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A PREVIEW

Field day is the most important event of the year in Amateur radio. It started in 1933 and had continued to the present day, with the exception of the war years. In the not to distant future, June 23rd, 24th to be exact, the Tarc will participate in its second field day. Gentlemen, now is the time to find out if Teters Grove will be available again for an operating site. We've got to pin s someone down for a generator. If we decide and receive permission to invade our last years site, how much work will be needed on the buildings to make them ready. I said buildings as this year we are going to try to use both of them. Transmitters, receivers, antenna couplers, antennas, tables, chairs, beds, food, cooking utencils, operators and more operators so no one has to double up or go without sleep. All this has to be thrashed out soon. Don't think for one minute we are griping or trying to avoid participating on field day. No never. A Ham would rather die than miss Field Day. What I am trying to tell you is that now is the time to plan, discuss, and pin each one down to certain equipment or jobs, so that when the time arrives every one and every thing will fall into place as it did during our first field day. If we can do this smoothly and cooperatively, if there is such a word, then I feel free to say we can show them what TARC is made of.

Fellow, one Saturday in mid June when thousands of otherwise perfectly normal appearing Hams disappear for 24 hours into woodlands, mountains, and open fields carrying a little food and clothing and a lot of radio apparatus let the TARC be a few of those thousands that will enjoy every minute of it and not hate it and and every field day to come, because we lack the foresight to plan for each problem. WE HAVE THE TIME AND THE MEN. LETS DO THE JOB. One parting word before I sign out. You may think and some of you may even say it out loud that I'm nuts and that this is not the time or place. But did you ever stop to think how much time time you had to plan when the flood hit Tamaqua, or how much time (God Help us I hope it never happens) will we have, if our country needs us in an extreme emergency. That is what we plan for and why we plan and have field days so if and when the need be, we as amateurs will be ready. We get our ticket free fellows our method of repaying our fellowman and country could never be measured in money. So BIG OR SMALL, FIELD DAY OR EMERGENCY, LETS DIG IN AND HANDLE IT THE ONLY WAY. THE RIGHT WAY.

U r Editor Wn3COW

If you were to ask a group of men, "What does ham radio mean to You?" You would get as many different answers as you have men. You know what it means to me. Well it's like this:When you make contact with a guy and have finished the usual openings on gear, power etc. and get going on general conversation and become so engrossed that you skip meals, dates and whatever else may be planned just to get the true satisfaction of the closeness you have attained to a person, who was a perfect stranger a few minutes ago. That good feeling you have in your stomach after the contact is over. Truly a nice fellowship and nice QSO. You walk away from the receiver and say not only to your self but to anyone who is near by, "Now there is a human being, a real guy. He is the kind of guy I would like for a friend and neighbor. And you will look forward to the day you run into him again. You won't have to say, "Did I work you before?" "Or your call sounds familiar, but I can't place your name or QTH." The type of person I am talking about is the kind you don't want to forget and won't because he has made such an impression on you. So I hope you who read this run into some of those nice guys who are on the bands and have as much enjoyment as I have. Once again this is only one mans opinion of what ham radio means to him.

Best of luck, health and good hunting.

73 Tex W3RZV

Fellows we talked about a transmitter hunt, to date nothing had been done about same. I would like to tell you about one W3ZRQ and I had Feb. 15th 1956.

I ran across an article in December issue CQ "A ten-meter Crystal Receiver." Which looked good to me. Being at Allens shack the nite in question, I asked him what he thought of it. He remarked not bad COW, you can even make it an all band Receiver by using plug in coils.

We got Walter Ashe 1956 catalog out and found out that parts would cost between $3.50 and $4.00. If it worked it would make a good club project. Not only could you have fun with it but it will come in handy erecting antennas, checking field strenght, adjusting elements, TVI, or just plain snooping in the vicinity of a ten-meter rig. When you get tired of listening, you can plug in a meter and watch for a while. It also doubles as a field-strength meter.

I told Allen it would be nice to put one together and take it to the next meeting and let the fellows operate it. Allen said, I bet we could slap one together now. So we started to rummage in the scrap box. Not finding all the components as listed we substituted and set this one up for 75 meters. To our amazement the blasted thing worked. I received Allen in the kitchen so the only thing left to do was put my hat and coat on and go for a walk with our new receiver.

