

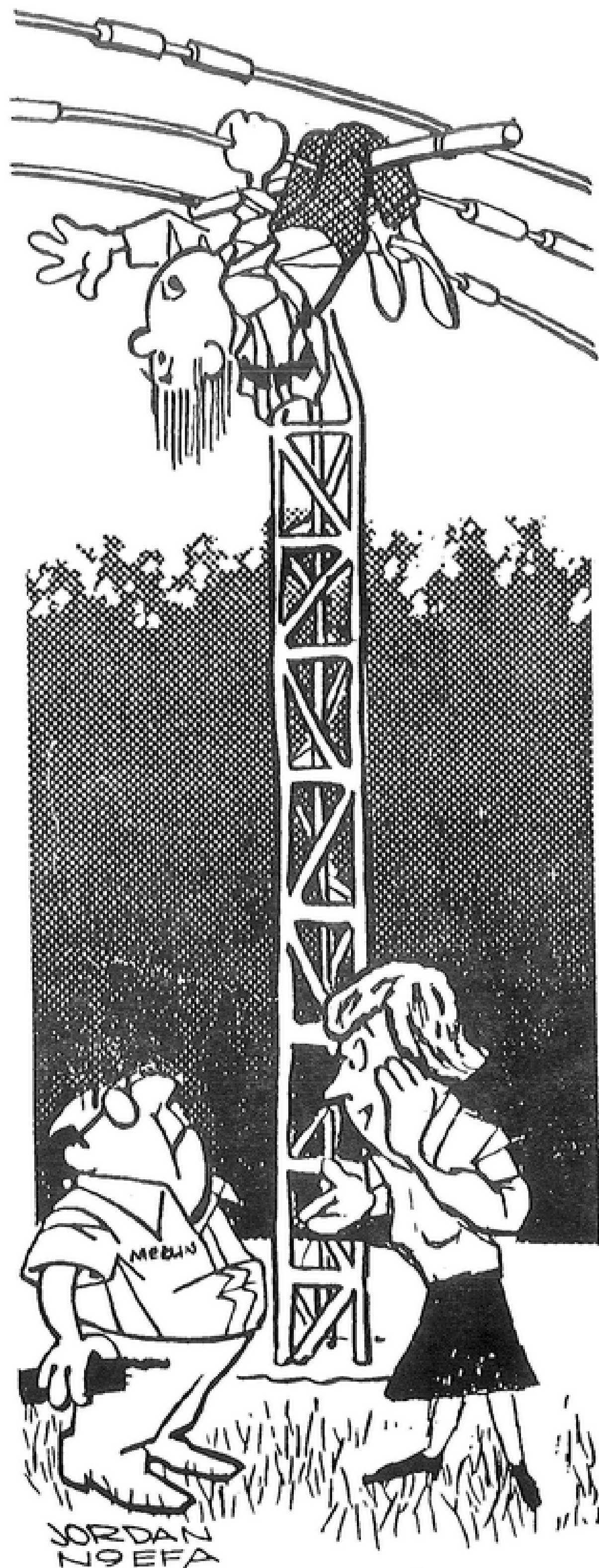


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I'd help Larry get down but he's  
giving me a 1:1 swr!

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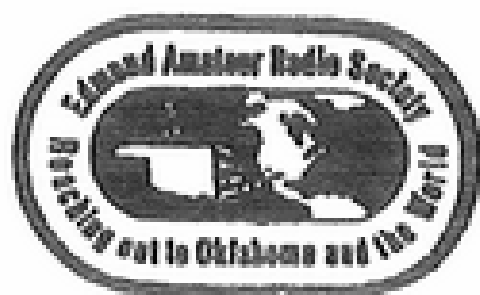
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# **MOTION FOR THE REMOVAL OF INTERIM EDITOR:**

At the CORA meeting in February the CORA board overruled President Frank Tassone and reinstated Baron Bieber to the interim editor position of the Collector & Emitter. This being done even after he refused to write an apology. But, assured those board members, and guests present, that he would print a statement, justifying the pictorial of the naked skier. He further said that he would print all the letters that were received concerning this same picture.

