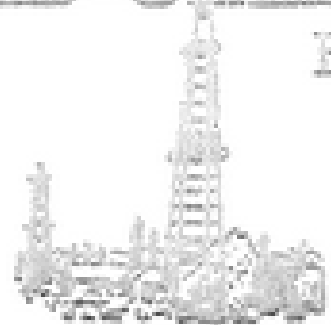


MID-OKLAHOMA REPEATER NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 1974

Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 5 at City EOC-MiniSwapfest and films

MID-OKLAHOMA REPEATER INC.



Serving Central Oklahoma Amateur Radio Operators

MORI MEETING SCHEDULED--Set for this Tuesday, November 5 at 8:00 p. m. in the City Emergency Operating Center at 4600 North Eastern. Make plans to be there. Come in and congratulate the new officers and of course, we'll have coffee and doughnuts. Film by WA9FDO and WA4AQW on the repeater site moves might be available (Egads, Another showing of Tuesday evening at the movies) Other than that, no special occasion, except that members are encouraged to bring at least one item and see if you can pawn it off (er ah swap) on somebody else. See want-ad by WA5EPK for typical items. If you have something left over from Texhoma that you haven't figured out yet, bring it along. The only ground rules are that we are to leave no debris at the EOC.

MEET THE NEW OFFICERS--As announced in the previous newsletter, the election of club officers was held at the last club meeting (Might account for the rather small turnout, 40 or so, nobody wanted to get elected) Fortunately, there were able bodied people who did step forward and took the charge to lead Mid-Oklahoma Repeater for the next year. New Officers

WA5FWD	Bill Noland	President
WA4AQW	Carl Freeman	Vice President (second term)
WA5TAW	Don Graham	Secretary-Treasurer

As explained in the previous newsletter, the change of officers officially takes place in January, but efforts have already began to make the change as smoothly as possible. Files and documents are being transferred. More importantly, Mori has much to look forward to in the coming year. Our closer association with the OKC AP Group and cooperation with the combined weather watch and the planned bi-monthly meetings. MORI's involvement with the Ham Holiday, our proposed new 450 Mhz repeater system (not to mention the conversion of about 20 HT-200 for use on the system), the stabilization of our currently three licensed stations WR5ADE, WR5ADF, WA5YTI. MORI has a good future and the leadership to provide it.

MID-STATES REPEATER (Oops, that Repeater) MEETING AT NORMAN--On a football saturday to boot, some 35 hardy souls trecked down to the University of Oklahoma on October 19th to attend the Mid-States Repeater Meeting sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club. Representatives were present from almost every major repeater installation in the state and a few out of staters made it also. Highlights were the discussion by WA5BPS and others of the roles that repeaters can play in emergencies. Pat emphasized the fact that the Tulsa machine had emergency power (Something MORI should consider) that enabled them to stay on the air during the most critical phases of the storm and tornadoes that struck Tulsa on June 8 of this year. They were at one point the only liason for communications for some emergency officials. Members of the various Oklahoma City clubs described the Memorandum Agreement which was recently signed by all the clubs in the Oklahoma City Area which detailed the duties and allocated responsibilities during emergencies. Additional information was provided about the agreement between OKCAP and MORI to provide one amateur weather service on the 22/82 repeater in a combined effort. For those of you who are not familiar with Mid States, it is a rather loose affiliation of clubs that operate repeaters that assists in providing informational channels between the clubs. Mid States also supports the frequency coordination efforts of the ARRL and Pat Devlin WA5BPS keeps records of all frequencies that he has been notified are in use in amateur repeater service whether for fixed repeater installations, control systems, or even remote base stations. This is one of the primary services, but one of the principal goals is the discussion and exchange of ideas. Members were also encouraged to write the FCC in support of the various dockets that have recently cleared the Federal Register. The Commission must have some factual basis on which to base their final decision.

