



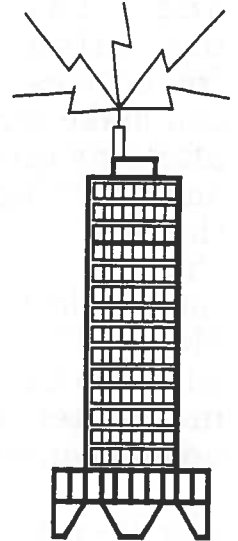
XARC

Monthly Newsletter

The Voice of the Xerox Amateur Radio Club

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June 18, 1990

Next Club Meeting
June 21st, 1730 hrs

Field Day Alert!

This months meeting will be the final planning session for this years Field Day activities. Please attend if possible.

Karz's Korner-

What a month! In case you haven't heard, for the first time in club history, we have a first class HF station. We also have a new two meter repeater up and running, and we may be about to acquire a Yaseu 620B 6 meter CW/SSB/AM transceiver. In addition, experiments by Barry Rickett, N2EVS, with an AEA Isopole antenna suggest that our problems with the 440 machine at the square may be nearing resolution. Finally, Field Day is only 10 days away. It just doesn't get any better than this!

Those of you at the last meeting witnessed a successful link up with Don Moberly, WA6LFC, at the Emergency Communications Center for the El Segundo Disaster Preparedness Program. Also present at Don's end was Tom Goralski who is Manager of Security/Disaster Preparedness there. Tom was impressed with our QSO, but the shortcomings of our ancient HW-101 were also evident (particularly the lack of Receiver Increment Tuning or RIT). Don and Tom reviewed the disaster preparedness budget and equipment status in El Segundo against their requirement to be able to link up with us in an emergency and decided to ship us BOTH a Kenwood TS-140 transceiver and an Ameritron 600 watt linear amplifier.

Several club members were present at noon on June 7 when we tried out the 140 with another successful contact with Don in El Segundo, this time with no "creeping" down the band from lack of an RIT. We'll be trying out the amplifier in a few weeks once we've had time to hook up the control and ALC circuits. We plan to test the reliability of the link to El Segundo at least monthly, coinciding for the time being

with our regular club meetings. Don and I have also developed and a preliminary protocol of calling frequencies, times, and procedures so we can make contact as quickly as possible after any disaster. It is now incumbent on us to bring other Xerox locations into the "net" and to establish a liaison with the RACES (emergency communications) organization here in Monroe County. I have already spoken with Bob Lis who manages security here in Webster, and I will be keeping him updated on our capabilities.

The TS-140 is an ideal club rig because it is "state of the art" while still being easy to operate. Tom has encouraged us to all to use and enjoy it so that we can have as large a pool of experienced operator on the rig as possible should the need arise. Our club is most grateful to Don and Tom for supplying us with equipment we would not otherwise have been able to afford. Having the gear at our station is good for the El Segundo Disaster Preparedness Program, good for Xerox, and certainly good for our club.

I should also mention that the day the equipment arrived here (June 6) happens to be my Birthday.....nice gift!!

A second gift that day was news from John Wright, KE2MK, that the 2 meter repeater is on the air from Building 128. You can see the antenna looming over the east entrance to the building. Its input is 144.69 Mhz and its output is on 145.290. I understand people have made it into the machine from as far away as the airport. Coverage will be even better once we relocate it to the top of Xerox Square. Nice going John. You've put a lot of hard work into the repeater, and its finally paid off.

We're trying to get a count of how many people to expect for Field Day June 23

and 24. If you plan to participate (and who wouldn't!) drop me an electronic mail note (KARZ:WBST311), call me at X29530, or send me a note by regular mail (311-01C). I hope you've all been boning up on your CW (remember, CW contacts count double).

One post script on my daughter Lisa KB2JQQ who along with her pal Bonnie, KB2JQP worked their first public service event (the 10K "Human Race" at the JCC) last Sunday. You will recall that Lisa worked Norfolk Island while I did not. Well, we both worked Botswana and both sent out QSL cards (in the same envelope no less). Guess which one of us received a QSL card back. That's right. Not me. Must have been something I said.

There's still lots to catch up on including what happened to the JCC TS-440, the hamfest, the QSL card contest, our application to become a special service club, and the special events station, but we'll save that for next month. We'll also have another Field Day behind us by then.

73 for now

Bob Karz, K2OID

From the Truth is Stranger than Fiction Department

It has been reported that one of our members has been behaving in a very erratic manner. It's said that he not only purchased a NEW 2 meter radio at the Rochester hamfest but has recently purchased a NEW TNC. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

QSL Cards Available

Members wishing to have one of the QSL cards from the 50th anniversary

station should contact Gene Parker x22245 there are a limited quantity available.

Do you have QSL cards to send?

As a club we are entitled to combine ARRL members cards in one mailing. Just order your cards as always, include a current mailing label from QST and give them to one of the club officers.

Is your ARRL membership up for renewal?

If so remember to renew through the club. See Mike Ishler(x24134) for details.

Hamfests/Auctions

If anyone knows the dates of a hamfest not listed here please forward the information to Mike Ishler 114/22D

August 25 TCARC Hamfest
Fingerlakes Hamfest
New York State Armory
1765 Hanshaw Rd.
Ithaca, NY
Talkin 146.97/37

September 29, 6-4 Elmira Hamfest
Chemung County Fairgrounds-
Horsheads NY
Talkin 147.36/96 444.42

October 13th, Syracuse at the state
fairgrounds

The following list was supplied by
Gary Bauer.

