TAMAQUA's 125Th. ANNIVERSARY * TARC's 4Th.

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Sorry we goofed last month and forgot to tell you what the clubs meeting nights were - so here goes for September. Meeting dates are 9th and 23rd. Since the vacation time will be over by then we hope to get a good attendance again. C U there.

PRESIDE'TS KORNER By W 3 Z R Q

Hot wether and summer QRN will soón be gone for another year and the club will be starting another winter of activity. In this editorial we'll try to get across to you what some of the TARC boys have in mind for activity this season. First we must find if your in with the clique in the club. Oh' you didn't know there was a clique in our fine organization ? Yep, we have a gang in our club known as the active workers "Clique". Do you belong ? Yep do you call your self a TARC Clique member ? Are you active in club affairs or do you jest belong. We went back thru the past issues of the Sardine Wrapper and dug this poem out and thought it would do us all gud to read it again.

DO YOU JUST BELONG ?

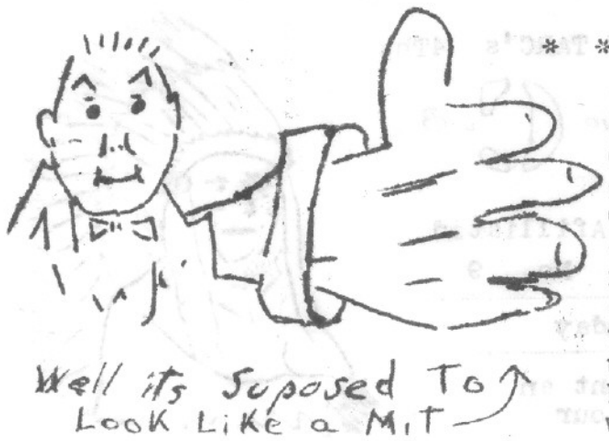
Are you an active member, The kind that would be missed:
Or are you contented that your name in on the list ?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock
Or do you stay at home to criticize and knock
Do you take an active part to help the work along
Or are you satisfied to only just belong
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique
Think it over member, You know right from wrong
ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER - OR DO YOU JUST BELONG ?

I think this poem is very self explanitory, so what say fellas, Lets join the CLIQUE.

Else where in this fish paper is announced the activities so far planned for this season. With-out "you" the membership the club will be unable to procede with its plans. * Tks 73 Al *

ANNIVERSARIES 125Th and 4Th.

Seems as though the month of September is a month of a couple anniversaries. Our local borough will celabrate is 125 th anniversary of its becoming a Borough. The other anniversary is our own "TARC". Yep we celabrate our 4th year as an organized Amateur Radio Club. To help commemerate the ocassion the TARC has plans to enter the towns 125th affair and let the public know about us. So far plans are being formed to set up a display and a station in the down-town proper and show to the visitors just "we" the Amateur cna do besided fouling up their T V sets. The station will be used to handle traffic submitted by the visitors and permit them to talk to other operators. The committee is just in the planning stage and all assistance will be greatly and gratefully accepted. At the meeting of Sept 9 it is hoped to have a complete plan to present before the membership. Since this alls still in the talk-talk stage it is also planned to have a special QSL card printed to sent to all stations contacted during the ten day set-up. The affair runs from Sept.28 to Oct.5. We will be entered in the hobby display. It will be almost like the set-up we had for the Try-Hi-Y only on a much larger saale and for a longer term. So wat say fellas-- lets show the town what kind of active "Hams" we have in the "T A R C".



* * CONGRATS DEPARTMENT * *

Last monthe we announced about two SWL's await8n' their coveted ticket. This month we can say the Walt is now KN3BPM and Jon Roman is KN3BPT. This makes two more that can be put on the clubs operator list. Don't forget-- These fellas don't jest need our congrats but our help by giving them a QSO on the air to get the 5 up to 13 WPM. They showed that they have the stuff so wat say we show'em we got the push behind them.. .. ..