It was at this time that the editor from EARS expressed a doubt that Mr. Bieber would print the EARS materials. Mr. Bieber assured the board and EARS that its' article would appear, as submitted. Well, the letter to CORA from EARS was not printed, and we can only speculate as to how many others were also omitted. Also the article submitted by EARS, which Mr. Bieber had guaranteed would be printed in its' entirety, was altered with more than 37 changes, including; deletions of sentences, and punctuation's added. We find this is an unacceptable situation. We would agree that articles might have to be typed, due to the format of a submitted article being incompatible with the space allowed. But, we can see no logical reason for deleting a portion out of the middle of a paragraph. By changing or omitting the content of a submitted piece one might change the intent of the point being made. If the content of the piece is inappropriate for publication it should be returned to the representative clubs' editor who submitted the piece along with a cover letter explaining why it is the clubs editor who is responsible for what the club submits.

We warned you of severe consequences for allowing the editor to go running around unchecked. We told you that we would reevaluate our affiliation with CORA if he continued to butcher submitted articles or print smut. Even during the meeting the EARS representatives started to leave on several occasions. This was due to the attitude of Mr. Bieber. Obviously Mr. Bieber doesn't respect the wishes or opinions of the board of CORA or its affiliate clubs. This was made obvious by his ho-hum response to the letters condemning his lack of professionalism and his inability to justify the publishing of the picture in question. Further Mr. Bieber stated that he, as editor, serves under the

direction of the CORA board and that he would follow their directions.

Ladies and gentleman of the board of CORA. We the representatives of EARS are at this time moving for the removal of Mr. Baron Bieber from the interim editor position.

This was the motion placed before the CORA board on February 23 at the CORA meeting. Mr. Bieber upon being questioned, resigned his position [ and the motion was then withdrawn -Ed].

In happier club news, more than 61 members attended the dinner meeting at Gary Dale's, there was lots of fellowship and good chat. Even if we did lose a group to a campaign event. Good luck Gary on your campaign for the city council race in Edmond.

## **QST ARTICLE DEALS WITH CROSSBAND REPEATER OPERATION.**

March '93 Pg. 43 give a very good explanation of crossband operation. If you can obtain a copy of this article, do so.

## **HAM HUMOR**

An amateur and his friend were tuning the HF rig in preparation for a net on 40 meters, only to find a strong heterodyne right on the net frequency. His brand-new HF transceiver wouldn't notch it out no matter hard he tried. He tweaked the knobs and cursed the radio until his wife appeared from the kitchen. Also being a ham she inquired of us, "Don't you know the difference between a heterodyne and the smoke alarm?" -- K00DF/Lynn Bilyeu, Chadron, Nb. (mar'93-QST)

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

KB5DGH Barbara Kiespert  
N5SGV Pat Grey  
N5VWF Forest Rush  
N5LYQ Don Powers  
KB5NIX Karen McCoy

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

KB5HXX Billie Ezzell  
KB5BIN Bob Ellsworth  
WA5YWE R.B. Limbocker  
KB5OFT Scott Forbes  
KB5TCY Richard Winnard  
KA5ENU Jackie Olsen  
N5XAX Ryan Ward  
N5KLN Brian Sartorius  
KA5MYI Chris Sartorius

