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SPLATTER

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FROM WHERE WE SIT ...

Would you beleive it ? At the time we are writing this, spring has sprung and summer is here. (92 in the shade) However since last issue a lot has transpired in amateur radio circles,

Novices and Tecks got ten meter fone. FCC is trying to take 30% of the 220 Mhz. band away from us. and ARRL is dickering about taking over the job of call sign issueing.

A lot has happened in the Xmtg. society. Those active in our local EMA radio system have been issued photo type I.D. badges. The hamfest should be past history and Field Day comming up next.

In this issue we have some of the summer planned activities. The annual picnic, VHF QSO party. Field Day and our SPLATTER contest. We are pressing hard to complete this typing so the printer gets it, and we can be off on a weeks vacation. Of course , some people say we've been on vacation since we retired.

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For some time now we have been receiving a number of comments about our club's news bulletin. Our spring issue had something different about it, not counting the different articles printed. Have you observed anything different with this issue?

Now! If you noticed this special change and contact the printer, K3NYX, and tell him the change you noticed. The first one to call will be the receipient of a special gift. There is a deadline however. This observation test is only good for 10 days after we mail your copy of SPLATTER.

The prize will be of interest to you, a licensed ham operator. So get crackin' What have you noticed different in this spring issue of your club bulletin.

(Editors note-- Mispelled words don't count.)

Society Officers 1 9 8 7

WA3JQJ	President
W3CMA	Treasurer
W3TI	Secretary
K3NYX	Activity Mgr,

WHEN'ST COMETH THE NAME ---

For some time past, we have been queried,"Where did you ever get that name SPLATTER ?"

Well it all came about in the mid '60s. This was a transition period in ham radio, the AM'ers versus the influx of Single-side band. Anyone who had a receiver of that era such as a National, Hallicrafters, Hammerlund etc. can recall what SSB sounded like on those vintage sets. They had 445Khz I.F.'s and fairly broad in response. Ye editor had a National NC 240 D which was made in 1947. With such a wide I.F. bandwidth SSB was not received in the normal A.M. mode. If you flipped the BFO CW oscillator on you could receive compatable SSB reception.

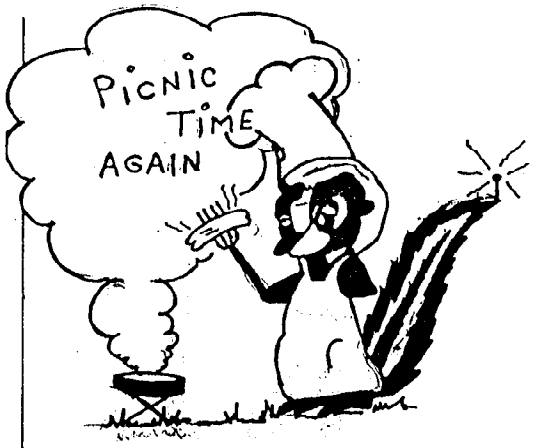
It was here where thesplatter of sounding signals occured. In the AM mode all SSB sounded like donald duck and splattered all over the dial. However, with the BFO turned on the SSB signal was readily readable. Only one drawback. Now if the AM signals were not correctly zero beat with your receiver, they came through with a terrific hetrodyne note and now the audio splatter was on their signal.

Hence, it was around this time the club bulletin "SPLATTER" was first printed on a 1922 A.B. Dick mimeo-graph machine. That is how the Tamaqua Transmitting Society bull sheet got its name

Today you can hear such examples when some Kasha Fisti Scratchi rides his mic gain on the high side... You call it Splatter .

K U D O S

It is with the greatest appreciation and thanks the Anthracite Repeater Assn. and the Tamaqua Transmitting Society WISHES to extend to every member of the Hamfest Committee for a job excellently performed. Every committee and member clicked from the start. The VE team did quite well. The Parking and tailgate team did excellant. However, s special Kudos to Bill N3CDE and Dan KA3OPX for the pigeon flights. Now- keep your eyes on other hamfests carbon copy. Incidently We have signed up the site for next years hamfest.. Pass the word.



PICNIC NOTICE

I doubt if there will be another issue of our club bull sheet before the Fall-winter issue. So we shall announce the annual picnic to take place at the same location as last year. Date/Time August 16th. - 10 AM till?? Rain date August 23rd.

As always, our picnic is a family affair. Bring the wife and kids and your picnic lunch. The society will supply liquid refreshment, soda etc. etc. PLUS the corn on the cob all smothered with butter.

It would be a good idea to tell one of the society officers of your intentions so we purchase enough cob corn.

PICNIC Aug. 16

Rain date Aug. 23.

