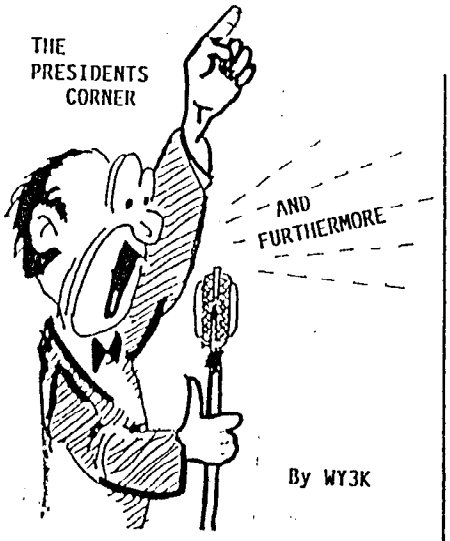
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By WY3K

Summer finally has arrived and is certainly welcome. My only advice to everyone is, if this is the year you contemplated tackling that big outdoor project you were putting off year after year, stop procrastinating. The warm days of summer will not last for ever. I'm practicing what I preach. I have already made good progress in preparing to build my garage. After 21 years without one, I think it's time. So whether your tower needs a coat of paint or that matter of repairs to the front porch, stop wasting this great weather and get started now.

Whenever I sit down to write an article for this column I always look back at previous articles to make sure I am not repeating any of my previous thoughts. When I reviewed my file contents there were two items that once again warrant mentioning. You may recall me mentioning about the spectrum allocated to Amateur use and worth to our government in monetary terms. Well, big business came back knocking at our door. Remember, in

Leader of the Pack

By W3TI



FROM WHERE WE SIT

You've heard it many times over, "He's a born leader" or "He was born to lead" . Have you ever wondered, what is a leader ? Webster defines it ; A person that leads. That doesn't tell us much, it continues; Directing, commanding or a guiding head as of a group or an activity. It continues with a dozen more explanations but all trend to lean toward someone or something up front, at the head of things. A great definition. ! All one has to do to be a leader is be up front at the head of things. The next question is, were they born with that leadership ? That is a horse of a different color, he may be a leader but has he got leadership ?

Back to Websters ; Defining "Leadership", it states, the ability to lead. Do you agree no one is born with ability . That comes from training and the greater percentage of ability comes from experience ! One can have the gift of gab and bluff their way as a leader but sooner or later his bluff will run out and the lack of experience will show up in his leadership ability.

What then is the most important of these four ? Being a leader, leadership, ability or experience. Let's look this over. How does one become a leader ? One way is if his father in the owner of the Company and he began his leadership right at the top, and unless he gains some experience his fathers Company will soon cease to exist.

Ye editor was not a born leader. He entered the world of work as a blue collar worker, although not as a laborer. He had a fair amount of knowledge in the field of electricity and became a lead man or foreman in charge of a five man maintenance crew. After a few years became supervisor of the maintenance department. Now for the question ,was I a good leader ?

One of the qualifications along with experience is the ability and capability to get along with your superiors as well as the co-workers under your command. One company had a President and Vice President whose idea of leadership was to use force or put pressure on their

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Soapbox Jalopy Races

By W3ZRQ Activities Manager

Tamaqua operators have been providing communications for the South Ward Playground Soapbox Jalopy races since the mid 1960's and by now you would think we would have the routine down pat, yet there always seems to be some glitch or problem pop up at the last minute. On the other hand our association has always had sufficient able bodied personnel on deck to handle each situation. All we need is YOU to volunteer your services for the evening.

This year the Jalopy races will be held on August 9th. Participating members should be at the playground by 5 p.m. Bring your two meter hand held but don't stay away if you don't have one, there are always extras available.

The first thing that pops into your head is "What can I do" ? Well here are just a few items for starters; We need at least three for traffic control. One at the public address announcing system. A minimum of two at the finish line and always more than four at the starting lineup at the top of the hill. In addition, there is always a need for safety monitors. You'd be surprised how fast they roll down that hill.

We shall require four to assist with time trials to be held Wednesday July 31 at 6 p.m. Time checks have previously clocked speeds up to 40 MPH. See you at the races.

The A R R L Corner

By W 3 T I

Things in the E. Pa. section have really begun to pop. As of July 15 we will have attended five club meetings and five Hamfests with more than eight to go before the end of the season.

Gate 1 for Vanity calls opened May 31 and Gate 1a opening will be July 22. The word is out that Gate 2 probably not open till late September in order to give FCC catch-up time. N3FXG is now K3NZD and K3NYX is W3ZRQ. So gate 1 is working.

