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THE PREZ SEZ

Spring is definitely here although this is a perfect time to get out and fix up the antennas after a hard winter, I must choose to look at them while I mow the grass and paint the windows. I do take comfort in the thought that I am probably not alone. We had a good ' turnout for the April meeting. The night ended up with an enjoyable eyeball QSO since the scheduled speaker was unable to make it.

There are a few activities coming up which deserve your attention. First, the regular meeting on May 21st at the library; our famous ARRL Nite. The "meet the speaker dinner" at the Buck Hotel will be at 6 PM. The speaker this year will be John Lindholm, WIXX. John has had a lot of experience with VHF mountain-top contesting which he will be glad to review. Am sure he will answer our questions on VHF operations. Additional guests expected are Atlantic Division Vice-Director, Jim Mozley, W2BCH and E. Pa. Section Manager, Kay Craigie, KC3LM.

On May 30th is the Ladies Nite Banquet at the Warrington Motor Lodge. Please send back your ticket which you should have at this time. This is the event the ladies enjoy and a good turnout will make it a night to remember.

The weekend of June 12 and 13 is the ARRL VHF QSO Party and plans for the annual trip to Spruce Knob, W. Va. are under way. Get in touch with Ron, WA3AXV or Bob, N2SB if you wish to participate.

Don't forget, the dinner at the Buck is open to all members and a chance to meet the speaker. Let Harry, W3CL know if you are coming so he can make the reservation.

That is all for this month. There are activities coming up which should interest everyone - the Spring Sprints for example. Lets have a good turnout for the May Board and Club Meetings.

73, Gary Hitchner, WA20MY

NOTE: The Pack-Rats participated very well in the 144 and 220 Mhz Sprints - they have been a lot of fun!

AFD COMMUNICATION TEST

The annual Armed Forces Day Communication Test is set for Sat., May 16, and marks the 38th anniversary of this event. The traditional military-to-amateur crossband operation and broadcast of the Secretary of Defense message are the featured highlights and include operations in CW, SSB and RTTY. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)

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8:00 PM - 144.150 MHZ	W2EIF
8:30 PM - 222.98/224.58 MHZ	K3GAS
8:45 PM - 220.125 MHZ	KS2T
9:00 PM - 432.110 MHZ	K3IUV/K1PXE
9:30 PM - 1296.1 MHZ	

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS By Harry Brown, W3IIT

MAY

- Delaware County ARA 8th Annual Hamfest will be held at the Hill Middle School, State Road and Penn Avenue (5 miles SW of Phila.) Talk-in on 96/36 and 224.5.
- East Coast 70 CM Net meets from 9 to 10 P.M. every Wed. night. Freq. 432,090. K4CAW covers the Northern half of the area from Greensboro, N.C.
- 8 902 Mhz Sprint, 7 PM 11 PM local time. See Pg. 97 of April 87 QST for rules.
- 9-10 Second weekend of the Spring EME Contest.
- Pack Rat Board of Directors meeting at the QTH of WA3JUF at 8 P.M. Call: 795-2648 for directions.
- 14 1296 Mhz Sprint. 7 P.M. 11 P.M. local time. See Pg. 98 pf April QST for rules.
- 15-16-17 Rochester Hamfest & Atlantic Division Convention. New York State ARRL
 - 16-17 Southern California 6 meter Club QSO Party. 1200Z May 16 until 1200Z May 17. See Pg. 98 of April QST for rules. Scoring is 1 point per mode per callsign. Multiplier is the number of grid squares.
 - 13th Annual WARC 1987 Hamfest at the Middletown Grange Fairgrounds, Wrightstown, Pa. Talk-in on 147.69/09 or 146.52 simplex. A good local Hamfest.
 - May Pack Rat Meeting at the Southampton Free Library on Street Road in Southampton, Pa. Program will be ARRL Night with the guest speaker being John Lindholm, Wixx, Manager of Membership Communication Services. Guests Atlantic Division Vice-Director, Jim Mozley, W2BCH and Kay Graigie, KC3LM -SM EPA. All interested VHF'ers are welcome. Bring along your "on the air" buddies. The meeting starts promptly at 8 P.M. Visitors welcome.
 - 6 meter Sprint, 7 PM 11 PM local time. See Pg. 98 of April 87 QST for rules.
 - 25 EME Perigee
 - 29 432 Mhz Sprint, 2300Z-0300 Z.
- Amateur Radio and Computer Fest Allyn Arena, Skaneateles, N.Y. Sponsored by Skaneateles, NY Lions Club.
- Annual Banquet & Ladies Nite Warrington Motor Lodge, Warrington, Pa. (Rte. 611 and 132). Advance registration required. Open bar, dinner at 7:30 PM. Prizes for the Ladies, presentation of member trophies, entertainment. Visitors contact K3GAS two weeks in advance.