## **HAM HAPPININGS**

### **MARCH**

6 Elk City Hamfest  
17 EARS BOARD  
21 EARS Business Meeting

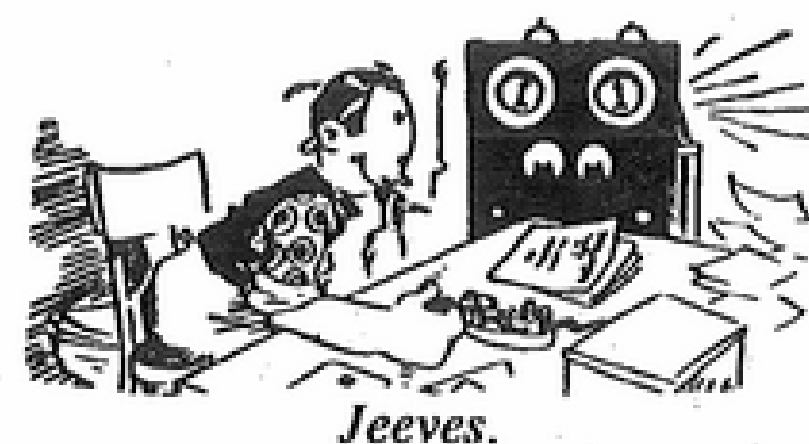
### **APRIL**

2-3 Arkansas State Conv.  
3 Lawton Hamfest  
14 EARS BOARD  
16 or 17 EARS DINNER  
23-25 DAYTON HAMVENTION

## **PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW.**

As with all good things that come to an end, so too does my tenure as Vice President of EARS and as Editor. I bid all of you a fond farewell. As we set out on this new adventure, to the lands of Arkansas, I think back over the eight years that I have been affiliated with EARS and its' members. It has been wonderful. As I look back through those great times I say, "Thanks for the memories." Good bye for now and I look forward to talking to you over the airwaves and running into you all at the hamfests.

73 de N5KUE/Bob,  
KG5HM/Darlana, Robyn, and  
Sheila



## **ALTUS AREA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

Our february meeting was primarily a training session concerning severe weather preparedness and "storm tracking" jointly conducted by The National Weather Service and Altus OK Emergency operations Center. A business Meeting was not conducted.

Recent Altus V.E. testing sessions have been especially rewarding. Achieving TECH PLUS were: Eric Waddell, Donna Mateyko, Dr. Charles W. Barker and Jesse Palquez

## **Achieving GENERAL:**

KB5SRU Keven Muser

## **EXTRA :**

WD5HKY Barbara Redding

We are especially proud of our own club members for joining the coveted ranks of EXTRA CLASS : N5AR James Clark

N1BEX George Mateyko

and OUR PRESIDENT KI5YY  
Jim Romines

73

Bob Heron KE5BN - Secetary/Treasurer

S.C.A.R.S.

SCARS met on Saturday, February 13, 1993 at the appointed time, at the appointed place (to the surprise of some). The meeting was called to order at 15:31 UTC by the President (and that says a lot!). The President's employer had changed his work days from Monday through Friday to Tuesday through Saturday, so the general ham population of Norman assumed that the VP, N5SOF, would be in the moderator's chair, but ... it's a long story. Suffice it to say that President Don, KI5TP, was there.

After the President called us to order, the secretary noted that W5UZD had been at the pre-meeting donut session and duly recorded the same in his minutes. Introductions revealed 36 members and guests present. Treasurer N5LCL indicated that we did have money in the bank and that **DUES ARE DUE!** The CORA report was given by VP, Mike, N5SOF. He indicated that he and the President had attended the meeting. From descriptions, there was MUCH discussion regarding the cover of the January issue there and that after the dust had settled, little had been done regarding the issue.

(One of the outgrowths of this meeting is the re-statement that it costs CORA 35 cents each time your mail bounces, so make sure that you address is correct and that you have address changes in your club IN ADVANCE if possible.)

It was discussed that our 'kerchunk' problem had been traced to a local OKC paging service. (we were not the only ones to suffer from this) and after some arm twisting, the problem had been resolved. And the repeater sure is quieter. SCARS thanks those members of the ACARC that had the biggest hands in resolving this. Take an extra five out in petty cash!

N5KUK reported that bad weather and broken radars at his work have prevented any progress from occurring regarding the in-town link to the repeater. Hopefully with better weather it can be resolved soon.

KC5RI, Jud, gave a report on the Ham Class being held at OU. We have boiled the group down to about 25 attendees, but will have several more show up for the exam. The review session will be held on Thursday, February 25, with the exam to be held at 7pm, March 4, Energy Center, OU campus, Plaza level. This will be a full VE exam session with

tests from Novice to Extra available, so y'all come.