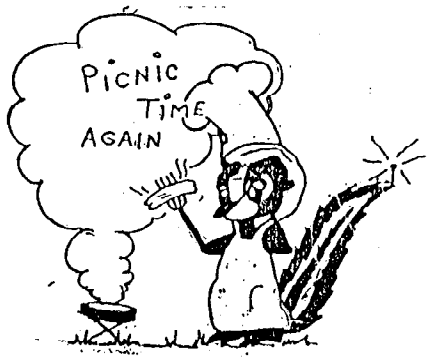
FCC 610-V Vanity call applications are available from this office. The FCC has stressed that you print legible so they can decipher your printing. A number of applications have ended in the circular file because they could not understand the printing.

The E. Pa. Section traffic handlers will be holding a family picnic at Tuscarora State park on Saturday August 24. No registration required and FREE, everyone is invited.

Did you know you can save two bux by renewing your ARRL membership via TWA. Non-League members can save $ 5.00 when they join thru the club. All for now, 73 de W3TI

The T W A Family Picnic

By K3NZD



Summer's end is usually climaxed with the Association's Annual Family bash. As usual, the club will supply the burgers, dawgs, corn on the cob in addition to the usual liquid refreshments. This part of the food department is handled by the OM's in the club.

The balance of the food that adorns the Family Table is supplied by the XYL's or our Auxiliary of the club without which we wouldn't have much of a picnic. THree years ago the women held a separate session at the picnic and decided upon the following plan.

(1). Instead of each family bringing their own individual picnic basket lunch they came up with the following idea.
(2). Each family would bring a covered dish. Therefore drastically cutting the cost per family.
(3). The following are suggested items. Or be inventive. Surprise us. We're sure one item won't break the piggy bank.

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Deviled Eggs	Red Beet Eggs	Pickles & Olives
Potato Salad	Baked Beans	Fruit Salad
Vegetables W/dip	DEserts	Be inventive - -

Additional items you might want to remember is to bring a prize, gimmick, or gag wrapped or bagged for the 7 - 11 game. Bring yourself a lawn chair unless you plan to stand all day or sit on the grass. Let's see who the Horse Shoe pitchin' champs will be this year.

OH YES ! The picnic date is Sunday August 18. Rain date August 25.

Go to Church

The following was swiped from another bulletin who received it from another bulletin - - author unknown.

Don't let worry kill you - let the church help. Thursday night - potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community...For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs..

The rosebud on the alter this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer... This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday at 4 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early...Wednesday the ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put me in my little bed", accompanied by the pastor..Thursday at 5 pm there will be a meeting of the little mothers club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study...The service will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will follow...Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet.

All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so...The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall..Music will follow..At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice...

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The Tamaqua Wireless Assn. meets every third Friday of the month at the American Hose Fire company.

SELL: REYCO Multiband Trap Antenna. 80-75-40-20-15-10 meters. Length is only 105 feet. Completely assembled, ready to use. All you need is coax feed line. See W3TI.

Prez Continued

That eerie shade of green was something the people were not accustomed to seeing. When the storm passed it left a path of destruction throughout sections of Schuylkill County. Trees were uprooted and properties damaged as the result of a Tornado which was spawned by the storm.

Events such as the one described is one of the many reasons why public service is an important part of Amateur Radio. That Saturday evening and into the early hours of Sunday morning local hams provided communications assistance. Once again I wish to thank everyone who participated and especially KB3AYY and KB3ASZ for their efforts in organizing initial activities and opening the county net.

On a different note Amateur radio is also a lot of fun. This year Field Day activities proved to be just that. As in the past I think just about everyone who attended left witha little more knowledge of Amateur Radio. I know now the correct way to coil coax cable so as not to break the braid, and it's never too late to get started (Is that right W3ZHW). The fun is not over yet. Don't forget about the Soap Box Jalopy races time trials on Wednesday July 31, and the Races on Friday August 9. I hope to see everyone there.



"I'M RETURNING MY QSL CARDS--YOU MADE A MISTAKE IN MY CAVE NUMBER!"

American Radio Relay League
Eastern Pennsylvania Section

The 1996 Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Section Traffic handlers picnic will be held Saturday, August 24 at Tuscarora State park five miles north of Tamaqua, Pa. The location was decided upon because of its central geographic location with easy access via Rt. 309 and Interstates I-80 and I-81. This picnic gathering is not only for the HF phone and CW nets. This invitation is extended to all Section ,County, and Local nets . ARES , RACES , CW , SSB , FM and VHF nets .

Load up the family, bring a picnic lunch and plan to spend the day. A general section nets meeting is planed for one p.m. . Meet all those voices you hear on the nets . Talk one-on one with your Net Managers and Section Level officials .

