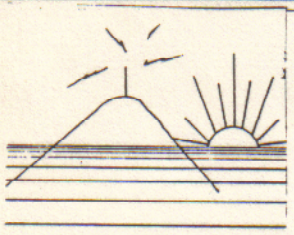
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V H F 'n STUFF

By K3NYX

It is that time of year when every ham has that urge to get outside, whether to clean the back yard or check what winter damage has occured to the antenna system. Along with these repairs our minds often drift to thinking what kind'a summer fun or expeditions we could plan on.

Just to mention a few, we came up with an early June expedition. On the weekend of June 7-8 our society will try our hand at the ARRL VHF QSO contest. We have permission from the Anthracite Repeater assm.for use of the repeater site west of Freeland at an elevation of 2100 ft.

The location was tried befor with success but never pushed for a high score. Interest seems high and having a good time to boot. It will be a dry-run to get the keying fist in gear for Field Day at the end of the month. Plans are to run 100 watts all mode on 2 meters. If some one has 6 meter gear let us know. We have the extra tower and a 4 element beam that needs a workout. We would appreciate all the help we can get. Evdn if only for an hour or two. See you on the mountain June 7 at about 10 A.M.

LET'S TALK MEMBERSHIP

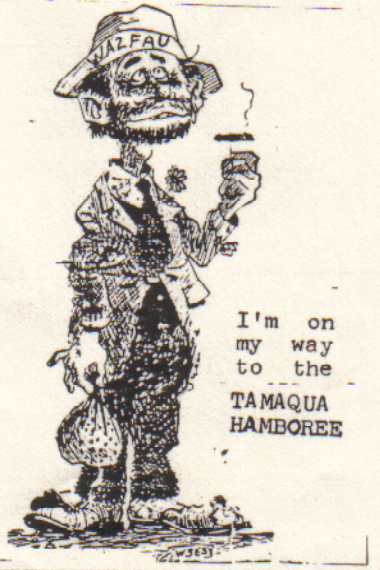
As we all know, we have a closed membership. No more than 25. The list is now at 16 active members. There has been added interest shown by some area licensees as to how they go about joining our club.

If you recall, they must be reccommended by 3 members and voted upon at a regular meeting. However, everyone, be ye member or not, they are always WELCOME to attend any of our society meetings.

W H Y !

Have you ever asked yourself, Why did I ever take the time to get an amateur license ? Did you just take the exam to see if you could pass it ? Did you figure on learning more about electronics Did you think it would be a treat to talk to the other side of the earth ? Did you get tired of CB and looked for different adventure on the ham bands ? Or, your friend down the street had a ticket. Did you just want to expand your knowledge in international Morse code ? Or was it the local ham club, in order to participate you had to have a ticket. Did you get your license just to help with CD or the local Red Cross ? Did you get licensed because dad had one ? Or just to see what was realy involved. You were an SWL and wanted some of the action. Better yet, you heard a sexy voice on short wave and wanted an excuse to be able to talk to her . What is your excuse ? Got a different one or better than those listed ? Let's hear it for next bulletin.

Next issue we shall take up the question of "Why is it --?



WA3JQJ on HOW'S DX



Or more appropriatly, Where's DX ? For us avid DX'ers times have certainly been better. The current cycle is almost at its bottom, with projected bottom around Oct. or Nov. 86. Still some good DX can be worked on 160 and 80 for those lucky to have antenna space. It is fairly active in the early morning hours.

40 meters is normally open to some part of the world from sunset to sunrise.

20 remains the optimum DX band, while 15 remains spotty. And 10 meters KAPUT. Don't be surprized, 15 and 10 are not always as dead as they seem. Just no one is transmitting. Recently a CQ on 10 was answered by a CX7 in Uruguay. A gud check for this band, listen to the beacons from 28.2 to 28.3. They can give you a good indication to what part of the world is opening up.

Ever try 30 meter DX. Mid-evening to early morning has produced an FG4,ZL4,VK6 and most of eurppe.

How about 2 meters. A recent opening heard W3TI in QSO with a station in North Carolina on FM ! A point to remember, a DX'ers best weapon is not his 15 element quad, nor his 2 KW linear. It's his ability to listen even when the band may seem dead.

When the bands are realy bad, might also be a good time to give your whole system a general P.M., or study for the big "X". Till next time gud DX'ng.