PREMATURE RESIGNATIONS OR RUMOR CITY STRIKES-A recent story in the Enid Amateur Radio Club newsletter announced the resignation of WA5FSN as State Emergency Coordinator. This came as a surprise to Leonard who commented by paraphrasing Mark Twain, "Reports of my resignation are greatly exaggerated." This error apparently resulted from a few crossed wires by people who attended the Mid-States Meeting in Norman and is fortunately not true. Amateur Radio and the League can not afford to lose people like Leonard who believe in the work that they are doing and are willing to provide the assistance and work to provide this service. Leonard solicits any reports of amateurs assisting in any manner via amateur radio which are then forwarded to League Headquarters. He is on our permanent mailing list and does receive a record of the work done by MORI Members via the EOC or otherwise.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE DEPARTMENT--We were notified just recently of the receipt of a few certificates of Public Service rendered by MORI Members for their participation in the June 8 tornado. This list is by no means inclusive. Others who were similarly honored, please step forward and identify yourself and congratulations for a job well done. So far we know about WA5EPK, WB5BKU, W5MCJ, and WA5JGU. Also, at the recent Mid-State meeting, WA5FSN presented a certificate to MORI member W5MCJ certifying him as the Emergency coordinator for Cleveland County. Rah, Rah, Gang and good show.

EOC REPORT FOR NOVEMBER--Kind of a slow month. The guys at WB5KMB report some difficulties in being able to monitor the repeater (34/94) all the time because of the excessive amounts of chatter. If it is important, just keep giving a call. For those of you who chose the Autopatch of OKC AP, the number is 424-4307. Here goes.

10/4/74	2310	WB5CTA reported loose cattle on the road two miles south of the Goldby exit on state highway 74.
10/3/74	1742	WA5FFG reported an accident with no injuries at N.E. and 50th in Oklahoma City. He notified the EOC and stayed on the frequency and location until the arrival of emergency vehicles.
10/5/74	1635	WA5OPP reported a single car accident with no injuries at S.E. 29th and NARA. He initially autopatched the assistance in and then stayed on frequency until emergency vehicles arrived.
10/8/74	1724	WB5GMK reported a defective traffic light in the North Bound Left turn lane at Reno and North May Avenue. He notified the EOC.
10/17/74	1612	WA5OUU reported a single car accident without injuries in the West Bound lane of I-40 East of Classen. He notified the EOC.
10/25/74	1721	WA5AOB reported a Rail Road Light Malfunctioning at N.E. Sooner Rd. and 10th. He notified the EOC.
10/25/74	2316	WB5ISN reported a single car accident without injuries at 34th and Classen. He notified the EOC.
10/25/74	1643	K0WNL reported a single car accident without injuries at S.E. 59th and Sooner Road. He notified the EOC.

Not much on the EOC report this month. I don't think that it is because amateur operators are not attempting to report traffic problems, but perhaps lies in other areas. One suggestion. The MORI Newsletter would also like to report assistance rendered via amateur radio to the EOC and the OKC police via all repeaters. The problem is adequately logging these reports. For MORI, any calls to the EOC are recorded in the amateur log of WB5KMD at the EOC. For those who get no response from a call to the EOC and then use the autopatch, the problem is more complicated. Perhaps it might be possible to put another set of touchtone decoder filters on the autopatch line and when these calls are made, the amateur involved can tune on a recorder which would run for 30 seconds and report the accident. The tape can then be periodically reviewed and both records can be maintained. The EOC has attempted to separate out amateur calls received via the telephone but this can be quite a job.

BOOMER SOONER REPEATER--It should have arrived sooner, but it took over six months for the University of Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club to get their call letters and license for Oklahoma's newly licensed repeater station, WR5AFW (A Football Winner, and who sez that the Commission doesn't issue special call letters for repeater stations?) The frequency is on 28/88 and the trustee, WA5EPK reports that the goal of the system is to provide WalkieTalkie coverage of Norman and the surrounding area. In addition, the club would like to fill some of the holes and lack of repeater coverage between Norman and Ardmore. The repeater receiver height is a modest 110 foot on receive with a 6 db gain antenna (that took a turn in the wind during a recent wind storm that earned it the nickname of the "Notre Dame Antenna." Why? Well (Heh, Heh) Because it had a South Bend. Repairs were effected and the system is back to normal. Transmitter power is down, but should be improving. It runs a modest 1 1/2 watts and should be boosted to 20 watts soon. That will be 40 watts ERP. Another 6 db commercial grade antenna is ready for installation as soon as a site can be found. Interlopers and visitors are welcome. Please use the call letters when calling through the system until the CW IDer can be installed later this month.

