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Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs, Inc.

Minutes of the CORA meeting for May 27th, 1997.

The meeting was opened by the vice-president of CORA, Brad Nelson, KJ0W. There were 16 directors present representing six clubs and 7 visitors.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the C&E with 2 abstentions. The treasurer's report was passed without objection.

Presidents Report. One-half of the rental fee for the Modern Living - Hobbies, Arts, & Crafts Building at the fairgrounds has been paid. Three more dealers are coming: Amateur Accessories, Southeastern Technical Services, and Rad Comm. Ms. J. Webb of State Fair Magazine interviewed the president of CORA about Ham Holiday and Amateur Radio, so we should get some good publicity.

Vice - Presidents Report. The interference committee is doing well.

C&E Report. The C&E is doing good. The Editor needs information on Oklahoma Hamfests; he can always use good articles. Club secretaries, please try to get your clubs minutes in on time. The deadline is the Friday after the CORA meeting.

Scholarship report. Scholarship applications are still being received. Applicants, remember that the deadline this year is June 1st, 1997.

Ham Holiday 1997.

Dealers. We have received three more dealer applications; Amateur Accessories, Rad Comm, and Southeastern Technical Services.

Programs. The tentative program is as follows:

Friday, July 25th, 1997

5:00pm - 9:00pm Ham Holiday opens
7:00pm Craft Demonstration
Saturday, July 26th, 1997
8:00am Doors Open
9:30am Direction Finding Demo
10:00am Fox Hunt Begins
10:00am OKDXA meeting
10:00am VE Testing Registration
10:30am Packet BBS Operations
10:30am Air Force MARS
11:30am AMSAT-Status of P3D
12:00 noon LUNCH
12:00 noon VE Testing Registration closes
1:00pm 2 meter antennas made simple
2:00pm ARES/ARRL Forum
3:00pm Bingo
4:30pm Prize Drawings
5:00pm Doors Close

If you want on the program, contact Tom, WA9AFM.

Security. Security will be handled by Explorer Post 13 and by Carol, KA5WFX.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 PM by Tom, WA9AFM and seconded by Bob, W5HXL.

Motion carried and CORA adjourned until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on June 27th, 1997, at 7:30pm at Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters at NW 50th street and N. Pennsylvania Avenue. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Forrest Rush, N5VWF
CORA Secretary

CORA VE SESSION
May 19, 1997

The Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters was the location, as usual, for the May edition of testing. The CORA VE team assembled with materials in hand at 6:00 PM ready for test administration just as applicants were composed and primed for test taking. Results from that evening of testing are as follows:

Test Elements Passed - 5
Total Applicants - 5

Applicants Upgrading - 2

Individuals passing indicated elements:

Donna Badon, 2 (no call yet)
Brenda Potter, 2 (no call yet)
Jim Potter, KC5WST, 3B & 1A, **
Amy Shortt, 3A, (no call yet) *

1A - 5 wpm code, 1B - 13 wpm code, 1C - 20 wpm code

2-Novice Theory

3A- Technician Theory

3B-General Theory

4A- Advanced Theory

4B- Extra Theory

Upgraded to: * Technician, ** Tech Plus, *** General, **** Advanced, # Extra

Great job and kudos to those passing test elements and upgrading! Passing Amateur Radio tests does not occur without effort to include preparation and family support. All deserve credit and recognition. If you did not meet your goals this time through merely study and get ready for the next test offering. The next CORA VE test session is scheduled for Monday June 16th at 6:00 PM at the Salvation Army divisional headquarters. It is located at the Northwest corner of Penn and Northwest Expressway in OKC. Just remember the third Monday night of each month. Thanks again to the CORA VE team for their effort in providing the opportunity for Amateur Radio test taking. Your continued availability is appreciated.

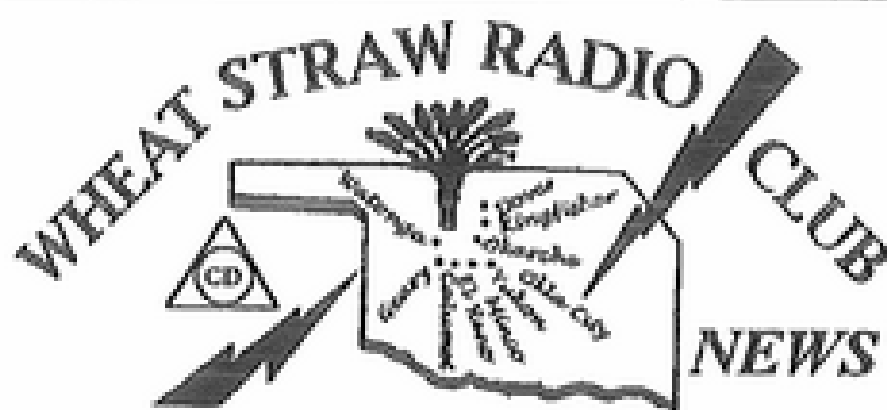
Good Luck in your studying for entering or upgrading your Amateur Radio license.

73 de John Thomason
WB5SYT@AOL.CO

Attention

All ARRL accredited VEs or accredited with another VEC wanting to assist in the Amateur Radio exams to be done at Ham Holiday '97, Please contact Jim Copeland, NW0K at 405-329-111 (w) or 405-329-1681. E-mail at jimhelps@juno.com.

Reminder of the ORSI meeting at Salvation Army HQ, NW 50th and Penn on Saturday, June 21, 1997; 1:30 p.m. all are welcome to attend.



Wheatstraw Amateur Radio Club

There was no April meeting held. The members that could went to the Hamfest Eyeball QSO at Mooreland. The following Wednesday night net had a discussion for the May meeting.

Due to Mothers Day being the second Sunday, it was decided to hold the May meeting May 18, 1997 in the Red Rock canyon south of Hinton. It will be a covered dish dinner. We will start eating at 1:30 p.m. so the meeting can start about 2:30. Visitors are welcome, just bring a covered dish and your eating setups. We will have to hunt a location in the park, if you have 2M give a call on 146.52 for the Wheatstraw Club. Someone will direct you on in. If you have a hand held it may not reach thru the canyon, so drive on thru looking for amateur antennas and car tags. Hope to see you there.

What I am writing here does not pertain to any one club or any one organization. I have thought about this for a long time and have hesitated to open up with some of my thoughts.

First we have some handicapped members that are willing to do what they can. They are ready to make phone calls, answer questions and so on. Some members have lots of illnesses, I do not wish to hurt any ones feelings, but there are problems I do not understand. There is always something you can do to build up a group. Or you can be one that sits by and let everything deteriorate.

A group of Legionaries along with some volunteers work long and hard hours, preparing for Memorial Day services held at the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. Some of us start at six a.m.. Services start at nine a.m. lasting about thirty-five to forty-five minutes. The purpose for starting this

early is to let the public do what they wish for the rest of the day.

Last year was the smallest crowd we ever had. I do not know whether our services are not cared for, or if people care nothing for the loved ones who have gone before us, including the VETERANS who kept this country of ours FREE.

Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock? Or do you stay home and criticize and knock? Do you take an active role to help the work along, or are you just satisfied to be the kind that "just belong"? Do you ever go visit a member that is sick, or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique? There's quite a program scheduled for this summer that I'm sure you've heard about. And we'll appreciate if you, too, will come out and help us out. So come to meetings often and help with hand over heart.

Don't be just a member, but take an active part. Think this over, you know right from wrong. Are you an active member or do you just belong. You see I have some of these problems trying to spread myself around.

Memorial Day services will start at nine o'clock May 26th. The Fourth of July will start July the Fourth at nine o'clock to four, location will be the Library Park.

Wake up and support your communities and clubs. We don't want to begin to have a lot of empty store buildings. May God help us to think of ourselves and what we can do to better our communities where ever we live.

Ralph, WA5PFK

Editor's Note: Due to my not having checked the CORA post office box in a timely manner, this article by Ralph is a month late. I do apologize to Ralph and the Wheatstraw Club for this error.

The Editor

The May meeting was voted to be held May 18, since Mother's Day was on the second Sunday, May 11th. We had a covered dish dinner at one-thirty. Johnny, K5GBN led us in prayer.

Starting to eat about one-thirty we had a good dinner. For meats we had fried chicken, barbecue cocktail, sausages, roast beef with brown gravy and potatoes with onions and garlic all cooked together. We also had barbecued baby pork ribs. Trimmings galore, fresh Texas sweet onions just out of the garden, baked beans, potato salad, and more. Then the desserts. I ate for about one hour and had to give up.

Meeting was called to order by the president Johnny, K5GBN. There were fourteen people present. Joe, WA5FLT gave the treasurer's report with out any minutes. Some of the Wheatstraw members went to Mooreland at different times, therefore there was no meeting to read minutes of.

Ralph, WA5PFK asked Joe, WA5FLT why he thought his article was not published in the May issue. Ralph wondered if he mailed it to the right address. Page two, first column gives the publisher's mailing address, but I do not know if the address is where I should mail my articles to.

Ralph, WA5PFK made a motion that Joe, WA5FLT go by the office of Red Rock park and rent a shelter for the May meeting in 1998. The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion carried.

Nick, W5UD and wife were at the meeting. Nick was a Wheatstraw member for years and had dropped out, reinstated his membership at the May dinner and meeting.

As the cost of living has gone up as expected, also our hobby of amateur radio has too. Ralph, WA5PFK said, "He was entering for discussion of his thoughts, just think about it for the 1998 dues. He thought we should raise the 1998 due for a licensed member from \$10.00 to \$12.00 with additional members remain at \$5.00. For a licensed ham with a spouse without a license, the licensee pay \$12.00 dues and an unlicensed spouse be raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Unlicensed spouse does not have voting privileges."

Meeting adjourned.

The June 8, 1997 meeting was talked about maybe we would have a picnic dinner at Roman Nose Park by the Watonga host. After the Sunday night rain with cold wind from the north, the Watonga members decided we will host the meeting at the Watonga State Bank community room. Come to the south door of the bank. We will not have a dinner, just refreshments. The room is already reserved.

Time for A Grin or Two

Think About IT

No sound is more pleasing to the human ear than the sound of some admitting that your right.

A man told his doctor he wanted a second opinion, so the doctor told him, "Fine come back tomorrow."

I've got to lose weight. My doctor told me I suffer from an over active fork.

I'm so fat my wife had to let out the shower curtain

I got on a scale and got a card back that read, "One at a time."

A guy sitting at the bar and announced, "Today's my birthday. I'll have a birthday drink."

The man beside him said, "Amazing it's my birthday too. How old are you?"

The first guy says, "Thirty-six."

The observer says, "This is uncanny, I'm thirty-six. Where are you from?"

The celebrant answered, "Pittsburgh."

The second guy says, "This is incredible. That's where I'm from. Where did you go to school?"

The first guy says, "Pittsburgh Catholic."

The second guy says, "I can't believe it. That's where I went to school."

Just then the phone rings and its the owner of the bar. He asks the bartender, "Do you have any customers?"

The bartender says, "There's no one here except the drunken O'Brian twins."

A traveling salesman walked into a FORD dealer's shop one day, and saw new equipment. A new tune-up machine, new

hydraulic press, saying man does this equipment look nice.

The service manager said, "If you think this is something come on upstairs." This was in the early computer days when they were so large, the whole wall was lined with it. The salesman asks, "What in the world is that?"

The service manager answers, "That's a new computer, it will not nor can not tell a lie, it will answer any question you wish to ask.

