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THE PREZ SEZ

I open this month's column with the sad news that Harry Stein, W3CL, became a silent key on February 18, 1992. He will be missed by all of us who knew him. I want to take this opportunity to extend our deepest sympathy to the Stein family.

The sad news of Harry's passing tempered the Crying Towel meeting that is held each year just after the January VHF contest. Congratulations to the crew of W3CCX/3 for winning the 1992 award. From what I remember of the tale, I don't think that Murphy was to be blamed. Apparently their multi-op station suffered from rotator hang-ups and preamp failure. We all enjoyed the stories of the evening and most important, we each have an opportunity to learn from the troubles encountered. I won two crying towel awards before I learned that Murphy will strike without warning! It's been made quite clear to me that Murphy won't even spare his own relatives... even on my side of the family!

At the February meeting, we discussed a proposed Constitutional amendment that club administration would like to have you vote on. The details of the amendment appear in this issue of Cheese Bits. PLEASE COME TO THE MARCH MEETING TO VOTE. We must have a quorum together to act on this very important matter of club business. The March meeting will also be our annual Homebrew Night. Come out to see all of the equipment and projects built by Pack Rats. I promise to keep the business portion of the meeting very short.

73, William T. Murphy
W0RSJ -- FN20JR

MARCH MEETING PROGRAM: Annual Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club HOMEBREW NIGHT. Yes, Pack Rats do still build their own gear. Why? Because they build it BETTER. Come out and see a fresh variety of home-constructed gear which the Japs would feel lucky just to have a photograph of. We guarantee you'll be enlightened and inspired.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

By Harry Brown, W3ITT

MARCH

- 1 York Ham and Computer Springfest at the Dover Firehall, Dover, Pa. VE exams will be given. Talk-in: 146.37/.97
- 4 Ash Wednesday
- 7 Shore Points ARC "Springfest 92" at Holy Spirit High School, on Rt. 9 1/2 mile south of Rt 30 in Absecon, NJ. VE exams - contact Dick Wells, KE2HQ (908) 479-6395 for registration. Talk-in: 146.385/.985
- 7-8 ARRL International DX Contest (phone). See Dec '91 QST page 98 for rules.
- 7 Splitrock ARA and West Morris Wireless Society Hamfest will be held at the Morris Catholic High School, Denville, NJ. VE exams. Talk-in: 146.385/.985, 223.86/.26, and 146.52
- 12 Pack Rat Board of Directors meeting at the QTH of Pat Cawthorne, WB3DNI Meeting starts at 8:00 PM. Call 215-672-5289 for directions.
- 14 Cherryville Repeater Association Hamfest at the Hunterdon Central High School field house, Flemington, NJ. VE exams. Talk-in: 147.975/.375 and 146.52
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Pack Rat general membership meeting at the Southampton Free Library on Street Road. The program will be the annual Homebrew Night. Bring your successes, failures and works in the process to share with all. You do not have to be a member to enter. All interested VHFers and microwave enthusiasts are welcome. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.
- 20 Death of Brendan, Dublin 1964
- 22 Delaware Valley Radio Association Hamfest will be held at the Mercer Community College on Old Trenton Road in West Windsor, NJ. VE exams. Talk-in: 146.07/.67 and 146.52
- 27-28 Station WA3DFU will be operated by the Warminster ARC at the Union League to honor the soldiers that fought in the Civil War. Look for the special event on 14.275, 21.375, 28.375 MHz.
- 28-29 Baltimore ARC Hamfest at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. VE exams. Talk-in: 146.07/67

1992 CLUB DUES ARE DUE

Members of the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club should please pay their club dues for the year 1992 immediately. Full membership costs \$10.00. Retired members pay \$5. Checks should be written payable to "Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club".

Send your payment to: Dave Mascaro, Treasurer
1603 Mink Road
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A REMBERENCE OF HARRY B. STEIN, W3CL

Harry first saw the light of day on August 2, 1911 in South Philadelphia where he spent his childhood among his many friends and enemies - remember his wonderful tales of his childhood? Harry attended the Philadelphia school systems and graduated from West Philadelphia High School. It was here that he became enchanted with radio and in particular Amateur Radio. It was through an upper-classman who ran the Electric Club at the high school, Ed Keener. Harry and Ed were longtime friends and Harry always referred to Ed as his "Nemesis" because Ed intrigued Harry into his lifelong vocation - radio communications and electronics.