Allen continued to test and I copied out the door and down the street, I went. At this time it was 10:30 P.M. and not many people to be seen out doors at that hour. Don't suppose I looked like a person should look at that hour. Ear phones on, a box in my hand with antenna sticking out eh top for three feet. Just as I got down to the corner, a door opened and a man came out to his car. The lady stood in the door way and her jaws were agoing some thing terrible. I couldn't hear a word she said. At this time I couldn't hear Allen either. Not wanting to miss old loose jaw I thought I could slip one ear out a little and snoop on her and still cover Allen with the other. The first thing I heard her say was NOWJOHN,DRIVESLOW.BLOWYOURHORNASYOU GOBYMOMS.IFTHEREISALITEON FIRSTFLOOWBLOWTWICE.IFNOTBLOWONCE.DONTWAITFORANANSWERSHEMAYBESLEEP* ING.IFYOUWORKSATURDAYCALLMEFRIDAY.JOHNWHOISTHATMANWITHTHATBOX?WHAT ISHEDOING?" About this time Allen had stopped coming in. Poor John never did get an answer in either. She kept right on. She's the kind that asks questions and answers them herself. Don't know why she can't wait. Probably the ansers wouldn't suit her any way. So rather than spoil her evening I went out in the middle of the street and pointed the antenna at the ground. I picked up some of the dirt. Allen came down the street at this moment, which was a help as I could hardly get back up off the ground from the lack of exercise as well as being out of wind from laughing at Old Loose Jaw. As I went through my act she hadn't stopped talking. Of course Allen was taken by surprist at my actions also. I said quite loud..no wonder they won't pave this street and ignored all those phone calls and that petition from you people. There is a vein of this gunk running the full length of the street. Worth maybe 1000 a ton. Allen said wats wrong wid you. So I hurriedly pulled him out of ear shot and told him the whole story. As we left to go back in the house, we heard Old Loose Jaw say "I told you and the neighbors. But no you wouldnt listen to me. I thot that dirt had a funny color to it.

Well fellows maybe it wan't much of a receiver or transmitter hunt. Maybe yours will be more exciting. Maybe it wasn't much of a true story either. But it sure filled up part of the Sardine Wrapper. So whats say. You send in the material and we'll print it. Don't believe me? Try us. They print my junk.

73's Wn3COW

THE ANTHRACITE TRAFFIC NET

BY W3PVY

Yep the anthracite ne ? ? What is it? Where is it? and what does it do? The Anthracite net which hereafter will be known as AN was originated by me back in June of 1952 as a TFC and inter-club activity. The clubs concerned at that time were Hazelton ARC, Car-Le ARC, Berwick ARC and the Scranton ARC (Electric City ARC) and others in the area.

It was primarily started as a training net for CD and EPA as well as an inter-club activity in the Anthracite coal regions. A few old timers like W3's QV, AXA, BIP, NOK, DUI, BFF, ADE and

numerous others helped in the training of the fellows who reported into the net. (Editors Note-A very large list of other Ops was not listed due to lack of space.)

The net Frequency was set at 3610 Kc. and was to follow EPA net at 1900 Hours. This was welcomed by the EPA manager, Van W3AXA, since many a piece of late TFC for EPA was then handled on the AN and gave the new commer or trainee a chance at handleing the real thing.

AN was soon accepted as a TFC net as well as a "Training Net" It is operated as a slow spped net and will continue so. Mistakes are in abundance, but it is by these mistakes that the teckniques of TFC handling is picked up by the trainee. Net control stations as well as those reporting in are always learning. NCS is not taken by one station, as some nets operate, but when you feel that you are capable of taking over as an NCS please feel free to ask for a try at it. This I assure you is experience in itself.

The AN net is not a closed net to only the Anthracite region but is open to all and anyone wishing to report (QNI) either with traffice (QTC) or just to join in and be one of the boys. I therefore take this opportunity to invite you to join the AN "Training net" and if we go to fast for you please stop and say "Pse QRS". Don't be afraid--Cuz its for your benefit.

At the present time I am inactive on the Ham bands due to the death of my mother and also working schedules and haven't been able to keep up with the AN as it should be managed.

I have contacted Al W3ZRQ, one of AN's NCS'S and he has agreed to take over as AN net manager for the balance of the year 1956. I shall give my support as working condx see fit. I do ask all former AN members to keep up the good work and QNI as much as possible. I'm sure that Al will serve to the best of his ability and his 300 watter....Vy 73 Ed.

B C N U CQ CQ AN 3610 Kc. Mondays thru Friday .. 1900 EST.

RECEIVER HASH

Seems like the XYL at W3PTM has relaxed a little, Hub is now talking about going mobile with the new Plymouth. Good luck Hub. W3FLJ is now VFO and worked his first VE the other day, only 98 more to go Billy for some real wall ornaments. Wonder what the gang could do to get W3ZPW on the air again? How about burning down the Firehouse as a suggestion. Wat sa Roy? W3ZXF was down on 20 trying his hand at the KW qrm. W3CMA es W3ZXF are gathering the necessary material for a 500 Watt TVI generator. W3EEK was heard working out on the 40 meter foney band, but the QRM was pretty tuff last Sunday. Wat sa Carl? Nothing to report on from Hometown this month. So far W3YXS has not been on yet and WnCSR is still QRT due to Tube in his final going West. W3ZRQ is now AN net control station so any one wishing to join a nice slow traffic net, get in touch with Al. Joe, WN3CUK is working 80 es 40 CW these days getting the speed up for the General Exam. Good luck Joe.