TAMAQUA TRANSMITTING SOCIETY OFFICERS for 1986

WA3JQJ	Dave	Pres.
K3SRQ	Tom	V. Pres.
W3CMA	Tony	Treas.
W3TI	Al	Secy.
K3NYX	Al Jr.	Activity Mgr

— Editors —

WA3JQJ K3NYX W3TI

FROM HERE'N THERE

Wadd'y ya Know ? ARRL finally came thru. WA3JQJ, el-presidente, sent his credentials for DXCC to the league back in July of 85'. Would you beleive it ? He got his DXCC certificate in January 86' and finally made QST March 86'. It only took 8 months...WOW.

W3CMA received a nice gift from Tony Jr. in Texas, K5--- (we forgot his call) It was a nice computer which has tony stumped. He hasn't got the hang of the difference between a typewriter and the computer.

K3NB again made top score for Schuylkill county in the Pennsy QSO party. Your society hit tenth spot out of a list of 22 clubs. That other club that was supposed to knock our socks off ?? Wat Hoppen ?

Dan, K3PKJ, spent October, November, December and part of January traveling Germany and Switzerland. He was home one month and left for florida. Why don't he take a rig along? I'm trying to get him to go through Africa next year. We all need some of those DX country QSL's.

SILENT KEYS

It is with deep regret we record the passing of members of our Transmitting Society.

It has been learned that Joe Stambauch W3CUK has passed away a year ago. Joe got his license 1958 in Tamaqua. He, along with W3TI was the prime mover in getting north central Schuylkill county populated with amateurs. A charter member and organizer of the Mahanoy Valley Brass pounders radio club. He was a friend to every ham in the lower anthtacite region. In his later years he resided in Chambersburg Pa. His passing shall be missed by many.

Michael Winsco, K3MW, known as Mike on the air passed away February 26 after a short illness. Mike never attended many of our meetings due to night driving and his failing eyesight. However, he was a member of our Tamaqua RACES group and assisted in many of Tamaqua C. D. drills.

Mark WB3IHL of Freeland age 37 passed away March 21 of a heart attack. Although Mark was only an active member of the Anthracite repeater ass'n., he assisted us each year at our annual hamfest. His participation will be missed.

DID NOAH LEAVE HIS GRANDFATHER, METHUSELAH OUT IN THE FLOOD TO DROWN ?

Genesis 5:25 Methuselah was 187 years of age when his son Lamech was born.
Genesis 5:28 Lamech was age 182 when his son Noah was born.
Genesis 7:11 The flood came when Noah was age 600 and the flood started on February 17th.
Therefore, when the flood started Methuselah was age 969.
Genesis 5:27 Methuselah died at age of 969.

THEREFORE -- If he died before Feb. 17th. he died of natural causes. If he died after the 17th. Then he was drowned.

WHICH WAS IT ?

FCC EXAMS AND YOU

Your personal Hamfest notice is attached here with. As a society member it would be appreciated to have your assistance either all or part of the day. However, it is your first duty to yourself to upgrade. Get your NEW 610FCC form from ye secretary and take advantage of taking an exam on a Sunday. Something you never got from the FCC. You can also assist the society by passing the word around by your on-the-air QSO's. See you all the 18th.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION -----

The following country and prefix of calls are not served by the ARRL DX QSL out-going buro. Mail these direct.

A5	Bhutan	TZ	Mali
A6	United Arab Emirates	V4	St Christopher and Nevis
A7	Qatar	VP2E	Anguilla
BV	Taiwan	VR6	Pitcairn Island
C9	Mozambique	XT	Burkina Faso
D6	Comoros	XU	Kampuchea
ET	Ethiopia	XW	Laos
HZ	Saudi Arabia	XX9	Macao
J5	Guinea-Bissau	XZ	Burma
KC4	US bases in Antarctica	YA	Afghanistan
KC6	Belau	ZA	Albania
KC6	Micronesia	ZD7	St Helena
KH1	Baker and Howland Is	ZD9	Tristan da Cunha
KH3	Johnston Is	ZK3	Tokelau
KH5	Palmyra and Jarvis Is	3C	Equatorial Guinea
KH7	Kure Is	3V	Tunisia
KH9	Wake Is	3W	Vietnam
KP1	Navassa Is	3X	Guinea
KP5	Desecheo Is	4W	North Yemen
P5	North Korea	5A	Libya
SU	Egypt	5H	Tanzania
T2	Tuvalu	5R	Madagascar
T3	Kiribati	5U	Niger
T5	Somalia	5X	Uganda
TJ	Cameroon	7O	South Yemen
TL	Central African Rep	7Q	Malawi
TN	Congo	8Q	Maldives
TT	Chad	9G	Ghana
TY	Benin	9N	Nepal
		9U	Burundi

STOP - Take time out NOW ! Mark the calander, June 28-29 will be Field Day time. We have aquired the same site as previous years. As you know there is sufficient room to accomodate a 3 rig set up. Yet, manpower-wise we only had one rig. We can make last minute changes, add the 2nd. transmitter.

