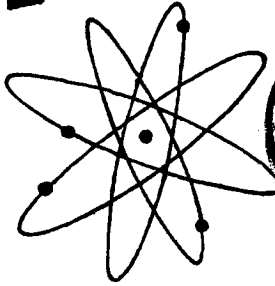


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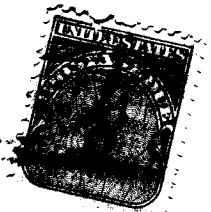


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THE VIRGINIA QSO PARTY IS OVER, AND THE LOGS ARE STILL COMING IN. IT APPEARS THAT A GOOD MANY PERSONS PARTICIPATED. LOGS FROM CANADA, AFRICA, AND OTHER PLACES ARE AMONG THE ONES IN CO FAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT THE DEADLINE IS FEB. 15, 60 IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT IN YOUR LOG, DO SO RIGHT NOW.

THE "VIRGINIA HAM" HAS A ARTICLE ON THIS PARTY, AND SUGGESTS SOME CHANGES FOR FUTURE EVENTS, WHICH I BELIEVE ARE SOUND THINKING. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T GET THIS PAPER, JOHN MORGAN W4KX, SUGGESTS SOME CHANGES IN THE WAY WE COUNT THE CITIES. SINCE MANY COUNTIES HAVE MERGED WITH CITIES, AND SOME OF THE COUNTIES HAVE GONE ENTIRELY, HE SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOULD COUNT EACH CITY THAT IS CONSIDERED A SEPARATE POLITICAL AREA, BE COUNTED AS A DIFFERENT PLACE NOT GIVING THE CITY TO A COUNTY ADJACENT TO IT. THIS HAS CAUSED SOME CONFUSION, SINCE MANY CITIES CAN BE COUNTED IN TWO OR MORE COUNTIES, THOUGH NOT MORE THAN ONE IN THE CONTEST. IN THE CASE OF RICHMOND, IT COULD BE COUNTED IN HENRICO OR CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, DEPENDING ON THE ONE DESIRED.

I BELIEVE THIS CHANGE SHOULD BE DULY CONSIDERED, AND IN THE ROANOKE CASE WHICH IS ENTIRELY SURROUNDED BY ROANOKE COUNTY, WE WOULD COUNT ROANOKE COUNTY AS ONE PLACE, AND ROANOKE CITY AS ANOTHER. THE CITY OR ALEXANDRIA WOULD COUNT AS ALEXANDRIA, AND NOT AWARDED TO EITHER ARLINGTON OR FAIRFAX COUNTY. WE WOULD HAVE TO REVISE OUR AWARD RULES, HOWEVER WE WOULD ELIMINATE ANY QUESTION OF WHEN TO COUNT A CITY, AND WHERE, AND THIS WOULD ADD TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF PERSONS QUALIFYING FOR THE AWARD. THE IDEA HAS MERIT. WE SHOULD DISCUSS IT AND MAKE OUR DECISION, SO NEW RULES COULD BE DRAWN UP WELL IN ADVANCE OF NEXT YEARS PARTY.

THE CODE CLASS AND GENERAL CLASS THEORY CLASSES HAVE STARTED AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS TURNING OUT WAS GOOD. NO ACTUAL WORK HAS BEEN TAKEN UP YET SO IF YOU KNOW OF ANY PERSON WHO WANTS TO TAKE THE CLASS GET IN TOUCH WITH TOM LAMONS AND LET HIM KNOW. THE CLASSES ARE BEING HELD ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT STARTING AT 7:00 PM.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT OUR "HAMFEST" WILL BE HELD MAY 27 & 28 AT THE VINTON WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING. THE BUILDING HAS BEEN RESERVED, AND WE HAVE SIGNED A BAND TO PLAY FOR THE DANCE. NOW WE NEED SOME HELP ON GETTING PRIZES. ANY PERSON WHO CAN GET A DONATION FOR THIS EVENT, SHOULD DO SO. IT IS VERY HARD TO GET PRIZES, IF ONLY ONE OR TWO PERSONS DO THE JOB. VAN WIMMER WA4BIX IS TRYING TO GET UP A PROGRAM WITH ADS IN IT. IF YOU KNOW OF A PERSON OR FIRM THAT WOULD PLACE AN AD, LET HIM KNOW. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE MADE UP, ONLY IF WE CAN GET ENOUGH ADS TO COVER ITS COST. ANY DONATION OF A PRIZE WILL BE COUNTED AND AN APPROPRIATE AD WILL BE MADE UP FOR THE DONOR.