In new business, the order of the day was about our President, and his new work schedule making it impossible for him to make any more Saturday morning meetings. There was discussion regarding moving the meeting to a week night, and after much discussion, that was voted down. The floor was then opened for volunteers for the office of President. The silence was deafening. After a long pause, WB5ULK made a motion that the VP serve as Interim President until next month, a committee [will] be appointed to bring a candidate to the club, and that s/he be voted on at the next club meeting. After another long pause, the President seconded the motion. Much discussion followed. During said discussion, Bill, N5UMH went around the room and polled each individual member as to whether or not they would allow their name to be put into nomination for President (thanks for the swift kick, Bill -ed.) and two members N5KUI, David, and N2KCX, Don, admitted that they would think about it. the question was called, and the vote was 11-11 with the President, KI5TP breaking the tie to defeat the motion to do what was said above. An election was immediately held, and David Perry, N5KUI was railroaded in to finish the '93 term for President.

That having been settled, Jim Purpura, KB5YHT, (who is also the Warning and Coordination Meteorologist at the Norman NWS office) spoke for a few minutes. He is looking for some good control ops for the NWS station and would welcome help from anyone that is good under fire and can help. If you can help, give him a call at 360-5928 weekdays. The Norman office will take over severe weather warning responsibilities for the area of North Texas around Wichita Falls this Spring and much help and work will be need to be put into this effort by the amateur community this year.

The meeting was adjourned to finish the donuts.

In other SCARS news, Bill Bunting, N5SAL, NWS forecaster, has taken a new job as the Warning and Coordination Meteorologist at the new NWS office in Pleasant hill, Missouri, just outside of Kansas City. Bill and I are working on a paper that we hope to have published in QST regarding the continued need for spotters in the field even though we have this fancy new radar out here. The little tornados will still be a problem, and eyes are the only sure way to know whether they are really there or not.

N5MCJ got out of the Norman hospital after a stay that was much longer than

Jerry would have wanted. We wish you well Jerry, and a speedy recovery.

For those of you that are into satellites, N5KUK, Ken, has been entertaining us with his satellite reception exploits. He has been using a coffee can with a wire probe, and ICOM 7100, and a PC with the Quorum fax card to get fair quality weather satellite pictures from one of the NOAA birds. He tells us that using a garbage can lid increases the quality of the picture, but decreases the quality of his back yard. So he put the garbage can lid back on the can to keep the cats out. He gets better pictures on a real dish anyway!

That is about it. Remember DUES ARE DUE! You can send your dues to Box 720993, Norman, OK 73072, or bring them to coffee at Denny's or Ozzie's, or wherever they decide to meet (listen on .06), or bring them to the OFFICIAL club meeting next month. Oh, and one last thing, the phone patch access code will have been changed by the time you read this. Ask any club officer for the new code.

73 de WB5ULK

FROM THE EDITOR

As of Feb. 23, 1993 Baron Bieber resigned his position as EDITOR. That responsibility was passed on to me, N5NYS. My main goal in this issue was to get it back on schedule. I apologize for the blank spaces and missed articles etc. I promise it is the best I could do under the circumstances and within the time frame that I set for myself. The C&E will continue next month in a much improved state and will be on time for everyone's monthly meetings.

All articles that you want to have printed must be in the CORA mailbox or in MY possession by MARCH 22nd, 1993. If I do not have your article by then it will not get printed. I will do everything in my power to get it from you if you have it sooner than that date but after the 22nd, no effort on my part will be made to see that your article gets into the C&E. If you need to contact me so that I can get your article or if you have a complaint, etc... My telephone number is 787-3804. Leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Again, thanks for your understanding this month and the C&E will continue as normal next month..... 73 de N5NYS



The meeting was held at the town of Hennessey. We had some visitors. We had KB5DHH Butch and his wife KB5EED Nina. Butch works for the Exxon oil co out of Hennessey. He specializes in electrical and instruments work. He has been with them for about fourteen years. They have two daughters, KB5JNW Kristi who is married and living in Texas. KB5JNV, Laura attends Hennessey high school.

