SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB ARRL

SPLATTER

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ROTTEN RADIO

We're back again. It seems our first crack at reviveing an old QST columnwas read with interest and we got quite a number of good comments, that is what our return mail told us. To some this form of nit-pickin'has given them a chuckel or two, while others have taken the info to heart. All we can add is -- if the shoe fits, wear it. Ye editor is not all that 100% perfect but do try to operate our station with the best operating practices.

For example, just monitor a couple repeaters on your scanner and pick out the lids. Wow, the things you hear." This is NK5LD for I.D." Now why did this fella give his call in the first place? It's because the FCC requires one to identify every ten minutes, but why add "for I.D. " when the main purpose was to identify his station call sign. Therefore, why is it necessary to add " for I.D." Sounds silly don't you think !

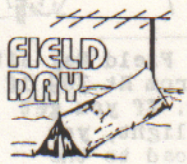
Another dandy was heard on ten meter side band,(FCC's gift to the CB'ers). At the end of a QSO one operator asked the other to swap QSL's etc. The reply from the other station was "10-4" Since when has 10-4 become the substitute for the Q-signal QSL? We all know there are many, many refugees from the charli-brown group that have moved into our amateur bands. My question is why must they bring their cruddy means of operating with them ?

Then there's the case in the use of the proword "Rodger". For example, A mobile station in motion says," I just turned right from Blum street onto North Pit road, is that the correct route?" The reply station reports with "Rodger". Now, if you take the time to look it up in the book a reply "Rodger" just indicates "Message received". SOoo---- did the mobile station make the correct turn or not ? Perhaps we'll never know. All for now.

T.O.M.

ADDENDUM

Please note, the last issue of SPLATTER was sent you two weeks before you received March QST. We came out first with reissue of "Rotten Radio". We did NOT copy from March 1990 QST.



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Each June our society has a very active agenda. This year is no different. If you recall one of our society main activities is Field Day, and activity is what our society is based on. Our president and activities manager are planing big things for Field Day 1990. Our membership now is up to 21 and we expect a large turnout for the event this year.

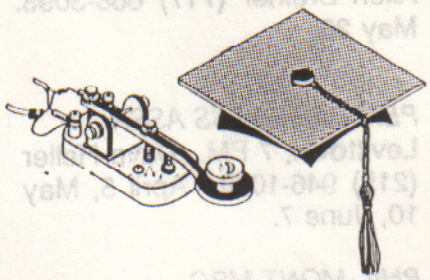
The Field Day planing meeting will be held on Friday evening of May 25th. - 8 P.M. at Louie Vitali's resturant, Rt 54 in Hometown, Pa. Accross the road from the Farmer's Market.

Each active member should plan to attend. This is the time we get your ideas and input. New members get their first of what F.D. operation is like. Antennas, rigs,food, refreshments, operator shifts are just a few items on the list of topics discussed. Our meeting starts at 8 PM and usually concluded by 11 PM . Don't forget, MAY 25 - 8 PM - VITALI's

FOR THOSE WHO HATE TO WAIT

This is typical of all our students who attended our Novice Class this year. They ALL PASSED and guess what they are waiting FOR!!!!!





NOVICE CLASS NEWS

By the time this gets into print our 1990 class of neophytes will have passed their novice tests. We might even be getting data on their call letters. Unknowingly by the class, every one had passed the 5 WPM code test by March 23, Just eight weeks after our classes began. This proves my main point. At each first class session each candidate is given the same instructions that I have presented to all my former classes. Each must put one-half hour asside each day for code practice and never to skip a day. After just four weeks it is guarenteed they will know the alphabet and numerals. There were 4 in the class that had other thoughts, they dropped out after 5 weeks. The balance stayed with the program and it paid off.

Novice exam nite was Friday 13. We can say, superstition did not prevail. They all passed. It was indeed a pleasure and makes one feel good after a class has been completed. In our last bulletin I stated I would NOT teach any more amateur instruction classes. Well, if the FCC has it's way of introducing the No Code license and eliminating the Novice and Technician class, then we definitely will not have those classes to teach. AND, I pride myself to be on a much higher plane than the CB operator or the new Communicator class. Hence, I shall never teach a Communicator class, and furthermore, will not lower myself and will NOT give No Coders license exams.

Again - My hats off and congratulations to our final class of Novices. Hopefully, you will enjoy the hobby and above all, prosper.

LICENSE TESTS

April, May, and June,

SUSQUEHANNA CO. ARC
Kingsley, 7 PM. Ellen Thompson (717) 879-2577. April 7.

