

# ZERO BEAT

SOUTH EASTERN MASS. AMATEUR RADIO ASSN  
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Club Meetings are Held Every  
Thursday Night At 7:30 P.m.  
All Visitors Are welcome

K1JGV does it again. This time  
his Swan 350 got struck by light-  
ning. What will happen next?

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## FIELD DAY 1966

W1BZJ & W1FJI have re-  
ceived their A.A.C. cer-  
tificates from the ARRL.  
How how about your DXCC,  
W1X, ect.ect. Boys.

W1WFD is working out like  
a bandit on 80 meter cw. and  
should be ready for his general  
in a while.

We would also like to thank  
all who came to our action  
After the initial cost of  
renting the hall and the re-  
freshments? We are happy to  
announce we came out on top.  
Thanks again George!

W1LCSA is now located in his  
new QTH which is somewhere in  
Achuaset. With all the room  
in his house he has to operate  
his GSB 100 & NC 300 under-  
ground. We also hear that the  
YL may put up a tent in the  
backyard for him.

Hats off to George Augustine!  
Due to the initiative of W1KHV,  
Semara, after much indecision,  
did operate during Field Day.  
Although the final score was  
not as impressive as last year,  
operators who were present can  
testify to the great time that  
was had by all.

Rigs loaned by "Money Bags"  
George were the Collins S Line  
and a spare W1X 5 that he found  
in the corner of his cellar.  
W1LCSA came through with his  
HA 50A transmitter and W1LCSA  
donated his six meter hallicrag  
Amidst the activity of setting  
up the rigs George found time  
to repair the Swan 350's power  
supply.  
An abundance of coffee and other  
liquids were served throughout  
the night with such exotic re-  
pasts as Hamburgers, Pastrami,  
Sweet bread, Pizza, potatoe chips  
and watermelon. Hot Dogs, Aspirins  
and Alka-Seltzer were served for  
breakfast. The remainder of the  
days menu consists of charcoal  
broiled lumps. (Georges speciality)  
Amateur visitors were welcomed  
from the Waltham and Fitchburg  
Area. One visitor K1FSL left  
his QTH in Waltham about 11:30  
and arrived at W1LCSA about 12:45  
He operated until 5:15 AM and  
then left for home.

"THE BUG"

## THEN & NOW!

Just how far have we come since those early days in the 1920's. Well as anyone can see we own our own clubhouse along with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land that the club is located on. For many years the only pieces of equipment that we had were an HT-9 XMTX. that ran about 75 to 100 watts and a HQ-129X RCVR. with a six bay homebrew rack panel. In this rack they had a 500 watt Millen transmitter and two amplifiers. One amplifier ran a pair of 813's while the other one ran a pair of 100th's. They also had a TBS-50D, with a converted Navy surplus transmitter and rcvr. on 6 meters. Just a few years they acquired a HW-12 ssb rig for 20.

It wasn't until 1965 when the members of S.E.M.A.RA decided to start a remodeling campaign for the club. They set their deadline for February 1966. The first step was the selling of the equipment, the racks were knocked down, the club was made into one big room and then painted. A formica top bench was put up in one corner to hold all the new equipment the club was to acquire.

By Feb. 22, 1966 we had acquired all the necessary money and a few of the members went to Harrison Radio in New York for the Washington Birthday Sale. There we acquired a Swan 350 for ssb., a 32V2 & 75A3 for am and cw. We traded our Navy surplus gear for a Gonset on 6 meters.

Now where do we go from here? Its up to the membership, and there talk around about maybe a new club with a hot air heating system. WELL Time will tell. 73's

Art Marshall  
(W1FJI)

**FLASH!!! FLASH!!! FLASH!!!**

The city of New Bedford is changing thier name to Swan city? Must be because there are about 10 Swan 350's in the city.

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

This month we shall do a article about our vice-president. His name is Michael ponte and holds amateur radio call WA1BZJ. He is a general class ham. Mike has been a member of the club since 1965 and resides in North Dartmouth. He has facilities to operate on any band with the exception of 6,2, and 160 meters. He is usually found on 20 meter ssb. Mike has a HT37, HT41, and a SX101 with a 20 meter beam, a triband beam and a 80 meter d-pole. He is a student at the Dartmouth High School and also a member of the schools radio club. He is a member of the CD in Dartmouth and also a area Coordinator for the ARRL's AREC. Mike has phone patch facikities and puts them to use to maritime mobiles. Well thats it for nw smile because next month it may be YOU!

Well whats this I think the Swan Company is trying to beat the NCX-5's buy making lemons instead of transceivers Word has it that a lot of hans have been having difficulty with their Swans!! What say you very LUCKY??? Swan owners.

The club has started up their code and theory classes, with Bill Miller as theory instructor and Ray Smith teaching the code. There are about 14 members of this class. The classes started with basic electronics such as the atom and they are working up. Ray has started by teaching the members the alphabet by the ARRL's code book. All in all the classes are going very well.



Some members who were not present claimed that their WYL's would not let them leave their homes. (Their WYL's must be past veterans of other Field Days.) The following suggestions borrowed from another club are offered for next years Field Day.

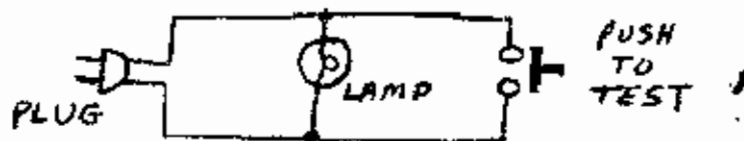
1. Put your foot down and go. (this never works)
2. Appeal to her better nature. (she may have one)
3. Be so onery and aggravating that she will be glad to let you go. (you pay this later)
4. Lie about where you are going. (this way is not recommended since most wives know when Field Day is)
5. Excuse yourself to go to the head and not come back until Monday. (most effective way)
6. Pretend that she promised you you could go and hold her to the promise. (sometimes works.)
7. Bribe her with that gift she wants. (the most expensive way)
8. Try the way which worked last year.

**EQUIPMENT NEEDED DURING FIELD DAY!!**

1. FLASHLIGHTS occasionally members have wandered off into the swamp looking for the latrine at night.
2. FLEA REMEDIENT needed if you use a sleeping bag of another member.
3. INSECT REPELLANT fluids taken internally are not sufficient. Many intoxicated insects have been known to dam-

before returning home. Police have been called in some instances where a wife did not recognize her husband.

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