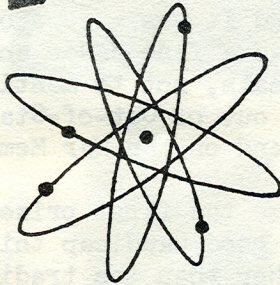


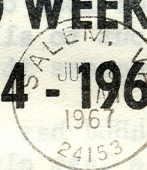
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## FIELD DAY

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The 1967 Hamfest is history now and it was a good one. Compliments on the Hamfest can be heard all over the bands. We had a fine dance and a outstanding good band. We had 372 registrations and served 134 meals, not to mention the seconds. The club made about \$300 clear. We had a large turn out of Out-of-State people. Serveral came in trailers or campers and spent the weekend on the War Memorial grounds.

One of the Lynchburg boys took home the first prize. Bill Avant won the Left-Foot sending contest which incidently had a good handicap this year because an electronic - keyer and "Bug" type key were used rather than the traditional hand key. The contest went over with a bang and alot of people tried their foot at it. Congradulations to Bill and his steady toes who only made 15 mistakes out of 113 characters. Don Worley-K4VCL won the tone contest and your editor here won the QSL contest which was judged by several of the Widders.

As guest speakers we had the Roanoke Division Director, Vic Clark and Virginia SCM Hoppy Hopkins-W4SHJ.

We had one of the largest displays of used equipment I've ever seen. Every other car trunk was loaded with goodies and the VPI Radio Club actioned off a truck load of surplus. A fine time was had by all and a special THANKS go out to all who donated prizes, time, and effort to make this Hamfest the success it was.

Tom Lamons-WB4BLJ has finished the General Theory classes. Diploma's were awarded at the last club meeting. The four who successfully compleed the coure were Steve Henry, Ed Mattern, Wilber Pleasents, and James (Jim) Williamson-WN4FWF. Jim is 12 yrs old, (See Photo) just completed the sixth grade, QTH is Troutville and also shown in the photo is the FB mike he won at the Hamfest. Tom plans to teach a code class in the near future if enough people are interested. If you know anyone who wants to take the class please have them get in touch with Tom at 774-7726.



Vic Clark

Sam Kent-K4CEK is back with us after a couple years in Norfolk. "Welcome back Sam". WE also have two new members "Bill" W.D.Emmons-W4NXZ and "John" J.C.Williams, and Jay Merchant-W6ITF (a visitor) from Bay Area, California plans to be with us through the summer.

For all those who have been missing meetings lately, Bill Perkins-K4QIY has kept us lined up with some real fine programs and attendance is up and picking up alittle with meeting. The meeting room is starting to fill up pretty good now so I guess with the advent of larger attendance during the winter months one of projects in the near future will be getting one of the walls removed to enlarge our meeting room.

Speaking of fine programs the program at the next meeting on Fridaynight June 9th will be the showing of films of past Field Days. This should be of interest to everyone since all the stars are local ham actors. Coffee will be served at the intermission. If you have any films, slides or photos of past Field Days please bring them to the meeting with you. There

There will not be a meeting at the club house on June 23rd (the day before Field Day) but instead the night will be used to take equipment and supplies to the Field Day site and sit up antennas the same as we have done in the past.

All the plans will be made at Fridaynights meeting (June 9th) for Field Day so be sure to be there. Also a worth while door prize will be awarded at this meeting. An item that could be well used in any Ham Shack. Don't miss this one.

Operators are needed for both 6W and Phone operations. We expect to operate five transmitters for 24 hours. At the present time the team makeups are ( Captains Underlined)

75-40 SSB - Earl Wood, Van Wimmer

40 CW - Bill Johnson, Kendall Pinion

20 SSB - Byrant Walker

20 CW - Bill Perkins, Ben Givandan

15-10-6-2 ? - Phil Sharr, Lynn Wells, Bob Anderson

Several tents are still needed. If you have one we can use call John Ferrell at DU-95582 or Jim Evans at 774-2828. We will have 3 cooks to prepare food. The same group as the last five years. (Yummmmm) You can bring your own food if you want to. The price of the meals will be Saturday (Supper) Adults \$1.50 Children 75¢. Sunday (Breakfest) - \$1.00 All Sunday (Lunch) Adults \$1.50 Children 75¢. Free midnight snacks for the Operators Only. Soft drinks on ice for 10¢.