Harry went to work for the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) in the early '30's. About the mid-thirties, Harry and a number of his friends joined a Naval reserve unit at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Perhaps many of you can enjoy reliving Harry's great tales of his adventures while on his various active duty assignments.

Those who associated with Harry knew he was an avid story teller with great detail. Many of us endured the tales many times, but never tired listening. The stories varied little each time told.

Harry married Sylvia September 24, 1939. They had two daughters, Florene and Marsha, lovely young ladies. Marsha gave Harry two grandchildren.

He was called to active duty as a Chief in the early 40's and assigned to the Cape May Point Naval Communications Station. Following duty there he was assigned duty as a Chief Warrant Officer in Brazil overdoing Naval communication at Belem and Pacife. This tour of duty added to Harry's repertoire of tales and provided many hours of listening pleasure. He injured his knee while in Brazil and was returned to the Philadelphia Naval Hospital for rehabilitation. Upon his discharge from the hospital, he was assigned duty at the Navy Yard. When he was discharged from the Navy, he continued working as a civilian engineer in Naval airbourne communications. In 1947 he and his group were moved to the Naval Air Development Station, Johnsville, Pa. where he was Branch Head of the Communications Branch of the Radio Division in the Aeronautical Electrical Electronic Laboratory (AEEL) until he retired in 1972. During this time, the Naval Station became a Naval Center and many changes were made to the Laboratory. Harry's Branch included a number of Pack Rats - Dave Zimmerman, Ken Harrison, Mario Fontana, Jack Power and one who I remember as "Ted" (last name escapes me but he was a great cigar smoker, hi).

Harry was one of about ten hams who started the Mt. Airy V.H.F. Radio Club. He was President and a member of the Board of Directors. Along with many duties he assumed, he took over the Editorship of Cheese Bits about the mid-70's and was the father of each issue until 1989. Harry joined Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) in 1958 as well as The Delaware Valley Chapter of QCWA. He chaired the Chapter from 1964 to 1966 and continued to be instrumental in the chapter's operation until his illness.

Harry was a member of the Masonic Order, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America known to the laymen as the "Shrine".

Harry left us February 17, 1992 to partake of the radio contests from that great radio shack in the sky. We all hope he is as big a winner there as he was here on Earth. We'll miss you, friend, and he was, to us all.

- John B. Power, W2AXU

BACK RAT LADIES NIGHT 1992

Ladies' Night 1992 will be held at Chateau Granieri's in Willow Grove, Pa. Cost will be \$17.00 per person. Music and dancing will follow dinner. This is our annual special opportunity to thank our ladies who support our radio fun.

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CONTACT: Woody Peitzer, AK2F, 10 Berry Lane, Randolph, NJ 07869
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FOR SALE: W3CCX RIW-19 432 yagis, \$25 ea. W3CCX 903 loop yagis. \$25 ea. These antennas are proven winners and in excellent shape.
CONTACT: David Hackford, N3CX

WANTED: Icom IC-290A or other 10-25 watt 2M multimode.
CONTACT: Harry Price, K3HZ0 531 Carla Dr., Huntingtown, Md. 20639