BILL PERKINS IS HANDLING THE EVENTS PART OF THE PROGRAM, SO IF YOU KNOW OF SOME CONTEST YOU WANT HELD LET US KNOW. WE HOPE TO GET VIC CLARK, OUR NEW DIVISION DIRECTOR HERE TO BE THE SPEAKER. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS WE GO ALONG. THIS HAMFEST WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY OUR PAST ONES, WITH DINNER ON SUNDAY AND WILL END ABOUT 3:00 PM SUNDAY AFTER THE DRAWINGS.

OUR EXPENSES AT THE NEW CLUB HOUSE HAVE BEEN LOW ENOUGH FOR US TO BE VL SATISFIED WITH. NOW WE NEED TO GET STARTED ON THE INSTALLING OF EQUIPMENT. WE ARE WAITING FOR THE BENCHES AND TABLES. WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS A FINE PLACE FOR AMATEUR RADIO ACTIVITIES, SO LET'S NOT LET IT DRAG.

AT OUR LAST MEETING GENE KRUMNACHER, K4TSU, GAVE MOST INTERESTING TALK ON TRANSISTOR APPLICATIONS. THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS WILL HAVE MORE OF THE SAME. WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS, AS GENE IS WELL QUALIFIED TO HANDLE IT AND MAKES THE TALKS VERY INTERESTING.

MEETING NOTICE: FEBRUARY 10 AND FEBRUARY 27. BOTH AT THE CLUB HOUSE IN SALEM. BOTH ON TRANSISTORS.

The Widders News

DUE TO ILLNESS OF EUNICE EVANS TODAY, I WILL HAVE TO ATTEMPT TO PUT THE WIDDERS NEWS IN THE LOG. EXCUSE ME IF IT IS BRIEF. JIM.

WE WELCOME DARLENE PINION AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE WIDDERS. SHE IS THE XYL OF KENDALL K4JJK, AND THEY JUST MOVED BACK TO THIS AREA FROM WYTHEVILLE. KENDALL WILL PROBABLY BE WITH THE MEN ON FIELD DAY THIS YEAR TOO.

WE HAVE A NEW RULE TO COVER OFFICER ELECTIONS. THE PERSON MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 6 MEETINGS A YEAR TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR OFFICE. THIS FOLLOWS CLOSELY THE RULES THE MEN HAVE AND WE FEEL IT WILL BE A FAIR WAY TO QUALIFY PERSONS FOR OFFICES.

TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE WIDDERS CLUB, A POT LUCK DINNER IS PLANNED FOR SUNDAY FEB 12. AT 4:00 PM. PLATES WILL BE \$1.25 FOR ADULTS AND 75¢ FOR CHILDREN. THIS IS OPEN FOR ANYONE, NOT JUST MEMBERS OF THE WIDDERS OR R.V.A.R.C. SO IF YOU WILL HELP, BRING A GUEST AND TRY TO COME TO THIS DINNER.

THE CLUB ALSO HAS DECIDED TO HAVE "SECRET PALS" THIS YEAR. THIS TYPE THING HAS DONE WONDERS FOR OTHER CLUBS, AND WE HOPE IT WILL HELP US TO BECOME BETTER FRIENDS TO EACH OTHER.

HOSTESSES FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING THIS FRIDAY NIGHT WILL BE GRETA DICKERSON AND HILDA FERRELL. IN MARCH THE HOSTESSES WILL BE BONNIE WORLEY AND DARLENE PINION.

IT IS HOPED THIS YEAR WILL BE ONE IN WHICH WE IMPROVE OUR QUARTERS, GET MORE NEW MEMBERS AND HELP THE R.V.A.R.C. TO GROW EVEN MORE. WE WILL PROBABLY BE ASKED TO HANDLE THE REGISTRATION AND SERVE THE FOOD AT THE HAMFEST THIS YEAR AGAIN. MOST OF US ENJOY THESE EVENTS AND WE FEEL IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN THEM. THIS IS MUCH BETTER THAN JUST SITTING AROUND WAITING FOR TIME TO PASS WHILE THE MEN ENJOY "EYEBALL QSO'S".

THE CLUB HOUSE STILL NEEDS A FEW THINGS TO TIDY IT UP. NEXT TIME YOU GO THERE, LOOK AROUND AND IF YOU SEE SOMETHING IS NEEDED, MAKE AN EFFORT TO SEE IF YOU DON'T HAVE THAT ITEM AT HOME GATHERING DUST, AND DONATE IT TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE PLACE. SOON IT WILL BE A PLACE TO BE PROUD OF.