Bring the whole family, the XYL, kids and all. (See Photo of 1964 Field Day). There is plenty of room. You can bring tents, campers, trailers, etc, all welcome. Anyone can camp in the field who wishes to do so. Sorry, no motel in the area.. Be sure to bring a folding chair if you want a place to set, also camras, sun glasses and tan lotion, etc because it gets plenty hot and then some during the daylight hours.

"So what if you are the lightest mobile kilowatt at Field Day?"  
(Fm LARC)

If you plan on Spending the night besure to bring sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, etc. Warning-Be Prepared - It gets unbieveably cold at night. Believe it or not the Mercury almost disappears at night up on that high mountain.

Team members be sure to bring Folding chairs, operating tables, lamps or lights for tents, all necessary plugs, clocks, extension cords, and fuses for the equipment, plenty of pen and pencils and full winter dress wear and something to cover your head with (sock-hats, etc.) for night operation. Several years back one fellow operator was believed to have gone home in the night when it got so cold until it was discovered he was in his zipped up sleeping bag with mic, earphones, log and all, completely out of sight.

In the last four years we have placed 1st in the 4th call area twice and placed 2nd twice. Our best over all place in the U.S.A. was 10th.

A trophy will be awarded to the team scoring highest. The trophy will be of the permanent type and it will pass to next years high team.

Plan now to attend. (See Page 7 for Map). Get on a team and operate. (See Photos - of 1964 Field Day.)

ARRL#110. FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Docket 17377, to change amateur identification rules. The ammendments require transmission of call signs of both stations only at the end of a contact. At other requied identification points, the call of the transmitting station alone would be enough. Thus, the proposed rule would appear to legalize tail-ending. Also, stations operating portable or mobile would need to transmit only the call area numeral instead of the exact location. The comment deadline in June 30th and full details will appear in June issue of QST.

ARRL # 112. A study is under way to determine to what extent, if any, normal prppagation conditions were disrupted by the artificial ionoshere cloud fired by rocket from Wallops Island Virginia the evening of March 30th. Amateurs having knowledge of disruption of normal conditions that evening, on any frequency, are requested to foward complete details to ARRL Headquarters, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut-06111.

ARRL # 113. A reciprocal operating agreement is now effective between Trinidad and the United States. Amateurs of one country visiting or residing in the other may obtain permission to operate their own amateur stations there. The United States has previously agreements with Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Columbia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Israel, Kuwait, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Sierra Leone and the United Kingdom. Many others are being negotiated and successes will be announced as they occur.

#### MOBILE IDENTIFICATION

Rules and regulations governing amateur radio operation as established by the FCC often-times escape our regard for them until some unsuspecting day they are brought to our attention by a FCC "Pink ticket". This Pink ticket may be for several types of violations but in this instance, let us consider improper or incorrect identification of mobile (and portable) operation.

Scanning through several ham and electronic publications for the past six months, one can find that the above problem is widespread and that the FCC has just begun a crack-down. Altho there have been no reports of "Pink tickets" for this type of violation in our area, it is time to make a check of mobile operation. The FCC crackdown concerns the logging of mobile transmissions and the correct geographical identification of mobile (and portable) operation.

