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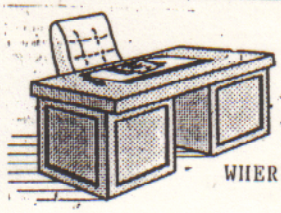
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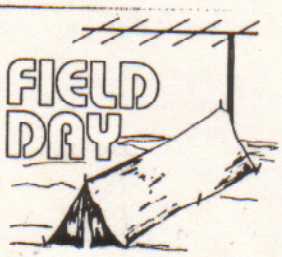
FROM WHERE WE SIT

I guess your interested in the outcome regarding our last editorial. We had asked that the item be placed on the agenda of the director's called meeting of February held at Carlisle, Pa. Well, it never got on the agenda. Instead, the director arranged a short meeting with Mr. Stanhope in private.

Attending this session was the Assistant S.M. N3ECL, SEC Bob WA3PZO, Transmitting society officers, KA3WGG President, W3TI Secretary, and K3NYX activities manager. We met for about 20 minutes and out of that time frame the society officers got about two minutes of talk time. Whenever we wanted to make comment or interject, we were cut off at the pass. All we could do was to listen to Mr. Stanhope spout off.

He made a complete 180 degree turn about regarding him not printing any thing in QST or EPA Newsline. His biggest gripe was against W3TI's editorial matter in the club bulletin. He would not have anyone on his team that was anti-ARRL. We never got the chance to show the chap (we have other words) our list of projects and programs performed in the past that were all FOR the

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Recall last Field Day when all the left over enthusiasm had been extracted and the last shot was fired, we had quicky critique of the event on the breast of the reservior. Everyone was ready to go for another week end of the same.

Well that week end will be here before you know. June 22-23 is the date to "X" your calendar. (K3NB pse take note) There is talk about seting up a third rig over by the camp site because it would be closer to the keg. This might be a good idea, but jush how mush operatin' wud be dun ? The 2 transmitter class has worked quite well for us in the past. Let's talk it over.

In the meantime there was further conversation about puting up our old time challenge to the Hazleton club group where the prize be a quarter barrel. For our newer members, years ago we had a friendly contest between clubs whereby the club with the lesser amount of Field Day QSO's would buy the quarter barrel and both clubs join forces to extract its contents. The winning club supplied a covered dish repast. Let's have your comment, pro or con at the June meeting.

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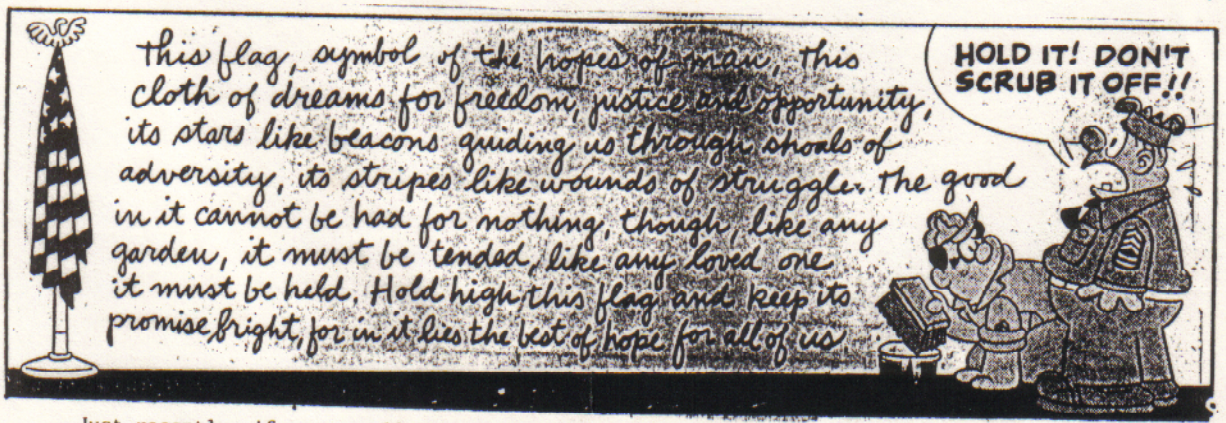
EMERGENCY EXERCISES & DRILLS

Seldom do we mix our society activities with local politics. We have in the past come to the aid of the borough by preparing propagation studies, and charts for certain borough, state, or federal program requirements. In appreciation we have reign of the communications complex in the municipal building from which the society operates during drills, hurricanes etc. We also get to use our favorite field day site. Hence, with no financial transaction being made, both the society and the community benefit.