TAMAQUA TRANSMIT'G SOC
Tamaqua hamfest, 9 AM. Allen Breiner (717) 668-3098. May 20.

PENN WIRELESS ASSN
Levittown, 7 PM. Dave Heller (215) 946-1040. April 5, May 10, June 7.

PHIL-MONT MRC
Philadelphia, 6:30 PM. Dusty Rhoads (215) 482-0386. April 2, May 5, June 4.

RED ROSE REPEATER ASSN
Lancaster, 7:30 PM. Jay Consylman (717) 569-2132. April 19, June 21.

RF HILL ARC
Harleysville, 6:15 PM. April 16, June 18; Perkasie, 6:15 PM. May 21. Warren Erdman (215) 679-5764.

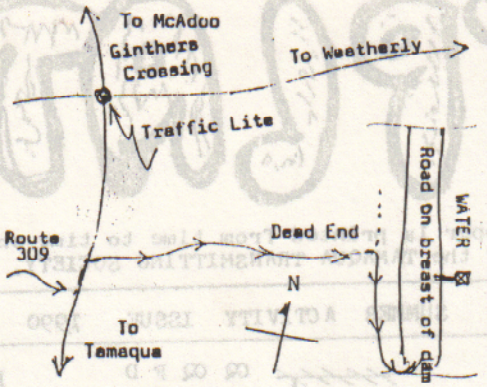
DELAWARE-LEHIGH ARC
Nazareth, 7 PM. John Greenage (215) 767-4778. April 6, May 4, June 8.

ENDLESS MTS. ARC
Tunkhannock, 7 PM. Jeff Aronsohn (717) 836-6704. April 3.

HARRISBURG RAC
Middletown, 9 AM. John Obradovich (717) 878-1459. April 21.

MID-ATLANTIC ARC
Bryn Mawr, 9:30 AM. Bob Haase (215) 293-1919. May 5.

WEST BRANCH ARA
Montoursville, 9:30 AM. Steve Phillips (717) 322-4314. April 7.



Entrance to our Field Day site is right turn from Rt 309 if traveling north. If you get to the traffic light, you went to far. Road to the bottom of the breast of the dam is about 1/2 mile. Turn right, go up the hill and you will see the gang at the site.

HOW ABOUT THIS !

This January past while recruiting candidates for our novice class we were bombarded with fone calls from all over. One fellow who started the class also attended each wednesday nite technical sessions.With all this additional training and information plus a lot of home study, Bob Petrey of Locust Valley dropped in on our FCC amateur exams on February 24 and passed the 13 WPM code test, in addition all the elements up to Advanced class.

Wait, we're not finished yet. The following week end he went to Dover Hamfest and passed the 20 WPM and the Extra class element. Four weeks later Bob shows up with his new call KD3RM. Wow-- From nothing to extra in five weeks. This makes me look sick. It took me seven years to get up to Extra, Congrats go to Bob KD3RM. Next step. Bob, Be an examiner.



QCWA HOT-LINE

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Chapter No. 33

Well fellas and gals, you did not send us to much news to pass on so we'll have to adlib it again. We checked with Delaware Chapter and found out that W3HK is okey again and back on track.

Double check your membership card. It should be salmon in color and dated 1990. There are still a few of the members that have not renewed their 1990 dues.

At our chapter's March luncheon the judiciary board picked time-date-place of our annual spring Fling dinner meeting. Hopefully our chapter snow-birds will have returned in time to attend.

The annual Spring 1990 fling dinner meeting will be held on May 26th. at Vitali's country House on Rt 54, Hometown, Pa. One mile north of Tamaqua. Same location as last year.

We gather around 6:30 for cocktails which is followed by dinner around 7 o'clock. Order from the menu. No reservations required, membership not required. Just attend and bring a friend along.

If you should plan to attend let Hammy W2WIY or Al W3TI know your intensions so we can let the resturant have a rough idea on how many to prepare for. If your planning to stay overnight contact Hammy W2WIY, he has the motel information.

The editor and secretary is very sorry to have missed both April and May luncheons. On one we had a speaking engagement and the other we were just returning from the Dayton hamfest. We hope to make it up at the dinner.

One more time ! If you plan to keep this column going, then I'll expect to have some news given to me on May 26. So set your computer to RAM (Read and Memorize).

SPRING FLING DINNER MEETING
May 26, 1990 6:30 PM
Vitali's Country House
Rt 54, Hometown, Pa.
One mile north of TAMAQUA, Pa.

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