SWL Joe Blihar and his son are pounding brass in order to get nuff speed for a crack at the Novice exam. Understand Joe Laureitis has taken the Novice Exam so Tamaqua may soon have another Novice on the air. Has any one heard from W3AKF? W#ZXF, CMA, ZRQ es KJJ visited W#LXY at Pottsville last Sunday and got first hand info on Joe's new Globe King.

W3RZV was on with some of the locals on 7 mc foney. W3KJJ got another batch of DX pasteboards and another new country so the total is now up to 159 countries worked es 140 confirmed. ZRQ is having lots of fun fooling around wid Hi-pass filters. CMA was on fone for the first time with the Carbon Arcs. Can anyone give Teddy a solution to his problems. Always falling asleep when coping CW.

A Message from the President

While reading thru some of the statistics from ARRL concerning the Novice operator, this person was surprised to know that half of the Novice operators never make the General grade. I am proud and pleased to report that so far the TARC is batting 1,000% in this department. Every Novice that took his code and theory exam thru the TARC's exam program so far has passed his General. Which shows that the TARC'S methods are excellent. So you fellows who have no ticket and want to get one with the best of training available, get around early meeting nites and take advantage of the code practice offered by the Club. You also have the experienced Ops

to help discuss your rig es antenna problems with which you can't get any where else around here. The most experienced Ops in this area are club members, always willing to give a helping hand. So it pays to be a member of the TARC.

73 KJJ

** ** ANTHRACITE NET NOTES ** **

BY ZRQ

The editors and publishers of the TARC monthly paper have given the AN permission to enter its monthly report and will henceforth be printed in a corner of its worthy publication.

AN was again put into operation on February 27th. To date we have had good results in QNI es QTC. A complete monthly report will be printed in the next issue. I noticed the OT's were Johnny-on-the-spot when AN started up again--To you I say TKS. To all the newcomers--Welcome. Elsewhere in this issue is complete run-down on the AN by W3PVY. Sam W3TSY/3 has new QTH, 121 Hanover St., Glenrock, Pa. The E.Pa. picnic is tentatively scheduled for Hershey Park on Aug. 12th. Wat sa AN...Will AN be there again this year?...If you have anything of interest to the Net, I'm sure we can squeeze it in. Jest drop a line or see us on AN net sum evening....AN net control stations are listed as follows and will be in effect till further notice:

Monday -W 3 Z R Q
Tuesday-W3YAZ
Wednesday-W3YVY
Thursday-W3PVY
Friday-W3YVX
Saturday-Rad-Chewin es TV

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Do you belong to the "Moonshiners Club?" If not you should get down on 40 meter fone some day and do a little snooping. We here had never heard of it before but just by accident, and a good solid homey QSO pertaining to life in general met one of the Charter members. I was asked if I would like to join. I said, "Why not." "What must one do to join?" Well sir: if you want some good fun and answer the four basic questions and passed the Cast Iron test, you are in. This is not a small group by any means. I am Moonshiner number 236. They are in all call areas as far as I Know

If you are interested in long QSO's and can carry a continuous conversation for a few hours you may run into one of these Moonshiners. The above statement is not a requirement, but during the conflab sooner or later the topic turns to beverages and then the thot of the moonshiners club comes up. Or you may say something about how full the moon is to-nite and that would be enough to ignite his memory.

We are looking forward to meeting some of the other boys. There is some talk about a possiblity of a certificate in the future. So you who like to paper the wall may have an opportunity someday to have such a certificate. It's in the talking stage now. Good hunting Moonshiners!

By Tex

"THE BRAGGER"

Every Club has 'em. Each Club has to have some one to do the bragging. For its these fellow that seem to be the active ones in the club. A club has to have a few to survive the lean years.

At one of the recent meetings I noticed and overheard a few remarks as sech "Oh Petes showing off again". Yep, Pete was showing off some of his new and recent additions to his shack and later during the club meeting gave a talk on its Tecknical view-points and its operation.

This I can't class as "Bragging". Pete is an active Ham. You can hear him on the bands regularly and will stop DX'ing or other operain to Rag Chew with a local. On the other hand, those club members that don't do any bragging are usually QRT, inactive or have Rig trubbles. The last statement I mean in a broad sense.

What I am driving at is-Lets make some of this bragging a club project. Lets have more or your new Gear at the meetings,(Or old Ham gear is jest as gud). Show it off, give a talk on it. If you c can't, I'm sure there will be someone present that can help you brag about your piece of equipment. Perhaps you snared some new DX, bring in the QSL and give a short talk.(Not less than 5000 words) on how you contacted him. Th re are more items in Ham radio toBragg abt. You name it..

continued next issue.

73 ZRQ