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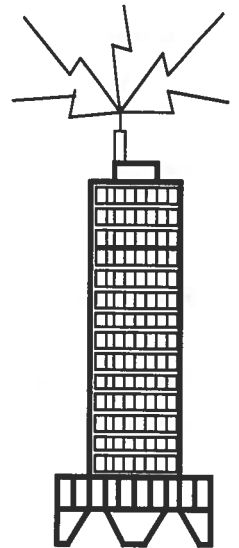
XARC

Monthly Newsletter

The Voice of the Xerox Amateur Radio Club

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**1993 National VHF
Contest
First Place**
Mid Size Clubs

April 16, 1994

Next Club Meeting
April 21, 1730 hrs
Mystery Program
Either
On Line Data Bases
or
WEFAX

by Harry Williams, N2VML and/or Mike
Ishler, KE2LU

At press time the program has been narrowed down to one of the two topics above (and one of the two presenters...or both). Join us to find out which one it is. They're two great topics, so either way, it should be interesting.

License Upgrades

Congratulations to Bob Bristol, N2FQO, and Pam Bristol, KB2JQJ, for passing the 13 WPM CW test and upgrading to General!

Please let me know about any new

licenses or upgrades so they can be recognized in the newsletter.

Bob, K2OID

Emergency Preparedness Team Reorganized

A meeting was held Monday, March 28 attended by Barry Rickett, N2EVS, Bob Karz, K2OID, John Wright, KE2MK, Ray Crandall, WR2T, Steve Corona, N2TLW, and Scott Blystone, KC2IQ to review the lessons learned from the recent California Earthquake and the XARC response. Several good suggestions were made that will significantly improve our effectiveness. Bob Karz is to arrange a meeting with security to revalidate their customer requirements.

Please contact Bob Karz, K2OID, if you'd like to be part of the team.

ARRL Information Server

A recent posting in the Ham Digital Digest requested information on the AX.25 spec. A response was sent by Michael Tracy, a member of the ARRL Technical Information Services. He

Postmark: 16-April-94 (Saturday) 13:29:10 EDT - (ZIP:Wbst311:Xerox)
From: Xerox Amateur Radio Club:WBST129:XEROX **To:** XARC:All Areas
Sender: Robert S. Karz:WBST311:Xerox **Copies:** Laura Kerr:Wbst139,
BBach:Roch805
Subject: Newsletter 4/94
Reply To: K2OID:WBST311:Xerox
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Note Format: XEROX Format
Note: XARC Club Members,

Here's the February Newsletter.

73

Bob, K2OID

Laura Kerr,

Please hard copy this to Jim Guentner.

Thanks

Bob Karz

indicated that there was an information server available where information can electronically be retrieved. The address that is given is info@arrl.org. I changed the address to info@arrl.org:Xerox and used the following for the message:

help
index
quit

To try the system, I sent a mail note with the subject as "Request for Information" and the above as the text of the message. Later that afternoon, I received the "help" information which listed some of the other commands and how to use the service. The following morning, I received the "index" as a simple document. I copied the document to an ASCII to VP converter. After conversion, the document was an 11 or 12 page list of articles available. The index shows the name and size of the files. Because many of the files are over 50K, I sent my request late in the afternoon.

Hope that this article provides information that the members of the club can use.

73,
Ed Kessler, W2EQW

Editor's Note:

Ed included an index with this article which I will place in the XARC filedrawer on Monday (see "Finding Information About the Club" on page 4 of this newsletter). The index runs about 12 typed pages.

Articles Welcome

If you have an article, letters, or news you think may be of interest to club members please submit it to me for

publication (electronically if possible). Your input can help us make our newsletter better.

Bob, K2OID

VE Testing News

The schedule for VE exams for the remainder of 1994 is:

June 8, September 14, and December 7

All exam sessions begin promptly at 7:00 PM and are held in Bldg. 337. If you wish to take an exam please bring the following with you:

Exam fee, \$5.75, either cash or a check made out to W5YI-VEC

Two forms of identification, preferably one with a picture

The original plus a copy of any current license held and/or the original and a copy of any valid, current certificate for element credit issued by any VE team

Pen(s), pencil(s), and non-programmable calculator (if desired)

73,
Lou K2ANC
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KARZ's Corner Winning Isn't Everything.....

Those of us who are old enough remember the Greenbay Packers of the late sixties fame and their legendary coach, Vince Lombardi. There was a lot to admire about the team. They had a dashing quarterback (Bart Star) and lots of great backs (whose names escape me), but most of all, they used to win

and win and win. Their unofficial motto was Lombardi's favorite saying:

"Winning isn't everything.....its the ONLY thing."

That was the only part of their persona I disliked. Sure, we all like to win, but to make winning the only measure of the team somehow seemed wrong. It seemed there should have been other factors considered such as sportsmanship, manners, and enjoyment of the game, but not according to Vince. Winning was the only yardstick for greatness.

