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NEWS

AA9W EDITOR

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Excellency sez;

The weather notwithstanding, spring is rapidly approaching, and with it the season for out-of-doors activity. This month's seminar on severe weather is indeed timely and I hope it will prove useful for all those attending. New Video is promised, so as not to bore those who have seen the presentation before, besides, ~~is~~ your memory is like mine, it's good but very short and the review is handie.

Speaking of handie, there will be an FM clinic at the swapfest and with the portable events coming up this summer, why not bring your HT along and get it checked out for a trouble free summer.

Those who were not present at the last meeting - too bad - you missed a fantastic program on 'microprocessors', and as for those of you who will get this letter in the mail, if you get caught in the rain, well.....

By now the Post Party is a collection of memories for another year, in view of the work invested thanks to Marty Schreiner and her OM Russ, WB9PAS for making the party its' usual success. I especially liked the award given to Barry Anderson and XYL (hee hee).

Recent conversations with Sheboygan County Amateur Radio Club Inc., disclosed that they are contemplating a move of their 147.66/06 repeater to Plymouth, with a satellite receiver in Sheboygan, they too want HT coverage all over their county.

Don't forget, tickets for Swapfest are available on a consignment basis from Barry Anderson, WB9SFK.

Now for a 'Club Electronics Fractured Fable': Once upon a time there existed a Klub of 3 amateurs, whose names were 'Somebody', 'Anybody', and 'Nobody' (they were not related to each other). They decided to increase the membership of their Klub, and to do it would recruit novices. 'Somebody' had gotten the idea first, and was sure it was so easy that 'Anybody' could do. But you know as time went on nobody did it. 'Growth is the only evidence of life, get off your dead end and bring a friend to a meeting. (Fooled you! No moral this time.) 73
Terry A. Berg, WA9AWO

REPEATER NEWS 'N VIEWS - By KA9DDN, Skip Douglas

Just a couple of weeks ago, I changed the autopatch recorder tape. The significant thing is that this is the first time I have had to change the tape since we put the recorder in service on May 11, 1980! Thanks again to W9LO, Bob Truscott, and TV6 for the recorder and 200 years worth of tapes.

WB9VHK, Daryl Lynaugh, of the Lakeshore Repeater Association in Racine has asked me to pass on the following information relating to their repeater on 147.87/.27. They have changed all of their access codes including the free-access emergency auto-dialing codes:

- 705 - U.S. Coast Guard (Kenosha harbor)
- 706 - Kenosha Sheriff's Dept.
- 707 - Kenosha Police Dept. and Rescue Squad
- 708 - Racine Sheriff's Dept. and Racine Water Patrol
- 709 - Racine Police Dept. and Rescue Squad
- #58 - Disconnect for all the above.

In Milwaukee, the ARES repeater on 146.07/.67 has a direct line to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's office using the access code 612. To use this patch, identify your intent then DROP YOUR CARRIER before entering the access code. You only have three seconds to enter the code. If you make a mistake, wait at least ten seconds, then try again. The disconnect is 0.

There are three repeaters to the north of us using a common access code to dial up the local 911 emergency operators. These machines are: 147.84/.24 in Oshkosh, 147.69/.09 in Fond du Lac, and 147.90/.30 in Chilton. Note that the Chilton machine is now still in New Holstein and does not yet have the autopatch in - it's coming soon though. The access code for these machines is 9*. The disconnect is either by a local club member or automatic at three minutes.

By the time you have this in your hands, I will have some very sophisticated I.C. chips in hand for the new WR9AAE control I am working on. The chips will give us the ultimate in Touch-Tone decoding. Anyone interested in learning more can contact me.

If anybody has any input regarding the repeater, its operation, or whatever, feel free to contact me. My phone number is 284-3271 if you can't raise me on 146.97.

Don't forget the Tuesday night Ozaukee Radio Club Repeater Nets at 2000 Hrs local. There has been quite a crowd lately. Why not join in and even take Net Control once in a while. We don't bite.

