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FROM WHERE WE SIT

Well, as a starter it can be stated that our exceptionally small "Sardine WRapper" realy hit some sore spots. After the smoke cleared on our last issue regarding NO CODE LICENSE we got rebuttles galore. It has been definitely no intention to downgrade anyone's integrity what-so-ever. All those comments were gathered from the greater percentage of the amateur population of the amthracite region. In other words, we called it like any umpire would see it.

The amateurs of Northeast Pennsylvania would still like to have a final settlement by means of a nation wide ballot taken.

On another front is the 220Mhz. demise. At present FCC has refused to even talk or take time to negotiate with our rep-ARRL. This is one time this society is in agreement with the leagues intentions to end it all in a Federal court room.

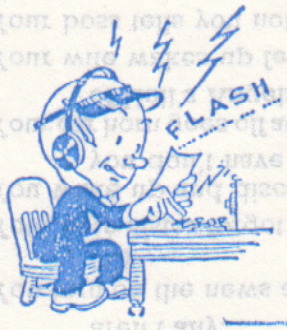
There is little or no 220 activity up here in the Pocono Mountains, but we see no reason for FCC taking a chunk of our ham bands and giving it to a commercial interest.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 1989

Perhaps you think it to early to remind you of the society annual christmas dinner and evening bash - - Well, we think not, dismissing the fact that some of us were a week late for Field Day.

Mark the calander now. SATURDAY DECEMBER 16th. 6:30 P.M. at Vitali's country house. Give the XYL a break and have her take you out that evening. No reservations or tickets necessary. Again - Saturday, Dec. 16th.1989





EXTRA - EXTRA

THIS FLASH NEWS item arrived while we were composing the front page of this bulletin. It won't appear in QST until September issue. So ye editor shifted a few columns to enter it exactly like ARRL printed it.

ARRL Directors Vote to Propose Codeless Amateur License Class

The American Radio Relay League Board of Directors held its second 1989 meeting in Windsor Locks, CT on July 21-22.

Major issues addressed at the meeting included:

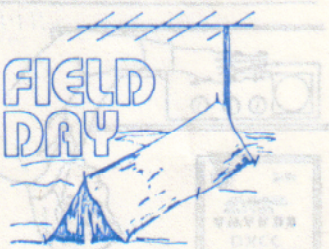
After extensive discussion, by a vote of nine Directors in favor to six opposed, it was agreed that a proposal recommending a codeless class of amateur license will be presented to the FCC in the form of a Petition for Rulemaking incorporating the following elements:

- The examination will consist of Element 2 and an expanded Element 3A having additional questions, including ones related to Morse code.
- License examinations will be given through the VEC examination system.
- To upgrade to Technician, the new licensee will pass a five word per minute Morse code test administered through the VEC system.
- Call signs shall be assigned from the Group D Call Sign Block.
- Frequency privileges shall be 220 MHz and above, with output power limited to 250 watts.
- The licensee shall not be the control operator of a repeater or auxiliary station.

While there was concern that there might be confusion with an unpopular FCC proposal in 1974 to create a new class of license called Communicator, the Board felt this was the most descriptive name for the new license class. The ARRL proposal is similar to the abandoned FCC concept in name only.

FROM HERE'n THERE

N1JH is just a few countries away from Nr. 200 confirmed for DXCC....W3TI latched on to QSL's from China, Napal, Egypt,and the latest, Sahara Arab Democratic Republic.... N3GRD is glad to be back on the job after a long stay of unemployment, He claims the honey-dew jobs were to much for him....What do you think N3HHG ran into while digging a foundation hole for his new tower ??? A water line (pipe) where there is NO water main....K3NB and K3KNL,the Bobsy twins were one week late for field Day 89'.. The anthracite repeater is up and flying again after having had a bad lightning blitz...W3COW is now sportin' a new 80 meter center fed zepp and Ten-Tek antuna Tenner... True to form..The outfit that had agreed to dismantle the Tamaqua FM tower has renigned on their promise....N3HHH got his new call and now moving it to new QTH in Minersville.. Till next time,keep the boo-boo's coming.



FIELD DAY REPORT

The following are a collection of past and present Field Day scores.