The service manager says, "Start here at this end and write any question you wish and it will give you the correct answer."

The salesman wrote on the card, What is my daddy doing? Taking the salesman to the other end of the wall, and said, "Take that card out of the slot and there's your answer."

The salesman said, "See it lied, my father is dead."

The service manager said, "Wait a minute, it will not an can not tell a lie." "You ask it any other question you wish and I will prove it to you."

So the salesman wrote on the card, "What is my mother's husband doing." He went to the other end pulling the card out of the slot. The card read your mother's husband is dead, but your father is down Florida fishing.

Ralph, WA5PFX

Airline & Railroad Safety

The following highly relevant document was forwarded to me by a pretty high government official (so who could doubt it?).

It seems the US federal Aviation Administration has a unique device for testing the strength of Windshields on airplanes. The device is a gun that launches a dead chicken at a plane's windshield at approximately the speed the plane flies.

The theory is that if the windshield doesn't crack from the carcass impact, it will survive a real collision with a bird during flight. It seems the British were very interested in this and wanted to test a windshield on a brand new, speedy locomotive they're developing.

They borrowed the FAA's chicken launcher, loaded the chicken and fired. The ballistic chicken shattered the windshield, went through the engineer's chair, broke an instrument panel and embedded itself in the back wall of the engine cab. The British were stunned and asked the FAA to check the test to see if everything was done correctly.

The FAA reviewed the test thoroughly and had one recommendation:

"Use a thawed chicken."

Priest

An elderly priest invited a young priest over for dinner. During the meal, the young priest couldn't help noticing how attractive and shapely the housekeeper was. Over the course of the evening he started to wonder if there was more between the elderly priest and the housekeeper than met the eye.

Reading the young priest's thoughts, the elderly priest volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, my relationship with my housekeeper is purely professional."

About a week later, the housekeeper came to the elderly priest and said, "Father, ever since the young Father came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose he took it do you?" The priest said, "Well, I doubt it, but I'll write him a letter just to be sure." So he sat down and wrote: "Dear Father, I'm not saying that you 'did' take a silver gravy ladle from my house, and I'm not saying you 'did not' take a gravy ladle. But the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner."

Several days later the elderly priest received a letter from the young priest which read: "Dear Father, I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with your housekeeper, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with your housekeeper. But the fact remains that is you were sleeping in your own bed, you would have found the gravy ladle by now."

Soaps

The following letters are taken from an actual incident between a London hotel and one of its guests. The Hotel ended up submitting the letters to the London Sunday Times!

Dear Maid,

Please do not leave any more of those little bars of soap in my bathroom since I have brought my own bath-sized Dial. Please remove the six unopened little bars from the shelf under the medicine chest and another three in the shower soap dish. They are in my way. Thank you,

S. Berman

Dear Room 635,

I am not your regular maid. She will be back tomorrow, Thursday, from her day off. I took the 3 hotel soaps out of the shower soap dish as you requested. The 6 bars on your shelf I took out of your way and put on top of your Kleenex dispenser in case you should change your mind. This leaves only the 3 bars I left today which my instructions from the management is to leave 3 soaps daily. I hope this is satisfactory.

Kathy, Relief Maid

Dear Maid -

I hope you are my regular maid. Apparently Kathy did not tell you about my note to her concerning the little bars of soap. When I got back to my room this evening I found you had added 3 little Camays to the shelf under my medicine cabinet. I am going to be here in the hotel for two weeks and have brought my own bath-size Dial so I won't need those 6 little Camays which are on the shelf. They are in my way when shaving, brushing teeth, etc. Please remove them.

S. Berman

Dear Mr. Berman,

My day off was last Wed. so the relief maid left 3 hotel soaps which we are instructed by the management. I took the 6 soaps which were in your way on the shelf and put them in the soap dish where your Dial was. I put the Dial in the medicine cabinet for your convenience. I didn't remove the 3 complimentary soaps which are always placed inside the medicine cabinet for all new check-ins and which you did not object to when you checked in last Monday. Please let me know if I can of further assistance.

Your regular maid, Dotty

Dear Mr. Berman,

The assistant manager, Mr. Kensedder, informed me this morning that you called him last evening and said you were unhappy with your maid service. I have assigned a new girl to your room. I hope you will accept my apologies for any past inconvenience. If you have any future complaints please contact me so I can give it my personal attention. Call extension 1108 between 8AM and 5PM. Thank you.

Elaine Carmen, Housekeeper

Dear Miss Carmen,

It is impossible to contact you by phone since I leave the hotel for business at 7:45 AM and don't get back before 5:30 or 6PM. That's the reason I called Mr. Kensedder last night. You were already off duty. I only asked Mr. Kensedder if he could do nything about those little bars of soap. The new maid you assigned me must have thought I was a new check-in today, since she left another 3 bars of hotel soap in my medicine cabinet along with her regular delivery of 3 bars on the bath-room shelf. In just 5 days here I have accumulated 24 little bars of soap. Why are you doing this to me?

S. Berman

Dear Mr. Berman,

Your maid, Kathy, has been instructed to stop delivering soap to your room and remove the extra soaps. If I can be of further assistance, please call extension 1108 between 8AM and 5PM. Thank you,

Elaine Carmen, Housekeeper

Dear Mr. Kensedder,

My bath-size Dial is missing. Every bar of soap was taken from my room including my own bath-size Dial. I came in late last night and had to call the bellhop to bring me 4 little Cashmere Bouquets.

S. Berman

Dear Mr. Berman,

I have informed our housekeeper, Elaine Carmen, of your soap problem. I cannot understand why there was no soap in your room since our maids are instructed to leave 3 bars of soap each time they service a room. The situation will be rectified immediately. Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience.

Martin L. Kensedder, Assistant Manager

Dear Mrs. Carmen,

Who the hell left 54 little bars of Camay in my room? I came in last night and found 54 little bars of soap. I don't want 54 little bars of Camay. I want my one damn bar of bath-size Dial. Do you realize I have 54 bars of soap in here. All I want is my bath size Dial. Please give me back my bath-size Dial.

S. Berman

Dear Mr. Berman,

You complained of too much soap in your room so I had them removed. Then you complained to Mr. Kensedder that all your soap was missing so I personally returned them. The 24 Camays which had been taken and the 3 Camays you are supposed to receive daily. I don't know anything about the 4 Cashmere Bouquets. Obviously your maid, Kathy, did not know I had returned your soaps so she also brought 24 Camays plus the 3 daily Camays. I don't know where you got the idea this hotel issues bath-size Dial. I was able to locate some bath-size Ivory which I left in your room.

Elaine Carmen, Housekeeper

Dear Mrs. Carmen,

Just a short note to bring you up-to-date on my latest soap inventory. As of today I possess:

- On the shelf under medicine cabinet - 18 Camay in 4 stacks of 4 and 1 stack of 2.
- On the Kleenex dispenser - 11 Camay in 2 stacks of 4 and 1 stack of 3.
- On the bedroom dresser - 1 stack of 3 Cashmere Bouquet, - 1 stack of 4 hotel-size Ivory, and 8 Camay in 2 stacks of 4.
- Inside the medicine cabinet - 14 Camay in 3 stacks of 4 and 1 stack of 2.
- In the shower soap dish - 6 Camay, very moist.
- On the northeast corner of tub - 1 Cashmere Bouquet, slightly used.
- On the northwest corner of tub - 6 Camays in 2 stacks of 3.

Please ask Kathy when she services my room to make sure the stacks are neatly piled and dusted. Also, please advise her that stacks of more than 4 have a tendency to tip. May I suggest that my bedroom window sill is not in use and will make an excellent spot for future soap deliveries. One more item, I have purchased another bar of bath-sized Dial which I am keeping in the hotel vault.



Edmond Amateur Radio Society

EARS Board

The May Board meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM on Wednesday evening, May 7th at the Club Station. Fourteen Board and Club members were present. The Minutes were read and J. B., K0JF provided the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted as given.

Field Day plans were discussed, and a decision was made to have the June Dinner Meeting on Field Day, June 28th. A potluck will be planned and the Calling Committee will be in touch with all members with further detail as the date approaches.

A source was found for providing Club vests for any interested member. The vests will be sewn to order, and will include the silk screening of the Club logo on the back. They will be invaluable for any Club member who participates in communications functions, such as the 4th of July Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade, and registration at Ham Holiday. It will enable the public to clearly identify those of us who are available for assistance. The cost for each vest is \$23.00. Anyone interested in a vest should contact Clara Granger, KG5UG at 341-2968 as soon as possible.

Clara and John, WB5SYT have contacted all former Club members whose membership renewal was pending. Starting with a list of 83, they soon picked up all but 22. Several new members have recently joined, and there is a high level of interest in the upcoming Club activities.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The June Board Meeting will be held

at the Club Station at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 4th. All are cordially welcome to attend!

EARS Club Business Meeting

The May Business Meeting was opened at 2:08 PM on Sunday, May 18th at St. John's. Thirty-two (32) members and guests were present, who each introduced themselves to the group.

The Minutes from the March Business meeting were read and accepted. Clara, KG5UG read the April Treasurer's Report in the absence of Treasurer, J. B., K0JF. The Report was approved as read.

Clara updated the group on the status of several members who have recently had surgery. All are doing well, and most are back to work. Members signed Get Well cards for Tommie Guinn, Harold Hall and Shelby Mize, who are recovering from recent surgeries.

Lee, KA5WIS reported that the repeater codes will be changed this afternoon. Members were advised by the Calling Committee of these changes. Replacement of the tower hard-line is currently on hold, pending UCO's work on their tower, expected within the next month or two. UCO's construction crew will install the EARS hard-line at the same time they are on the tower for UCO. The South receive site for the 147.135 repeater has been moved to the water tower at 33rd & Broadway and a 70 cm beam antenna has also been erected. The 443.425 repeater has been linked with several towns in Western Oklahoma, to assist in weather reporting.

Dave Storey, K0TYC reported that a reservation has been made for the pavilion at Chitwood Park, Edmond, for Field Day operations. Other possible locations are being researched and the Calling Committee will keep members

advised. Dave will prepare a list of Field Day needs and make an announcement on the Monday Night Net.

Edith, KA5YPX reported that there are still a few EARS T-shirts available for \$10.00 each. If anyone is interest, please give her a call at 348-2961.

PRESENTATION: Frank McCollom, Trustee of the ARES station N5FM located at the Salvation Army Division Headquarters in OKC have an excellent overview of the Salvation Army's activities and their volunteer communication needs. They are needing 5 to 10 local hams willing to be trained in specific areas of need and available one Saturday per month, and during emergencies. Brad Nelson, KJ0W was also present to offer information and answer questions.

The EARS Club will be supplying communication assistance at the Edmond 4th of July Parade and again that evening during and after the Fireworks program. Requests for volunteers will be given on the Monday Night Nets. Anyone interested can also contact any of the EARS Board members.

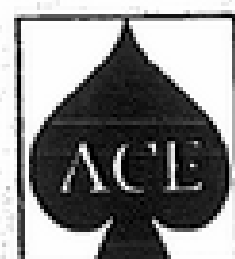
The Meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.

Give EAR to the following upcoming events and mark your calendar?

Monday Night Information Net @ 8:00 PM on 147.135

Listen-in Check-in
and get the scoop on these and other items of interest?