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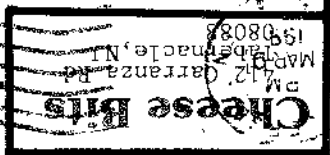
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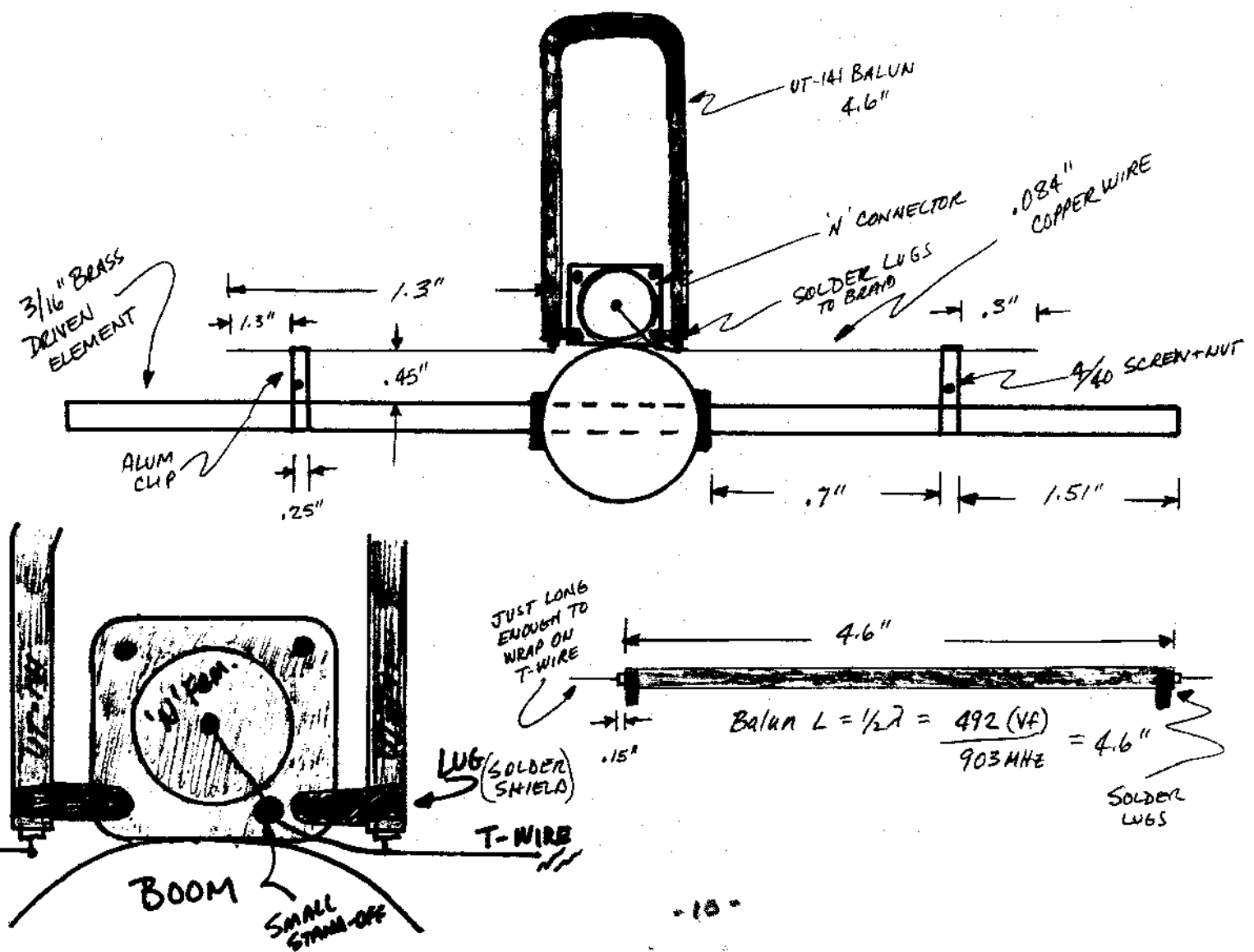
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902/903 MHz DLGWU YAGI MATCH
by Dave, N3CX

Hello all you 903 fans! I have been using DLGWU type yagis now for about 5 years. When I first put them up, I was in a hurry and settled for an SWR in the neighborhood of 1.65:1. I was never satisfied with this match. I don't have to tell anyone who builds gear that sometimes we do things that are not in the best engineering practices, Hi! (Right before the big contest it's hurry, hurry, hurry hurry, Hi!). The original feed was a folded dipole and I slapped it together with out trying different wire sizes and spacing - tisk, tisk! So I said to myself, let's do it right, if possible. Now that all the gear for 3.4 and 5.7 was built, we have some free time, Hi! Just sitting in the shack thinking about the 6.8% of my power being used to heat the finals was eating at me, Hi! With the mild winter that we've had, it was time to do some experimenting. The "T-match" is small but works really well - SWR at 903 MHz is 1.18:1 and it makes me feel better, Hi! I did the garden hose test and it's fine. That is all for now and get in touch with me if you want to chat or run some sked's... listen for the weak ones, 73.



PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE MT. AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB CONSTITUTION

Change section (3) to section (2). Change section (2) to section (3). Add the following as section (4):

"If 51% of the voting membership does not attend the meeting at which the amendment is proposed, a proxy vote may be initiated by order of the president. Proxies shall be mailed to all voting members stating all the proposed changes. Returns shall be sent to the president and remain sealed until the next meeting at which a re-vote is taken on the changes. Proxies will be opened and counted along with the results of the vote of the voting members present at the meeting. The proxies and the voting members present will be counted for the 51% quorum requirement."

