SPLATTER

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Happiness and Strength of Character

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It is an absurd theory which places happiness in an effortless life. Each of the following examples have its own formula and it has been long indeed since the Sage uttered this thought, *"What makes the Happiness of one does not compare nor does it make that for another".*

In all probably it is the wish of the author of that proverb has really deserved the title of Thinker and that he only desired to express this fact.

The conception of happiness is not the same for all. There are those whose ambition is limited by a life of peace and harmony, others crave brilliant triumphs and find happiness in honor and wealth alone.

In order to reach the heights of these diverse ambitions, but one means exists, *Conquest.* And in order to conquer there is but one means available, *Strength of Character* which gives the will power to conquer.

By virtue of strength of character we may solve the problem of happy labor which for nine-tenths of us means contentment.

Work completed in a sullen manner doubles the difficulty of effort, making it so difficult at times that we hesitate to even attempt it.

Fun, frolic or gayety gives elasticity to the mind and lessens the sense of difficulty. Work done sullenly is nearly always unproductive. Doing what has to be done with cheerfulness and to apply oneself to it earnestly is the secret of all felicity.

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The Presidents Corner

Giving Thanks



FROM WHERE WE SIT

No matter what language you say it, Danka, Tks, Tnx, T U, or just a plain out-right Thanks or Thank you, it all means the same thing because some where along the line someone performed a service for which you are elated or grateful. Each year around this time we reflect and take time out to celebrate a day we know as Thanksgiving.

There are those who use that day to catch up on all the Nation wide football games, some make it a week-end deal and do their Christmas shopping. But when you have reached the senior citizen category those activities are mediocre and immaterial. We *(Senior Citizens)* usually spend more time with family and recall many of those activities we did when we were much younger.

When I was a youngster Thanksgiving Day was always spent at Grandma and Grandpas house. When our youngsters were growing up the day was spent at their Grand parents house. Today it's a turn-a-round, we spend the day with our children and grand children but the days activity has not changed.

My, how times have changed but this column would not be complete if we didn't take time to pass out a few thank you's to those members of the Tamaqua Wireless Association who made time to assist with all those various club activities we had during the year. The Volunteer Examining team, Our EC and the AREC group, The faithful that show up every year for Field Day and assist with the Annual Halloween parade. And a whole lot more .....

We say a big THANK YOU

1999 CALLBOOK

It has been a few years since the "Flying Horse Callbook" appeared in print. The Winter edition of the Radio Amateur Callbook is available now only on a computer CD disc. TWA has been given the offer to buy the Callbook disc at discount. The normal asking price is $ 49.95 each. But if we purchase them as a club group they can be had at quite a discount.

Get in on this deal and buy one as a Christmas present and have your wife, family or girl friend give it to you Christmas morning. *Don't forget to look surprised.*

Would you pay $ 39.96 or better yet, $ 29.97 for the winter issue of the 1999 Callbook. That price will depend on how many of our members take advantage of this offer.

HERE's THE DEAL If the club purchases 2 to 4 CD's they will be $ 39.96 each. If we buy 5 to 9 copies we get them for $ 29.97. Since your secretary will have no idea how many will take advantage of this discount we'll start at $ 39.96 and if we get five or more orders, the balance will be refunded.

HOW TO ORDER

Cash, check, or money order. Make your check payable to the "Tamaqua Wireless Association" for $ 39.96 Orders will be taken at the TWA club meeting on November 20 . Closing date will be at the Christmas Party Saturday December 12.

Think about it, BUT don't think to long

Happiness continued

And finally, Idleness, the avowed aim of so much effort becomes for the one who realizes it being a source inactivity or lack of interest bordering sadness.

Those who are endowed with strength of character are never ignorant of the fact, Happiness is everywhere if one knows the secret of placing it in the accomplishment of the task.

In words of the Sage " *Happiness is in the Eyes of the Beholder*".

What Makes a Radio Club

In reviewing the activities of our Tamaqua Wireless Association for the past number of years we have made a number of "*One Liners*" that describes the members of our Amateur Radio club.

Those that we only see on Field Day Week End.

Those who attended their FIRST Field Day

Those who never attended any Field Day.

Those who always arrive an hour and a half early for a club meeting.