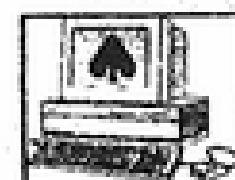
Wednesday, June 4th - EARS Board



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Meeting at Club Station, 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 28th - Field Day Noon, 6/28/97 through Noon, 6/29/97 at Chitwood Park, Edmond

EARS outdoor Dinner Meeting (Potluck) - 6:00 PM, 6/28/97 (Details will follow via Calling Committee).

Friday, July 4th - EARS Club assistance with Edmond 4th of July Parade

EARS Club assistance with Edmond's Fireworks Display

Friday/Saturday, July 25-26th - EARS Club will handle registration at Ham Holiday

The Gift that Gives!

Club President, Jay Lytle, KB5VDH reminded the Board that the EARS Club has an account at the Blood Bank. Blood can be donated at any location and designated to be credited to the Club account.

Our newest little 'Piglet'

(Is that a baby ham??)

Congratulations to Steve, KC5RYT and Patricia, KC5YBP Kuper on the birth of their new baby daughter, Claire Kathleen, born May 17, 1997 at 6:58 PM and weighing in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. They gave their announcement on the May 19th Monday Night Net, and all those listening were given an opportunity to congratulate them one-on-one. Such a treat!

Look forward to seeing you at the Summer activities.

73 de Sharon, KM5GV

CONGRATULATIONS to our 1997 Graduates?

Denise Thomason, KC5OVD daughter of John, WB5SYT and Jana, N5KMJ Thomason.

Karri Vinson, daughter of Richard, N5QIT and Terry Vinson.

Mike Miller, N1XSF son of Hal, KB1ZQ and Linda, N1LPN Miller.

Jason Bogner, son of J. B., K0JF and Terry Bogner.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOOOOO?"

****Belated May Birthdays****

Harold Hall KA5AGM - May 2
Clara Granger KG5UG - May 4
Evelyn Carder KC5GFX - May 7
Dwight Shrum KC5YKH - May 8
Donna Seible N5PYV - May 9
Mary Wells KA5WHI - May 11
Harold Plunk K5GBF - May 17
Gary Ummel KC5UWA - May 19
Lee Vaughn KA5WIS - May 20
Wesley Foote KC5ZBX - May 22
Stefy Guinn KB5HWI - May 24
Bev Johnson KB5YHX - May 28
Allen Watson W5ERY - May 29

****June Birthdays****

Pete Holcombe KC5SXX - June 1
Leo Neyer K0LOT - June 3
Frank Tassone AA5GI - June 3
Kay Sage KB5LDO - June 7
Joel Beasley KB5FCF - June 8
David Wolf KC5KJE - June 8
A.C. Adams KA5WGV - June 12
Jay Lytle KB5VDH - June 14
Bill Herod KG5LR - June 15
Donald Waits N5KLI - June 17
Jim Purpura KB5YHT - June 23
John King KB5BLE - June 28
Claudia Welch (Pending) - June 30

Keep the following in your thoughts and prayers?

Harold Hall, KA5AGM - Underwent bypass surgery in early May. Harold is doing much better and getting stronger all the time.

Shelby Mize, KA5YPE - Recuperating from recent foot surgery. Getting along quite well.

William Palmer, AA5JI - Had to retire. In a lot of discomfort with a spinal problem.

Jim Rynearson, KC5MJS - reports that his Mother is having some serious health problems and he would appreciate our prayers.

Tommie Guinn, KA5WAV - Recuperating from surgery, but unable to return to work as yet.

Bob Hebert, N5SAG - Recovering from surgery, but still has some medical problems and will be undergoing some tests.

Frank Tassone, AA5GI - Recuperating from knee surgery. Back at work, but still having some problems.

Onis Cox, KC5RPC - Onis' arm is healing fine; still undergoing therapy for his back and knee. The therapy is helping.

Everyone, including A. C. Adams, Clarence Dollmeyer, Robert Thomason and Bill Herod have expressed their appreciation to the EARS family for their concern, prayers and get well wishes.

We all hope each of you continue to improve and feel better.

Last month we announced the birth of a new little girl to Carl, KC5YKL and Amy Shortt. Well, Amy's done it again!! She has passed her Novice and Technician theory exams, and now sports a call sign of her own?. KD5AVJ. Congratulations, Amy !!

73 Clara Granger, KG5UG

Sunday Mornings

Bright and early each Sunday morning at 8:00 AM you will find several EARS members checking into the Oklahoma Phone Emergency Net (OPEN). This net is managed by Bennett Basore, W5ZTN, who operates from the OSU club station W5YJ in Stillwater. Bennett is the OK Emergency Coordinator. This statewide net meets at 3900 to function as a preparation platform for emergency service communication. Our club member Sam Sitton, W5CU, serves as one of the net controls to coordinate the roll call check-ins. He does a splendid in keeping the check-ins and traffic moving at a brisk pace.

The club station, KC5ORP, is a net member and is therefore on the roll call. The recognition for EARS and use of the club station for preparation is an excellent display of your club "reaching out to Oklahoma".

Dee, WD5FHR, is a net member and often checks in the club station. To ensure continued station availability and awareness by other net members regular check-ins from each member is required. Otherwise, how can a stations availability be trusted? Other EARS members who are OPEN members include:

Jim Richardson-N5OHL
 Bill Thompson-N5KLG
 John Thomason-WB5SYT
 Richard Winnard-KB5TCY
 Ernie Wolf- K5YKD

When possible listen to the net and learn how your fellow club members are ensuring their "powder is dry" when public service is needed. You might like to contribute to the club station maintaining its membership by checking in KC5ORP at 8:00 am on 3900 on a Sunday morning. Contact Dee to arrange your being at the club station at the appointed time. It is fun and is quite a learning experience to keep up with the "pale moon light from little ole Lawton." Or you could ponder the answer when a check-in is asked by a net control "what have you for the good of the order." Consistent check-ins and net members include the following:

Coy Day, N5OK, OK Section Manager
 Jim Haynie, WB5JBP, West Gulf Div. Director
 Barney Boone, KJ5AE, West Gulf Div Vice Director

Coy checks in from Union City, OK while Jim and Barney are in North Texas. As you can imagine topics cover vital points of concern to Amateur Radio operators be it emergency service or other areas needing updating or action.

A great forum to get answers, information or to stay current with happenings in OK Amateur Radio. You will hear stations in the panhandle, from Grove, Lake Eufala, Lawton and many points in between. Plus stations in other states. Give it a try sometime.

73 de John, WB5SYT

Fly United

An award should go to the United Airlines gate agent in Denver for being smart and funny, and making her point, when confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo.

During the final days at Denver's old Stapleton airport, a crowded United flight was canceled. A single agent was rebooking a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket down on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight and it has to be FIRST CLASS."

The agent replied, "I'm sorry sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out."

The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "Do you have any idea who I am?"

Without hesitating, the gate agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone. "May I have your attention please?" she began, her voice bellowing throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at the gate WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to gate 17."

With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the United agent, gritted his teeth and swore "%#@\$_*&^!"

Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to stand in line for that, too."

The man retreated as the people in the terminal applauded loudly. Although the flight was canceled and people were late, they were no longer angry at United.

THE BS7H STORY

The long awaited BS7H DXpedition to Scarborough Reef was forced shut down early because of international politics. The operation appears to be the innocent victim of an ongoing feud over territorial

economic rights between the Peoples Republic of China and the Philippines.

Scarborough Reef is undisputed Chinese territory, but the Philippines claims the shoal is within its 200 mile exclusive economic zone. According to DXpedition spokesman Tim Totten, N4GN, on April 28, just hours after the BS7H ship departed from Guangzhou, the Philippine government announced that three Chinese military ships were spotted in the Spratly Islands. Philippine President Fidel Ramos lodged a diplomatic protest with China and ordered an increased military presence in the area. Although the Spratlys are some 300 miles south of Scarborough Reef, the BS7H crew and the Chinese research team soon found themselves mired in escalating political friction.

On April 30th, the first day BS7H was on the air, two Philippine military reconnaissance jets flew over the reef at low altitude. The next day a Philippine Navy ship arrived at the reef. It was later followed by a second military vessel. Totten says that Philippine Navy officers visited each of the three BS7H operating sites. In discussions with the hams and the captain of the lead Ocean Bureau ship, the military personnel asserted the Philippines position that Scarborough Reef was within the Philippines economic territory. For their part, the Chinese stated their position that Scarborough Reef is in PRC territory and provides the basis for a 12 nautical mile territorial sea surrounding the reef.

Totten says the Philippine Navy officials seemed satisfied that the DXpedition did not constitute economic activity in the area. But the Navy officers insisted that while it was okay for the Chinese ships to pass through, they could not stop in any one place for a prolonged period of time. Totten says that the Chinese Ocean Bureau captains were unable to reach any agreement with the Philippine Navy officers on this issue. As such, they decided to leave the reef and return to Guangzhou rather than risk escalating tensions. The DXpedition went QRT on May 3 at approximately 06:45 UTC just three days after it got under way.

(Via N4GN, ARRL, others)

**VHF Club****NEWS****W5LOW***Elmer Goekler Memorial
Station***Oklahoma Central VHF
ARC**

Club minutes of the May 15th, 1997
meeting.

The Oklahoma Central VHF ARC held the regular meeting at Neighbors Country Kitchen, Classen Blvd. at N. 33rd St. President Jackolyn, KA5ENU, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with 11 members and guests in attendance.

Minutes for last months meeting were presented to the members and approved.

The treasurers' report was given by Jim, W5AI, and approved.

There was no subject brought up under old business, nor under new business.

Jim, N5BEQ, brought in several antennae, mostly mobile vertical whips, to just give to whoever needed them. They were snapped up by various members who all expressed their appreciation to Jim.

For MFJ, or Meetings' Funniest Joke, there was only one entry, and there was concern whether it met PC requirements. Check this space next month and see if appears then.

We were having such a good time that we almost did not get a "second the motion" to adjourn, until one member asked for a breakfast menu, and that did it. With that the meeting was adjourned at 5:41PM so people could admire the antennae that Jim brought.

73, de J. R., KB5WVE

Club minutes of the April 17, 1997
meeting.

The Oklahoma Central VHF ARC held the regular meeting at Neighbors Country

Kitchen, Classen Blvd. at N. 33rd St. President Jackolyn, KA5ENU, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with 16 members and guests in attendance.

The first order of business was the report by the club treasurer, Jim, W5AI. Jim reported that there had been no financial transactions during the month so the report was the same as last month. It was moved and seconded that the report be approved and the motion carried.

Minutes for last months meeting as published in the C&E were approved. There was no subject brought up under old business, nor under new business.

Bob, W5HXL, gave the report on the last CORA meeting. That report will be included in the minutes of the next VHF Club meeting. Jim, N5BEQ, reported that the official age of the CORA organization dates from the day of incorporation rather than the day of the first meeting and the records now reflect that.

The most notable thing of the meeting was it occurred on the birthday of Fred, W5NL, and he was properly serenaded with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday!"

With that the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM and it was noted that eleven minutes was not a record for brevity for the VHF Club.

73, de J. R., KB5WVE

**APPLE TAKES EXCEPTION
TO LEAGUE'S 5-GHz STAND**

Apple Computer does not like a filing by the ARRL opposing Apple's efforts to deploy so-called Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure or UN2 devices in the 5 GHz range.

Earlier this year, the FCC made available 5.15 to 5.35 and 5.725 to 5.825 GHz to these devices under Part 15 of its rules. The spectrum involved includes part of a secondary Amateur Radio allocation. So the ARRL filed comments opposing Apple's requests insofar as they would

increase the potential for interference to amateur operations.