Although several changes had been discussed, this is the only change under consideration at this time. Please plan to attend the March club meeting on 3/19 to vote on this important amendment. We need 35+ present to make quorum.

HAMARAMA 1992 - GETTIN' READY ALREADY
by Chairman Al, K3EOD

The contract for HAMARAMA '92 at Garden State Park has been signed. The date for Hamarama '92 is October 4, 1992. Let's all begin to spread the word. A new hamfest flyer is on the printing press and copies will be available in March. If you plan to attend any hamfests in the tri-state area, and would be willing to hand out some flyers, please let me know which hamfest and the amount of flyers you will need. WE MUST REMIND POLKS EARLY OF OUR NEW LOCATION.

If anyone has access to a copy machine, and could duplicate some flyers for the club, please let me know as it would save the club funds which could be spent elsewhere.

If you would like to serve on any of the various HAMARAMA committees, or be a committee chairman, please let me know.

REPLY COMMENTS: 222 MHZ NON-REPEATER SUBBAND

The ARRL and a group of VHF operators have filed their replies with FCC in the League's strongly contested RM-7869 proposal for a non-repeater subband at 222.0-222.150 MHz. Repeater users are up in arms over the possibility that repeater spectrum may be reduced to permit use of other so-called "weak signal" modes. These modes include SSB, CW, EME, meteor scatter, or other systems that use less of the spectral resource than the dominant FM repeater usage. The dispute goes to the core of the role of volunteer frequency coordination in the Amateur Service, which occasionally pits entrenched users against experimenters. ARRL counted a total of 68 comments, of which 46 were opposed to change and 22 were in favor. "Almost without exception, those in opposition to the petition were filed by amateurs from Southern California," ARRL told the FCC. "Those in support of the petition were primarily not from California, but from various other areas of the country.

ARRL summarized the opponents' position "that the severe crowding in the 222-225 MHz band necessitates some variation from the national band plan, at least in Southern California. Some commenters claim that a 150 KHZ subband at 222 MHz is too large, and would displace numerous repeaters now in operation in that segment.

The commenters identify some 15-17 repeaters in southern California which would be displaced by the proposed subband; some of these have already been relocated from the 220-222 MHz segment. They express doubt that these stations could be accommodated elsewhere in the crowded 222-225 MHz band.

ARRL noted that its request for 150 KHZ "seemed to be a reasonably small segment (5 percent of the total remaining band), and it appeared sufficient for weak signal operation." It now says, however, that a smaller subband may suffice and the actual size of the subband be the subject in a NPRM. TNX W5YI REPORT

PROPAGATION REPORT
by Bill Murphy, WØRSJ

Our regular propagation editor, Paul Drexler WB3JYO, will be on furlough from the duties of this column as he and Naomi continue their busy schedule of work and home-renovation. We have enjoyed Paul's reports and look forward to his return to writing for Cheese Bits. Once he gets some antennas installed at the new home, he'll have propagation info available directly again. Until then, our active and dedicated president, Bill WØRSJ, will be reporting VHF and above activity and propagation. Please forward all information on what you've been working on the bands to Bill. Reports of activity and observations of propagation can be submitted to Bill via the Monday nets, by mail, or telephone. As we head into the action months for VHF/UHF, let's all keep this column interesting.

TNX, WC2K

The January Contest conditions were dismal on Saturday on all bands in our Mid Atlantic area until early Sunday morning. Conditions improved to above average for the remainder of the contest up to 1296 MHz. The upper bands, 2304 and 3456 and up still exhibited less than normal signal levels up to the end of the contest at my location FN2ØJR.

Six meters continues to be open with F2 to Europe being worked on the East Coast USA primarily in the morning. Most signals have been on CW and are extremely weak. Good transequatorial (TE) propagation is being worked in the southern latitudes. I have been listening on 28.885 which is very helpful for tracking 6-meter DX paths. However I've also experienced good East Coast openings without any chatter on 28.885. In any case, the F2 is primarily a daylight condition on 6. An Aurora was noted on 2-meters on February 24 which resulted from a solar flare yielding a K-index of 6.