HIP HIP HORRAY HAMORAMA--Another success story this year, although the attendance was down from previous alltime highs or 800 or so. Reports that between 550-600 hams showed for the festivities. W5GM reported that a messup in the mailing resulted in some of the brochures not being delivered, Still the turnout was good. One of the highlights occurred during the awarding of the prizes as one of the last official events of the fest. W5DGG, who had been present last year and suffered a heartattack which was quickly diagnosed by an in house physician and then flown out by helicopter spoke to the group and credited the quick action with saving his life. When the time came for the drawing for the Grand Prize, whose call should turn up as the winner but none other than W5DGG. One of the more pleasant coincidences.

HAM CONS--For many years, many amateurs have thought that the conviction of a person in a Federal State, or local court of any crime for which the penalty imposed was a fine of \$500 or more or an imprisonment of sixmonths or more with the the previous ten years of the application would automatically preclude obtaining an amateur license. Right? Wrong. In a letter received by the MORI Secretary requesting an administrative interpretation of the regulations brought this response from A. Prose Walker. "An amateur station license will be issued only to an amateur radio operator for his individual use or as a trustee for a bonafide amateur radio organization. A proposed amateur station to be maintained by prison officials which meets this criteria may be licensed. A conviction and subsequent imprisonment, in itself, does not preclude the issuance of an original amateur license or renewal of an amateur license. The applicant need only furnish the information contained in the instructions to Item 4 (ED NOTE involving the conviction information) on the application Form 610. No other forms are required." What does this mean? It means that depending upon the type of crime (and questions of citizenship), and whether it involved elements that might (determined administratively) dictate the unsuitableness of the person to have a radio license, then a license might be issued. For example, did the crime involve the use of radio, was it for the misuse of a radio station, was it a type of activity which taken in context might indicate the suitability of the applicant for amateur privileges. What was the purpose of the original question to the Commission? To see whether amateur stations in prisons and half-way houses could be used for rehabilitative means in the corrections process. And to this editor's opinion, there is no reason why they should be not allowed except as interpreted under the Commission's regulations. The use of amateur privileges should not turn solely on the fact of conviction, but on the facts surrounding that conviction and whether this person is one whose previous conduct indicates that he can be trusted with amateur privileges. Of course, any convict who is denied by the Amateur division then has an appeal to the entire Commission and then to the Court of Appeals and of course, the Supreme Court.

The reason why prison officials have not taken advantage of this means of rehabilitation has probably been one of ignorance, both on their part and on the part of the amateur population. Surely, there are amateurs who work in corrections who might be interested in the establishment of this type of program in order to see what assistance amateur radio might play in helping to return these people to society as productive and well adjusted citizens. Contact to the outside world via amateur radio might have a therapeutic effect that could assist in the corrections field. This would be a program worth following up to some individual member interested in corrections

BARGAIN BILLBOARD

WANT TO BUY- Tubes for my Collins Power Amplifier. Need some 3-500z. New or used, as long as they work. Call 321-0378 for Gordon Jones W5FPN, after 5 p.m. 329-6075. Give number and price.

FOR SALE-Hy-Gain Magnetic mount antenna 5/8 wave for \$15.00. 70 feet of RG214 (50 ohm double shielded) cable with PL259's on both ends for just \$4.00. Motorola Mike with PTT for \$4.00. Archer Voltage Inverter converts 6 vdc positive or negative to 12 v positive. Perfect for 6 volt systems to run your two meter Goodie. Condition unknown for just \$5.00. 3 amp hour nicad for \$3.00. B&K Audio Speech Compressor for \$5.00. WA5EPK at 321-5453 or see at meeti

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