Nina, teaches both music and vocal, along with teaching the foreign English Language.

There were two more visitors, N5VDY Jim and his wife from Enid, Ok. The XYL's call is KB5TGT, Donnis.

Jim retired as a diesel Mechanic in 1985.

Donnis was an office manager, and retired in 1986. Jim and Donnis joined the Wheat Straw arc Sunday. We appreciate them, and a big welcome to the club.

Meeting was called to order by AB5Z Ray a little early by my waterberry, but we had a full afternoon. The repeater took most of the time with lots of comments. Several members congratulated K5GGL George for the repair and tune up of the repeater.

There were thirty four members and visitors at the meeting. When the meeting was over we had fun entertainment. We sang some Valentine songs out of the past. KB5EED Nina played the piano, lead in the singing.

Wanda, had decorated the officers table with Valentines decor. Having a dish with large candy hearts with love quotes on them. She passed them around the tables for each person to take one. Then, starting at the front, each person was to stand and read his or her heart. That was a lot of fun.

I did not want to leave any of the ladies out, so I turned mine to the back side and said, "to all the ladies" turning it over read Hi! chick. Some of the guys got a kiss on the cheek reading theirs.

Then refreshment were served. So many refreshments about every lady must to have brought something. We really do thank Father Joe and the ladies for a gracious and fun filled afternoon.

Before the refreshments, I had forgotten that a door prize drawing wad drawn. KASWBJ was the lucky person.

As we all went on our homeward way our hearts were filled with happy Valentines Day.

The March meeting will be held March 14, 1993 in Canton, at the community building center east door. Location from the traffic light, go west to the minnie stop, turn north on the

east side of the minnie stop 2 blocks. Park on west side of street.

#### A LITTLE HUMOR

Two farmers were being interviewed by a reporter. "What would you do if you won \$1 million in the lottery?" he ask. "I'd quit farming, go fishing, and live off my good fortune," said the farmer.

Turning to a real dedicated farmer. "And you sir?" the reporter asked the second farmer.

"Well, I reckon I'd go right on farming until my \$1 million was all used up."

A small boy's definition of a conscience: "something that makes you tell your mother before your sister does."

WHENEVER A GHOST GETS LOST IN A FOG, HE'S'S A MIST.

Anyone who thinks he's indispensable should put his finger in a bowl of water and look for the hole it leaves when he pulls it out!

#### THE BEST OF THE TRADE

by Frances Scarber

The Lord gave me beauty for ashes

And for sorrow he gave me joy  
I was sad and oppressed HE changed the rest.

And a peace that the world can't destroy.

I traded my sin for salvation and I traded my load for relief

I got peace for my condemnation  
And the joy of the Lord grief I traded my life that was wasted

For a temple to dwell in God

And I got so much more than I had before

Well, I sure got the best of the trade

I was poor and had nothing worth having

Disappointment had saddened my life

Now I'm rich as can be since

HE traded with me

Abundance of peace for my strife.

Drive safely. 73 WA5PFR Ralph



"Try giving it a little kick - that's the way I fix my transmitter....."

# MORI

MORI wishes to welcome the following new members:

N5INF	Steve
KB5WFX	Carol
N5NEI	James
KI5DF	Mike
KJ5HN	Earl
N5NUA	Earl
KA5WCO	Robert

We would also like to thank all of our returning members for their continued support. We had a 95% renewal rate for the month of February and a membership total just approaching the 170 mark....

#### STILL WAITING ON THE WEATHER.....

We're still waiting on the weather folks.... As soon as the weather becomes favorable, we'll have the repeaters up on the tower at their new resting place of 1200 ft. The 444.1+ machine will be on the air and will probably be linked to the 146.925 machine in order to promote activity on that machine.