When assisted the borough and county in Berwick nuclear power plant drills, we always operated under Tamaqua EMA with our local EMA director giving the orders. However, as of January 1, 1991 the former EMA director Art Connelly has resigned. He made recomendations to our town fathers that Al Jr. K3NYX be appointed to the position because he had been doing all the paper work for him and the previous two directors. K3NYX met with town council and since certain criteria between the two had not been met nor agreed upon, we do not have a leader at this time.

Our by-laws state that we will give assistance to the borough of Tamaqua in emergencies and drills. This leaves us in a quandry.

DO we or DON'T we mobilize for drills ? In case of the real thing I'm sure they can count on us even if we don't have a head honcho. Don't forget, Hurricane season is just around the corner. Got any ideas ?



Just recently, if you recall, our Tamaqua Transmitting Society and one of its officers were openly accused of being anti-ARRL. I wonder if we might be accused of being anti-American ? We fly the flag at the VHF QSO party and on the higest mast head on Field Day. Our bulletin cartoon for this issue also shows our thoughts on the issue.

WE SIT cont'd.

league. Would you believe it ! The original item that sparked this incident was never permitted to be mentioned. After the session, the Asst. SM, N3ECL even mentioned this fact and thought we were treated dirty. After listening for 18 minutes it was noted we were getting nowhere FAST. It was noted that Mr. Stanhope says, goes. It's his way, or not at all. Our group was never permitted to ask any questions so we came to the conclusion that nothing was actually accomplished at this meeting except that we now have a dictatorship at the Eastern Pennsylvania ARRL section level.

Since ye editor of this bulletin had prior experience (10 years) at the same official capacity, I always used the open door policy. Through the sections amateur operators we got to know what was needed in the section. Each item was brought to a vote at the quarterly dinner meetings. In other words, the section was run by the section. All I did was act as head of the group. We operated as a democracy.

Meanwhile we have started to check this guys track record. Just check for yourself in his QST column and notice how many high level section appointments have resigned. So far we have spoken to three of these amateurs and find they DID NOT resign. They were fired because they DID NOT come up to his standards and he dumped them. Just a few days before writing this column, I spoke to the Emergency coordinator for his own county of York. He even fired him. You'll probably read in QST that said EC resigned. Balderdash---

At this time the judiciary board has suggested that Mr. Stanhope be removed from the society mailing list. It was further suggested if any society member corresponding with Mr. S. they choose their words very carefully or he'll beat you over the head with the Wooff Hong, and when you have been WOOFF HONGED you'll know it.

Incidentally, we haven't struck our colors yet. As far as we are concerned, he may have won the battle but he has definitely NOT won the war

Comment both pro and con regarding this editorial will be democratically accepted.

CALL FOR DX QSL's

It's that time again for those members of our society who take advantage of our out-going DX QSL card service. Package them up and see that ye secretary gets them at the Hamfest June 2nd. Attach your QST address label and sort alphabetically by call letters. Last mailing cost each of member two cents a card. A far cry from 50 cents each.

We can also supply you DX'ers with IRC's at 50 cents each. U.S. post office charges 95 cents. Further info, ask us at the next meeting.

President KA3WGG
Vice Pres. KA3WGF
Secy/Treas. W3TI
Activity Mgr. K3NYX
Field Day committee-Everyone

LOOKING BACK - WAY BACK

Well, not that far back, however have you noticed in the past 18 years our society has had an annual novice instruction class. In 1976 we even held a general class of instruction. Also noted, the Tamaqua Transmitting Society gave of their time and efforts toward presenting these classes. Also, it was not for the purpose of attaining fame nor gain to our society membership, yet the option was presented and invitation for them to join.

Now for the punch line. In that 18 year span our group was responsible for adding 96 new licensees to a three county area. Checking our file records the following data was calculated as to the various area percentage of gain.

6% Lower Luzern County
16% North Central Schy. Co
33% Central/West Schy. Co.
27% Carbon County
18% Tamaqua area.

Our present novice and advanced classes will show about the same percent of area coverage. If you check the records, our society is the only club group in Carbon, Luzern, and Schuylkill counties that have instruction of any kind. Check it out.

HURRICANE SEASON

August starts the Hurricane season and our society has for many years tracked these bad storms as they approached the Atlantic coast. In order to assist in tracking, the society has prepared maps for those interested. It is broken down in Longitude and Latitude for easy tracking. If your interested contact the secretary for a few maps.