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ANOTHER VIEW ON DOCKET 87-14

By Jo Kilgore, W2EIF

The FCC Docket discusses the subject of interference but only with respect to what might happen to TV viewers, by the proposed compandered SSB system. Channels 12 and 13 would be the signals interfered with.

The FCC completely overlooked the fact that 220-225 Mhz is an <u>International band and is used from end to end by amateurs in Canada and Mexico</u>. To make matters worse, most of the Canadian and Mexican activity is concentrated along our own borders. Thre are many cities and towns along the border that would be very close to Canadian and Mexican amateur operation in the low end of the 220 band. Detroit is one example, and many American towns and cities along the Rio Grande have counterparts just across the river.

Interference by the proposed compandered SSB system to our brother amateurs on the other side of our borders seems to be a certainty and the reverse is also true. Implimenting a commercial service into an active anateur band, of a foreign government is not something that they will take lightly.

If I were a Canadian or Mexican amateur I would be infuriated and implore my government to demand an explanation for this proposed take over of an amateur band by commercial interests, that can only jeopardize Canadian and Mexican amateur operations.

It is important in my thinking that copies of our responses to the FCC Docket be supplied to our Senators, Congressmen, Canadian and Mexican friends, and possibly the US Secretary of State.

NOTE: Response to Docket 87-14 has been moved up to May 21, 1987. Please send your letters in at once.

LOCAL NOTE

There is a possibility that the Pack-Rat simplex channel of 223.42 Mhz might be taken over by packet. Members please use this channel instead of 223.5 Mhz. Local packet users please find another frequency.

DUES DELINQUENT MEMBERS

KF6AJ	WB3CDE	WA3HIT		KC7ZK
N3AOG	WB3CPW	K3HW	WA3NDE	
N2AQJ	WB3CTP	K3IGX		
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VISITORS - APRIL 16, 1987 MEETING

K3BRS - A1 Lanham, MD W3ICC - Drex Wycombe, Pa. W3AJS - Ed Oreland, Pa.

AFD COMMUNICATION TEST -cont'd

QSL cards will be awarded to those Amateur Radio operators achieving a verified two-way radio contact with any participating military radio station.

The military-to-amateur crossband operations will be conducted from 1300 UTC, May 16, to 0245 UTC, May 17. (Tnx Rag Chew) Worldradio

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Do you have any technical hints - send to our "Hints and Bits" columnist, WA3JUF, Dave Mascaro -- he will give you by-line credit.

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LAST MINUTE 220 MHz SPRINT INFORMATION

The following list of Pack-Rats were heard operating the 220 MHz band the evening of April 21, 1987. There were also Novice family members that are shown in the last column.

K3ACR N3CX W3HFY WB2NPE KB3QM KA3COM WA3AQA WA3JUF WB3DNI WA3NUF WB2RXM KA3MXS W3CL W2EIF K3LOM KIPXE AC3T KA3PGZ

DONN'T FORGET THE 903 MHz SPRINT ON MAY 8, 1987.

