. Any of you that made the trip with us can vouch for a good time had by all. We suggest you get your name on the list for next year as soon as possible

NEW EMERGENCY ROOM

The computers are pushing us out of our present radio emergency operating room. For more than 20 years we have had our own radio room in the Tamaqua Municiple building. With the borough buying a new computer, we must move. However we shall benefit from it. They have given us a bigger room in the basement with chaulk board, conference tables and wall maps etc. When the time comes to move you may get a call to help move cables, antennas, tables, cabinets etc. We are sure we can count on you.

FCC EXAMS

The Tamaqua Transmitting Society and the Hazleton Amateur Radio club have joined forces and have formed a Volunteer Examining team. Just about all the team has received certification and I D badges by now. The TAM-HARC team is planning to hold their first FCC amateur class exams some time in April or May. Now is the time to burn the mid-nite oil and bone up for that up-grading ticket. The exact time and date will be published in your local news paper at least 60 days prior to exams.

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will be capable of driving a 50 watt power amplifier. Along with the antenna gain it is enticipated the ERP will be around 250 watts or more. The new receiver already has increased coverage in Panther valle Mahoning Valley and Schuylkill valley. Please make note, the repeater finances and Society funds are a seperate entity. Each operate from funds donated or obtained by club fund raisers.