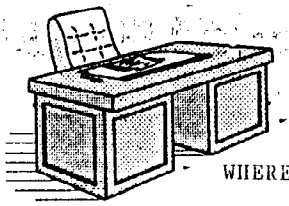
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SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB

SPLATTER

This Sardine Wrapper is printed from time to time and distributed to the membership of the TAMAQUA TRANSMITTING SOCIETY, Tamaqua, Pa. 18252

THE GROUNDHOG ISSUE 1991



FROM WHERE WE SIT

Things to think about for 1991. The Tamaqua Transmitting Society shall still continue to take part in the following activities;

The VHF QSO party in earlyJune.
The Annual Field Day Exercises
Hold the Annual Tamaqua Hamfest.
Participate in local and County EMA drills.
Have the Annual Family picnic.
Assist Tamaqua Lions Club Halloween parade.
Hold the annual Christmas party and awards night.

The following may be deleted after February 18, 1991, all pending on the Eastern Pennsylvania Section Manager.

Being an ARRL affiliated Special Service Club.
Future Novice and Advanced class courses.
The Tamaqua Transmitting Society Volunteer Exam Team.

AND

FUTURE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

EITHER WAY - The Tamaqua Transmitting Society shall continue as a local amateur radio club rendering service to the community and its members.

Quite a unique manner to start an editorial for the Tamaqua Transmitting Society bulletin " SPLATTER". The real and main reason for printing the above information is that our society officers, secretary, and "SPLATTER" have been taken to task by the Eastern Pennsylvania Section Manager, KB3YS. First he cancels the Bulletin Station appointment of W3TI, for no apparent reason (copies of letter available). This section appoint was held since 1955. In his next letter he attacks the Societies bulletin and it's content. Next, he tries to undermine the society with telephone calls to our officers and judiciary staff. In another letter he promised he would NOT print any items about our society in future Section news bulletins or in the QST activities column. So now he is using discrimination.

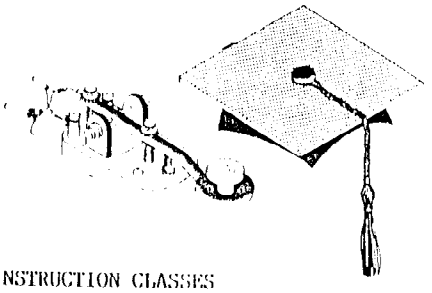
What devious deeds will be in his next move ? Our annual renewal forms for our A.R.R.L. Special Service Club will be arriving shortly and he has to pass on whether or not we pass inspection . Will his next move be to have our Society dropped from that list ?

The editorial staff of this bulletin has only printed those ideas, comment, and questions that you, the membership, have brought to our attention either over the airways or talked up at our regular technical or business meetings. Do you think we are wrong ? Think about it!

This whole incident started when one of our members copied a packet bulletin regarding the November VE test session. The originating station of the bulletin happened to be KB3YS, the E. Pa. Section Manager.

The bulletin data was directing exam candidates to the wrong location. It was sending them to the New England Valley Fire Company, when the actual location had been announced in a prior club bulletin was to be the Tamaqua Municipal Building, Tamaqua, Pa.

Upon receiving the info about said bulletin, the society Volunteer Examining Liaison station and secretary (He holds both offices) got a letter off to our Section Manager informing him about the mistake. It also stated corrections at that time. This spark ignited a series of incidents first aimed at W3TI and later got the Tamaqua Transmitting Society officers and bulletin involved.



INSTRUCTION CLASSES

On the educational front our novice and advanced instruction classes got off to a good start. January 25 turned up 22 candidates for novice class and 8 students for the advanced class. Once again, we have a few young people interested, a 9 and a 14 year old. We topped out at age 69 as the senior student, or an average age for the class is 34. As for distance traveled, we must split the difference between Bethlehem (35 Mi.) and Harrisburg (54 Mi). Perhaps news of our classes must be getting around the territory.

We have to add a special thanks to the officials of the Tamaqua High School for the two terrific rooms they provided. A free copy of this bulletin is being passed to the student class of 1991, the officers and members of our Transmitting Society take this opportunity to welcome you to amateur radio and your continued success in obtaining amateur license.

OFFICERS ELECT FOR 1991

President KA3WGG
Vice Pres. KA3WGF
Secy. Treas. W3TI
Activity Mgr. K3NYX

REGULAR MEETING NIGHTS

Business meetings shall be as usual, the first Friday of the month at Vitali's restaurant. February, March and April meetings will be held at 9 PM after classes.

	July 5
Feb. 1	Aug. 2
Mar. 1	Sept. 6
Apr. 5	Oct. 4
May 3	Nov. 1
June 7	No meeting in December. Xmas party Dec. 14th.

STOP Take one minute of your valuable time. MARK these dates on your 1991 calendar - NOW !

Technical sessions are still held every wednesday evening.

WHAT DOES IT COST

Today, with what the economy is and inflation going higher every month, we all try to save a buck here or there. As soon as you leave one room to enter another, you make sure to turn off the light before leaving. You do the same thing with your two meter tranceiver. As soon as you complete a QSO you turn it off with a vision of saving a few dollars each month in the electric power bill. Did you ever sit down and calculate just how much you REALY saved?

We shall not evaluate how much power used if you transmit six out of 15 hours a day. We shall show how much cost for power is if you turn your transceiver on at 8 AM and off at 10 PM, or a time lapse of 15 Hrs.