JANUARY VHF CONTEST WRAP-UP

by Phil, WA3NUF

The scoring has been completed, the logs have been checked and mailed, and the PACKRATS have again qualified for the unlimited club competition with a total of 56 logs. Our final score is 1,463,Ø7Ø points. Thanks to everyone who participated in another fine club effort. The TEAM competition results have been tabulated and the winner is Team #1 with a total score of 349,518 points. Award certificates for the winning team were presented at the Febuary club meeting. All of the comments heard so far about the TEAM competition have been very favorable. If you have any suggestions concerning the competition for next year, please let me know.

VHF SWEEPSTAKES INTER-CLUB TEAM COMPETITION RESULTS

	<u>RAW SCORE</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION BONUS</u>	<u>NON-ACTIVE MEMBER BONUS</u>	<u>NEW BAND BONUS</u>	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>
TEAM #1	348,518	Ø	Ø	1ØØØ	349,518
TEAM #4	333,981	Ø	5ØØØ	3ØØØ	341,981
TEAM #5	3Ø7,489	Ø	1ØØØØ	2ØØØ	319,489
TEAM #3	314,927	Ø	Ø	1ØØØ	315,927
TEAM #2	145,597	Ø	5ØØØ	Ø	15Ø,597
TEAM #6	12,558	1ØØØØ	Ø	Ø	22,558

Congratulations to WØRSJ, N2NVT, N3CX, K3ESJ, WA3JUF, WB8ZAR, WA3IWT, and WB2ONA ... members of the 1992 winning team - TEAM #1.

W3CL SK

Harry, W3CL became a Silent Key on Tuesday, February 19, 1992. Harry was a great example of what the Pack Rats are all about. Harry was, without question, the most influential member of the group in the club's history. The board's of directors have come and gone and changed over the years, but Harry remained the center of wisdom for the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club. He was consulted on every issue and one of his greatest attributes was his open mind in considering new directions for the club. Harry personally knew every member of the Pack Rats, every member from the beginning on. He was trusted, respected, and loved by his radio club and by the Amateur Radio fraternity who knew him.

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PROPAGATION REPORT
by Bill Murphy, WØRSJ

Our regular propagation editor, Paul Drexler WB3JYO, will be on furlough from the duties of this column as he and Naomi continue their busy schedule of work and home-renovation. We have enjoyed Paul's reports and look forward to his return to writing for Cheese Bits. Once he gets some antennas installed at the new home, he'll have propagation info available directly again. Until then, our active and dedicated president, Bill WØRSJ, will be reporting VHF and above activity and propagation. Please forward all information on what you've been working on the bands to Bill. Reports of activity and observations of propagation can be submitted to Bill via the Monday nets, by mail, or telephone. As we head into the action months for VHF/UHF, let's all keep this column interesting.

TNX, WC2K

The January Contest conditions were dismal on Saturday on all bands in our Mid Atlantic area until early Sunday morning. Conditions improved to above average for the remainder of the contest up to 1296 MHz. The upper bands, 2304 and 3456 and up still exhibited less than normal signal levels up to the end of the contest at my location FN2ØJR.

Six meters continues to be open with F2 to Europe being worked on the East Coast USA primarily in the morning. Most signals have been on CW and are extremely weak. Good transequatorial (TE) propagation is being worked in the southern latitudes. I have been listening on 28.885 which is very helpful for tracking 6-meter DX paths. However I've also experienced good East Coast openings without any chatter on 1.885. In any case, the F2 is primarily a daylight condition on 6. An Aurora was noted on 2-meters on February 24 which resulted from a solar flare yielding a K-index of 6.

JANUARY VHF CONTEST WRAP-UP
by Phil, WA3NUF

The scoring has been completed, the logs have been checked and mailed, and the PACKRATS have again qualified for the unlimited club competition with a total of 56 logs. Our final score is 1,463,070 points. Thanks to everyone who participated in another fine club effort. The TEAM competition results have been tabulated and the winner is Team #1 with a total score of 349,518 points. Award certificates for the winning team were presented at the February club meeting. All of the comments heard so far about the TEAM competition have been very favorable. If you have any suggestions concerning the competition for next year, please let me know.

