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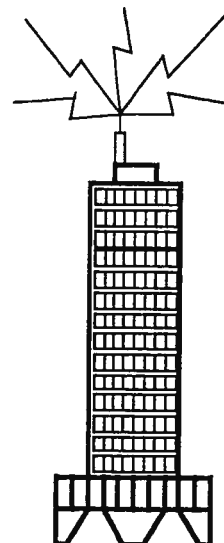
Monthly Newsletter

The Voice of the Xerox Amateur Radio Club

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April 17, 1992

Next Club Meeting

April 23rd, 1730 hrs

Program for Next Meeting:

Field Day '92 - The Movie

○ We will be showing Gene Parker's video on last year's Field Day and making preliminary arrangements for this year's event. Please come with your ideas on how to make this year's Field Day bigger and better than ever.

Ticket Upgrades

Congratulations to Robert Antonelli, KA2VCZ, who has up[graded to General and is awaiting a new call. Nice going Robert! Please pass along any license upgrade information to Bob Karz, K2OID for inclusion in the newsletter.

Disaster at Sea

○ In case you haven't heard, Shannon (WV2J) and her husband's boat, the Stormy Weather, ran into some of the same this past Monday and rolled in 25 foot seas. The boat righted itself with Shannon (who was not wearing a safety

harness) and Ron fortunately still on board after 10 to 15 terrifying seconds submerged. However, the boat was apparently damaged and began to take on water at about 10 gallons per minute. The Coast Guard was contacted and air dropped a pump to try to keep up with the flow which had overwhelmed their small hand pump. That failed, and rather than risk another night on the boat, Shannon and Ron abandoned ship Tuesday afternoon. They took their credit cards and cash with them but their boat and its contents were uninsured (including Shannon's TS 440) and the boat has presumably sunk.

We are all thankful that Shannon and Ron are alive and well, but they have experienced the equivalent of a "house fire" at the very least. Barry Rickett, N2EVS, has started a fund to help Shannon and Ron in at least a small way. Contact Barry if you wish to contribute.

VE Testing News

A VE testing session was held on Wednesday, March 25, 1992 in Bldg 337

at 7 PM. The following are the results of that session:

- New licensee, Dick Miller, Technician. Upgraded to Extra Class, Roy Forrest, WA2JLW.
- Passed Element 3B (General written), Warren Boudrie, N2PDT.

Thanks to VEs Ray Crandall, WR2T; Stan Avery, WM3D; Gene Parker, KE2T; and Larry Lavery, WW2J without whose giving of their time this would not have been possible. Congratulations to all!

73,
Lou K2ANC

El Segundo Emergency Link Update

After failing to reach the XARC club station for the monthly sked during the infamous snow storm of March 4, Jim Buch, KB2HVL, and Bob Karz, K2OID had a very successful QSO on March 11. The monthly sked for April was held April 15, but conditions were very poor and all that could be copied was the call WB6LIE (with a 21 QSB report - that's a long way from 59!). Don Moberly, WB6LFC informs us that PARC is being equipped with a station and will be joining us for the monthly exercises.

Anyone who is available at noon on Wednesdays (usually the first Wednesday of the month) is welcome to join in. Contact Bob Karz, K2OID at X29530 or Email to K2OID:Wbst311 for more information.

KARZ's Corner

Last month I wrote my column about the plight of Yevgeny Alimov, and your response was overwhelming. Several of the club members offered money and leads on equipment for Yevgeny as well

as translations to Russian. I sent him a letter about three weeks ago offering our help and asking him questions to better understand his customer requirements (please forgive my "Xerox speak"). I have not yet heard from him, but I understand that the mail is slow to the former Soviet Union these days. Hopefully we'll have a response in time to find him something at the RARA Hamfest.