* * * RECIEVER HASH * * *

All the Tamaqua ops haven't gone completely nuts-- they were just given back to the Indians.. CMA es ZRQ are takin' an active part in running around in mocasins and indian chief's uniforms..... PTM was a WASH. D.C. visitor agn es due to a bad disinection on his mobile was unable to raise ani one during his jont.... ZXF is now in the Navy reserves and probably will soon be operatin' mobile marine.. He also signed up for another hitch with the Blue es [illegible] pig-skin muggers... LDV is QRL a new job.. Perhaps nw he will git [illegible]'a that 10 W P M rut es get his genrul.... ZPW is jest abt redy [illegible] move into the new shack....RZV is expectin' a bundle of QRN (no we didn't stick our nose out to find when) you have the best wishes and congrats from the club as a whole.....Still no news frm COW es his 6 mtr Moobile....WJY is moving the Saur Kraut Concentrate dispenser in the shack at his pent house at Lake Harmony.. He also made a sailor out'a ZRQ.(Thats the life- Boating with-out a motor)....ZRQ is no longer mobile 2 mtrs.. Look for him on soon wid a new Globe Champion 300,(ani one need a class C 300 watt final ?)....CMA has been on another expedition- this time to Long Island, Fishing he sez.. We havent seen ani fish but have we herd the stories so far.....KJJ is buildin' a new preselector for his DX'in. To date we haven't gotten his new scheme to put in the Wrapper but we're still waitin'..... ORJ has been having Viking II troubles lately,yet he always manages to get the thing perkin for the sunday A M civil Defense drills.....Were you at the TARC's annual pic-nic ? ? If not you miss ed another wing-digg.. What ever happened to the boys that were interested in an erli banquet this year ? ? If we don't get goin' soon we won't even get redy for next year.....AMC is realy on an expidition this time(its part of his daily occupation) he's some where in the North mountains of South Carolina or vicinity..... BNR has been galavantin' around in a new auto.. Don't know if he put ani holes in it for mobile yet.....JLQ finally broke the blockade from Pottsville.. Seems as if there are lot'sa ops in that area but all are afraid to get on the air....

* * * * COMMING ACTIVITIES * * * *
(we hope)

Very good Technical Sessions at our second meeting of each month. How would a Pitza Pie dinner sound for after the Sept. 23rd meeting. A ten day stand of operating in the local 125th anniversary . ARRL Sweepstakes in November..How about a club SS contest during this time? aprize to genrul and novice winner.
What ever happened to the WAS contest from last year ? Never herd the winner announced. How about another Holiday QSO contest this year? Wats the matter fellas?? Afraid to work your own club member buddies? The antenna raising crew will be quite busy now that we have a new batch of novices to get started. Listen to the locals Sundays on 3860 Kc. or read it in the Wrapper after its been erected. Also one of the most inactive activities in the club is your sending articles in for the Wrapper Staff to print. This is a monthly activity and unless we hear of your activities you are sorta left out of the lime light and jest r read about the other op. There a thousands,yep - even hundreds of ways for you and the TARC to have activity this winter. How about a swap nite at one of the meetings? A junk-Box nite, Auction night. Another questionaire and a prize to the brainiest member present. Don't forget-- Activity doesn't jest happen, Its caused. How about you being the cause of some of it.

73 Act. Mgr LDV

DX CORNER BY W3KJJ

Now that the cool weather is coming and the QRN on the down grade its time to fire up the ole rig and get some new countries in the DX derby. So lets start this out by taking a look at the 80 meter band.

Tho there is still lots of static on this band and will be up until the latter end of September, some DX can be heard up on the low end of this band. 'KJJ came up with VP7NM the other nite.

40 meters has been quite active already with some Europeans es South Americans coming through during the evening hours. One big thing which hurts DX on this band is the tactics of some ops (?) who resent the boys working DX on the low end of the band and zero beat the DX s tation and hold the key down or just move across the dx station with their key down and never sign their call. The low end of 40 always was a DX portion of that band and the boys with t traffic or just plain rag chewing should have enough sense and common courtesy to move down in the higher end of the band, from what I hear, there is lots of room for good ops down there.

20 meters is the real old pro when it comes to DX and all don-tinents can be heard starting in the early eve ing till almost noon the next day on this band. Europeans are a di a dozen and can be worked with most any kind of rig and power. On this band the rare stuff is the hard ones to get because of the power and competition always ready to punce on something rare. This band will get better during the daylight hours as the winter season approcahes.

15 meters is now the best bet for daylight DX as all kinds of DX is being heard during the day time and even late into the night and as the winter season comes on, the signal strength really builds up so that the Europeans sound like W's. It doesnt take much power on this band either.

10 meters is just s tarting to s hwo some signs of life after a long and hot summer. As yet not much is heard but on some days Fone and CW DX is heard. This band really ought to start buzzing during the month of September and continue to be good during the day and susally ~~expect~~ folds up after sunset. Sothere you fellers have some idea of what to expect from the most popular ham bands in the way of DX, now fire up the ole rig, heat the coffee, load up with the QLF or the cigs and get yourself a mess of DX, the best part of Ham radio.