#### What's happening on 925???

Well, apparently we do have a small problem with the 925 machine. The controller doesn't always turn the transmitter on when the receiver has a signal present. We have noticed however that the problem seems to be audio level dependant. In other words if you just key your mike and don't get the repeater to come up, you might try keying up and saying something into the mike. This normally works although sometimes you might have to yell into the mike if your radio has weak audio.

Other than that it should pose no problem for now. We'll have it fixed before it goes up on the tower at its new home.

#### Transmitter hunts...

K6VPE is back in town folks... and he's got a new set of rules for the transmitter hunts. I have heard stories of people wanting to find the transmitter first so bad that most of their trip was made at speeds in excess of 70 mph in 35mph zones. Now the transmitter hunts are fun, and I'm sure that everyone wants to win, but winning won't mean anything if somebody has an accident or even worse, if someone gets killed. MORI doesn't want anybody to get hurt. This is a fun event and we all want it to stay that way. So, now you only win the honor of hiding the transmitter if you have your milage checked before the hunt and then find the transmitter using the least number

of miles between the origination point and the transmitter. Now you have to arrive with the lowest mileage, not the lowest time. I feel that this is a good requirement in light of the carelessness that has been present in past hunts. I'm sure that you will agree too that this is probably a good rule. We're not out to ruin anybody's fun. We just want to make sure (the best that we can) that everyone arrives alive. There is still a coffee afterwards and everyone is invited to come out and meet the transmitter hunting crew, whether they participated in the hunt or not. If you need any further details about the hunts or have input for MORI about the hunts, get on one of the MORI machines and call N5WNR, Rick. He is our resident gentleman and scholar.

SO HOW DO I JOIN?????

Many people from other clubs have expressed an interest in joining MORI. First of all, we have our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Favorites restaurant 36th and S. Western. If you can't make the meeting or would rather join up as soon as possible, you can call N5QXI at 720-0073. He will be glad to get you any information that you need and have it to you by mail in less than 3 days....

What about this bbs stuff????

Yes, the bbs is still up and running. If you have a computer, a modem, and want to have the ability to read the swap-n-shop list, keplerian data, propagation reports, DX bulletins, etc... then call the QST bbs at 354-3241. Use your callsign for your handle that way other hams can leave you messages just by knowing your callsign. There is hope that in the future you will be able to access the SAM callbook database on the bbs and have the entire callbook at your fingertips for qsl'ing purposes etc....

That's about it for this month, I hope to see you all at our next meeting...  
73 de N5NYS AR SK



"I think it was terribly thoughtful of him to quorum himself out here."

## Oklahoma DX Association Just for the Fun of It!

OKDXA, February 1993. This article is being written while in flight on Air Micronesia #957 enroute from Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands to Honolulu, Oahu, United States of America. We have just concluded a very successful DXpedition and work trip to Kwajalein Atoll. I am thinking that every amateur radio operator should have the opportunity to operate from a country different from his/her own; to experience the differences in cultures, problems inherent with radio operations and to meet the wonderful people in this world outside our limited sphere of activity. AH9B and myself definitely met many of those wonderful people who comprise the Kwajalein Amateur Radio Club. The club acted as our host during our just completed V73B/V73S operation. They opened their facilities to us with no limitations and made us feel truly at home, though it was easy to remember that we were 7,500 miles from Oklahoma. Yes, we appreciated the many friendly voices over the airwaves who encouraged us and reminded us that we were missing a "typical" Oklahoma winter storm. We are please to report that over 9,000 QSOs were made from V73B/V73S and here is a statistical breakdown of the effort:

Total QSOs: 9028  
SSB: 3220, CW: 5004 RTTY: 564  
WARC Bands (all modes): 3016  
Countries worked: V73B: 107  
V73S: 113. Band countries: 680

Our amateur radio efforts were interrupted by excursions to Omelek and Roi-Namur Islands for survey purposes but we returned at every available band opening to give new countries "to the deserving".

I know Craig has many observations about this latest trip and I certainly am not shy about expressing my opinions. It has become very apparent to me that a new generation of DXers is hitting the air but most are poorly prepared to become the skilled DX operators of tomorrow.

