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SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB — ARRL

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GROUND HOG ISSUE 1990

FROM WHERE WE SIT

Well, we all survived the holiday season and now into a new decade. As we look back to the '80s it can be said the Tamaqua Transmitting Society left it's mark on the annuls of Ham Radio operations.

We struck our editorial pen at Nocode License, FCC and the 220 Mhz. band, Paying for new and renewal of license, and a few more. And as long as our typwritter continues to spout out the mispelled words and the printing machinery keeps working, we'll be in there chipin' away.

Now for the NEXT chip. After reading the agenda of the ARRL board of directors January meeting we find a lot to make comment.

They plan to get volunteers in the field to first check your DX QSL's for entry into DXCC. This will releive the leagues DXCC dept. so they can have more coffee breaks. On the other hand it will cost us more in postage by passing your cards from one area to another. In another area they are looking for volunteers to help in your communitywhere zoneing rules and regs hinder the erection of towers and antennas. This is in order to release ARRL's judicial staff from stepping in and giving a helping hand. OR, just another means of passing the buck.

Speaking of the BUCK, one would think this would be a means by which the league could make quite a savings financialy. Well you have another "Think" comming. While farming out a lot of the paid work to volunteers, they, on the other hand made a change in the by-laws. As of April 1,1990 ARRL dues will be $ 30.00 per/yr.

This raises another point (or chip), It has been our understanding from way back, The advertizing in QST was supposed to be sufficient to maintain the printing and distribution of same. Our society recently received a list of QST ad rates and they are far from reasonable for our club to use. True, large Ham equipment companies can afford it. True, this ad information is a boon to the new commer to ham radio but as I tune the bands I hear more

continued elsewhere

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Novice Class Friday 7 PM Jan to Apr.
Atlantic Div. Dir. meet, February 18
VE-FCC Exams, Tamaqua, Pa. Feb.24 9AM
Tamaqua Hamfest, May 20
VHF QSO Party, June 9-10
Field Day exercise, June 23-24
Shoot Fireworks & repair antennas, July
Annual Family Picnic, August 19
VE-FCC Exams August, 11
Fishing Safari to VE-3 land, Sept 16-22
Tamaqua Halloween Parade Oct. 23
VE-FCC exams November 3.
Annual Christmas party, Dec. 15.

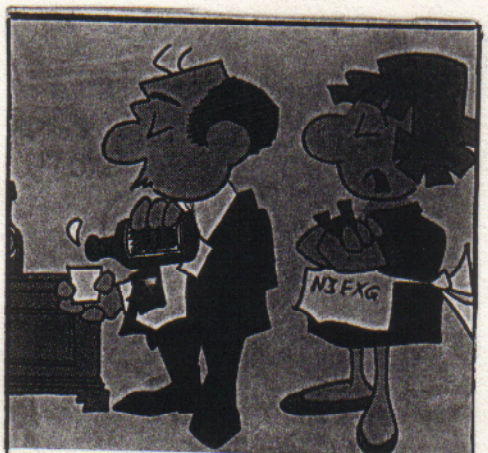
Additional activities will be added on the spur of the moment. Keep in touch by the bullitens at 7 PM on Monday, Wednesday & Friday via 146.670 repeater, and Tuesday - Thursday on 147. 105 Rptr.

LICENSE EXAMS

Ther's no time like the present to get crackin' on the books and/or code to get that up-grade. Our society now has the go-ahead to stock exams with the liason-contact person. Our VE team has set up the following exam schedule for 1990.

NOTE- All starting times 9 A.M.
Location: Tamaqua Municipal Building. 320 E. Broad Street. next to Turkey Hill market.
Exam dates: Feb. 24. August 11th. November 3rd.

May 20, exams will be held at the Tamaqua Hamfest (SUNDAY) If you need more info contact any officers of the society.



Don't tell me your having radio club meeting here again !

ROTTEN RADIO

Before I get going, I am not the first to use the above heading for an amateur radio column. "Rotten Radio" made its debute around 1920 in QST. I think it's about time to have it brought to the fore again.

If you check back in a few issues of SPLATTER you'll find we predicted an onslaught of very poor operating practices. If you monitor the bands like I do, you will find our prophesy has come true.

For example, the recent Bouvet DX pedition. The so-called animals who could'nt work said station took the oportunity to QRM and just cause havoc for the legit ops trying to make contact. On the other hand, the operators on the DX island were not too swift either. When we were informed to QSX up 5, the DX operator would go as far as 12.to 15 and down as close as 2 or 3 up. So it can be said, we had poor operators on both ends.

On the home front, last years graduating class of licensees, Novices and Technicians who have filtrated ten meter SSB. Our own class not excluded. Even though we had special sessions on "How to operate your Ham station", there is quite a bit of CB lingo that was not left on 27 Mhz. WOW! What do you think it's going to sound like when the "No Coders" get their foot in the door ? We won't take extra time now to print all the ROTTEN Radio practices at this time. Just tune accross the bands and you'll agree -- Who the hell left the gate open?

We beleive it is about time the Woof-Hong and the Rety-Snitch be resurected and used on these wrong doer's. It will have to be brought about by some prominent organization to head the program. We know ARRL won't touch it with a ten foot pole because that would cut into their policy of attracting new members. If the bands continue as they are, you will hear more on Rotten Radio in future bulletins.

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As we start this column we have some good news and some bad news. We'll pass the good news first. We finally got some membership cards from the printer. We had to fire two printers till we got one to finish the job. Since I promised you cards for 1989, I made cards out for all in good standing in 1989. These are the white cards. Those who have paid for 1990 will also find a salmon colored card for 1990. There will be a different colored card for each year.