Those who say will be there but never make it

Those who never attend any meeting

Those who win every 50/50 drawing

Those who never win

Those who do a terrific job at the Halloween parade

Those who learned how to roll up coax cable

Those who drive one-way streets the wrong way

Those who teach how to solder antenna wire

Those who are on the TWA Antenna Committee

Those who are active in the ARES

Those who are part of the Volunteer Exam team

Those who spend a lot of time in D.C. or Florida

Those wives who bring their husbands to the Christmas party

Those who we missed -- We'll get you next time

Sorry - We had to think of something to fill in and chew up this column

Happy Holidays

From the Officers and Editors

Tamaqua Repeater Up-date

In the last issue of SPLATTER we presented a rough draft of the Articles of Association and Bylaws for the newly organized Tamaqua Repeater group. Each member received a notice regarding a special meeting that was held on October 21st.

Fourteen interested members attended that meeting and after due discussion it was their unanimous decision to organize the Tamaqua repeater group and named it ;

Tamaqua Emergency Amateur Repeater

The group then proceeded to work on the design of a set of bylaws for TEAR. Using the rough draft as a guide line a simple document was prepared as shown in the lower portion of this page. The next step will be to add or delete, and make corrections where necessary and then accept them as the repeater groups governing law.

TEAR will hold regular business meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The next meeting would fall on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day. Therefore, a special session for TEAR will follow the regular TWA meeting on November 20.

Please note in Article II, charter membership will be open until January 27, 1999, the date for the regular business meeting of the Tamaqua Wireless Association. Your interest and attendance is solicited.

Only in America .....

Can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
They have handicap parking places in from of a skating rink.
People order double cheeseburgers, a large fry, and a diet coke
We park our car worth thousands of bucks in the driveway and leave boxes of useless junk in the garage
We have an answering machine to screen our calls, and call waiting so we don't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
We buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packs of eight.
Only in America....

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Christmas Party December 12

We have no record of how many years the Tamaqua Amateur radio group have held the traditional gathering of its members for a dinner followed by an evening of fun and frolic. During the early 1960's the Tamaqua group held a joint Holiday banquet with the Carbon County Radio club and the tally was usually between 60 and 80 in attendance.

We don't anticipate that many this year but we'll have enough room if every member should decide to show their shining faces. The early party people begin to show up around 6 p.m. to get a good seat and an early start by ordering from the menu. Our restaurant owner "Martha's Place" would like to get your food order early and your TWA officers would like to know in advance whether they can count on your attendance.

We have never had complaints about our impromptu program but if you have any good ideas please give them to the officers so we they work on them.

TAMAQUA EMERGENCY AMATEUR REPEATER

Specific Objectives

1. The name of this organization shall be the Tamaqua Emergency Amateur Repeater and consist of licensed Amateur Radio operators from the Schuylkill County area.
2. The TEAR shall hold regular business meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month .
3. The objective of the organization is to maintain the Tamaqua Emergency Amateur Repeater communications system.

Article I

Officers

1. The elected officers of TEAR shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary/treasurer. Officer nomination and election shall take place at the (month) meeting. The term of office shall be for two years.

Article II

Membership

1. Charter membership shall be open from October 21, 1998 to January 27, 1999 and shall be available to any licensed amateur radio operator from the Tamaqua Wireless Association.
2. Additional members may be added by application and a two-thirds majority vote of the membership. New membership applications will be accepted quarterly at the January, April, July, or October business meeting.

Article III

Financial Obligation

1. Each "Charter Members" shall be assessed an equal amount payable to the Treasurer.
2. Members joining after the closing date (January 27, 1998) shall pay the same as the original assessment. Future assessment shall be subject to change due to inflation and shall be determined at the January business meeting. It shall remain in effect for the remainder for the calendar year.
3. Additional funds for maintenance, and/or repairs shall be obtained by equal assessment of each member. The amount to be determined at the time of need and payable to the treasurer.
4. Failure to reimburse any assessment within ninety (90) will be just cause to forfeit membership with the TEAR.

November 20, TWA Regular Business Meeting 8 p.m.
December 12, TWA Annual Xmas Party 6:30 p.m. till - ? ?
January 1, 1999 NEW YEARS Change Ur smoke alarm batteries
January 15, 1999 TWA Regular Business Meeting 8 p.m.
1999 Membership Dues are due.

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Dated Material
Meeting Notice