SPLATTER

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The President's Corner

By KB3ATA

As President and participant in our Societies Annual Field Day Activities on Saturday, 25 and Sunday, 26, I must confess that I was truly disappointed with member response, attendance, and participation. This is one of our largest and, it could be argued, one of the most important activities of the year. Attendance was limited, as was participation, to those stalwarts who always seem to participate and, in fact, often much more than one can reasonably expect, all to the benefit of the Tamaqua Transmitting Society.

What happened ? Why so little support ?

? Should we continue to pursue this particular activity ?
We do recognize that one can only do as much as one is able and family ties and obligations are always necessarily first and foremost.
But ..... ?????

I have, however, been impressed with the increased interest with attendance at our regular meetings, also the increase in membership. Along with the membership increase, our number of activities have also been on the rise which means more assistance is required to man that increase. The help must come from that new influx of members as well as the elder members. Let us continue on with that positive note "Increase". We urge our Society members to participate in future activities and think toward a continued growth and betterment of our small group.

Our Transmitting Society was organized in 1954 and its main objective was to keep Amateur Radio alive and active in the Tamaqua area. During the late 1940's the Schuylkill Amateur Radio Club, a county organization, met its demise after being operational only a few years. It ceased to exist because of very little activity and those were very poorly attended. How do we know about all this ? Well ye editor happened to be the Activities Manager elect during its life expectancy. Such shall not be the case with the Tamaqua Transmitting Society because we have a slate of officers that do care.



FROM WHERE WE SIT

From 1954 till September 1993 the Society maintained a maximum membership total of 25, and no more. Last September the bylaws were revised and the membership total immediately shot up to 33. Let is be expressed at this time that all comments expressed in this Special Membership issue are in no way make any reference toward our recent new members, but reflects upon the membership as a whole. So step back, take a good look, and assess your own percentage of past activity. In addition let us review and think about how you plan to assist and/or attend future activities.

Two years ago we printed a brief survey of our members and here is an up-date. 11 are Extra Class, 2 Advanced, 6 General, 5 No Code tecks, 8 Teck plus, and one Novice. 20 are gainfully employed, 7 retired, 3 physically disabled, 2 housewives, and one student.

One thing our Society believes in is equality. Each member, regardless of license status, has a vote at our sessions and can voice their own opinion on matters brought before the group. The inexperienced are always accepted to assist with ALL Society functions and information regarding the activity is passed on freely. An inexperienced member is never placed in a position that might cause them harm or injury. Two of our physically disabled members attended Field Day '94. and they were not required to raise antennas or climb ladders but they added their own expertise toward the success of the week-end long exercise.

What is all this leading up to ? Well it's about you, the member, taking a more active part in the Tamaqua Trasmitting Society. This bears no reflection what so ever upon the die-hards that are always up front when volunteers are called for. Ed N3ILC has taken time to print a questionare which is to be reviewed by you and returned within 10 days. Each member will receive a 29¢ first class stamped envelope so there shall be no excuses. You cam mail it back or if you're hurting financially keep the 29¢ and hand deliver it to N3ILC or any of the Society officers. There are only two excuses acceptable. (1.) You are on safari in the wilds of South Africa. or (2.) A death in the family, - yours.

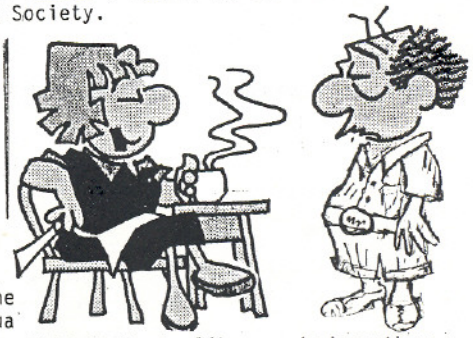
By collating the results from the survey we can look toward the probability of future activity and the number of members that can be counted on to assist. Either way -- we want your comment and ideas. A report on the results will be made known at a regular meeting of the Society.

Tamaqua Transmitting Society

OFFICERS ELECT FOR 1994

Pres. Dave Olsen KB3ATA
V. Pres. Mandy Petrey KA3YZF
Secy-Treas. Al W 3 T I
Activity Mgr. Al Jr. K 3 N Y X
Chaplain, Wayne KA3SID

Regular business meetings are held the first Friday of the month at the Tamaqua Italian Club.