Tuscarora State park has sufficient activities for the family such as camping facilities , swiming, boating, fishing ,and hikeing trails for the out-doors people.

Talk-in will be provided on the 145. 370 Mhz. repeater and 146. 520 simplex. Additional information will be available from your Section Manager. Hope to C U there. 73.

Jim WA3EHD - Harry W3KOD - Al W3TI Section Manager.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU HEAR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ON YOUR TELEPHONE

Interference occurs when your telephone instrument fails to "block out" a nearby radio communication. Potential interference problems begin when the telephone is built at the factory.

All telephones contain electronic components that are sensitive to radio. If the manufacturer does not build in interference protection, these components may react to nearby radio communications. Telephones with more features contain more electronic components and need greater interference protection. If you own an unprotected telephone, as the radio environment around you changes, you may sometimes hear unwanted radio communications.

Presently, only a few telephones sold in the United States have built-in interference protection. Thus, hearing radio through your telephone is a sign that your phone lacks adequate interference protection. This is a technical problem, not a law enforcement problem. It is not a sign that the radio communication is not authorized, or that the radio transmitter is illegal.

Because interference problems begin at the factory, you should send your complaint to the manufacturer who built your telephone. Use the attached complaint card to request help. Follow the instructions on the next page.

You can also stop interference by using a specially designed "radio-proof" telephone, available by mail order. A recent FCC study found that these telephones, which have built-in interference protection, are a very effective remedy.

Interference problems in telephones can sometimes be stopped or greatly reduced with a radio filter. Install this filter at the back of the telephone, on the line cord, and/or at the telephone wall jack. Radio filters are available at local phone product stores and by mail order.

To get started, follow these steps: If you have several telephones, or accessories such as answering machines, unplug all of them. Then plug each unit back in, one at a time, at one of your wall jacks. Listen for the radio communication. If you hear interference through only one telephone (or only when the answering machine is plugged in), then the problem is in that unit. Contact the manufacturer of that unit for help.

Alternatively, simply stop using that unit, replace it with a radio-proof model, or install a radio filter. (NOTE: Only a very small percentage of interference problems occur in the outside telephone lines. Your local telephone company can check for this type of problem.)

Next, it's important to follow through and contact the manufacturer. Telephone manufacturers need to know if consumers are unhappy about a product's failure to block out radio communications. Also, the manufacturer knows the design of the telephone and may recommend remedies for that particular phone.

To file a complaint, cut out the card below along the dotted line. Fill in the card and mail it to the telephone manufacturer. To help the manufacturer select the right remedy, mark on the complaint card what type of radio communication the phone is receiving. You can identify the type of radio communication by listening to it. There are three common types:

1) **AM/FM broadcast radio stations** - Music or continuous talk distinguishes this type of radio communication. The station identifies itself by its call letters at or near the top of each hour.

2) **Citizen's Band (CB) radio operators** - These radio operators use nicknames or "handles" to identify themselves on the radio. Usually, the CB operator's voice is clearly heard. You may also hear sound effects or other noises.

3) **Amateur ("ham") radio operators** - Amateur radio operators are licensed by the FCC. They use call letters to identify their communications. The amateur's voice can be heard but may be garbled or distorted.

Cordless telephones are low-power radio transmitters/receivers. They are highly sensitive to electrical noise, radio interference, and the communications of other nearby cordless phones. Contact the manufacturer for help in stopping interference to your cordless telephone.

STOP THE PRESSES - Last Minute Entries

American Radio Relay League
Eastern Pennsylvania Section

ATTENTION - Tamaqua Wireles Assn. Members...

Our club is always looking for activities to keep us on our toes. This E. Pa. Traffic net picnic shall require some assistance. We will need a few members to get to the Tuscarora State Park by 8 a.m. or earlier to reserve a number of picnic tables. If we cover them with a tablecloth or set a cooler or basket on them will do the trick. We will require a few talk-in stations in addition to any other last minute jobs that pop up. Some of you may not be traffic handlers, however you will find they are a very friendly group and the discussion and presentations by net managers and section officials will be interesting and informative. Read on.....

VANITY CALLS Ga te 1a opens on July 22.

T W A Calendar of Activities and Events

July 19 TWA regular business meeting
July 20 Jonestown Mountain Hamfest
July 27 Berw ick Hamfest
July 31 Time trials for Jalopy Races 6 pm
August 3 VE Tests, Tamaqua Borough Building 9 a.m.
August 4 Delaware-Lehigh Hamfest
August 9 S.W. Playground Jalopy Races
August 16 TWA regular business meeting
August 17 York Hamfest
August 18 TWA Annual Family Picnic
August 24 E Pa Section Traffikers picnic
LABOR Day - Take a rest period
September 3 First Day of School