PARADE REPORT

Sorry - late report. Those who assisted at the Lions Tamaqua Halloween parade were, NZ3W, K3NB, KA3WGF, N3HHG, K3NYX and W3TI. Lions Club comment-- Thanks for a job well done.

Field Day cont'd.

Following is the June '91 activity agenda. Sunday June 2 - Tamaqua Hamfest. Committees report between 7 and 8 A.M.

Friday June 7. Regular club meeting at Vitali's. This will also be the Field Day planing session.

Saturday June 8-9. VHF QSO party at Freeland. Planing meeting will be Wednesday June 5 at the technical session. Then you have a week of rest followed by the BIG event. FIELD DAY June 22-23. Just think ! After that you will have the whole month of July to rest up before the annual family picnic on August 18th. (Rain date August 25.

NEW SPLATTER COLUMN

A couple weeks ago some of the elder membership were reminiscing experiences from previous field days, so we decided to list these happenings and add them to the bulletin from time to time. They have been categorized such as; Improvising, F.D. Locations, Antennas, Rotors, Food preparation and Almost accidents

If we printed all the incidents in one bulletin it would fill a number of pages, so as space permitting, they shall cover a number of future bulletins. They will not be in chronogical order but picked at random. With all the antics pulled at our Field Days I doubt if we'll ever run out of printing material. Your comment on the new column would be appreciated.

YEARS OF YORE

How many recall the field day at Senendoah Heights where we had three complete homes but the clinker was that one of the houses was on the other side of the highway and only one 3 KW generator. This was no problem, we just fed a power cable under the road via a 20 inch storm drainage pipe. This was the easy part.

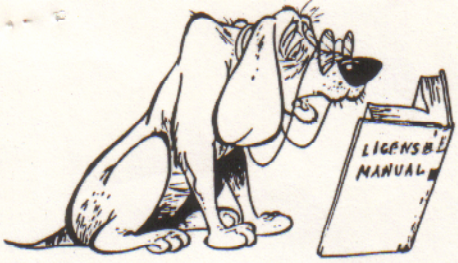
The AM phone station was put on the other side of the road to overcome any intermod that might interfere with the 2 CW stations. CW worked fine until the AM station came on and put a 150 watt load on the generator and all the CW VFO's went crazy.

Solution: We located a wide board and mounted about six light bulb sockets on it wired to a double throw relay that would turn about 150 watts of light bulbs on while in the receive mode. In transmit mode the lights went out, hence a constant 150 load for la generator. Therefore - problem solved.

NO, not yet, Auto traffic passing by would see the flashing lights and would stop to investigate as to what new bar or eatery opened up in that wilderness. Yes, we had a lot of Field Day visitors that year.

Then there was field day at Frackville behind the glass mirror factory. They wouldplace an 18 wheeler (12 ft. X 40 ft.) at our disposal, all three rigs had plenty of elbow room. But we had two problems. We had no operating tables and had to use a step ladder to get in and out of the back of the trailor. Then came K3SRQ with the solution. He and part of the F.D. committee went to his home in Frackville via a pick-up truck and visited his new home.

First, he pulled the pins out of the hinges of the 3 bedroom closet doors, Picked up six carpenter horses from the basement. This solved the operating table problem. Then came the clincher. He tore out the basement cellar steps, this did away with the step ladder. We used these steps alternately for 4 years to walk into the back of the trailor. So you see, our society has always been able to overcome any and all obstacles in our path. More to come next issue.



READ MY LIPS

The above phrase has been around for many a decade. It's used by your forman, boss, or department head and recently been paraphrased by our head honcho in Washington, D.C. And now from ye editor. I don't lay claim to be brilliant, nor am I an eloquent orator. I'm just one of the graduate dummies of Temple Univerity.

What's this leading up too ? Well somewhere along the way some members have misinterpreted and added too a statement of mine made in the "Summer 1990 Issue" of SPLATTER, page 3, left column, 4th. paragraph. I quote, **"Again, recall we stated we would not teach an entry level course, so this left the back door open".**

PLEASE NOTE

It states "ENTRY LEVEL" and not Novice class level. However at the time of said statement Novice was the entry class level. Since then ye F.C.C. has changed the rules and entry level now is the new No Code Technician class. I'll hold true to my statement, I won't teach an entry level class. This opens the door again leaving Novice class instruction for future concideration.