It has become the vogue to call a DX station by giving "two letters" of your callsign. I think most DXpeditioners would agree that calls should consist of YOUR COMPLETE CALLSIGN. I cannot count the thousands of times I repeated... "XYZ, hat is the rest of your call???" Words mean time; time wasted means fewer QSOs.

While I have the soapbox in place, let's mention the old timers who (I know) have worked every band country in this world and the next, but still

insist on getting in the pileup to contact the DX. Then, they do it again EVERY DAY "just to say hello..." These guys must really be lonely. Of course they are the stations with the biggest towers and the best equipment and always get the first contacts, preventing the new kid on the block from getting through.

Then there are the perennial callers who want to know your "handle" (Damn it I don't have a handle but my name is George); they want to know your "QTH" -- (I'm signing V7, aren't I?); the real sharp ones who haven't seen a DXCC list for five years and can't find V7 in their callbook, and of course there is the type that just HAS to have your QSL information; this one always shows up two minutes after you just gave the complete QSL route! Oh, don't forget my personal favorite;

[I don't know what happened to the rest of this file. Sorry OKDX. This is all that I recieved from W23P. -Ed.]

Alternate Currents: Enough is Enough

by S. A. Kelly (N5VSG)

I had promised myself that I wouldn't use this space to continue my ongoing lecture about morse code. Largely because I've approached the subject so often on two meters that I'm beginning to suspect my welcome on many local repeaters is wearing a bit thin. My big mouth notwithstanding, a day rarely passes while I'm monitoring two-meters when the subject of CW is not brought up. Something I am hearing more often these days is the suggestion that the FCC should eliminate the 20-WPM code test as a requirement for an extra class amateur radio license. I always imagine that the people who suggest this either have already attained their 13-WPM code, or are very close to doing so; or that they already have their 20, and can affect a certain air of magnanimity towards those who do not.

I've even heard it suggested that they eliminate the code requirements entirely. The justification here seems to be that CW is a useless, outdated mode and that the gobby is not benefitted by its being required for certain amateur radio privileges. I don't want to reffle a bunch of feathers here, but to those who think that I would strongly suggest a

visit to the family doctor. Who knows, maybe there's a cure for that kind of laziness.

To the aforementioned justification for eliminating the CW requirements from the hobby I would counter that, following that same line of reasoning we might also eliminate the requirements for testing applicants' knowledge of such things as practical circuits and circuit components. We don't need to know that stuff to operate today's popular amateur radio equipment. We can just take it out of the box, plug it in, turn it on and get busy with it. If something goes wrong we need only know how to put it "back" in the box and ship it "back" to the folks from whence it came and find some way to amuse ourselves until they return it to us as good as new.

Take this to its obvious extreme and we could conceivably have just one license class---maybe we could call it the amateur radio operator class---which would grant all current extra class privileges to successful applicants; and one big test to determine the applicants' eligibility for the license. There would be no CW requirement, of course. And the written test would only cover those topics that we haven't found some way to eliminate as unnecessary.

Or what the hell, maybe we should just do away with that boring old testing stuff entirely. Maybe they could just include a form 610 the purchase of any amateur transceiver. Then, when you get around to it---no big hurry, you know---fill it out and send it in. Later you'll receive a station call-sign on an official-looking document suitable for framing. Can you operate your station while you're waiting for your official looking document, or even if you don't bother to apply for one? Well why the hell not? You bought the damn radio...By god use it! Just pick anything to identify yourself with...Maybe your first and last initials followed by the last four digits of your social security number, or you could use colorful phrases to describe yourself.. "Big Smokin' Okie," or "Ramrod," or something like that. Be creative.

Sound ridiculous? Have I belabored the point into oblivion? again?

No, I don't think so. Listen, they relaxed the code requirements once to make the hobby more accessible to those who have little or no interest in learning Morse Code. The reasoning behind this, at least as far as I understood it, was to get people into the hobby with limited privileges and then encourage them to expand those privileges by upgrading into the already-established system. And as long as that's the idea I have no problem with it.