Mar. 23 -25 Orlando Fla. Orlando
convention ctr. Orlando, Fla.

April 27-29 Dayton. Hara arena,
Dayton, Ohio

May 5 Owego, Marvin Park
Fairgrounds, Owego, N.Y.

June 3 Lancaster, NY

June 9 Kitchner, Bingman park,
Kitchner, Ont

July 7 Ontario fest Burlington, Milton
fairgrounds, Milton

July 8 Batavia firemans field,
Alexander, N.Y.

other fests - unknown dates

Welland, Ont.	June (16 ??)	
Wilksbere. Pa.	July (1 ??)	
Milton, Ont.	July (7 ??)	
Gowanda, N.Y.	July (28 ??)	second annual
Baltimore, Md.	July (29 ??)	
Winchester, Va.	Aug (5 ??)	
Skaneateles, N.Y.	Sept (15 ??)	
Kingston, Ont.	Sept (??)	
London, Ont.	Oct. (14 ??)	

NOTE

I have extrapolated these dates from last year's list to this year's calendar. The dates may not be accurate, but there is a good possibility that these are accurate. Check ham pubs for further information.

For Sale/Wanted

The following are items for sale.

Tektronix 310A scope
w/manual

\$85

contact Fred Miller WO2P x29126

Yaesu FT-707 8 band, solid state, digital
xcvr, 240w dc input

Yaesu FV-707DM matching digital 12
memory vfo

Yaesu FC-707 matching swr / pwr mtr,
ant tuner, dummy load

mic, mobile mounting bracket, relay box
for amp, all books

contact Gary Bauer, KA2CKR x26715

COMPUTER DEFINITIONS

HARDWARE: When you use hardware
often, it eventually breaks.

SOFTWARE: When you use software
often, it eventually works.

YL CORNER: ASK - THE-YL

Dear YL:

I am not a ham, but my husband recently got
his ticket, bought his gear and has moved
almost full-time into his shack. YL, this has
put a terrible strain on a marriage that used to
be ideal. He no longer has time for cuddling in
the morning, romantic champagne brunches,
dancing after dark, and all the wonderful
things we used to do. He won't even come out
for the gourmet dinners I cook him every night.
I'm willing to make compromises with his new
hobby, but is there some way I can get him to at
least come out and eat dinner with me and the
kids, who now think he is a boarder, and that
Daddy is on an extended business trip? Sign
me-

Dismayed in Atlanta

Dear Dismayed:

*What, are you goofy, or have you been hanging
around one of those humanitarian
consciousness-raising groups for too long?*

*Nuke the shack and be done with it, sister. If
you're that much of a bleeding heart, give him 8
seconds to evacuate before you blow the place.*

Dear YL:

Several months ago, I wrote to you for advice
about my Arigato PT-109 transceiver and
double backflip passive cocoon antenna
splattering out of band. I'm writing again to
tell you that I followed your advice to the
letter, and the results are phenomenal! I'll
listen to you any time.

Grateful

Dear Grateful:

*Yes, it's amazing what you can do with 2 rolls of
scotch tape and a box of thumb tacks, isn't it?
And a big fat 73 to you, bucko.*

Dear YL:

What's your stand on the code no-code license
debate? My buddy and I have a bet.

Jimmy The Greek

Dear Jiim:

*I feel quite strongly both ways, and that's my
definitive stand.*

Minutes of the May Meeting of XARC

The business meeting was called to order by President Bob Karz at 1730 hrs. on Thursday the 17th of May 1990. There were 13 members and no visitors present. During the meeting a QSO was conducted with the Emergency Communications Team in El Segundo, which established our capabilities to link up with the west coast. The reading of the minutes was waived as they are included in the newsletter. The treasurer's report is as follows:

XARC TREASURERS REPORT 5-17-90

Balance 4-26-90	\$1534.86
Income:	
Dues(1)	\$ 10.00
Total Income	\$ 10.00
Expenses:	
Total Expenses	\$ 0.00
Accounts:	
Savings Account	\$ 162.80
Checking Account	\$1372.06
Cash On Hand	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total Funds (5-17-90)	\$1544.86
Funds Allocated:	
2 Meter Repeater Allocation	\$ 16.32
Total Allocated	\$ 16.32
Total Funds Available (5-17-90)	\$1528.54
Misc Accounting:	
2 Meter Duplexer Fund(Collected)	\$ 485.00
Power Supplies(Collected)	\$1310.00

Richard LaDonna Treasurer

Long range planning committee report:

No report...

HF Station report:

Bob Karz reported that a problem developed in the acquisition of the TS440 and we will not be getting the radio.

Repeater Committee report:

Pete reported that the antenna on the 440 repeater has been changed and they are looking for signal reports.

The club has been asked to assist in providing communications for the EPIC bicycle race, pete will send details.

Membership and Training:

No Report

Packet Report:

No Report

Special Events/Field Day report:

Bob discussed the basics of field day again and passed out a checklist to those in attendance. The final planning will be made at the June meeting.

Program Committee report:

No new speakers until fall however a trip to the Antique Wireless museum is in the planning stage.

Long Range Planning Committee report:

No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The discussions concerning the pros and cons of purchasing a 6 meter radio continued. The final outcome was a motion not to purchase a 6 meter radio. The motion was seconded and passed

An additional motion was made to allow Barry to spend up to \$100 on Misc. items for the HF station. This motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda for June

Field Day Planning

Meeting adjourned 2000.