Logging of mobile operations must contain the following information:

- (a) Date and time
- (b) Signature of operator
- (c) Call sign of station called
- (d) Input power to final stage
- (e) Frequency
- (f) Type of emission
- (g) Location of station
- (h) Any message traffic handled

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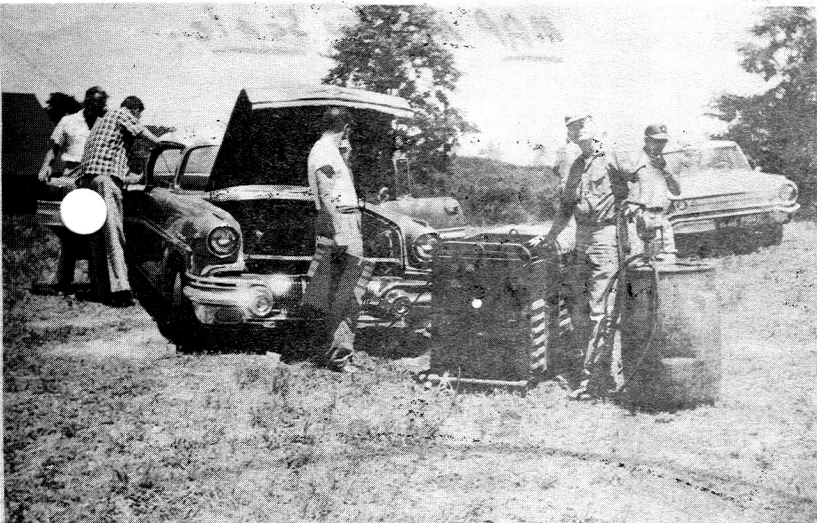
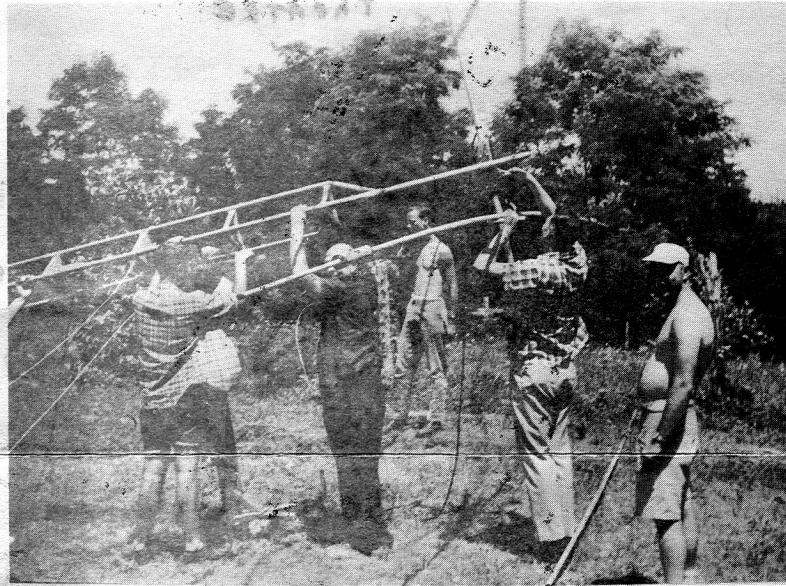
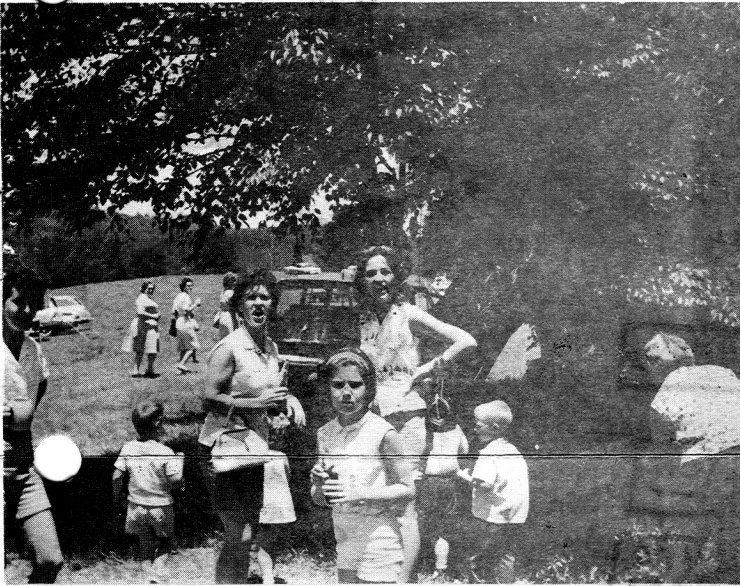
The above must be complied with in all mobile operations with items e and g being the chief offenders. Item e is fairly self-explanatory. The g happens to be a horse of another color. The rules state that the geographical location be logged for each transmission; however, the rules also state that in mobile operation the type and identity of the vehicle in which mobile operation operation is pursued shall be logged. To be beyond the shadow of a doubt, enter both conditions for item g in the mobile logbook.

