SPLATTER

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First in the State First in the Nation First in the World

By W3T I

On April 10, 1997 the House of Representatives in Harrisburg introduced and passed House Resolution No. 125 on a vote of 197 to zero in favor declaring the whole month of June 1997 as "Amateur Radio Awareness Month". In recent years our legal beagles arranged to have a whole week preceding Field Day as "Amateur Radio Week" but never the whole month.

In April 1996 Section Manager W3T I held a meeting with his eleven cabinet members and discussed the possibility of having Harrisburg declare an Amateur Radio Week in June but time-wise it was to late for them to work on it for 1996. It was further decided since there are numerous other amateur related activities besides Field Day in June, so in lieu of just one week we decided why not get the whole month of June declared Amateur Radio Awareness Month.

State Government Liaison Earl Foster W3BKF put the gears in motion and on April 15, 1997 we received the news and a copy of House Resolution No. 125 which had been passed on April 10, 1997.

This was to late to get into the June issue of QST so we have to resort to club bulletins, official Bulletin stations and on-the-air QSO's. Now is the time to pass the word.

Field Day 1997
June 28 - 29

This year the Tamaqua Wireless Association will not only commemorate the state of Pennsylvania's observation of Amateur Radio month. We'll also be celebrating the first club event which will use our newly acquired club call " W 3 C M A ".

That call was a part of TWA and the Tamaqua Amateur group since 1958. It belonged to Anthony J. Sarli who was club treasurer for more than 25 years . He never missed a Field Day from the day he was licensed. Tony had the connections and always made sure we had good weather for that F. D. week end.

T W A QSO Party

As soon as the news broke regarding the Amateur Radio Awareness month, clubs all through the state picked up the ball and began making plans for special events aside from the ARRL VHF QSO party and Field Day exercise. The Tioga Amateur Radio Club has planned a weekend special event in addition to many other clubs planning a special event.

After the proclamation was read at the TWA club meeting on May 16, the secretary W3TI questioned those present, "What is our club going to do in commemoration of this proclamation ?

After consolidating several ideas it was decided to hold a QSO party for the whole month. Any licensed radio amateur who works seven (7) members of the Tamaqua Wireless Association and submits a copy of their log will receive a certificate of commendation.

The judiciary committee have designed a set of rules which you find on a separate sheet with this bulletin.

Note *** Rule number 5 not on that sheet.

5. Only members in good standing who have paid dues for 1997 are eligible to enter. Any new member or member paying their 1997 dues after receipt of this Special Bulletin will be entered and eligible to participate.

T. W. A. Dues - Last Call

Running expenses for your club still require a meager amount of finances. We are one of the very few that can still hold the line at $ 10.00 a year and still come up in the black at the end of the year. The fiscal year for the Tamaqua Wireless Association is from December 1 to November 30. The first reminder was printed in November-December 1996 Holiday issue of Splatter. The second notice was in the February Ground Hog issue. Check your address sticker on this issue. If it is hi-lighted you did not receive the Spring/Field Day issue and is still on file with the secretary. We tried to send it without the address label but they would not accept it at the post office without a forwarding address.

TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

In commemoration of "Amateur Radio Awareness Month in Pennsylvania" the Tamaqua Wireless Association is sponsoring a TWA QSO PARTY . All you need do is have a two-way QSO with any seven (7) members and send a copy of your log showing date, time and frequency, too ;

A. Breiner K3NYX, 127 Market Street, Tamaqua, Pa. 18252

And you will receive a TWA QSO PARTY certificate. Any one working all 15 members will receive an engraved plaque.

RULES

1. Contact time start 12:01 a.m June 1, 1997.
   Ends 11:59 p.m. EDST, June 30, 1997

2. Contact information, Call letters, Time, Date and signal report.

3. QSO's may be made on any mode or amateur radio frequency

4. Copy of your log must be received no later than July 20, 1997

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