The problem is...That's not what I'm hearing "Boy I can't wait to get my five so I can try some HF packet"...or "Try for W.A.S. on Ten Meters"...or "Make some really excellent DX contacts." No, what I'm hearing sounds more like "Man this is stupid! Why should I have to learn Morse Code when I'm never going to use it? Why don't they just do away with it? Probably because a bunch of old WWII bastards want to keep everything to themselves."

Well, as I've already pointed out, in this day and age and given the direction that this hobby has taken I could say the same thing about parts of the written theory. Why the hell should I have to study circuits and electronics and cramp when I fully intend to do nothing more technical than find a place to store the box a piece of equipment came in just in case I have to ship the damn thing back?> By golly if you can get your of having to struggle with the code then I can justify getting out of having to struggle with all those stupid formulas and such. And I would be willing to bet that there are others who could justify doing away with all those other aspects of the incentive licensing structure that haven't been mentioned in this article, if they don't personally agree with them. The question I'm asking is this...

Where do we draw the line?

#### HOBBY OR SERVICE?

There have been lots of messages going out about the "Hobby". The "hobby" of Amateur Radio? The FCC has mandated that Amateur Radio is a SERVICE! If the FCC walked into your ham shack and sat down with you and asked you these questions how would you reply?

1. What service are you providing to the public?
2. What service are you providing in aiding your country in Disasters?
3. What service are you providing in helping people in your neighborhood?




4. What service are you providing in helping your family?

You see, you cannot answer these questions with, "well, it's a hobby." If you did, the FCC could take our frequencies away and give them to people who would be willing to serve their community rather than serve themselves. You see, the questions are not what service are you providing for yourself, with self-serving interests such as pure hobbies provide us. Also the nature of "HOBBIES" gives us the option to not do anything about the situation that the hobby may be in. Nowhere in Part 97 does it say it's a "hobby". It does tell us that it is a service. Being a service means that we have a responsibility to carry out the mandate that the FCC has given us. If we come in with attitude that we do not have to worry about automatic HF forwarding, or incentive licensing, or band planning, or bad language, or what the ARRL does or doesn't do, then "hobby" is the excuse to not do anything about any of these items.

Are you serving yourself? Is Amateur Radio just a hobby? If you answering yes to these two questions, then I believe that Amateur Radio is going to be lost to some other group of people. But more than that, the medium that we are using for communication, the medium we use to talk to someone in our city and county, the medium we use to talk to people around our country, the medium we use to talk to other people around the globe will be lost. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but eventually it will be gone. "Why, it's just a hobby anyways. It always has been a hobby".

You see, the seriousness of this matter is for the benefit of us all. Yes, we are enjoying the use of the Amateur Frequencies. It has benefitted ALL of us in immense ways. We have had the privilege talking and getting to know people we would otherwise never meet. We have access to a network that really does benefit us all, where we can all discuss things that are in our hearts and a lot of people will read those things. We do not want to lose what we have. If the FCC came in today and said the Amateur Radio Service is no more, then how would you feel? Of course it's not likely that it would happen. For there are a good number of Amateurs who are providing service to their community. But I do hear the prevailing call of the Hobby more and more today than I heard 20 years ago.

My hope is that we will ALL take a look at what we are doing individually. Are we serving ourselves with self-serving interests or are we serving our

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7 <b>Great Plains MORI VE Tests 1:30 pm</b>	8 <b>EARC</b>	9 <b>BiCentennial (76's)</b>	10	11 <b>Altus Assoc.  Cimmaron</b>	12	13 <b>SCARS</b>
14 <b>Wheat Straw</b>	15 <b>CORA VE Tests</b>	16 <b>OCAPA</b>	17	18	19	20 <b>VHF Saturday VE Tests</b>
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community and the Radio  
Amateur mandate. Will  
even your response to  
this bulletin be harsh,  
or will you be  
introspective and honest  
with yourself to see if  
you are contributing to  
the community? You see  
this bulletin is for me  
too, I also have to  
answer these questions.  
How about you?

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