Looking at amateur radio these days, I think I'm seeing more and more of Vince Lombardi in the competitive aspects of the hobby. A few weeks after the VHF contest I was deluged with mailings (all first class) complaining about the proposed changes in the roving rules and badmouthing some hams in New England who apparently made a bundle of points circling the grid squares and refusing to talk to other participants. I am not sure what the point of all this was (nor do I care). All I know is that there may be some people who think they can win contests by avoiding QSOs with others and that at least some other people seem so concerned about winning that they're willing to spend a pile of money to influence the likes of you and me to change the rules presumably so they can win.

We've all heard tales of Field Day operations where operators are timed with stop watches, and when their point generation rate drops below some target value, they are pulled and

replaced just like a baseball pitcher in a big game. For me it brings up images of a trap door under the operator's chair. WOOSH.....he's outa there.

We've even had some squabbling within our own club. Now I want to make it VERY CLEAR that I am NOT taking sides on any of these disagreements. There are sound rational arguments for both sides of these discussions. I just want to point out that, to my mind, they come about due to an over emphasis on "winning" above everything else.

One thing I very much admire about the club's Field Day efforts is the balance we show year after year. Sure we're serious, and we turn in scores (usually top fifth to top tenth of our class) of which we can be proud. What we don't do is to get so carried away that we don't also have fun.

The Rochester Cup competition the past several years has (in my opinion) had a bit too much of the Lombardi win at all costs spirit, and I think we have to admit that we're as guilty as the next guys. This year, though, was like a breath of fresh air. May be it was confusion fostered by the new rules, or may be everyone in town was a bit "burned out", but this year didn't have the usual frantic urgency of past contests, not only for the XARC, but I believe for everyone else as well. This year, if you worked the contest, you did it to have fun.

We were fortunate this year, and in a close race we came out on top. Yes, I'm proud of our effort, and yes, I will be at the RVHG banquet next Saturday, but I'm also happy. I'm happy about the

way we and the other clubs participated. I can honestly say that for me this contest was the most fun. I am eagerly looking forward to next year's contest where I'd like it if the club were to win again. But win or lose, I'd like it even better to have a contest where we're all having fun enjoying the thrill of the competition. Winning is the only thing.....NOT!

73 and Good Hamming

Bob, K2OID

Finding Information About the Club

Xerox Amateur Radio Club documents are available in a public file drawer administered by XHFES. Our radio club folder contains the membership list; our Bylaws; a sample newsletter including a list of officer, membership application, and repeater frequencies; and a general description of the club. You may access this information by selecting the HENR801A:XEROX domain / PASFS-THREE drawer / XHFES drawer / Club Folders / Radio Club. This is the same drawer referenced on the last page of the Chatterbox.

Peter Fournia, WA2BPQ

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, N2EZS

Do you have QSL cards to send?

As a club we are entitled to combine ARRL members cards in one mailing. Just order your outgoing cards as always, include a current mailing label from QST and give them to Peter Fournia in bldg 129-075B.

Is your ARRL membership up for renewal?

If so remember to renew through the club. See Rick LaDonna for details.

Want Ads

FOR SALE: Cushcraft cross polarized 2 meter beam. 10 elements total. 10dbc gain. \$65 or B/O. John Facci (Work 26696; Home 671-6641)

FOR SALE: Ameritron 5 way coax switch (remote controlled, weather proof) with bench top control head plus about 125 feet of 8 wire control cable. \$90. Never used. John Facci (Work 26696; Home 671-6641)

FOR SALE: ATARI 800XL including disk drive, keyboard, all cables, manuals and Flight Simulator software & manuals. \$40 John Facci (Work 26696; Home 671-6641)

Submit want ads to Bob Karz, K2OID

March '94 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on March 17 at 5:30PM in building 337 by president Dave Sweet KF2QJ. Attendance was 13 members and 1 guest. The treasurer reported a current balance of \$1194.15. A Xerox subsidy of about \$320 is expected soon. We were reminded that XARC receives \$2 from the ARRL if renewals are processed via the club. To capture this opportunity, your completed ARRL renewal with check made out to XARC should be sent to treasurer Rick LaDonna, mail code 201-03L. He will complete processing of your ARRL renewal.

A 286 PC has been donated to replace the current 8088 PC in the club station. However, it needs more space than the 8088 and more space is not available. All repeaters remain up and operational.

Open BOD meetings have been scheduled at 11:30 in a 335 CR on Mondays prior to the club meeting. Discussions at the 3/14/94 meeting included replacement of the club HF vertical, emergency procedures, and budget allocations. There were no decisions made. Bob Karz has scheduled a meeting to discuss emergency procedures and equipment readiness in view of lessons learned from the California earthquake in January. This is an open meeting at 11:30am bldg. 335 room A.