See y'all -

KA9DDN - Skip

BUDGET CUT BACKS AFFECT HAM RADIO

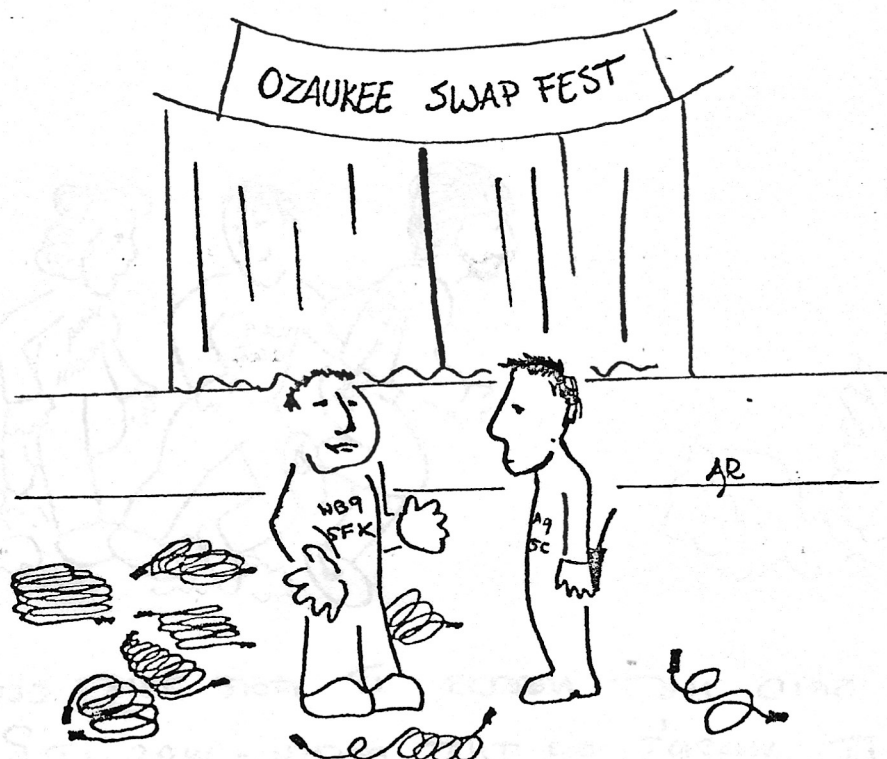
Federal Communications Commissioner Marvin Larpsnogg announced today that budget cut backs by Washington will impact Ham Band availability. Larpsnogg stated that "The unannounced shut down of the Ten Meter Band last Thursday was only a sample of things to come." U.S. Amateurs quickly noted the event. Comments heard on Fifteen Meters ranged from statements like "Ten is dead this morning!" to "Can't even get across town on Ten today!". Larpsnogg said that the band closures will be unannounced and more frequent and are related only to funding cutbacks. "There is absolutely no connection with government programs to limit foreign imports although the JA prefixes will be the first to feel the cutbacks", he said.

This is not the first time that Amateurs have been affected by government spending priorities. During the late Nineteen Sixties, massive funding was channelled into the U.S. Lunar Landing program and away from solar spot support projects. The consequences were felt by Amateurs world wide with lowered sunspot activity continuing for almost five years.

Mr. Larpsnogg predicted that unless funding policies are reversed, we will see only fewer and fewer days when the higher maintenance cost bands like Ten and Six will be opened up.

In response to further questioning, Larpsnogg pointed out that in those instances where maintenance funding has been completely cut off, Bands like 10GHz and 3300MHz have been dead for years! "Our funding for 220MHz was only \$14.38 last year which was not enough for a single opening.", He said.

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"BUT WALLY- WE SAID TABLES
NOT CABLES!"

THE VERTICAL ANTENNA (again)

I have been pleased by the response to my article in last September QST on the 5/8 wave vertical antenna. one thing I neglected to point out is that the method of feeding this antenna is applicable to any frequency. I now have a ten meter version, ground mounted, in my back yard. It seems to work out OK, the only failures are when the station called comes back to a W7 or some other exotic prefix.

The radiator portion of this antenna is made from two ten foot TV mastsections, while the feed stub is about 12 feet of RG8U coax cable. Only the outer conductor of the coax is used so its characteristic impedance is irrelevant for this application.

Obviously this idea can be extended to lower frequency bands, but just as obvious are the mechanical problems of assembling such an animal for the 80 meter band.!!!