The second reason for recent "Pink tickets" is the identification by mobile operators at the beginning and end of each transmission. The FCC rule states that mobile (and portable) stations shall give their geographical locations at the beginning and the end of each transmission. This identification shall be as follows:

"W4\_\_\_, this is K4\_\_\_ mobile (or portable), Main and Seventh Street in Lynchburg, Virginia, Over."

The above information has been presented in a brief manner but presented in hopes that it will help those who have been lax in their mobile operations. For more details presentation of the rules, refer to the October 1966 edition of Volume VI of the FCC Ruled Rules and Regulations.

Pictures of 1964 Field Day



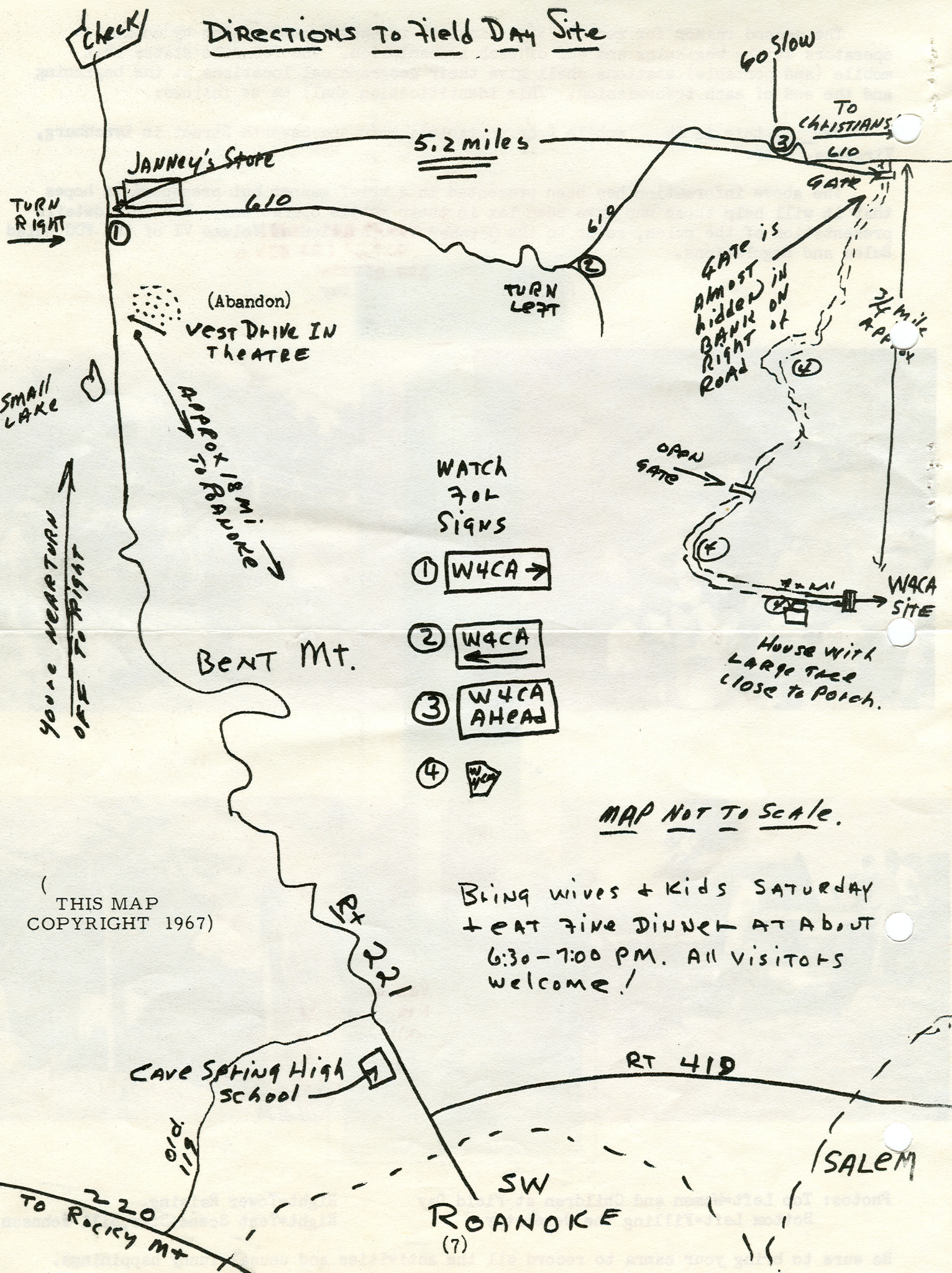
Photos: Top Left=Women and Children at Field Day  
Bottom Left=Filling the Generator