Three petitions for reconsideration were filed by various industry groups, but Apple's was the only one that concerned the amateur allocation. Apple said the League's objections reflect the League's general opposition to any shared use of Amateur Radio Service frequencies rather than the presence of any real threat to Amateur Service operations posed by Apple's proposal. Apple went on to say that the ARRL failed to show that non-spread spectrum UN2 transmitters using highly directional antennas pose any greater interference threat to hams than do spread spectrum transmitters using highly directional antennas.

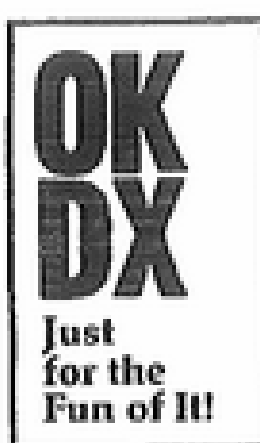
As previously reported the FCC relaxed the restrictions on the use of directional antennas in conjunction with spread spectrum devices on April 3rd. Apple is demanding that the FCC to treat UN2 directional antennas the same way.
(Via ARRL)

FCC STAFF CHANGES

Some staff changes at the FCC could affect Amateur Radio. First is David E. Horowitz. Horowitz has been appointed Chief of the Private Wireless Division in the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. And Lisa M. Higginbotham has been appointed Deputy Chief of Legal of the Private Wireless Division. Also Richard Engelman, N4COP, has been named Chief of the International bureau's Planning and Negotiations Division.
(Via FCC Release)

PATTY WINS AGAIN

Some other names in the news, starting with Country music entertainer Patty Loveless, KD4WUJ. For the second year in a row, Patty has been named top female vocalist. This, during the annual Academy of Country Music awards on April 23rd. Patty was also the Country Music Association's female vocalist for 1996. She is married to album producer Emory Gordy Jr., W4WRO.
(Via ARRL)



OKlahoma DX Association

----- FROM THE PREZ -----

Hello everyone. Get those new antennas up this summer. It's official, the sunspots ARE coming back. You want to be ready. Next fall, 10 meters will start coming to life. If you have not experienced 10 meters with sunspots, you will be amazed. The entire world opens up and can be worked with only a few watts.

If you do not have a gain antenna on 10 meters, you should build one. A 3-element 10 meter beam is relatively small. Dare I say it, about the size of a CB antenna; in fact, a CB antenna can be converted to 10 meters. You can even build one from small lumber and wires or build a quad. Get it up on a 20 foot push-up pole that you turn by hand and you can work the world. Just point it toward the sun. East in the morning; west in the evening. Working 10 meters can be one of the biggest thrills in amateur radio.

I just returned from the Dayton Hamvention. There is nothing in amateur radio like "Dayton". Making the trek through 2500 outdoor flea market spaces and the hundreds of commercial exhibits indoors is an experience in its self.

However, to me, the excitement begins after the Hara Arena closes and the DXers and Contesters migrate to the Crown Plaza Hotel for an evening of socializing. No less than 10 hospitality rooms are available during the three nights. The crowds spill into the hallways. As a person makes his way around the Hotel looking at the name tags its like operating a contest or running a DX pile-up. Virtually every well know contesteer and DX operator is there. For example, I ran into 4X4NJ who gave me my most memorable contact on 160 meters last year. I ate with world champion contesters. Most of all, I saw old friends that I don't get to see anywhere else. Isn't friendship what it's all about anyway?

If you have not been to Dayton, you should try to get there at least one time. The closest thing to Dayton will be coming up in Oklahoma City in July. That is Ham Holiday. If at all possible, please volunteer to give the CORA people a hand with HH. Can you spare a few hours or days for your hobby. Give Hal or Linda a call and offer to help.

At Ham Holiday, OKDXA will hold annual elections. If you would like to hold an office or would like to make a nomination, please let me or Mark Byard know. We would love to give you the opportunity to get involved.

73, Jim Hood, K5TT

----- DX NEWS -----

• CY9 coming up

Mike Smith, VE9AA, Doug Shepard, VE1PZ, and Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, will activate St. Paul Island from 26 June to 3 July. Their call will be CY9AA.

Their goal is to make as many contacts as possible on CW and SSB on all bands from 160 to 2 m. QSLs go to VE9AA (Michael Smith, 271 Smith Rd, Waterville, Sunbury Co, NB, E2V 3V6, Canada). Sponsors and donations are still welcome and can be sent to VE9AA. Further information is available at

<http://www.uksmg.org/cy9.htm>

• The BS7H story

Most everyone has probably already read the details so I'll make this short. The BS7H operation was closed down after only three days of operation because of political tete-a-tete between the governments of The Philippines and The People's Republic of China. The skippers of the Chinese vessels which transported the DXpedition, not willing to be caught in the middle of any tensions, returned to the reef and picked up the operators.

• DXpedition to Willis Is., VK9

Jim Hood, K5TT, writes, "Hello Mark. You may want to publish this info. Ann is a friend of several of us in OKC as she is an engineer with FAA and has been in OKC often going to school. She operated with us at NJ1V and helped the FAA club

win a contest plaque. I think local people will be interested in reading about her. She also operated from Grenada this past winter." 73, Jim

Good evening all,

It is final that I will be going on a DXpedition on Willis Island leaving Cairns, Australia on 9 September on a 60 foot boat. Willis Island is approximately a 30 hour journey from Cairns. We expect to be on the air for 11 to 12 days beginning 11 September 1997. Check out the latest information on the ODXG World Wide WEB page

<http://www.keylink.com.au/odxg/odxgwillis97.html>

I hope to work you all.

Ann wals@tiac.net

• R1FJZ QSLs

Reports on the DX Reflector say that some QSLs from R1FJZ are coming out via the bureau. G3NYY reports receiving cards for QSOs in 1995 and 1996.

Furthermore he says DF7RX is no longer the QSL Manager for R1FJZ. The new manager is Boris, U3AJ. All cards sent to DF7RX have supposedly been forwarded to U3AJ.

----- OKDXA STUFF -----

• OKDXA badge update

Oklahoma DX Association badges are now appearing on DXers great and small across the Sooner State! Every member should have received a recent mail out advertising our new name/call sign badge. Why, there is even a well-known (infamous?) yankee-Texan DXer that has ordered one!

Our badge vendor is The Sign Man of Baton Rouge, Rick Pourciau, NV5A. Rick has created a very professional badge. It is 3.5 x 2.25 inches and medium gray in color (to go with any color clothing). The logo is in black and the name and call are white. The logo is hot stamped, not etched, for very fine detail. The name and call are routed, not etched. The look is very professional and clean. The price is just \$6.95 which includes first class mail shipping. We hope all of our members will order a badge and wear it to all of their Amateur radio functions. Help advertise the OKDXA!

The Sign Man of Baton Rouge has a WWW site and you can order your OKDXA badge via the internet if you like. He is also set up to take your credit card info but if you prefer not to transmit your charge card info over the 'net you can still place your order on the web and call Rick on his toll-free number to leave payment info. The WWW address is

<http://www.thesignman.com>

Rick's toll free telephone number is 1-888 HAMTAG1 (426-8241).

• Ham Holiday coming up in July

Well, summer time is quickly approaching and that means it is time to start thinking about attending CORA's Ham Holiday in OKC. This year's hamfest will be on July 26 and the OKDXA will, as in the past, hold our annual meeting at this hamfest. This will be our election of officers and we will have a few other items of business as well. We should have more details in the next newsletter. I hope many of you can attend.

The OKDXA will have a booth in the fleamarket to serve as kind of a focus point for the membership. We have our caps for sale, shirt order forms, badge order forms and the like.

• Nominees to date

The following OKDXA members have been nominated and follow-up contacts have been made to confirm their willingness to serve. We encourage our members to actively participate in the nomination process however we ask that you please contact your nominee first and get their permission to nominate.

Office	Nominees to date
Pres.	Jim Hood, K5TT
V.P.	Craig Boyer, AH9B
	Ross Hunt, K5RH
	Bruce Burnette, K5PX
Sec/Treas.	Mark Byard, N5OGP

Remember that we have two V. P. positions. Please pass along your nominees to either Jim or Mark. If you would like to serve simply nominate Jim or Mark and nominate yourself! We love volunteers! And of course, nominations will be accepted during our business meeting.

Our current officers are President, Jim Hood, V.P., Ross Hunt, V.P., Craig Boyer, and Sec/Treas, Mark Byard.

• VK0IR Video available

As mentioned last month, the OKDXA has purchased the Heard Island video and it is making its rounds among the membership via USPS and UPS as I type. If you would like to view the video please drop me an email, a note in the mail, or give me a call and I'll put you in the que for viewing.

Our procedure is to daisy-chain the que ... the last viewer mails it on to the next in the que, and etc. There is no need for it to come back to me each time; that would waste postage. So when the video is coming to you, you will also receive the address for the next viewer. Just package it securely and ship it on. It is a GREAT way to spend 55 minutes.

• Welcome new members and re-ups!

We have FOUR brand new members to report this month! Joining the OKDXA are Jess Bowers, W0ECM, of Owasso, OK, Charles Alden, III, KC5OVC, of Oklahoma City, Jim Limerick, N5VF, of Mountain Home, AR, and Dan Fletcher, AA5HV, of Atoka. Welcome gentlemen! We welcome back Rick Roderick, K5UR, of Cabot, AR. Rick is the ARRL Director for the Delta Division and a 160m aficionado. Welcome to all, new and "old".

• New call signs in the OKDXA

K5OH is the new vanity call for Troy Warren, ex-KE5K, in Lawton. Bill Burns, ex-KB5BG, also of Lawton, is sporting W5SZ. Congrats on the neat new calls!

• Email update/changes

In the interest of saving space and printing costs for the C&E, I'll be running just email changes and updates. Here are this month's changes and/or additions to the list.

Alden, Charles III KC5OVC
cfaiii@ibs.net
Anderson, Wade K5TN
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Burnette, Bruce K5PX
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Burns, Bill W5SZ
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Doty, Ted AA5CK
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Geary, Art KK5QS
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Ingram, Jay W5QVS
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Martin, Jeff K5WE
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Perry, Joe KE5SA
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Roderick, Rick K5UR
k5ur@arrl.org
Sikes, Clif AB5UA
terminated online service

If you are a member of the OKDXA and you have an email capability (and you wouldn't mind having it published in this NL) please email it to your Editor, N5OGP. Thanks!

• New Tulsa area DX Packet Cluster Sysop

Jess Owens, W0ECM, Owasso, has taken over the Tulsa area DX Packet Cluster from Jeff, K5WE in Coweta. Jess has the cluster up and going and is now working to get antennae in the air to re-establish some of the links. Welcome Jess and thanks for your efforts!

• Our appreciation is extended to K5WE

Jeff, K5WE, has sysoped the Tulsa area DX Packet Cluster for several years, and that through some hard and very busy personal challenges. He has worked hard to serve the Tulsa area DXers. Thanks Jeff!

• Thanks for the re-ups!

Several have chosen to take advantage of the membership application enclosed in the recent badge announcement mail out and re-up their membership for 1997-98. Still others re-uped at the Green Country hamfest. Thanks!

For confirmation purposes the following have been credited for membership through September 1998 ...