Joe Bauer, W9WQ



HE SAID HE NEEDS IT FOR THE CLUB BANQUET -
IT WASN'T ON THE MENU - WAS IT?

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE---- Wilson MK II Handy Talky in excellent condition with a new 450 mAh battery pack, wall charger, leather case, and duckie. This 2 1/2 watt HT has a touchtone pad and battery indicator LED. The complete outfit for sale for \$140.

See Barry WB9SFK (375-0590)

FOR SALE---- Receiver, BC 224 G which was the 28 volt version of the BC 348. Fully converted to 110vac with power switch on the front panel. Covers from 1.5 MHZ to 18 MHZ and from 200 KHZ to 500 KHZ.

For all you B-17 Bomber owners here is the radio.

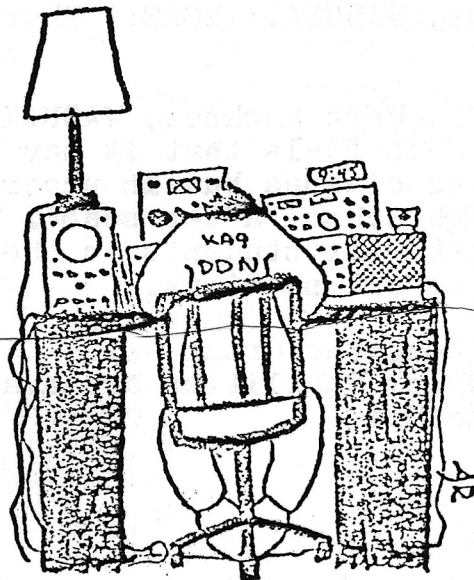
See Ed AA9W (242-0376)

HELP WANTED--Need help in all phases of the ORC Swap Fest activities. Volunteers see Barry WB9SFK for assignments.

APRIL CALENDAR

C.A.P. Spring Hamfest, Lake County Fairgrounds, Illinois will be held April 18.

Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio - April 24,25,26



" LOGICALLY - THIS WIRE SHOULD GO TO THIS WHAT NOT! "

WA9AWO- Terry Berg, President called meeting to order at 7:27 PM. Agenda for this meeting and minutes of previous meeting were introduced, both of which are carried in the club news letter. Solicitation of additions to the agenda brought a statement from WA9UVK that an updated list of club-owned test equipment would be available after the meeting.

Moved by WA9EXY and seconded by Wa9JMS that minutes be accepted as published, after a correction of the net worth figure by Treasurer WD9FQW. 26¢ reduction.

Wd9FQW presented the Treasurer's report: RECEIPTS, Dues, 4163, Swapfest Tickets, \$17, Kool Duck, \$12, Kitty, \$10.93, Patches, \$2.25, TOTAL = \$205.18. DISBURSEMENTS, Refreshments \$14.52 (2/11 meeting) Swapfest Printing, \$6.19, Newsletter Postage, \$11.25, Repeater Club dues transfer, \$82.50, Total = \$114.46. Positive cash flow of \$90.72. ASSETS; Savings Account, \$538.50, Checking account, \$768.52, Cash on Hand, \$36, Patches, \$72, Kool Dux, \$137.50, TOTAL = \$1552.59.

N9BPL MOVED to accept report, SECOND by WA9UVK, Accepted by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS SWAPFEST A Meeting was held at the Anderson QTH on March 8. As yet we do not have near enough tables lined up. Person in Charge is Wally Scholz. Contact him if you know where tables can be obtained. Need about 60 tables. Volunteers are solicited for the various committees. Chairpersons are; Laraine Anderson, KA9HJR Refreshments; KA9DDN, Skip Douglas, 2 Meter Clinic; WA9JMS, Mark Siebern, Talk-in; WA9JOB, Nels Harvey, Door security; SWAPFEST tickets are available on Consignment for those who have other club connections.

POST EVERYTHING dinner. WB9PAS, Russ Schreiner states that the deadline for reservations is March 30 but the sooner the better. Russ is open to suggestions for the Ladies Major Door Prize.

COUNTY FAIR Bill Hazard, WD9GDG, is expecting the contract in the mail. So far no volunteers have come forth for this project. KA9DDN suggested that this be promoted on the Sunday and Tuesday club nets.