One more item regarding the misconception and interpretation of statement. Can anyone produce proof whereby ye editor was to have said "I shall not be a part of giving volunteer exams in the future". I suggest they recheck their information again. However, I did say "I might not sign No code Technician certificates".

At the VE session February 23 the volunteer examiners present talked to me like a Dutch Uncle whereby changing my mind. Hence, contrary to any rumors I'm still on the Tamaqua volunteer exam team.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Regular meetings first Friday of the month. Wednesday Teck sessions 8 PM.
Sat. June 1, prepare Hamfest site,7 PM
Sun.June 2, Tamaqua Hamfest. All committee members be there by 7 AM.
Wed. June 5. VHF-QSO party plan meet.
Fri. June 7. Field Day planing meeting 8 PM at Vitali's.
Sat. June 8-9. VHF QSO Party to be held at Freeland, Pa. ARA repeater site.
Sat. June 22-23. Field Day 1991, Still Creek reservior.
August 18, Society Annual Family picnic. (Rain date August 25)
October 29, Tamaqua Lions annual Halloween parade radio control.

Keep in touch with your society,

Have Gun, Will Travel

For many,many past Field Days our group entered the June contest with a very open and casual catch as catch can attitude. That is, we just set up antennas, station and generator etc. with no up front indication of extra performance or accomplishment what so ever. In other words, okey if we got going by starting time or we started two hours late. In other words we went for a week end of fun with ham radio and operate at will.

With a number of new members last year experiencing their first Field Day it was gratifying to notice the interest shown. At a recent Wednesday night meeting of the judiciary, the activities manager suggested that along with having a great weekend of fun and socializing, we also put extra effort into running up a good score during this years contest.

This means both stations should be operating the full 24 hours. Down time only during supper and breakfast. To accomplish same we shall have to resort to our old 1960-70 system of management and a Field Day program chairman be appointed.

The F.D. program manager's job is to draw up an operating schedule, such as to who works what and when. Compute a band plan of propagation vrs. frequency. As you can see it is quite a responsible job.

There is only one member that can do the job properly and we shall have to get him out of retirement. We must ask our "Hired Gun", Dave K3NB if he will accept and if this is the year to go for it. I'm sure he will have full cooperation of the members. Next time you see Dave - ask him nicely.

PANEL ACTS ON DXCC LIST

The ARRL Awards Committee has accepted the following recommendations of the DX Advisory Committee on the DXCC status of Germany and Yemen. In the case of the former, the German Democratic Republic is deleted from the DXCC list as of Oct. 3, 1990 (when the GDR was absorbed into the Federal Republic of Germany). Contacts with GDR stations (Y2-Y9) after Oct. 3, and contacts with FRG stations (DA-DL) after Sept. 17, 1973, will be credited as FRG.

As for Yemen, the DXCC recommended deletion of both the former People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (7O) and the former Yemen Arab Republic (4W) as of May 22, 1990. In their place, a new country, Yemen (7O) is added to the list.



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Well, you wouldn't believe it but this is the third attempt made at writing our chapter's new bulletin. The first two drafts were not very promising news for the continuance of our monthly luncheon-meetings.

Alas, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Thru the efforts of our Vice president W3IDD and Treasurer W3APE, we have our former lunch-meeting place back again. So mark the calendar for May 1st. lunch at the Apple Mountain Country club.

It seems that the food concession of the country club changed hands and the new owner was not informed about our monthly lunch-meeting every first Wednesday. This is all squared away so let's see your shining faces May 1st.

As part of the program we'll try to have a slide show on W3TI's recent visit to A.R.R.L. Any time you have an idea for a short program let us know and we'll put the info in our QCWA bull sheet.

We gave you the info last bulletin about 1991 dues but failed to give the treasurer's mailing address. Here it is:
Eddie Gigliotti W3APE Treas.
920 Oak Street
Bangor, Pa. 18013

All for now, hope to have lunch with you soon.

LICENSE FEES AGAIN

Our more recently licensed operators will probably not recall the time when FCC charged a fee for your amateur license. Back in the 60's a five year renewal cost $ 9.00.

A recent news bulletin made note that the commission is once more pushing congress to have license fees returned by autumn 1991. There is no dollar figure mentioned yet and the League is pushing to get the amateur service exempt because of the emergency service rendered to the public.

If you are in favor of the license fee, STOP reading now.

If not in favor it's time to get the writing paper and pen. Put your comments on said paper and send them to your favorite congressman in the Dictrict of Corruption, D.C.

It may not help one bit, but at least you'll get to blow off steam like me.