Burns, Bill W5SZ
Eichenfeld, Merle W5IER
Harrop, Paul W5DX
Horn, Dave W5AO
Perry, Joe KE5SA

Ruggieri, Jennifer KC5MMJ
 Ruggieri, Rhonda N6SKI
 Ruggieri, Russell N6EU

• *Congrats to N5XE*

OKDXA member Carl Hickman, N5XE, recently placed first in the 1996 November Sweepstakes, Oklahoma Section in the following category: single op, low power, CW. The information on the Sweepstakes Award is as follows:

Carl scored 48,326 points, with 331 QSO's, and worked 73 sections in 16 hours of operation.

Carl says, "I won this award when my call was KA5DAV. It will be interesting to see if this year's CW SS will be any different with my new vanity call."

Congratulations Carl. Carl is the Fire Chief for the Sulphur, OK, Fire Department.

• *Remember the 1997 Banquet*

The 1997 OKDXA Banquet planning is coming along nicely. The site will be the River Oaks Golf Club, just east of Edmond, OK. We are planning to have a similar menu as was enjoyed last year ... a BBQ dinner from Crockett's Smokehouse. I vote for more dessert! ha

----- MISCELLANEOUS -----

• *Bureau shipments go up to \$4.00*

From Martin Cook at the ARRL ... "Outgoing QSL Service reminder: Rates for the ARRL's Outgoing QSL Service have increased. The current rate for members is \$4 per each pound of cards or portion thereof (one pound equals approximately 150 cards). A package of 10 or fewer cards sent in a single shipment costs \$1. Add \$1 for each additional 10 cards or portion thereof. Checks or money orders are preferred (please write your call sign on all checks). Do not send postage stamps or IRCs. DXCC credits cannot be applied toward any QSL Service fees." -- Martin Cook, N1FOC

• *DX stamp service*

If you want to check the price and availability of DX stamps for your SASE, add this URL to your bookmarks for the

James Mackey DX Stamp Service. He's in CT. James offers same-day service.

<http://www.net1plus.com/users/ryoung/index.htm>

• *RF Safety calculation web site*

Member Jay Ingram, W5QVS, alerted your editor to a neat Web site which calculates power densities and reports if you are in compliance with the proposed FCC guidelines. Check out ...

<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/kharker/rf/safety/>

• *Overheard at Dayton!*

You editor has learned from a confidential Dayton hamfest source that our President, Heir Meister Hood, K5TT, may be on the verge of changing his call sign yet again! It seems Jim was standing outside an elevator visiting ... minding his own business, oblivious to the menace which lurked behind those closed elevator doors.

When the elevator doors opened several occupants got off but before the doors could close Jim heard a slanderous blast from within ... "Hey, Kay FIVE Twinkle Toes!" Shamed and humiliated Jim had to cover his brand new OKDXA badge with duct tape.

Hotel security investigated the incident but have not yet confirmed the identity of the "yell-and-run" prankster. The elevator was commandeered by security several stops later but no one could say for sure who voiced the vicious vent. The only clues were a smell - a strong, lingering odor ... the smell of garlic simmering in extra virgin olive oil, the fragrance of a just cracked wheel of fresh Parmesan ... ah ... the smells of Sicily - and a bright, glinting reflection of the elevator's light off the shiny head of a quiet man, with a big smile, who stood in the corner of the elevator.

Since John Gati is in prison (and has lots of hair by the way) investigators are closing in on a yankee-Sicilian who recently moved to the backwoods of South Texas. They ask anyone who might have a lead or idea about this case to contact the Dayton Conference Center. Thank you.

T88T, NEVER AGAIN?

I'm sure most of you have read our story "Murphy Goes On DXpedition". I've been asked several times if I would go back again after all those problems. I've also been seriously asked to accompany others back to Palau for another big effort. My answer has consistently been, never again. Just to think about it brings back painful memories. It took me months to get over the back problems and almost as long to get rid of the internal infections. I've spent many hours opening piles of envelopes, licking thousands of stamps, pasting labels on thousands of QSL's, each one of which reminded me of all that misery. Why should I ever want to go back.

I'm sitting here looking at my TS-940S and more painful memories hit me. I sent it to Kenwood and they wanted \$800 to repair it. I told them to put it back in the box and ship it back to me. I may be looking for another sick TS-940S. Maybe between two of them I could build a good one. Let's see, a couple of thousand for air fare, a thousand for hotel, another thousand for incidentals, and yet another for damaged equipment totals to about \$5,000! Never again!

I worked T88X in the WPX contest over the weekend. I noted that the window to Palau was very short. I spotted him on the cluster and a few minutes later he was gone. I heard T88JZ this morning and he was only in for a few minutes and faded. Both reminded me how short the openings from Palau to the states were. It's just a tough path. Do I want to go through that again? I don't think so.

However, when I received the letter from Father Felix, it reminded me of how wonderful the people of Palau are and all the great times we've had on other trips when I wasn't miserable. After all, we did accomplish something while we were there and they truly appreciated it. Father Felix is really a great man; I miss him. Don't get excited Dave, It may still be a while. We'll just have to wait and see.

Coy, T88T and of course N5OK

CATHOLIC MISSION

P.O. BOX 128, KOROR
REP. OF PALAU, PACIFIC, PW 96940-0128

April 15, 1997

My dear friend Coy,

Greetings from Palau via Guam. Let me begin with an apology for the long silence, even after receiving your letter of Dec. 8, 96. Since then I have gone to Chuuk, Manila, Pohnpei, and now in Guam heading back to Palau. Your letter has been going around with me as travel companion to be attended to.

I hope you have recovered completely from that back pain. I can imagine how trying it was. Even with my newly gained weight, I find it hard wiggle myself into a car or tie my shoes. I pray the multiple problems you ended up with are all gone.

Mr. Bekebekmad is now all set with the T8 licensing. After you helped set things up, a person from the U.S. government came to help implement the new change. It was not necessary. But it seems everyone is now T88 with the difference that visitors are given 2 years, and the residents 4 years. Dave's T88M was said to have been sent, but never received. I personally went and got for him another one reissued, just before I left Palau for this trip. It took a week of traveling back and forth as you know, before I finally got it. We need someone there who does not go out, a way to issue licenses when higher ups are gone.

Thank you for your Christmas wishes. We, too, have seen a change toward commercializing the meaning of Christmas. It is quite an effort for those of us who know the real meaning of Christmas to bring that across to the people.

I want to thank you very much for taking the time to do some community services. You brought Palau back on the map of the Amateur Radio World. You made many people happy, and made our crippled government on its feet in getting the licensing process in place. Your attempt at servicing our computers and advice on what we needed to do was not only of a great service to us who have limited train technicians, but also brought out the true meaning of friendship, so valuable in this commercially maddened age. Not noticing the wiring problems at the hotel and soing something about it should have given you some break in your hotel bill. I am sorry that that was not the case.

A VERY, VERY BIG THANK YOU once again. May God richly bless you and your family.

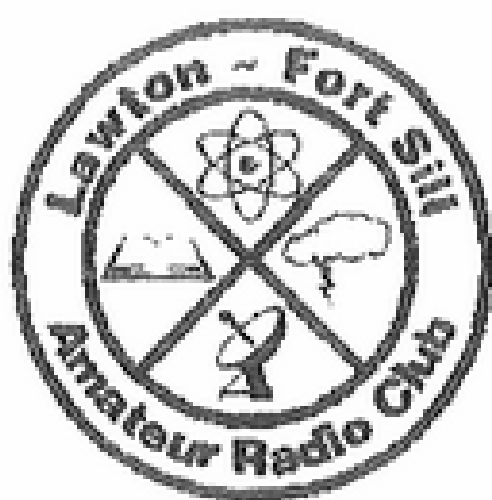
Sincerely yours, 73

Enc.

Same to Dave T88M



Felix K. Yaoch, S.J., T88SJ



Lawton / Fort Sill Amateur Radio Club

Notes from the President:

During the month of April the Club Members and visitors had a real good time at the LFSARC Hamfest Computer Fair. It was great seeing and visiting with Friends and neighbors at the fest. Thanks to Dr. Bob Morford, KA5YED and the Hamfest Committee for doing a great job working the Fest and organizing a great time. The pre-registration prize went to Charlotte Cole, KB5OJV with the main prize going to Chela Garrison, KC5JAU Congratulations. Thanks to Claude Matchette, KD5RQ and his VE Team. There were several participants testing adding several new Amateurs to our ranks along with a bunch of upgrades, congratulation to all!

The club participated in the MASCAL Exercise, along with the Civil Defense, Red Cross, Lawton Fire Department, Lawton Airport, Lawton Police Department and others. Under the direction of our Emergency Coordinator Bob Sims, W5KCB we came away from this learning experience, with some lessons learned. I have heard a lot of comments from folks that discussed ways to improve their ability to react to the next one, and that may be for real.

We participated in the St. Jude Bike Race at Cache, the KSWO 5th Season Show in the Mall and looking forward to the Tour De Meers in May. Elections will be held in June for Club Officers, the Nomination Committee, R. J., KC7ICM; Charlotte, KB5OJV and Bill, AC5DH will be presenting Nomination's at the May meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Best of luck to all candidates.

Field Day (June 27-29) will be here before we know it. Committee Chairman Mark, KC5IZN is a terrific organizer and has plenty of great ideas planned. Field Day is one of those opportunities where we can all get together, crank up the generator, make contacts, practice our emergency operations and have fun. We also get a chance to show off just how much fun amateur radio is.

As always Field Day is a committee organization. Mark will be needing your help so don't offer after Field Day. It's time to roll up your sleeve and help make this a GREAT FIELD DAY. Lets invite our friends, neighbors and work colleagues to come on out and visit and make them feel extra welcome as we introduce our hobby to the world. A SPECIAL THANKS to all those hard working Club Members that we never hear or see, but their always there doing a GREAT JOB. We know that you are busy and help when and where you can.

For those with access to the Internet, you can find an updated club roster at

www.rli.net/np/ham/w5ks.sort.by.call.html
or
www.rli.net/np/ham/w5ks.sort.by.last.name.html

You may book mark this site, but DO NOT put a link from your from your Home Page to this page. Our web page is stored at no cost to the club at the Radio Link Internet web site hosted by our friends at Johnson Computer Service, Inc. One of the topics that will be discussed at the next meeting will be registering the clubs Internet address. This will greatly reduce the length of the URL and provide the club with ownership of the address and the web pages associated with it. If the membership approves such a move the change will happen very quickly.

The month of May was very productive for the Club. We had Nominations for Club Officers at the meeting and will have the Election at the June Meeting. I am looking forward to Field Day this year, due to astronaut John Blaha and his wife being here. The Club provided communications for the Tour De Meers, Thanks to Bob Simms, W5KCB and Crew

for the great Job. The Lawton Ft Sill Amateur Radio Club's Thursday evening Net is now called, Southwest Oklahoma ARES Net, this net is called each week at 7PM on the 146.91 - offset.

73..de..N5UJB

And for the other News.

We are getting ready to close out another term of officers. We have a fine slate of candidates; for President we have KA5CLI and N5PYD, Vice President filled the field with KC5IZN, KC5TTY and AC5DH, for Secretary/Treasurer we have KC5CYY and KC7OPP. All are fine amateurs and will do a fine job serving as a club officer. The June meeting will be held at Mr. Gatti's at 7pm and will include officer elections.

The membership recently decided to register the Club's Domain Name with the INTERNIC (a registration service for the Internet.) We were very fortunate in that w5ks.org was not previously registered. Now when you want to find w5ks on the Internet you just have to type

www.w5ks.org

case is important so NOTE that all characters are lower case!