Governors Conference on EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 12th. Check-in on 3985 KHZ between 11:30AM and 1:30PM. W9WQ will monitor 37/97 to accept check-ins from those who lack 75 meter capability. This information presented by Jeff Klopp, WA9USA. NOTE: There were 16 check-ins on 37/97.

NOVICE AND ADVANCEMENT CLASSES: Herb Roehner, WA9UVK, reports 12 students in the novice class. Herb feels that it may be necessary to run over into summer with the classes but is uncertain of the availability of the Grafton High School after school closes for the summer. Joe Bauer, W9WQ reports six students in the advancement class, not all of who show up at all sessions.

NEW BUSINESS Formation of a computer Group. Stan Kaplan, WB9RQR, reports that Homestead High School Facilities are available, but a letter from the club will be needed.

DUES RESTRUCTURING Dean Jeutter, K3GGN, suggests a 50% dues reduction for "retired" members. same treatment might be accorded to student members. An extended discussion of various aspects of this proposal ensued. Many members participated in the generally good-natured give and take. Rich Husting, WA9TZU MOVED that the earlier motion(s) be Tabled. Seconded by Joe Bauer, W9WQ. Vote was 22/6 in favor of the table. discussion terminated.

Bill Hazard, WD9GDG has the emergency phone number tags, designed for attachment to your Handie/squawkies. See him after the meeting.

Ann Berg, WD9JHP, has acquired a button maker. For the price of \$1 the buttons, carrying the club logo and your cal can be had.

SEVERE WEATHER MEETING Jeff Klopp, WA9USA opened discussion. Nels Harvey, WA9JOB mentioned availability of a new program, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour on a $\frac{3}{4}$ video cassette. WA9USA stated that a letter of appreciation should be sent to the director of emergency government, to thank him for the printing job on the club roster.

VINCE LOMBARDI OPEN- June 20/21 this year so no conflict with FIELD DAY. Volunteers will be solicited at MAY meeting.

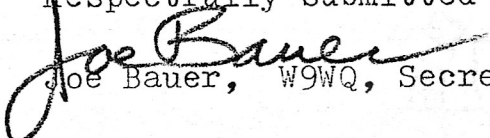
DOWN RIVER CANOE RACE- Query by Mike Behlen, WD9FQW. LNL & IEY handled it last year.

CLUB EQUIPMENT-- WB9PAS basement. Russ wants them moved out. Motion by Stan Kaplan, WB9RQR to try selling the stuff at the swapfest. Seconded by Ed Rate, AA9W. Moved by WA9UVK that members get first crack at the stuff. News letter will carry details. WA9USA stated that some club items are stored in the court house.

WA9JOB called for vote on motion--carried.

WA9AWO asked for motion to ADJOURN, so moved by WB9RQR, seconded by WA(uvk. Meeting ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted


Joe Bauer, W9WQ, Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

N9BPL passed the Extra Class examination. Nice going Greg!

N9APC's daughter received an award at the Art Fair.

Ozaukee Radio Club Inc., Port Washington, WI.

April 8th 1981 7:30PM A G E N D A

- I. Introduction
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Secretary's report
- IV. Treasurer's report *WD9FQW*
- V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Swapfest (WB9SFK & Co.) *Committee Fills*
- B. County Fair (WD9GDG)
- C. Governors Conference report (WA9USA) *WNA Bulletin*
- D. Club Equipment Disposal Report (WA9AWO) *Tabled*

VI. NEW BUSINESS *WA9JOB (WAR)*

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 8:05PM

Refreshments courtesy W9DQS, Bob Williams

VIII. PROGRAM - Sever Weather Spotting Seminar

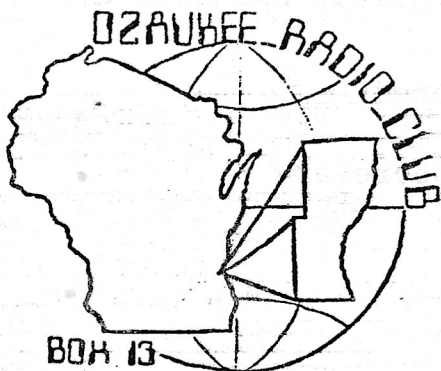
Courtesy Emergency Government Director Mr. Don Johnson
and Communications Officer Jeff Klopp (WA9USA)

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