Right=Tower Raising  
Right=Tent Scene-Star, Bill Johnson

Be sure to bring your camera to record all the activities and unusual funny happenings.

# DIRECTIONS TO FIELD DAY Site

check



TURN RIGHT

SMALL LAKE

you're NEAR TURN OFF TO RIGHT

JANNEY'S STORE

5.2 miles

60 SLOW

TO CHRISTIANS 610

①

(Abandon) VEST DRIVE IN TREE

TURN LEFT

APPROX 18 MI. WAKE

BENT Mt.

WATCH FOR SIGNS

① W4CA →

② W4CA ←

③ W4CA AHEAD

④ W4CA

OPEN GATE

GATE IS ALMOST HIDDEN IN ON RIGHT BANK ROAD

3/4 mile APPROX

WACA SITE

House with LARGE TREE close to Patch.

MAP NOT TO SCALE.

( THIS MAP COPYRIGHT 1967 )

Bring wives + kids SATURDAY + eat fine dinner AT ABOUT 6:30-7:00 PM. All visitors welcome!

Cave Spring High School

RT 410

SALEM

SW ROANOKE (7)

220 TO ROCKY Mt



"Jim" Williamson-WN4FWF-12yrs old"



W4NLC - Bill

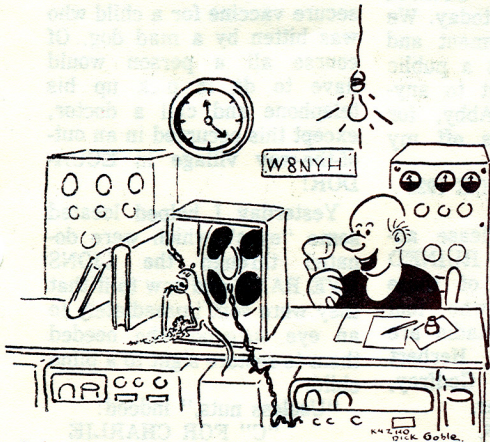
W4NLC - Bill Johnson, Jr. of Roanoke, Virginia, an active member of the club. Bill was first licensed as K3EYA, Philadelphia, Pa. in 1959 and is a member of ARRL, Al-OP, RCC, ORS, and EC for Area 10.

Bill states that he has no glamorous DX picture to paint, about 3 confirmed in 10 years, and that his main pursuit is thatoof traffic.

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For Sale: HW-12 with AC/DC Power Supply-Factory checked.....\$225.00 Contact Janice Coffey K1AUU, PO Box 297, Buchanan, Va. 24066

For Sale or Trade-Six Meter Halo, Six meter convtr, Heath Mohican General Cover Portable Receiver. Contact Pappy-W4ZZV at 343-0757



Yeah Jim, the audio sounds like a rat gnawing in my speaker, thought you would like to know.