TID BITS

Sunspot No. for March 1987 = 14.8 - Smoothed No. for September 1986 = 13.9. Preliminary prediction for the Sunspot Low Number for Cycle 21 appears to be March 1986 (tnx. W2AXU).

K3LOM, Harry Brandt has finally gotten on 432 Mhz with an FB signal. calls in the family on 220 FM - XYL Roseann is KA3PGZ; daughter Altair is KA3COM.

Garry Dallas, WALYHO reports he is back on the air again on 4 bands 50 Mhz -432 Mhz. He asks we should turn our beams up to Windham, NH and make contact with him. Lots of 432 Mhz activity up there nightly.

Steve Simons, KF6AJ, our Connecticut Pack-Rat reports the loss of his 220 to 2304 antenna systems during a recent wind storm. He sent along photos of the disaster which brought gasps from the members at the April meeting. Steve is rebuilding. He is looking forward to Spruce Knob.

John, K3KTY presently your man in Myakka, FL, reports a few contacts on the 2 meter Sprint.

Congrats to our friend Yardley Beers, WØJF, who was inducted in the Explorers Club on a visit to the East Coast recently.

Congrats to our friend W3SOB, Bob Sutter who celebrated a birthday recently.

NOTICES

WIQK and crew will be operating in the June 12 and 13 ARRL Contest from N. Eastham, Mass., Grid Square RN 51. Bands operated will be 6,2,220,432 and 1296 with moderate power and modest antennas from this rare grid square on Eastern Cape Cod. Schedules for 432 and 1296 are encouraged. We will gladly QSY from 6 or 2 to coordinate contacts on 432 and 1296. We are looking forward to providing Grid Square FN51 to all Pack Rats on the bands and modes we'll be operating. Please point your antennas in our direction and make contact with us and pass this notice of our activity to other VHF contesters.

S.C.O.R.E. Operators to put FM 27 on the air from Chincoteague Island, VA. during the June 12 and 13 VHF Contest. The line-up presently includes KT2B, KC2PX and WB2WIK. They will be active on the bands from 50 to 1296 Mhz. Scheduling for the higher bands will be via 50 and 144 Mhz.

The Pack-Rats will be working from Spruce Knob, W. Va. during the June VHF QSO Party. A planning meeting will be held on Sat. May 16, 1987 at the QTH of Phil Miguelez, WA3NUF starting at 10 A.M.

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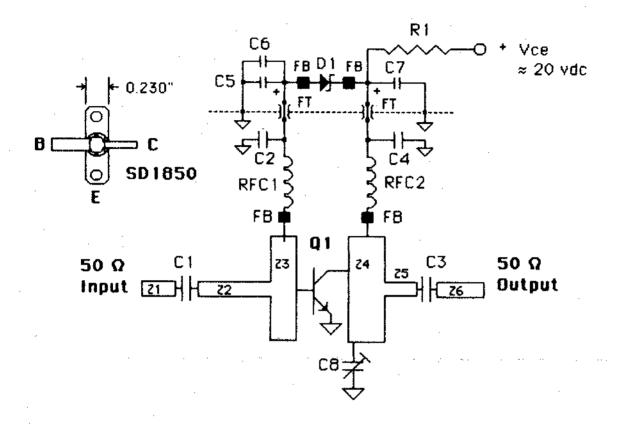
The North American Teleconference Radio Network will present an evening with the Pros on Fri. night, May 8th at 0100 EDST. Sharing the microphone will be Roy Neal, K6DUE; "Frosty" Oden, N6ENU; and Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF. Each of these gentlemen have a unique and particular interest in Amateur Radio.

The North American Teleconference Radio Network is heard throughout the N. American continent on more than 200 Amateur Radio repeater stations.

The May 8th program will deal with the "Art of Selling Amateur Radio," Spanning from the printed page to the space age, we will hear how amateur Radio is at work today and catch an exciting glimpse of where it may very well be tomorrow. Through the years of experience we will hear the where, when and how of obtaining credible publicity for Amateur Radio.

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