Some of you will find two cards with this bulletin which means you are good for 1990. Should you only find a white card , then I suggest you get in touch with Eddie W3APE, 920 Oak Street, Bangor, Pa. 18013.

In the bad news dept. There are still eight out there in arrears as of this writting. If someone sees K4JZP, inform him I have no application or membership record on him. Therefore, no mailing address.

Regarding our bulletin we received a number of good comments. QCWA was even noted in the EPa ARRL section news sheet with compliments. Even members of the Tamaqua Transmitting Society are glad to hear about our association. Now, let us not keep it a one-way swap of news and ideas. You got something to say, put it on paper and give it to W3TI.If you have kept pace with us, we print anything. Got any good receipts for home brew beer-ale or whatever, send them to us.

On the other side of the coin I just received word about our last bulletin contributing editor, W3HK. Seems like Van Dyke is presently recovering from a heart attack. A cheery word or card to George would be appreciated.

The regular first wednesday of the month luncheons are still held at the Waterfront resturant on Rt 46 near Belvidere, New Jersey. See you there.

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ANTIQUE WIRELESS

From the words of our Vice President "No body's that Old ", Well if your interested in old time radio or wireless transmitting gear you will find it right across the border. There will be an Antique Wireless Asso. meet to be held May 11-12. For a detailed brochure and agenda of events, send an SASE to J. Hammy Richardt, W2WIY 94 Bald Eagle, Hacketstown, N.J. 07840.

You might even find a car load of Transmitting Society members attending. Interested ? Get your call/name to the activities manager K3NYX ASAP.

QSL VIA the BURO

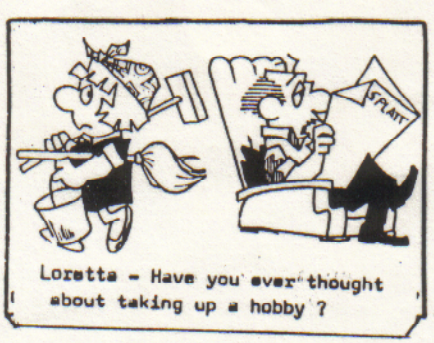
Yes, it's that time again. Gather your cards together now and plan to have them handed in by March 15. As you have noted with our last mailing that prices have risen. Compute your card donations on the basis of 2½ cents per card and you'll come out pretty close. Don't forget -- March 15, deadline.

NEW FEATURES

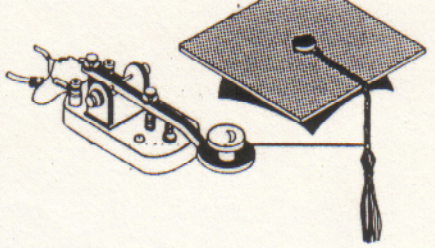
In addition to Rotten Radio we have added a new page to SPLATTER. This time we give you 4 months advance notice of society activities. Next issue will have a few more months added.

FROM HERE'n THERE

Since last report a lot has transpired. NI3H added a new TS 940 with all the bells, lites es whistles...N3GRD has had to QSY to VE-3 Ontario to aquire his line of work...W3 COW continues to hold regular skeds with his son on 10 meters. W3TI is checking the seed inventory and having fun with all 15 seed catalogues...No word from K3NB or K3KNL, seems like thay both dug in, hibernated for the winter...KA3OPX hit the Jack-pot, es sportin' a new TS-950...K3NYX es N3HHG spending the winter time building up a fleet of radio controlled model airplanes..Look out 6 meters...N3FXG finnaly got the OM to remodel the kitchen chairs. N3HHH is heard keeping regular skeds with his brother, WA2FNT in New Jersey.



Loretta - Have you ever thought about taking up a hobby ?



NOVICE CLASS

Our novice class is off and running. Started with 15 registering the first nite and after hearing about the code requirements, we lost five. The class now has 10 and we think will stick it out to the end. We must make special note to the Allentown Morning call news sheet who sent a reporter and printed up a two page spread on our lil' Amateur club. The article covered our activities in the county and community, in addition to pass the word about our novice class instruction.

A word of thanks should go out to the Palmerton, Pine Grove, and Hazleton 2 meter repeaters for use in spreading the word. These repeaters are also used to inform our students,via their scanners, when class is cancelled due to bad weather. Oh! you asked about the other Schuylkill repeaters ? As usual, when the question was proposed to their control operator the question was very politely evaded. SOooo, Silence or no answer shall be concidered as NO.

The new class should be ready for testing by early April and clubs in Carbon, Lebanon and Luzern counties should be able to add them to their membership.

This class should add to well over more that 20 novice and general instruction that I can put into my diary of amateur radio activities. We were ready to hang up our teaching license in 1989 but was pushed into it by the club membership. However, THIS WILL BE my last class of instruction. I suggest you new-commers with 5 or 10 years under the belt, get the books out and start crackin' so as to teach the class of '91.

It's always been a challenge and pleasure to me to see the new novice climb the Amateur ladder. It is now time for some one else to come forward and lay their claim to fame.

WE SIT -Contd.

and more who are fed up to pay for such a high priced Ham Radio catalogue. In addition, most of the artiàles are a critique on brand XX or how brand ZWY works. With the increase in league dues they will lose a lot of ole'members and old timers on pension. Yet, on the other hand they are not to worry. They'll have all those new "Zero Banders" -oops, I mean those NO CODERS to fill in the void. All for now, need to keep some chips for next time.

February 1990

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24 F.DAY STILL CREEK	25	26	27	28	29	30

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