### Meetings

June 9.....RVARC  
(at Club House)

June 16.....Widders  
(at Club House)

June 23.....RVARC  
(Trip to FD site)

June 24 & 25..RVARC  
(Field Day)

Ads or Any Thing for the Log Send to:

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# The Widders News



Widders reporter this year is Eunice Evans

The Widders held a business meeting May 12 at the club house to discuss the preparations for the Hamfest. Eight Widders were present. We planned to collect gifts for bingo prizes.

Hamfest was at Vinton War Memorial Saturdaynight and Sunday May 27 and 28. Saturday night we had our dance. Everyone seem to have a nice time. The Widders helped with registration Saturdaynight and Sunday. We also served the meal Sunday. Nancy Davis, our President, wishes to thank each and every Widder which helped.

Our June meeting will be at the club house June 16<sup>th</sup> with Betty Chilman and Louise Martin Hostesses. Hope to see all the widders there.

Eunice Evans

## Ham Operators Say Woman Wrong; Faulty TV Set Is Real Culprit

DEAR ABBY: This is to thank you for telling that woman who insisted that a Ham Operator in her neighborhood was interfering with her TV reception to get her set checked—that she needed a FILTER COIL!

Whenever it becomes known that there is a Ham Operator within 10 miles, every time there is trouble with a hi-fi, stereo, radio, or television set, the Ham gets blamed. After an investigation, the trouble is usually traced to a faulty electric blanket, refrigerator, incandescent light (about to burn out), thermostat on a tropical fish tank, even a hearing aid in the home of the complainer!

I stood right in the living room of a lady who insisted that my Ham Radio was ruining her reception, so she KNEW I couldn't very well be operating my set, but she said, "I don't care what you say, I can see your radio tower from here, and I KNOW that's what's causing my

trouble!" So, go fight city hall.

J. J. S., K3PZU

DEAR ABBY: This is for "RECEPTION RUINED," who insisted that Ham Radio Operator in her neighborhood was ruining her TV reception: I hope you have your TV set checked as Abby suggested, because if it picks up my signal, the trouble is in your set, which, if properly constructed, should be able to reject unwanted signals.

You called all Ham Operators "useless nuts." Perhaps you didn't know that Ham Radio is more than a "hobby," it is frequently the only means of communication to a disaster area in cases of floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, sinking ships, and in locating people in faraway places where there is no electricity or telephone.

In order to become a licensed Ham, one has to study hard to pass the examinations, and then abide by the

rules of the Federal Communications Commission. His "rig" is also inspected and monitored by the FCC to be sure it is kept "clean." There are over 280,000 licensed Hams in the states today. We buy our own equipment and use it constantly as a public service without cost to anyone. Thank you, Abby, for letting me get this off my chest.

A HAM SINCE 1926

DEAR ABBY: Please advise RECEPTION RUINED that among some of those "useless nuts" who fool around with Ham Radio are Gen. Curtis LeMay, Herbert Hoover Jr., Arthur Godfrey, and Barry Goldwater.

Very truly yours,  
ANOTHER USELESS  
NUT

DEAR ABBY: I would like for you to tell Reception Ruined that during January, 1967, the "useless nuts" who operate Ham Radios handled

3,798 phone patches and 5,398 personal messages for the boys in Viet Nam.

Furthermore I just turned off my rig after listening to two of those "useless nuts" secure vaccine for a child who was bitten by a mad dog. Of course all a person would have to do is pick up his telephone and call a doctor, except this occurred in an out-of-the-way village in ECUADOR!

Yesterday I helped located some "eyes" which were donated through the LIONS EYE BANK and saw to it that they were sent immediately to an eye surgeon who needed them to restore sight to a blind child.

"Useless nuts," indeed!

"C" FOR CHARLIE

For Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding," send \$1.00 to Abby, Box 69700, Los Angeles, Calif., 90069.

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