Create your own bio-webpage.

As many know we have a bio page available on the club web page. The following information will help you create a bio-page. Feel free to be as imaginative and inventive as possible and remember this is just so that you can have "something".

This is a basic shell to help any LFSARC member create a bio-webpage. The bio-webpage is an opportunity for the amateur to tell something about themselves. Members should feel free to be as imaginative as possible. Email your bio-page to paul@rli.net. Make sure that you include any photos that are to be included in the web page. Photo(s) are not "mandatory". If you do not have access to email, complete the form below, get your photos scanned and bring your disks by the shop, 250-4247.

If you need a photo or QSL-card scanned, go to Plantel Communications, 248-2653, located on "H" and Sheridan Ave. He will

charge you a nominal fee and you need to bring a disk so that the photo(s) can be stored.

***NOTE: All filenames in this document must be lower case!!! JCS will convert the actual filename to lower case once it is stored on the system. If you want a more indepth version of "how to" go to www.rli.net/ and click on the user's pages for additional information.

You can cut and paste this example into a simple word processor. Windows NOTEPAD or DOS edit will work just fine. Save the file as mycall.htm and examine your page(s) images with your browser.

Field Day will be something special this year. KC5IZN is working feverishly to bring in astronaut John Blaha and his wife Brenda to visit with us this year. KC7ICM is working just as hard to provide for the stations to be manned during Field Day. Blaha will be the guest speaker at several civic functions during his visit but has reserved time to spend with us during Field Day. Blaha spent possibly hundreds of hours talking to hams around the world while he was stationed on the MIR Space Station. He is one of those exceptional conversationalists, providing a commencement address to his daughters graduation while Stationed on MIR. We are all looking forward to their visit and hope not to them wear out. The goal is that when they leave here they can honestly say, That was fun and we meet some great folks!

So the invite is out to all hams or other interested persons. If you are in the southwestern corner of the state, come on out and visit us. You might just have a good time.

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HAMVENTION '97

The place is Dayton, Ohio. The event is the 1997 Dayton Hamvention that is opening as this newscast goes to air. Estimates are that upward of 30,000 hams from around the world are in town for Hamvention '97.

There's a lot more happening in Hamvention City than just the Hamvention. There's something for every member of the family. Places to go, things to see, things to do. Dick Miller, N8CBU is the General Chairman of Hamvention '97.

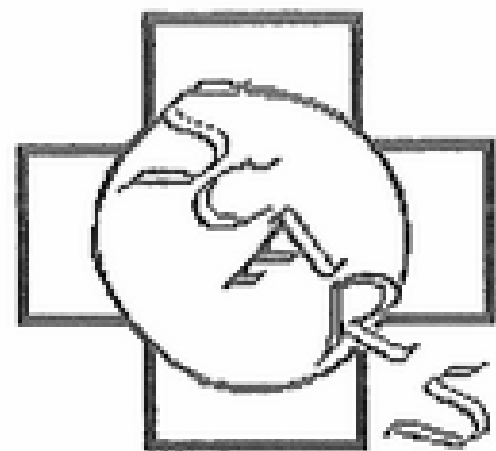
"The usual alternate activities for, years ago it was called ladies activities, it is no

longer just for ladies. There is other things. And there again I can't give you a run down of exactly what there are. Anyone that has been here knows there are various crafts and speakers and so forth. That's all held mostly at Meadowdale. Of course the Air force Museum and in past programs we have listed a lot of these. In fact in the flyer it lists a lot of things to do in Dayton like the Air Force Museum" N8CBU

Well that's a wrap from Convention City for this week. More next week.

Newsline has a team of reporters at Hamvention to bring you a full wrap-up next week.

(Via Newsline, Amateur News Weekly)



South Canadian Amateur Radio Society

Minutes - Regular monthly meeting of
May 10, 1997

The May meeting of the South Canadian Amateur Radio Society was held on Saturday, May 10 at the Red Cross building in Norman. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by club President Mike, KC5GRZ.

Following introductions of all present, we received our repeater report from Ken, N5BEW. The new Mirage amp has been installed and is performing very well. Ken also tuned the duplexer. Noise and de-sense have disappeared! Everyone is very happy, and we thank Ken for his continued great service to the club.

Next on the agenda was the CORA report by Louis, KC5AB1. Nothing unusual to report. Such was also the case with Sara, KC5ABA. Sara advises the treasury is still in good shape; there is plenty of money to finish the year. Good news, Sara!!

Don, W5DON, reminded everyone that Field Day is not far away. Start making your plans for the last weekend in June!

A great big thanks to Don, KJ5KB (and helpers?) for the outstanding job of cleaning and reorganization of the Radio Room. The job was not an easy one, and it looks great!

Closing out one of the shortest meetings in recent memory, we adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Jeff Wyke, KE5EB
SCARS Secretary

IMPORTANT! READ THIS BEFORE USING YOUR NEW RADIO!

Congratulations! You have purchased an extremely fine radio in a strikingly attractive designer case that would give you thousands of years of trouble-free service, except that you undoubtedly will destroy it via some typical bonehead ham maneuver. Which is why we ask you to:

PLEASE FOR GOD'S SAKE READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU UNPACK THE RADIO. YOU ALREADY UNPACKED IT, DIDN'T YOU? YOU UNPACKED IT AND PLUGGED IT IN AND TURNED IT ON AND FIDDLER WITH THE BUTTONS, AND NOW YOUR CHILD, THE SAME CHILD WHO ONCE SHOVED A POLISH SAUSAGE INTO YOUR VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER AND SET IT ON "FAST FORWARD", THIS CHILD ALSO IS FIDDLING WITH THE BUTTONS, RIGHT? WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST BREAK THESE RADIOS RIGHT AT THE FACTORY BEFORE WE SHIP THEM OUT, YOU KNOW THAT?!

We're sorry. We just get a little crazy sometimes because we're always getting back "defective" rigs where it turns out that some dumb ham inadvertently bathed the device in acid for six days. So, in writing these instructions, we naturally tend to assume that your skull is filled with dead insects, but we mean nothing by it. OK? Now let's talk about:

1. UNPACKING THE RADIO:

The rig is encased in foam to protect it from the Shipping People, who like nothing more than to jab spears into outgoing boxes. PLEASE INSPECT THE CONTENTS CAREFULLY FOR GASHES OR IDA MAE BARKER'S ENGAGEMENT RING, WHICH SHE LOST LAST WEEK, AND SHE THINKS MAYBE IT WAS WHILE SHE WAS PACKING RADIOS.

Ida Mae really wants that ring back, because it is her only proof of engagement, and her fiancée, Stuart, is now seriously considering backing out on the whole thing in as much as he had consumed most of a bottle of Jim Beam in Quality Control when he decided to pop the question. It is not without irony that Ida Mae's last name is "Barker", if you get our drift.

2. PLUGGING IN THE RADIO:

The plug on this device represents the thinking of the electrical industry's Plug Mutation Group, which, in a continuing effort to prevent consumers from causing hazardous electrical current to flow through their appliances, developed the Three-Pronged Plug, then the Plug Where One Prong is Bigger Than the Other. Your device is equipped with the revolutionary new Plug Whose Prongs Consist of Six Small Religious Figurines Made of Chocolate. DO NOT TRY TO PLUG IT IN! Lay it gently on the floor near an outlet, but out of direct sunlight and clean it weekly with a damp handkerchief.

WARNING: WHEN YOU ARE LAYING THE PLUG ON THE FLOOR, DO NOT HOLD A SCREWDRIVER IN YOUR OTHER HAND AND TRIP OVER THE CORD AND POKE YOUR EYE OUT, AS THIS COULD VOID THE WARRANTY.

3. OPERATION OF THE RADIO:

INSTRUCTIONS: For results that can be the finest, it is our advising that: NEVER to hold these buttons two times!! Except the battery. Next taking the (something) earth section may cause a large occurrence! However. If this is not a trouble, such rotation is a very maintenance action, as a kindly (something) viewpoint from Drawing B.

NOTE: WE MANUFACTURE ONLY THE ATTRACTIVE DESIGNER CASE. THE ACTUAL WORKING CENTRAL PARTS OF THE RADIO ARE MANUFACTURED IN AN ORIENTAL COUNTRY. THE INSTRUCTIONS WERE TRANSLATED BY MRS. SHIRLEY PELTWATER OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, WHO HAS NEVER ACTUALLY BEEN TO THE ORIENT BUT DOES HAVE MOST OF "SHOGUN" ON TAPE. WARNING: IT MAY BE A VIOLATION OF SOME LAW THAT MRS. SHIRLEY PELTWATER HAS "SHOGUN" ON TAPE.

4. WARRANTY:

Be it hereby known that this device, together with but not excluding all those certain parts thereunto, shall be warrantied against all defects, failures and malfunctions as shall occur between now and Thursday afternoon shortly before 2, during which time the Manufacturer will, at no charge to the Owner, send the device to our Service People, who will emerge from their caves and engage in ritual designed to cleanse it of evil spirits. This warranty does not cover the attractive designer case.



Oklahoma City Autopatch Association

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm by John, N5SAM. There were 26 members and one visitor present.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Bob, WA9FCT. The report was accepted as read.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as published in the C&E.

N5FM: Frank, N5FM made a presentation expressing appreciation to John, KC5DRI especially for his work in the emergency communications after the Murrah Building bombing. We will all miss John when he and his family move.

Technical Committee: All three repeaters are up and running full duplex on their own antennas and controllers with hard line feed lines. Many thanks to the crew for the hard work it took to get them to this point. Jim, N5OHL and Gene, KJ5GX spent many hours on the tower and John, KC5DRI did a lot of work on the computer programming the controllers. There are a lot of others who have contributed to this effort and continue to do so. Thanks to all for the hard work.

ORSI: A meeting of ORSI is scheduled for 1.30 p.m. on June 21st at the Salvation Army Headquarters building at the corner of Northwest 50th and Penn., OKC.

CORA: Perry, N5PJ reports Ham Holiday is on track, volunteers welcome to help out with this. The Fair Ground officials report that a building will be available for Ham Holiday 1998 even if the Hobbies, Arts & Crafts building is being renovated.

Field Day: Brad, KJ0W is organizing the clubs effort this year. We will be operating class 2A. We plan to have 2 20 foot towers with tri-banders for the two primary operating positions. We will also be operating satellite courtesy of Tom, WA9AFM. There will be a Packet station as well as 6 meters and Novice/Tech. So there should be something for everyone. The site is the Deer Creek School grounds and the activities will begin the morning of June 28th. A motion was made and passed to set the budget for this year's Field Day at \$500.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

LETS BUY OUR BANDS

A ham says that its time for the Amateur Radio Service to insure its survival by purchasing spectrum from the FCC. According to a posting on the VHF Reflector by Bob Carpenter W3OTC, the latest FCC spectrum auction was supposed to bring in \$1.8 billion to the federal coffers. Instead it pulled only \$13.6 million.

Carpenter cites a Washington Post story wherein the FCC blames the poor showing on Congress. The FCC says congress did not give the agency or the industry enough time to prepare for the latest auction.

But the low bids also might be a sign that the market for telecommunications licenses is becoming glutted, some analysts suggest. And Carpenter says that if this is the case then its time for the ARRL or some other ham radio group to start bidding. It's time for hams to place offers on any present and former ham radio spectrum that might be put up for grabs. Bob Carpenter seems to indicate that bidding random small amounts should eliminate any doubt in the multi-national world of telecommunications giants that we hams mean to keep our frequencies for decades to come.