EUNICE.

IF YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF IT, YOUR ZIP CODE MUST APPEAR ON YOUR ADDRESS PLATE SO WE CAN SEND THE PAPER ON SECOND CLASS MAILING. THE LAST ISSUE WAS SENT FIRST CLASS. CHECK YOUR PAPER, AND IF YOUR CORRECT ZIP IS NOT ON IT CALL RALPH DICKERSON K4IAU AT DU9-5143 AND TELL HIM YOUR ZIP CODE. IF WE DON'T HAVE YOUR CORRECT ZIP CODE BY THE NEXT MAILING, YOU WILL NOT GET THE PAPER.

MAYBE IT'S TOO EARLY TO MENTION FIELD DAY, BUT JUNE HAS A WAY OF COMING RIGHT BEHIND MAY, AND REAL CLOSE AFTER OUR HAMFEST. WE HOPE TO TAKE BACK OUR FIRST PLACE IN THE FOURTH CALL AREA, THIS YEAR, SO IF YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON HOW WE CAN IMPROVE OUR SCORES, LET US KNOW. WE HOPE TO OPERATE TWO CW AND TWO SSB STATIONS AS WELL AS THE HIGH FREQUENCY STATIONS.

MEETINGS

Feb 10
Feb 27

At Club:
8:00 PM

In answer to M. N. J. of Vienna, Virginia. No, a twin lead does not mean Tony Oliva edging off first base.

Into each life some rain must fall usually on a week end when we plan to put up an antenna.

What appears in the "Party Line" column seems to be a spontaneous remark made on the ham bands. It really was a wisecrack from a television comedian which in turn was sweated out by a couple of gagwriters weeks before. No doubt it originated, slightly altered, from Joe Miller's Joke Book.

When it is ham radio gear one deals for by mail, that figure could be called a guestimate.

The OM is a guy who finds it hard to get onto the phone, into the bathroom, away from the house or out on the rig.

The OM rarely makes the same mistake twice .. the average if four or five times.

A preacher friend of ours was asking on 40 meters what to do with the new wallet got for Christmas.

We heard recently about the perfectly matched couples on 75 meters. He is a pill and she is a headache.

If all the ham radio operators in the world were laid end to end who would be on the bands?

The YF woke us the other night to give us a 30 over nine signal report. Man, that's really snoring.

It wasn't really the snoring that bothered her. In our sleep we kept repeating, "QRZ the YL."

It must be love. We saw a Novice carrying a YL's Amateur Radio Handbook.

We are waiting for one of the antenna manufacturers to come out with a vertical called the Totum Pole. The SWR would be low, man ... on the Totum Pole.

FILCHED FROM "AUTO CALL"

Guess who tried to check into the Pi Network the other day

W0CCT.

DO YOU ????? From RAGCHEW (Greater Pontiac VHF Society)
Via MIKE & KEY

1. Test on any band without giving your call ?
2. Shout "Break-Break" without giving your call ?
3. Break every QSO even though you have nothing to offer, or reason?
4. Call a station at the close of his QSO before he has heard the final from the station he is working ?
5. Refuse to listen on the frequency a sufficient time before you call a CQ or test ?
6. Operate mobile without giving your location ?
7. Answer all "CQ Ground Wave" although you are only fifteen miles away ?
8. Forget to give your own QTH when calling or signing ?
9. Ragchew on "key" frequencies when the band is open or ground wave is good ?
10. Jump on a frequency and call a station that is definitely calling someone else ?
11. Call another skip station way off frequency and expect an answer ?
12. Run over your 10 minutes without identification ?
13. Call LONG CQ's when the band is open and skip may change at any moment ?
14. Report into a net way off frequency ?
15. Operate your TV in the background 5 x 9 plus during a QSO ?

Do you ? Read carefully, score one point for every "YES" answer. If you add up to 10 you have merited the title of "LID".

YOU GET UP OFF THAT FLOOR AND GET DRESSED. I JUST HEAR THAT THE ROANOKE GANG IS HAVIN'G ANOTHER HAMFEST THIS YEAR AND I INTEND TO GO. GOTTA WIN AT THE BINGO GAME SOMETIME.



SKETCHED BY DICK GOBEL
K4ZHO



We have been pouring water around ant. mast since yesterday, can't tell signal is better, but the mast is four feet taller.