YEAR	Nr. Ops.	CW	QSO's SSB	Total QSO	Claimed Score
1984	7	225	88	313	1376
85	7	613	100	713	2952
86	7	477	120	597	2248
87	5	364	111	475	1978
88	5	381	125	506	2274
89	5	306	169	475	2062

FCC AT IT AGAIN

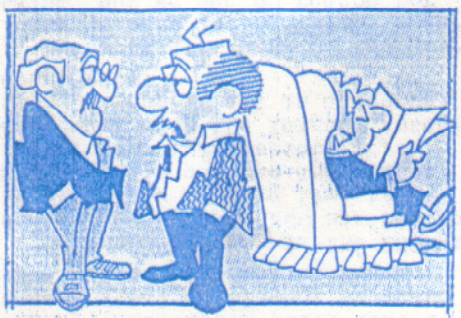
NOW! If you think the recent issue regarding 220 Mhz is something to grind your teeth. STOP - Read about the next batch from the commission. The new bunch of Ding-bats (commissioners) appointed by Pres. Bush are realy something else -- Read on.

FCC "COST OF REGULATION" MAY REACH INTO YOUR POCKETBOOK

Word has reached ARRL that the House Energy and Commerce Committee is proposing a budget reconciliation package that includes increases in FCC "cost of regulation" fees implemented four years ago by Congress. At the time of their implementation, Amateur Radio was exempted from these fees. That exemption may now be in jeopardy.

The budget reconciliation package that was marked and approved by the Committee on July 13, proposed an application fee of $30.00 for each of the following actions involving amateur licenses or permits:

- New License
- Modification of License
- Renewal of License
- Reciprocal Permit for Alien Amateur License
- Renewal or Modification of Amateur Club, Races, or Military Recreation Station License



Don't you see - The FCC is just like Loretta, They're both Unpredictable

OOOOOPS - WE GOOFED

Our appoligy to the society president who edits our "How's Dx" column. Seems like we pulled a lead heading from an old issue of splatter when his call sign was WA3JQJ. Sorry Chip, your call is N I 3 H

NOW, who do we get to appoligisefor putting W3ZRQ as the call sign for the Tamaqua Repeater in the new 1989 ARRL repeater directory. WOW, I haven't used that call in over 20 years. Just where did ARRL dig that one up ?

NEW PREFIXES IN THE PACIFIC

The ITU has allocated the call sign prefix V6 to the Federated States of Micronesia (formerly one of the users of the KC6 prefix). Amateur stations will use call signs V63AA through V63ZZ.

The call sign prefix V7 has been allocated to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (formerly KX6). Amateur stations will use call signs V73AA through V73ZZ. (Per the US Dept. of the Interior 7-12-89)



"THE STEAKS ARE VERY WELL DONE AND SO IS THE COOK."

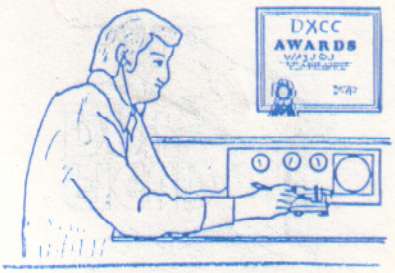
PICNIC TIME

We're doing a rush job on this bulletin to get you the final word about the society annual picnic outing. Picnic will be August 20, just ½ mile east of our Hamfest site. This is a family affair. Bring the kids, your own picnic basket and the society will supply the Corn al' La cob and the liquid refreshments.

Wat say we try to establish the winners of the horse shoe pitchin contest before it gets toodark to see the hob. Incedently, they are real authentic horse shoes right from the horses hoof.

HURRICAN SEASON

A year ago we printed an article on emergencies during a hurrican. Starting with this august, the local weather bureau has already recorded three hurricans form the Atlantic side of the continent. Let's get that article out again. Read it and make sure your shack is prepared for emergency operating, if and when necessity arises.



OFFICERS 1989

Pres. Chip NI3H
V. P. Jim N3GRD
Secy-Treas. Al W3TI
Act. Mgr Al K3NYX

Next FCC-VE exams Nov. 4th.

How You Can Tell When It's Going To Be A Rotten Day

You wake up face down on the pavement.

You put your bra on backward and it fits better.

You call Suicide Prevention and they put you on hold.

You see a "60 Minutes" news team waiting in your office.

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

Your son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business.

You want to put on the clothes you wore home from the party and there aren't any.

You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.

Your twin sister forgot your birthday.

You wake up and discover your waterbed broke and then realize that you don't have a waterbed.

Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.

Your wife wakes up feeling amorous and you have a headache.

Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat.

The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.

You wake up and your braces are locked together.

You walk to work and find your dress is stuck in the back of your pantyhose.

You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business.

Your blind date turns out to be your ex-wife.

Your income tax check bounces.

You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

Your pet rock snaps at you.

Your wife says, "Good morning, Bill," and your name is George.

Author Unknown . . . But Troubled