To read the whole story about the low bidding for spectrum, simply point your internet browser to

www.washingtonpost.com

Then click on search using the key word FCC.

(Via VHF Reflector)

BERGEN ARA vs ARRL RESTRUCTURING

New Jersey's Bergen Amateur Radio Association will be sending a formal resolution to the American Radio Relay League. This, to ask the national society to slow down and take a closer look at its proposed restructuring of the Amateur Radio Service.

The text of their resolution, voted on at a May 3rd meeting urges the League to postpone any immediate consideration of its already published restructuring proposals. It also asks the ARRL to begin extensive additional study on the various issues and, most importantly, it urges the League to first begin a re-evaluation of the amateur radio mission statement to reflect modern times and conditions.

According to the Hudson Division Loop electronic newsletter, many members of the club believe that the ARRL should once again focus on the basics of protecting and promoting amateur radio along the traditional lines. These being technical orientation and high standards of operating skill.

Club members also expressed considerable sentiment that standards should not be reduced in any way. They note that certain licensing policies have, in their view, been unsuccessful in promoting stable and sound growth.

A formal resolution is in the process of being drafted. The club plans to send it to ARRL Executive Vice President Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, and others. Over 180 club members took part in the meeting that lead to the decision by the Bergen club to take what appears to be a rather hard-line traditionalist stand.

(Via ARRL Hudson Division Loop)



Choctaw Amateur Radio Club

Choctaw ARC Meeting 19 May 1997

ANNOUNCEMENT: The next CARC Swap Meet will be 14 June 1997 at the Midwest City Community Center, Reno & Midwest Blvd. next to the library. *Please note a time change! The swap Meet will be open from 8:15am to 11:15am. Tables are \$3.00 each.

The meeting began at 7pm with nineteen members and one new member, Bill, WD9GHR, present.

REPORTS:

The minutes were accepted as printed in the C&E with a correction made for Ron's call as WB9DAF, and a correction made for several lines left out of the C&E printing. The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

YL NET - The net has slowed a bit but is still going well.

TEXNET - The 2mtr is now in working order and will be up and running within the week. The Muskogee location has been fixed and Ft. Smith will soon be fixed. Don Pucket has resigned from the TPRS board and Joe Borovich has taken his place. Be sure to catch the TPRS meeting at Ham-Comm in Arlington, TX.

OLD BUSINESS:

REPEATER - The new repeater is now up and running. A few minor adjustments still need to be made. The autopatch code and procedures were gone over.

VANITY CALL - Don, N5ENQ, returned from North Dakota and then had a

hospital stay. He presented several ideas for a vanity call and will check a current list to see what's available.

PUSH-UP POLES - Three push-up poles have been purchased. Guy wires were discussed and it was decided to use nylon rope. Mike, N5WNT, will make the purchase.

FIELD DAY - The shelter has been reserved. Several details were discussed and it was decided that Mike, N5WNT, will purchase the drinks and food the club provides. Each member will provide side dishes as in the past. Bill, KC5ICR, will purchase donuts and ice. An equipment list will be passed around at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORSI - The next meeting will be on 21 June at the Salvation Army building at 50th and Penn. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

VE TESTING - In order to continue using the Rose State facility a faculty sponsor will need to be found. In lieu of finding a sponsor, Chuck, KC5EZS, made a motion to research the use of the Midwest City Community Center for testing on the same dates as the CARC Swapmeets. It was also suggested that the Midwest City Library be used. All agreed and this will be researched.

MWC Community Center - It was announced that smoking will no longer be allowed in the lobby, rest rooms, and other common places.

Carl, WB5DJQ, is now out of ICU and should return home in a few days.

Dave, WD5G, placed our club on file with the MWC Police as being available to volunteer in search and rescue. Bill, N9SQV, will do the same with the Choctaw Police.

Following the

meeting Duane, KA5WRG, presented a demonstration of the logging program to be used at Field Day.

73 de Marie, KC5HKB

Quiz Time Kiddies!

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) How long did the Thirty Years War last?

AMSAT-UK COLOQUIUM

A reminder once again that the 12th AMSAT-UK Colloquium will be held at Surrey University, Guildford England from July 25th to the 27th. Amsat-UK is inviting authors to submit papers, about amateur radio space and associated activities. Papers will be presented at the Colloquium and will be published in the "Proceedings" of this annual event. Submissions should be sent to G3RWL, via e-mail to:

g3rwl@amsat.org

(Via AMSAT-UK)

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Up Coming Hamfests / Swapmeets

MWC Swap Meet - June 14, 1997 sponsored by the Choctaw Amateur Radio Club from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m. Location NE corner of Reno and Midwest Blvd.

Ham Holiday '97 - July 25 & 26, 1997 sponsored by CORA. See advertisement in this newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VE exams on 3rd Monday of each month sponsored by C.O.R.A. 1800 @ Salvation Army HQ at NW 50th and N. Penn, Oklahoma City.

VE exams on 3rd Saturday of each month are held at 0900 at Southern Temple Baptist Church, 1821 S High, OKC. Talk in on 146.76 MHz. For more information contact Audie, AA5GB @ 799-9916.

VE exams by appointment only on 4th Tuesday of each month at 1800 in the Shawnee Public Library, 101 N. Philadelphia. Call J. W. Drummond at 275-3935 for more information.

VE exams on 2nd Saturday of each month sponsored by SCARS are held at 1000 at the American Red Cross in on Westheimer Airport in Norman. Contact Jim Copeland, NW0K at 329-1681 for more information.

VE exams on 4th Tuesday of even months are held at 1830 at the Altus Vo-Tech in Altus, OK. Contact George Mateyo AA1IJ for details.

VE exams on the 2nd Sunday of odd numbered months sponsored by the Stillwater ARC at 1500 in the OSU Engineering North Building, Room 316. Contact Ken, K5KC (405) 377-7586 for details.

VE exams on the 1st Saturday of each month at 1430 in the Vinita City Hall sponsored by Northeast Oklahoma Radio Assn.

VE exams on the 1st Sunday of each month at the American Red Cross 6th and Lincoln for more information call Jim, N5BEQ at 232-2299.

On the Air

Listings of Nets on local repeaters or sponsored by CORA members:

ARES - Oklahoma County Thursdays @ 8:00 p.m. on 146.22/82.

6 meter check in 52.525 Mhz simplex

Packet check-in on 145.07

Salvation Army - Second Saturday of the month @ 8:00 a.m. on 146.22/82.

HF 3900kHz; Packet 145.07

AMTOR @ 8:30 a.m. 14.064mHz.

Night Owl - Daily @ 10:30 p.m. on 146.07/67 with alternate 146.325/925.

OKC Swap-n-Shop - Saturdays @ 10:00 a.m. on 146.22/82.

Geritol - Daily @ 8:00 a.m. on 145.41 minus input.

Edmond Info - Mondays @ 8:00 p.m. on 147.135/735.

QCWA Chp 63 VHF - Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. on 145.41 minus input.

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YL Net - Tuesdays @ 8:00 p.m. on 147.09 plus input.

he came to the throne in 1936 he respected the wish of Queen Victoria that no future king should ever be called Albert.
8) Distinctively crimson.
9) New Zealand.
10) Thirty years, of course. From 1618 to 1648.

FOALE ON HAM RADIO

Also, astronaut Mike Foale, KB4UAC, likes ham radio and is telling the world about it. At the recent STS-84 preflight press conference Foale talked about ham radio and his stay aboard the Mir space station.


According to information posted to the AMSAT Bulletin Board by writer Philip Chen, KC4YER, Foale told reporters that he took his amateur radio exam in preparations for spaceflight STS-56. His flight commander was Astronaut Ken Cameron, KB5AWP, who Foale described as pretty serious about ham radio.

Foale says that Cameron encouraged the whole crew to get licensed. He did, and since then he has enjoyed taking part in ham radio activities. Foale says that he is looking forward to using the ham radio on the Mir throughout his stay. He adds that he will talk to anybody who can speak to him in English or Russian.

(Via AMSAT-NA)

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ (no peeking!)

- 1) 116 years, from 1337 to 1453.
- 2) Ecuador.
- 3) From sheep and horses.
- 4) November. The Russian calendar was 13 days behind ours.
- 5) Squirrel fir.
- 6) The Latin name was Insularia Canaria - Island of the Dogs.
- 7) Albert. When



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RAC TO HELP RUN HAM RADIO IN CANADA

Closer to home, the Canadian Government has told Board members of that nations ham radio society, Radio Amateurs Canada, to be ready to assume more responsibility in regulating ham radio in that nation.

Industry Canada Assistant Deputy Minister Michael Binder has promised to move forward on the joint effort to delegate the administration of the Amateur Radio Service in Canada. This, to a nongovernmental service company affiliated with the national society.

The effort was underway when it was halted earlier this year awaiting the formation of a long term funding method by Industry Canada. Binder now says that he will phase in as many aspects of the plan as possible over the next several years.

(Via Radio Amateur Canada)

LEARNING CENTER STATION

The Phoenix, Arizona Center for Amateur Radio Learning now has ham shack open and on the air. The stations call sign is W7ASC. It operates weekdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm and weekends 10:00am to 5:00pm operating the HF bands and making local VHF and UHF contacts. The sponsors goal is to expose the

thousands of Arizona Science Center visitors to Amateur Radio. For more information please visit:

www.w7asc.org

on the word wide web.

(Via press release)

6 METER CONTEST

From the Newsline radio sports page, word that the ARRL's Contest Advisory Committee is studying the interest and impact of adding 6 meters to ARRL HF contests. This, for contests that do not currently have 50 MHZ already included. Some examples would be Sweepstakes, 10 meter contest, and ARRL DX Contest.

Contest Advisory Committee representative would like to know how you feel about adding 6 meters to ARRL HF Contests. Please send your thoughts via e-mail directly to the Contest Advisory Committee at:

cac@arrl.org

(Via ARRL)

EAS FAILURE

Before we leave, we have to tell you about a government mandated test that, well, went a bit wacky. On April 22nd, television and radio stations in three states mistakenly received an alert from the government's new Emergency Activation System or EAS. It was an alert that put many people on edge according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A scheduled test transmission was intended to assist one radio station in Chicago check out its new EAS equipment. Instead an activation message went out to Florida, Louisiana and Ohio. Automatic equipment then relayed the

alert. This lead to misleading broadcasts on the affected radio and television stations.

What did it look like and sound like? Television stations tied to the system automatically sent a message to their viewers. It went crawling across the screen against a stark red background and said -- quote -- "The Emergency Action Notification Network has issued an emergency action notification for The United States beginning at 3:54 p.m. and ending at 4:09 p.m." As that was happening, a male voice could be heard on radio and television audio saying "Can you hear me? ... Testing ... Testing ... Testing."

At the beginning of 1997 the government replaced the aging Emergency Broadcast System with the new computerized Emergency Activation System. This is the same system that ham radio has been invited to take part in but that the Amateur community has not yet adopted. Mainly because hams have yet to figure a way to make the new alert system work with their repeaters and other relay stations.

But broadcasters have been complaining ever since the plans implementation. They say that both the hardware and software need a lot of work before the EAS system can be deemed reliable. Some say that it reminds them of the old joke about the computerized pilotless airplane where nothing can go wrong. Go wrong. Go wrong. Go wrong...