This year the trend has been toward a better radiation system. Let's all try to attend even just for an hour or two. Your time and assistance will be put to good use. The final F.D. meeting will be held Sunday, June 22. CU there.

LEAGUE & CLUB BENEFITS

1. Reduced A.R.R.L. Dues.
2. 50 % discount on IRC's.
3. Send DX QSL's for 1920 postage prices.
4. FREE antenna wire and installation service.
5. FIELD DAY - All the FREE mosquito bites you want - and MORE.

PLUS - FRATERNALISM

QST & LEAGUE DUES

According to our records the greater percentage of our ARRL membership will be up for renewal soon. As I recall, some where between June and September.

You can save 2 bux. Make the dues check out to A R R L for $ 23.00 and see that the secretary has it by July 1.

Better still, hand it to him at Field Day week end and save Two Bux.

DX QSL'S es IRC's.....

It's soon collection time again. Don't forget the clubs bargain basement on forwarding DX QSL's via the bureau. Lets make the next collection date the last week of July. Our last mailing cost the club members $0.027 or 2.7¢ per card

OR- Do you mail your important DX cards direct ? If you do, then you must be using IRC coupons to assure a return card.

If you checked the U.S. post office lately, IRC's are now 80¢ each. Why not get them thru the society for half price -- YEP only fourty cents each.

ANNOUNCING The Return of the

TAMAQUA Hamboree

May 18, 1986

To be held at

New England Valley Fire Company

One Mile West of Tamaqua, Pa.

SPONSORED BY THE ANTHRACITE REPEATER ASSO. AND TAMAQUA TRANSMITTING SOCIETY

TAMAQUA HAMBOREE '86

It has been three years since our last succesful hamfest and it is our pleasure to return this as an annual event here in the lower Anthracite region.

Our new location is at the other end of the same valley, the New England Valley Fire company. It presents more area for tailgaters and parking, in addition, indoor table space is available.

If you recall our very first venture hamfest herald F.C.C. exams by the Philadelphia FCC office. We now return these FCC exams sponsored by our own clubs volunteer Examiner team. Exam info will be found elswhere in this announcement.

To assist you in finding our new location, note the map in lower right hand corner. Those traveling north on Rt. 309 turn left at the first traffic light in Tamaqua. Comming south on RT 309 turn right at the fourth traffic light. After crossing the railroad turn left at the next traffic light. Follow this road and your only a mile and a half from the entrance to the New England Valley Fire Company.

PRIZES - AWARDS - AUCTION

We plan on prize drawings every hour with the final drawing at 3 P.M. At 1 P.M. our famed club auctioneer will be glad to auction off your excess gear and/or parts. The hamfest committee shall retain 10 % of the selling price.

INFORMATION

Address all requests for additional information and FCC 610 forms too:

A. R. Breiner Jr. K3NYX
127 Market street
Tamaqua, Pa. 18252

Please include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope.

F.C.C EXAMINATIONS

Our Volunteer Examiner team will be present to give you any of the amateur FCC tests. Anyone planning to take any exam that requires a code test should be present at 9 A.M.

The FCC application form 610 and an additional information sheet is available from our public relations committee. Please include with your request a large business size envelope stamped and self addressed for a speedily reply.

The VE team will conclude giving exams at 12 oclock noon. The VE team shall permit walk-in candidates for exams. However it would be greatly appreciated if they were informed of your plans in advance to make sure they have a sufficient supply of your type exam on hand.

TIME es PRICE

7 A.M. Venders and Tailgaters entry. $ 1.00 per space. Indoor tables @ $ 5.00 each.

9 A.M. General admission and registration $3.00 per person. Ladies and harmonics FREE.

9 A.M. VE team starts FCC exams.

TALK IN FREQUENCIES

146.670 Mhz.
147.105 Mhz.

Traveling via interstate 80 or 81 call on 146.670 Mhz.

Traveling north on Rt. 309 use 147.105 Mhz.

PEAK and TWEAK

Got a sick 6 or 2 meter transceiver ? Bring it along and let our club Lab technician check it out for you.

Please bring the equipment manual with schematic to assist our technicians.