Well it looks like you had another good time at Field Day !

There's Nothing Wrong with ME I'm Fine

By WB2YVW

There's nothing whatever the matter with me. I'm just as well as I could be.
I have arthritis in both my knees, and when I talk, I speak with a wheeze. My pulse is weak and blood is thin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
I think my liver is out of whack and have a terrible pain in the middle of my back.
My hearing is poor and my eyes are dim. Most everything seems to be out of trim.
The way I stagger sure is a crime, and I'm liable to fall down almost anytime. BUT all things considered, I'm feeling fine.
I have arch supports for both my feet or else I wouldn'y be able to walk down the street.
My fingers are ugly and stiff in the joints, my nails are impossible to keep in points.
My complexion is bad, due to dry skin, BUT I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
My dentures are out, I'm restless at night and in the morning I'm a frightful sight.
My memory's failing, head's in a spin, I'm practically living on aspirin.
BUT I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
NOW the moral is, from this tale I unfold, That you and I are growing old. It's better to say "I'm Fine" with a grin, than to tell everyone about the shape we're in.

Milestones In Telegraphic History

Since the American Morse code's space letters (C, O, R, Y and Z) and long "L" cause problems when used with submarine cables, the "International" or "Continental" Morse code is developed at the International Telegraphic Conference in Berlin. It combines portions of the Davy code (1838) and the Bain code (1846). (It is interesting to note that Davy was a dentist, and Bain was a clockmaker.)

--1852--

The first "Channel Cable" is laid between London and Paris.

--1854--

Cyrus W. Field consults with Morse on an "Atlantic Cable".

--1856--

(Apr 4)—NY & MV PTC officially changes the name of its union of 13 different telegraph companies to "Western Union".

Coming Events

Please Mark your Calendar

August 5, Regular Biz meeting
August 6 V E Tests
Tamaqua Boro Bldg. 9 a.m.
August 12, Soap Box Derby Races
Aug. 21, Annual Family Picnic
Sept. 2, Regular Biz meeting, and
THE GREAT TOMATO RACE
Sept. 6, First Day of School
Oct. 7, Regular Society Biz Meeting
Oct. 25, Halloween Parade
Nov. 4, Regular Society Biz meeting
Nov. 12, V E Tests
Tamaqua Boro Bldg. 9 a.m.
Nov. 24, Turkey Day
December 10 Annual Xmas Party

May we have the pleasure of seeing you all at these and other future Society events.

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed.
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list ?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock.
Or do you stay at home to criticize and knock ?
Do you take an active part to help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be that kind that "Just Belong" ?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick
Or leave the work to just a few and then talk about the clique ?
There are many programs scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'd appreciate it greatly if you would help us out.
So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart.
We know that you'd be welcome to pitch in and take a part.
Think this over, member - - You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member, or do you just belong ?

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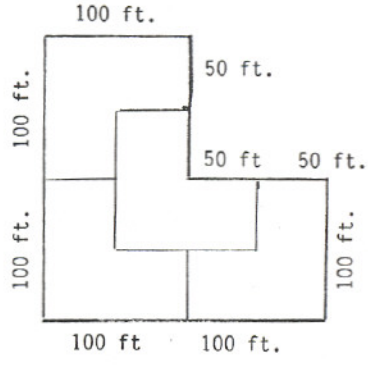
The FCC has denied requests that it reconsider the establishment of a code free Technician class license. Objections to the Commission's order of December 13, 1990, had sought special call signs for such licensees and privileges different from those granted by the order. Some disputed the need for a code free license in the Amateur Service. The Commission denied the requests in part by saying that none of them met the standards for petitions for reconsideration and none presented any facts or raised any issue not already considered in the order.



Well what'da ya know ? Six muntz ago I cud'nt even spell Hamtchur.
Now I are one.

Lots of Plots

Here's the solution to the Tamaqua Planing Commission's problem. How'd ja do ?



MEMBERS When in a QSO and you remark about an article in your bulletin, say you saw it in the Tamaqua Transmitting Society "SPLATTER".