(Via various sources)

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FCC revises 610s

The FCC has just released a new Form 610, dated March 1997, that includes a space for your Internet address. The new form is available via the FCC's Internet site: <http://www.fcc.gov> and via the FCC's fax-on-demand service at 202-418-0177, to obtain Form 610, the form number to request is "000610."

The form is much the same as the previous Form 610, dated March, 1995, except that item 3A asking for the applicant's "Internet Address" is included on the same line as the street address. The environmental impact question, formerly item 6, has instead become a statement in the applicant certification section where the applicant certifies that "the construction of the station would not be an action which is likely to have a significant environmental effect (see the Commission's Rules 47 CFR Sections 1.1301-1.1319 and 97.13a)." The former item 7 has become item 6 on the new Form 610.

According to staff members at the Gettysburg FCC office, the FCC will continue to accept any of the three Forms 610 (dated November 1993, March 1995 and March 1997) until further notice.

In addition to the new Form 610, a revised version of the electronic Amateur Station Vanity Call Sign Request form (FCC Form 610V) is now available on the Internet at: <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/amradsrv.html>.

Under "Amateur Station Vanity Call Sign System" choose "Interactive Vanity Call Sign Application." This version allows a user to file multiple applications using one FCC Form 159 (Remittance Advice), thus permitting several applicants to file vanity applications at the same time and combine

their fee payments. The fee will calculate and preprint on the FCC Form 159, depending on the number of applications submitted. Detailed instructions are available by clicking on the item number on the Internet form. Previously, applicants had to complete a separate FCC Form 159 for each application submitted electronically.

Electronic payment is not yet available, and applicants must mail a completed FCC Form 159 with payment to FCC, Box 358994, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5994, immediately after submitting any electronic application(s).

For technical assistance, contact the FCC Technical Support Group, 202-414-1250. For general questions regarding the application or fee, call the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Consumer Assistance staff, 800-322-1117.

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ARRL comments on petition

The ARRL will file comments in response to an FCC Petition for Rulemaking from Checkpoint Systems Inc. --a manufacturer of electronic article surveillance (EAS) systems that use frequencies in the 1.7 to 10-MHz range. EAS systems are used to deter theft in retail stores and other locations. Checkpoint has asked the FCC to change its Part 15 rules to expand the frequency range and power level of EAS systems. Checkpoint wants the Commission to permit EAS operations in the 1.705 to 30-MHz band at a maximum radiated emission level of 1000 uV per meter (measured at a distance of 30 meters) and a maximum conducted emission level of 3000 uV. Current rules permit a maximum radiated emission level of 30 uV per meter (measured at a distance of 30 meters) between 1.705 and 30 MHz, or 100 uV per meter between 1.705 and 10 MHz. The current conducted emission limit for such devices operating between 1.705 and 10 MHz is 250 uV.

Checkpoint says its EAS system can detect tags concealed within or attached to protected articles by using an RF sweep over the frequency range of operation. Typically, systems are set up so that customers can only exit via an EAS-equipped gate. Checkpoint's EAS equipment currently operates within the 1.705 to 10 MHz band and is regulated as an unlicensed intentional radiator under Subpart C of Part 15. Under Part 15 rules, such devices may operate without restrictions on bandwidth, duty cycle, modulation technique or application, but must comply with specified radiation and emission limits and protect licensed services from harmful interference. Checkpoint says it needs the higher power levels to overcome "increasing levels of ambient RF noise in commercial establishments." The expanded frequency range, the company says, will allow for greater flexibility in deploying EAS systems and reduce the potential for false alarms.

The company already holds an experimental authorization to operate EAS equipment within the 7.4 to 9 MHz and 8.2 to 10-MHz bands at up to 1000 uV per meter and says it has received no complaints of interference.

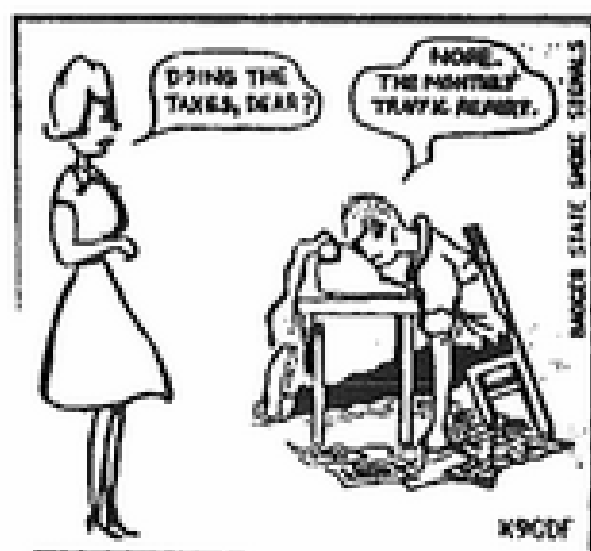
Checkpoint's Petition for Rulemaking was received by the FCC on April 28, 1997.

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May 16, 1997

ITU concludes pre-WRC-97 talks

The ITU Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) for WRC 97 has just concluded two weeks of deliberations in Geneva, Switzerland. The work of CPM has resulted in the preparation of a 250+ page book of combined technical output from the various ITU study groups as well as the concerns of the member states.

Issues of special interest to radio amateurs that were taken up in preparation for WRC 97 included the possibility of additional frequency allocations to the Mobile Satellite Service operating below 1 GHz--familiar to hams as "the little LEO issue." No specific frequencies have been identified in the CPM report for reallocation. Although the report does address a number of sharing possibilities, it makes no mention of sharing with the Amateur Service. In addition, a new concept of "broad allocations" was introduced. If adopted, this concept would result in individual nations being able to identify and allocate frequencies from a



broad pool of service allocations. This concept, being quite new and unstudied, only resulted in a call for future studies by the ITU. However, it will be watched closely by radio amateurs as it might have the potential of representing a threat to our bands. It is likely that any such studies will be prolonged over a multi-year period.

Of course, the work of WRC 97 will be guided by specific proposals submitted by individual nations. At present, countries have not yet finalized nor submitted their proposals. Until they do, the amateur community will not be able to accurately assess the threats to our bands for this conference.

Unfortunately, the Little LEOs are not the only new service searching for spectrum. One newcomer is the Earth Exploration Satellite Service's use of synthetic aperture radar (EES active) for a system of spaceborne sensors designed to collect information about environmental issues and other similar data. A variety of frequencies is being sought, possibly including 430 to 440 MHz. The amateur and amateur satellite service status in this band is somewhat complex, varying by ITU Region and even by individual country. So far, studies of sharing possibilities between the amateur and EESS (active) have not shown them to be compatible because of the interference level experienced when the two classes of stations are within line of sight.

There is also a type of EESS (active) which would make use of 1215 to 1300 MHz which is of concern to amateurs. Studies here show compatibility with some types of services but still represent a potential source of interference to amateur operations.

Over the next 90 days, the various member countries of ITU interested in seeking specific allocations for these services at WRC 97 will be making proposals for the work of the conference.

The ARRL--as the spokesman for Amateur Radio in the US--is actively participating in the work of the relevant ITU bodies on these matters along with the IARU.

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May 15, 1997

Saturday is World Telecommunication Day Telecommunication and Humanitarian Assistance is the theme of this year's World

Telecommunication Day, scheduled for this Saturday, May 17. World Telecommunication Day takes place each year on the anniversary of the creation of the International Telecommunication Union, May 17, 1865. A specialized agency of the United Nations, the ITU has the vital role of overseeing the division of the range of radio spectrum for the entire world.

Amateur Radio will be featured in a special center to be located in front of the ITU Headquarters building, at the Place des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland. Special event station operators will use the call sign 4U1ITU of the International Amateur Radio Club. The station is operated in accordance with privileges granted by Switzerland and the ITU.

The League has arranged a schedule with the Geneva special event station to convey commemorative messages from ARRL and IARU. IARU is a Sector Member of the ITU. ARRL is the International Secretariat of the IARU. U.S. individuals and groups involved in emergency communication programs such as ARES and RACES are also invited to contact and exchange messages with the station. 4U1ITU operations are expected on twenty meters from 0700z to 1900z on May 17, and from 0800z to 1500z on May 18 through May 22. QSL via the bureau or IARC, P.O. Box 6, CH-1 211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

WIAW operators will transmit the following message to 4U1ITU on May 17:

"On the occasion of 1997 World Telecommunication Day, the American Radio Relay League is pleased to convey this commemorative message on behalf of United States radio amateurs. This year's theme of Telecommunications and Humanitarian Assistance lies at the very heart of Amateur Radio. In recent weeks, for example, radio amateurs in the northern plains of the United States selflessly provided radio communication assistance, working shoulder-to-shoulder with relief agencies and the citizenry of settlements ravaged by catastrophic flooding. The ARRL hereby sends

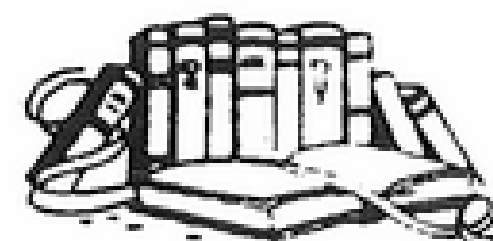
its greetings and best wishes to the International Telecommunication Union on the anniversary of its creation, and looks forward to a continuing partnership with ITU in support of Amateur Radio's contributions in domestic and global humanitarianism."

ARRL Bulletin 22
May 2, 1997

FCC proposes, ARRL opposes vanity license fee hike

Last month, the FCC proposed effectively raising the fee for a vanity call sign from 30 dollars to 50 dollars for the 10-year license term. Now, the ARRL has asked the Commission to postpone the higher fee until after all four vanity call sign gates have been opened. In comments filed April 23, the ARRL told the FCC that it does not object to the fee increase per se but said that it wants all hams to have an opportunity to request a specific call sign under the current fee schedule.

The fee increase was among those included for all FCC-regulated services--including broadcasters and commercial satellite services--in the NPRM in MD Docket No. 96-186. Under the proposal, the FCC "rounded up" all FCC-imposed 3 dollar annual fees to 5 dollars per year--the lowest fee in the new schedule. The ARRL noted in its comments to the Commission that because projected revenue from the vanity fee increase "significantly exceeds" the revenue needed to cover the costs of administering the program, a delay would be reasonable. The ARRL also asked the FCC to limit the vanity call sign fee to the minimum it needs to recoup its costs to administer the vanity program but "without rounding to a significantly higher fee." The FCC adjusts its fee schedule every year.




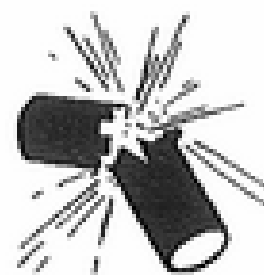
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15	16 6:00 p.m. CORA VE Exams 7:00 p.m. CARC	17 7:30 p.m. OCAPA	18	19 5:30 p.m. VHF Club	20	21
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INDIANAPOLIS 500 MARATHON

Over 20,000 runners successfully completed the Indianapolis 500 Festivals Mini Marathon thanks to the efforts of Central Indiana Amateur Radio operators. Members of the Marion County RACES organization were stationed around the race course to provide health and welfare communications on the runners.

The international field of runners started the race near Monument Circle. They worked their way around the 13.1 mile course through the streets of Indianapolis, around the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedways 2.5 mile oval before finishing back downtown.

A professional runner from Kenya won the race in a record time of 1 hour 1 minute and 56 seconds. So, despite cool temperatures and gusty winds, it still turned out to be a successful race for the runners and for amateur radio operators helping the marathon.

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