The business meeting concluded at about 5:50 and was followed by several presentations focused on the January VHF contest. The presentations ended at 7:40. There were no action items.

- The N2EVS VHF contest station at Xerox Tower operated by Barry N2EVS, Ray WR2T, and Jim KB2UW.

- Results of our XARC win of the Rochester Cup. Our club awards went to Judy Stonehill N2KXS (top single op station), Warren Boudrie AA2LQ (most improved score), and Peter Fournia (worked most RVHFG members).

- Tim Stoffel NS9E, of the RVHFG reviewed the Rochester area VHF statistics during the contest. He also presented a professional quality video of the RVHFG June 1991 station at Ganett Hill.

- Jim Guentner KB2UW exhibited his home made Quad 440 array of 60 element.

Pete Fournia, WA2BPQ

XEROX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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1993-1994 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete a **HARD COPY** this application and return to: Richard LaDonna N2IJI
201-03L.

Make all checks payable to the Xerox Amateur Radio Club

The dues are \$10.00 by November (\$5.00 after May 1st.) \$1 for each additional family member.

PLEASE PRINT THE INFORMATION BELOW (if applicable)

NAME: _____ EMPLOYEE NO. _____ EXTENSION _____

XEROX MAIL CODE _____ ELECTRONIC MAIL CODE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____
Street City Zip Code

HOME PHONE _____

CALL _____ CLASS OF LICENSE E A G T N None

NAME OF ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER(S) APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP
Name Call Sign if any

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT YOU HAVE :

HF MOBILE _____ BASE _____

VHF MOBILE _____ BASE _____ Portable _____

COMPUTER _____ Packet _____

MEMBER OF ANY OTHER CLUBS YES _____ NO _____ ARRL _____

NAME OF OTHER CLUBS _____

Suggestions for the club: _____

Are you willing to help for fund raising activities _____

Are you willing to be an officer in the club _____

FOR CLUB USE ONLY:

Date: _____ Amount _____

1994 HAMFESTS

+ Denotes ARRL Hamfest

- + APR 10 Penn-Del ARC - New Castle, DE
- + APR 29-May 1 Dayton HamVention - Dayton, OH
- + MAY 7 Southern Tier ARS - Owego, NY
- + MAY 7 Cherry Hill, NJ
- MAY 7 Kent Island, MD
- MAY 8 Auburn ARA - Auburn, NY
- + MAY 15 Warminster ARC - Wrightstown, PA
- + MAY 20-22 Rochester Hamfest - Rochester, NY
- + MAY 22 Antietam RA - Hagerstown, MD
- MAY 29 MDFM Association - West Friendship, MD
- JUN 4 Rome RC - Rome, NY
- + JUN 5 Tamaqua Transmitting Society - Tamaqua, PA
- + JUN 12 Lancaster ARC - Darien Center, NY
- JUN 12 Hanover Area Hamming Assn - Hanover, PA
- + JUN 18 Skyline ARC - Cortland, NY
- JUN 25-26 Field Day
- + JUL 3 Murgas ARC - Wilkes-Barre, PA
- + JUL 10 Genesee RA - Alexander, NY
- + JUL 10 North Hills ARC - Pittsburgh, PA
- JUL 10 BRATS - Timonium, MD
- JUL 16 ? Skanfest '94 - Skaneateles, NY
- JUL 23 ? Utica ARC - Frankfort, NY
- + AUG 7 Mid-Atlantic ARC - Warrington, PA
- + AUG 7 Southern Patuxent ARC - Upper Marlboro, MD
- AUG 14 Delaware-Lehigh ARC - Easton, PA
- AUG 14 Summit ARA - Westminster, MD
- AUG 20 ? Fingerlakes / Tompkins Co. ARC - Ithaca, NY
- AUG 27 PROS (Pioneer Radio Operators Society) - Chaffee, NY
- + AUG 28 Tri-State ARC - Matamoras, PA
- AUG 28 Gloucester Co. ARC - Mullica Hill, NJ
- + SEP 10 Radio Assn of Erie - Erie, PA
- + SEP 11 Butler Co. ARA - Butler, PA
- SEP 11 Foundation for Amateur Radio - Gaithersburg, MD
- + SEP 17 Buffalo Hamfest - Buffalo, NY
- SEP 24 ? Elmira, NY
- + SEP 24-25 York, PA
- OCT 15 Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse - Syracuse, NY
- + OCT 23 RF Hill ARC - Sellersville, PA

CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES

- + MAY 20-22 ARRL Atlantic Division Convention - Rochester, NY
- + JUN 10-12 ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION - Arlington, TX
- JUL TBA Central Atlantic ATV Network Conference - North East, MD
- AUG 6 Traffic Handlers Picnic - Old Forge, NY (K2KIR or W2MTA for info)
- SEP 24 Central Atlantic ATV Network Conference - Dover, PA

Note: ? - date based on 1993 Hamfest Calendar