Rag chewing with Russians can be a most enlightening experience. Three weeks ago I was tuning the lower part 15 meters looking to hone my CW skills (after all, Field Day is fast approaching and CW contacts do count double), when I heard UA1OSM calling CQ. He had a reasonably strong signal and a good fist, so I gave him a shout. His name is Serge and he's from Archangel. It turns out that we're about the same age and have kids the same age. Like with my family, his kids are also hams, but his wife is licensed as well.

His rig surprised me. He was running an ICOM 751 which is a relatively new rig (possibly part of a club station), but he had plans to purchase the old Drake twins (the R4 and T4) and asked for Hints and Kinks from QST. Since my collection goes back to '61, I promised him I'd see what I could find.

He also asked for an article on Murphy's law from the February '68 QST. Now, even though I have piles and piles of QST from the '60's, by Murphy's law ("If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong") you should all know that I would NOT have the Feb. '68 issue. Sure enough I didn't. However, I did learn quite a bit about the junk in my basement while validating Murphy's Maxim.

A plea to the net brought help the issue by Internal mail. Unfortunately I deleted the mail note saying who dug it

up for me - Murphy strikes again - so whoever the good Samaritan was, please drop me another mail note so I can acknowledge your help.

I found over 40 references to the Drake "4 line" family and none for the ICOM 751. That could be because the more complex modern gear is not as easily modified or it could simply be that what used to be in Hints and Kinks is now being published in various users group newsletters. I mailed the articles to Serge along with a picture of my family and a QSL card about two weeks ago.

Last weekend, while further honing my CW skills (you club members are all working CW daily in preparation for Field Day - Right?), I heard Serge on again so I gave him call to let him know the package was "in the mail". He thanked me but said he would not expect it for several weeks. He also had some not very nice things to say about communists.

So what did I get from all of this? Well, for one thing, my CW speed is up (just in case you think I was fast last year). For another, I had a chance to read miscellaneous articles about 807's, 1625's and other vacuum tubes. (say, what are tubes anyway?) I learned a little more about hamming in Russia. I got satisfaction in helping another amateur, this time with relatively little effort. Finally, just like the PA license plates say (you know, "you've got a friend in Pennsylvania"), I have a friend in Archangel.

73 and good hamming.

Bob, K2OID

PS. I expect everyone to be at 40 WPM by Field Day

Equipment loans

As many of you know the XARC has recently increased its equipment inventory by leaps and bounds over what we had just a short time ago. I have been asked, as the chairman of the station committee, to publish a list of equipment which is available for short term loan to members of the club. When borrowing a piece of equipment, a note should be left in the club station with the item borrowed, the date borrowed, the anticipated return date, and the borrowers name and call.

The following is a list of equipment located at the station in building 337 which is available for lending per the above guidelines. All other items are not to be removed from the station for personal use.

Heathkit HW101 transceiver with speaker and power supply
KDK 2 Meter FM transceiver
12 volt power supply (blue box type)
Bird wattmeter, 3 - 30 Mhz, up to 100W
Kenwood VHF/UHF watt/SWR meter, 140 - 500 Mhz
Headphones
ARRL Handbook
ARRL Antenna book
US and Foreign area call books (1988 issue)
Software library disks, Amateur related, (5 1/4 and 3 1/2 DSDD disks)

All of the equipment located at the station is, of course, there for the use of all our members at any time. I would strongly encourage you to use the station. The performance of the station is better than most would imagine.

Thanx Barry

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 Rick LaDonna(x29477) for details.

Hamfests/Auctions

Feb 22	Horseheads
March 28	Newark (Drumlins)
April 11	Auburn
April 24-26	Dayton
May 2	Owego
May 15-17	Rochester
June 6	Rome
June 7 ?	Lancaster
June 20	Cortland
July 12	Batavia
Aug 15	Ithaca
Sept 19	Buffalo
Sept 26	Elmira
Oct 3	Syracuse

Thanks to Jim Buch, KB2HVL for this information from K2KWK's Hilltop report. (Note: I also have a complete list of all Atlantic Division hamfests from Pete Fournia, WA2BPQ. Call me for details - Bob, K2OID 29530)