RECEIVER HASH CONTINUED

Now that W3IGH has his general class license, he can be heard down on twenty meters CW trying to work the illusive DX...... WN3IOA is considering taking the technician examination in order to hold his call......By the time you read this, the clubs antenna razing crew will have Andy KN3BGF station on the air......Hub was wondering who had that strong CW signal on the air sunday morning while he was trying to listen to W3FLJ.????W3KJJ expects to be on shortly with his new class B mutilator.....Karl expects this new piece of equip-ment to deliver a nice modulated signal to the upper stratosphere. W3PTM is on the lookout for a good telescope. One that he can see the planets and the earth s atellite....... The schildgrugers were hafing a got time at ZRQ's soufing peer at the time of printing this wrapper....The Sheenies, Filenburg, Mystitistine are at it agn. Seems as tho we are going to hear some class B mutilation emit from Broas Street Area.in the very near future, two new members in the club

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WANTED: Old antique radio equipment that might be used in the town 125th anniversary celebration. This equipment will be used for dis-play at the clubs station set-up in down town Tamaqua. If you know of any one who might have such equipment available or if you have it your self, contact W3ZRQ.

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Now that the Autumn and Winter season is coming in the near future, the club members who are on the air on a Sunday morning are looking forward to bigger roundtables and are hoping that more club members will pa rticipate. There are many good Sunday morning roundtables and you can get on either before or after you go to church. There is a good time to be had by all who participate. Hope to C U Soon.

NOVICE NOOK

Seems as if our club is again having a lot of fun putting the new novice crew on the air. This article if accepted will appear from time to time. Its not only for the Novice but for our would be generals who know it all. We profess To Not know it all, Im still learning.

First off this ham lingo is a funnithing for the befinners. The first thing we get to s end is our call (and try to learn to send it right).

After getting through the preliminaries of making a QSO (Sardine Wrapper Oct. 55 by W3KJJ) we will try and continue our contact and perhaps, who know, we may make RCC.

Here are some of the s hort words which confuse us on a CW QSO: ES means --and, TT is that and to continue--R--Received, to be used only if solid copy.

C --Yes	ADR--Address
N---No	QRA--Address
BK--Break (Not back to you)	QTH--Town or city (location)
Nil-Nothing	GNG--Going
HW--How	HVE--Have
NW--New or Now	Ur --Your

These are jest a few of the mani short cuts one will run into on CW and as soon as you familiarize yourself with them, then the sooner you'll get out of the rank call ed a Novice.

We also run into lots of Technical problems. So for next "Sardine Wrapper" let's drop me a card or letter with your problems and we shall try to anwer them in this article. We're here to help so if your not afraid to show your insufficient experience, ignorance, or stupidity by asking. Then we can't do nothing for you cause we won't know what is troubling you. So until next month lets get those cards and Best DX.

73 Al W3ZRQ

TWO METER ACTIVITIES

Activities on two meters around this locality is rather dull. Especially since W3ZRQ is no longer with us on two meters. During the past weekend a few W2's are being heard. Wonder when the local gang will get on with their one or two watt home built rigs.

PTM'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON

On my recent rip to Was hington D.C. I visited Ted Kester a former W3 from Tamaqua. Ted works for the International Business Machine Co. in that city. I called on Ted at his company and he took me on a tour of the building. There is a model of the Earth Satellite along with a model of the launching rocket motor that will launch it during the international geophysical year. In an adjoining room there is receiving apparatus that will receive and record data as transmitted from the satelit and equipment that will track it during its trip around the world. Private teletype line will be in use to relay information to other tracking stations. Another interesting piece of apparatus is the mechanical brain. Information is fed to a machine on a magnetic tape, stored and computed and complex problems are worked out in seconds as compared to days normally done by human brains. These exhibits are open to the public and would prove interesting to any Amateur visiting the District of Clumbia.

SOTF

Again--we say the Treasurer still has some delinquent members on his book so if your name and address is circled on the front piece then your in for a s urprize when our Next months issue of the latest Scandle does'nt arrive--so--SOFT---See our Treasurer Fast

C D NOTES

A meeting with the County Seat big-wigs is planned for Wednesday August 28th at the ZRQ QTH. It is hoped that a RACES Plan for this county may be formulated and our operators ge t in on some of the Civil Defense equipment available. However let us state that the gear will only go to licensed RACES stations. If your interested ask abt this RACES business and you shall be enlightened. We acknowledge the assistance that W3JLQ has provided to get our county fathers sonscious to the fact that We "Hams" are s till around. Since this is a late entry we hope to Invite you to the Next meeting of the CD Com.

TNX 73 ZRQ