VHF SWEEPSTAKES INTER-CLUB TEAM COMPETITION RESULTS

	<u>RAW SCORE</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION BONUS</u>	<u>NON-ACTIVE MEMBER BONUS</u>	<u>NEW BAND BONUS</u>	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>
TEAM #1	348,518	0	0	1000	349,518
TEAM #4	333,981	0	5000	3000	341,981
TEAM #5	307,489	0	10000	2000	319,489
TEAM #3	314,927	0	0	1000	315,927
TEAM #2	145,597	0	5000	0	150,597
TEAM #6	12,558	10000	0	0	22,558

Congratulations to WØRSJ, N2NVT, N3CX, K3ESJ, WA3JUF, WB8ZAR, WA3IWT, and WB2ONA ... members of the 1992 winning team - TEAM #1.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE MT. AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB CONSTITUTION

Change section (3) to section (2). Change section (2) to section (3). Add the following as section (4):

"If 51% of the voting membership does not attend the meeting at which the amendment is proposed, a proxy vote may be initiated by order of the president. Proxies shall be mailed to all voting members stating all the proposed changes. Returns shall be sent to the president and remain sealed until the next meeting at which a re-vote is taken on the changes. Proxies will be opened and counted along with the results of the vote of the voting members present at the meeting. The proxies and the voting members present will be counted for the 51% quorum requirement."

Although several changes had been discussed, this is the only change under consideration at this time. Please plan to attend the March club meeting on 3/19 to vote on this important amendment. We need 35+ present to make quorum.

HAMARAMA 1992 - GETTIN' READY ALREADY by Chairman Al, K3EOD

The contract for HAMARAMA '92 at Garden State Park has been signed. The date for Hamarama '92 is October 4, 1992. Let's all begin to spread the word. A new hamfest flyer is on the printing press and copies will be available in March. If you plan to attend any hamfests in the tri-state area, and would be willing to hand out some flyers, please let me know which hamfest and the amount of flyers you will need. WE MUST REMIND FOLKS EARLY OF OUR NEW LOCATION.

If anyone has access to a copy machine, and could duplicate some flyers for the club, please let me know as it would save the club funds which could be spent elsewhere.

If you would like to serve on any of the various HAMARAMA committees, or be a committee chairman, please let me know.

REPLY COMMENTS: 222 MHZ NON-REPEATER SUBBAND

The ARRL and a group of VHF operators have filed their replies with FCC in the League's strongly contested RM-7869 proposal for a non-repeater subband at 222.0-222.150 MHz. Repeater users are up in arms over the possibility that repeater spectrum may be reduced to permit use of other so-called "weak signal" modes. These modes include SSB, CW, EME, meteor scatter, or other systems that use less of the spectral resource than the dominant FM repeater usage. The dispute goes to the core of the role of volunteer frequency coordination in the Amateur Service, which occasionally pits entrenched users against experimenters. ARRL counted a total of 68 comments, of which 46 were opposed to change and 22 were in favor. "Almost without exception, those in opposition to the petition were filed by amateurs from Southern California," ARRL told the FCC. "Those in support of the petition were primarily not from California, but from various other areas of the country.

ARRL summarized the opponents' position "that the severe crowding in the 222-225 MHz band necessitates some variation from the national band plan, at least in Southern California. Some commenters claim that a 150 KHz subband at 222 MHz is too large, and would displace numerous repeaters now in operation in that segment.