FIELD DAY 87'

For full details see the Spring issue of splatter. Don't forget

June 27-28

10 A.M. at the site.

VHF QSO PARTY

Further info, see last issue for details. This will get you loosened up for Field Day. Even if you can only spend a hour with us, we can use the extra hands and operators.

DX es ALL THAT By AI3Q

On a seperate page you will find a list of DX stations and their QSL managers etc. This has been furnished by K3YD. By now most of the big DX contests are history. This is a good time to warm up your skills for the VHF contest in June and Field Day at the end of the month. Has anyone started working towards their VUCC award ? This is a VHF version of the DXCC and appears to be quite a challenge. Just work 100 different grid squares and have confirmed.

Need to know about band condx on 20 ? Try listening for the becons established by Northern California Foundation on 14.100 Mhz. A complete list of how they work can be found in April CQ Mag. One of the most constant I have heard is ZS6PW/B om 28.270 Mhz.

For interesting DX we should soon be hearing our own W3TB/TF any time now as he starts a two year duty with the Navy in Iceland. 7Q7LW and 5H3BH roam the 10 & 15 meter bands daily. ZD9BV ZD9YL and ZD7BW are heard around 21,335 around 1800 GMT. Tim Chen BV2B has his antenna up again and found on 28.030 at 0001 and 21,345.

Other DX, there are rumors of a planned DX-pedition to Clipperton and Malpelo islands next winter. The last such expedition was in 1979. Thats all to report for now. See you all at our HARC/ARA Firld Day. --- 73 Bill

FROM WHERE WE SIT By W3TI

Well gang, quite a number of changes, additions, deletions, happenings non-happenings etc., have taken place since our last bulletin. Among the additions, we have a complete new slate of officers in both HARC and ARA. Each time a new official is elected, he/she has ideas to spruce the club up a bit. Yet ! in order to accomplish their goals they must have the backing, cooperation, and activity from the membership. Any club official cannot do it all alone.

Most clubs thrive on NUMBERS of members. This is fine when dues time comes around. But what about those many other club activities ? Well to quote, "Harry, Mary and George seem to do the job, I'll just sit and watch". Have you ever noticed the same calls are always on the Field day committee, The same group attend the repeater site work parties. Then we sit back and tell ourselves "I'd like to help BUT---, (Then come the excuses)

a. I'm not as technically inclined as those guys
b. I can only help for an hour.
c. The wife has to use the car at that time.
d. They have been doing such a good Job etc etc.
e. (many more to numerous to mention ------)

The benefits of you belonging as a dues paying member is fine for the club but you only derive 10 % of your expectations and pleasures from the group. You will find the other 90 % is derived when you volunteer and join the active bunch in the many adjacent activities.

Lets experiment a bit. Attend the next two meetings and join the group in club activities other than just operating the rig at home. - Try it ! You'll Like It...

The Clique

A clique is defined as "a small exclusive group of people." It would be interesting to print a list of the "members" of the clique, but we had problems with borderline cases. Instead, we developed a quiz to assist in determining your own *clique quotient* (CQ).

Answer the following yes/no questions. During the past year have you:

a) helped with a club project?
b) been on a transmitter hunt?
c) assisted at Field Day?
d) taught a Novice or General course?
e) participated in a Civil Defense drill?

Add up your answers: Yes ____ No ____

Multiply yesses by 20. Total ____

Check any of the following statements you have used to rationalize your non-participation.

a) I don't have two-meters.
b) I don't operate mobile.
c) I only operate CW.
d) I am too busy (a favorite).
e) I don't like nets.
f) They already have enough help.
g) The clique will do it.

Add up your check marks. Multiply by 10 and subtract from previous total.

Rating scale

To help you evaluate your total, we have developed the following scale.

Over 70 — a Clique Commander (and a probable candidate for divorce).
60-70 — a member of the Clique.
50-60 — a borderline member of the Clique.
40-50 — trying to get in, high potential.
30-40 — qualified to complain.
20-30 — should start your own group.
10-20 — have you considered photography as a hobby?

MTC Radio Net Changes Frequency

On April first, 1983, the Midwest MTC Amateur Radio net, with Harvey Bates WAOQEY as net control, will move to 7040 KCS. Times for the net are 1030AM and 7PM Central time seven days per week. This net, which previously has operated on 7058 KCS, is informal and we try to use the comfortable speed we were accustomed to while we were working. It is a real pleasure to participate in this net, keeping tabs on our personal and radio friends.

Want more information on the Morse Telegraph Club. See or contact member - w3TI on 146. 07-67 Mhz.

ANNUAL HARC/ARA CLUB PICNIC --- Check with N3CME, Chairman for time,place, and date. No info at press time Sri.