A two meter transceiver usually requires 12 to 13.8 volts to function properly. The average solid state receiver in the FM mode draws 700 Ma. from our power supply. However, we cannot use 13 volts as a reference point because the AC to DC supply requires around 20 volts for the regulator to function and give us an output of 13.8 volts. Hence we must use 20 as the reference voltage.

Utilizing the information you learned in Novice class we find out that 20 volts and 700 Ma. uses up about 14 watts of power. (Ohms law- Volts times amps = watts) Our power company sells power in Kilowatt-hours. That means if you burn a 1000 watt light bulb for one hour, then you used up one kilowat-hour.

By use of some more mathematics.

$\frac{1000}{14}$ = 71.4 W/Hr. This equals out to 4.76 days at 15 hours a day, or close to five days. P. P. & L. sells us power at $0.065 cents per KWH.

What this shows, you can turn the two meter unit on at 8 in the morning and let it run all day till 10 at night and all it will cost you is $ 0.42 cents for the month.

Or if you happen to forget to turn the rig off and it is on for a whole month, it will only cost you sixty five cents because you forgot.

VOLUNTEER EXAM SCHEDULE FOR 1991

The VE team of the Tamaqua Xmtg Society posts the following dates for giving exams in the Tamaqua area.

Feb. 23	June 2.
Aug. 24	Nov. 2

June 2nd. date will be at the Hamfest. All others will be held at the Tamaqua Municipal Building, 9 AM.

TAMAQUA HAMFEST 1991

Your Tamaqua Hamfest announcement is enclosed. Please make note of the date change from May to June. All previous committee members have the same job this year. OR - If you want a more responsible position, we have 'em, just ask !

OUR EDITORIAL POLICY

We had printed editorial policy in a back issue, but for the benefit of our new members we'll try to get a re-print. Our Radio Club news bulletin, as noted in the heading, is not printed on a regular time basis. It is distributed to our membership from time to time. That is, when there is sufficient society news or some item that should be brought to the members attention.

There is a DX operator for "How's DX" column,NI3H. Three members take turns in working up "From Where We Sit" column. All 3 had a hand in this issues column. The Activities Manager keeps us busy with club functions. Just wait till you see the one he has planned for us in the spring.

Subject items and ideas usually come from discussions at our teck sessions or regular monthly meeting nights. After each item is printed (rough draft) it is proof read by 2 or more of the editorial staff. Additions and/or deletions are noted. It is then printed on 90 millimeter width columns for placement on the 11 x 14½ inch master plate. This is reduced to an 8½ x 11 inch sheet from which you receive a xerox copy.

We do not, knowingly, print copy from QST, CQ, or 73 mag because they have to make a living in the printing business. At times we print a comic item. At no time has its contents been meant to discredit the amateur fraternity or any of our members. Those of you that attend our meetings know we are a fun group, but when it comes down to the wire, we do take our Ham radio and operating quite serious.

We're very sorry that we have had to print call letters in this issue that is NOT a member of our Society.

FOR THE RECORD

Precisely what the column head reads. This is for future reference regarding those society members who received recognition at the 1990 annual christmas party Dec. 15.

Past president certifs went to K3NB, K3NYX, and NI3H. Quarter Century member certifs went to K3NB, K3NYX, NI3H and W3TI. Horse Shoe Champ certif to Whitey Graver, OM of KA3WGF. An Extra Special achievement certif to NZ3W, and Elmer First class to K3NYX.

The following received extra special honors for deeds performed above and beyond ------

The Brass Fish KA3WGG
The Green Rubber Duck N3GRD
BIG BIRD to KA3OPX
Our Hired GUN - K3NB
The "33" Standard to N3HHG
U.S. Postal Service - KA3WGF

Door prizes to NI3H and Cathy, XYL of N3HHG.

QCWA HOT-LINE



GUNDERSON
PENN - JERSEY
Chapter No. 33

We are now well into 1991 and no use thinking of returning to 1990. Chapter 33 wasn't treated to badly last year. We didn't loose any members we even gained in membership. The early part of the year had our president running around looking for a luncheon location. After sampling a few places we settled on the Apple Mt. country club where the air is clear,the liquid refreshing, and the food excellent. We had only one problem. The XYL's were betting odds on when they would discontinue serving us French onion soup.

Well if you haven't noticed after the first of the year taxes and prices on most of our luxury items have been given quite a hike. First class postage is still holding at a quarter. However, scuttle butt has it that we can expect it to increase some time after February.

One more thing has not increased, that is your annual dues for chapter 33. Dues are still holding at Five dollars ($ 5.00) and payable to the treasurer, W3APE, on or after January 1, 1991. Last years member card was a salmon color. Your new 1991 card will be white. Can anyone guess what color they will be for 1992 ?

NEWS - For what it's worth. Snow Bird W2DGE is back in W4-land. W3APE has made his annual safari to earth-quake land. W3HK is to busy with married life, he has no time for hamming, Tsk,Tsk,Tsk. W3TI and N3FXG have made their annual reservations for a week at the Dayton Hamfest..

A REMINDER - You Ole' timers, keep tabs on your license renewal. Those ten years can fly by before you know. See ye chapter secretary for 610 renewal forms. 73------

FLASH EXTRA EXTRA

I received a land-line call from W3IDD informing us that the luncheon facilities at the Apple Mt. Country club have been terminated. On January 2nd. the group assembled there for lunch but found the restaurant area depleted of cooks, waitresses,bar keeps, and what-ever. To date, no explanation has been available as to why, cause, or reasons thereof. Keep tuned on 3982 Khz at 8 PM or 147.045 Mhz. repeater for announcement for location of next luncheon.

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