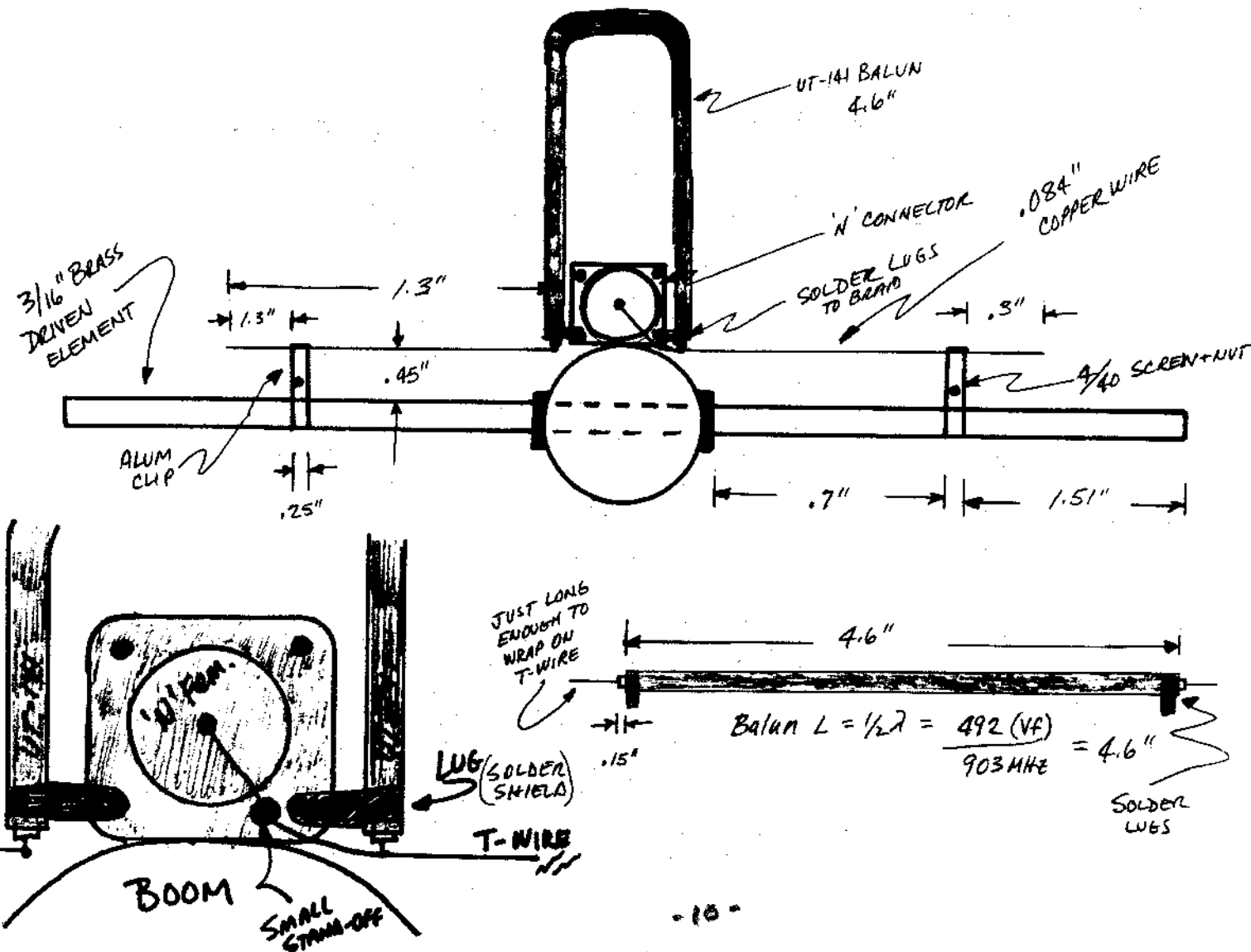
The commenters identify some 15-17 repeaters in southern California which would be displaced by the proposed subband; some of these have already been relocated from the 220-222 MHz segment. They express doubt that these stations could be accommodated elsewhere in the crowded 222-225 MHz band.

ARRL noted that its request for 150 KHz "seemed to be a reasonably small segment (5 percent of the total remaining band), and it appeared sufficient for weak signal operation." It now says, however, that a smaller subband may suffice and the actual size of the subband be the subject in a NPRM. TNX W5YI REPORT

902/903 MHz DL6WU YAGI MATCH

by Dave, N3CX

Hello all you 903 fans! I have been using DL6WU type yagis now for about 5 years. When I first put them up, I was in a hurry and settled for an SWR in the neighborhood of 1.65:1. I was never satisfied with this match. I don't have to tell anyone who builds gear that sometimes we do things that are not in the best engineering practices, Hi! (Right before the big contest it's hurry, hurry, hurry, hurry, Hi!). The original feed was a folded dipole and I slapped it together with out trying different wire sizes and spacing - tisk, tisk! So I said to myself, let's do it right, if possible. Now that all the gear for 3.4 and 5.7 was built, we have some free time, Hi! Just sitting in the shack thinking about the 6.8% of my power being used to heat the finals was eating at me, Hi! With the mild winter that we've had, it was time to do some experimenting. The "T-match" is small but works really well - SWR at 903 MHz is 1.18:1 and it makes me feel better, Hi! I did the garden hose test and it's fine. That is all for now and get in touch with me if you want to chat or run some sked's... listen for the weak ones, 73.



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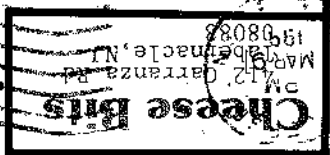
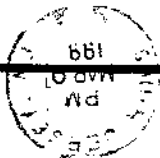
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