



1977 PROMISES TO BE A BIG YEAR...

for SEMARA, with the building project well in the works and the new solid state repeater scheduled to be on the air sometime in the spring. These improvements, along with the rising interest in Ham radio can be a big boost to our membership. However, if we want to capture the interest of new Hams we have to offer a more rounded program. A new building is of great import to present members but has little significance to someone who hasn't suffered from frost-bitten toes during mid-winter business meetings or blood-shot eyes from spending too long in a smoke filled room. Two Meter FM has rekindled a lot of burned out Hams but there are other specialized modes of communication that can be quite exciting, RTTY and USCAR, just to name a couple.

The increased availability of low cost IC's has drastically reduced the outlay on some pretty sophisticated equipment. The new repeater is being built primarily by individual contributions of time and money and it would seem that if there is any interest in other modes of communication we could certainly raise the necessary funds. Let's put our heads together and come up with some new equipment that will increase our enjoyment and perhaps open the eyes of our guests and potential new members.

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce to you our new friend Zebediah (xyl, Zinnia). He's the little guy carrying the banner, dragging his rig behind him. The artist, though not a Ham (in our sense

of the word), is a friend of SEMARA, and hopes through Zebediah to add a bit of humor to this publication.



THE VIP's...

In case you haven't been keeping up with club business...How about an ARL - twenty-eight and an ARL - thirty for our:

- President - Mike Ponte WA1BZJ
- V-President - Jerry Markie W7KDD
- Secretary - Milt Peters WA1WFX
- Treasurer - Clarence Whitaker W1LAZ

ARE YOU READY FOR THE BIG TEST???

The annual SET (Simulated Emergency Test) will be held on the 29th of January. The local emergency coordinator is Dick Hay W1LE. For those of you not familiar with the Amateur Radio Corps, AREC, or SET, there is a comprehensive article in the Dec. '76, QST, p. 82. Basically, this is a test set up to check the effectiveness of emergency communications under a disaster situation. So keep your batteries

charged up and be prepared to face a severe snow storm (again!) on Saturday, the 29th at about 1 PM.

If you've never handled traffic or need to learn the proper format you should check the ARRL Operating Manual or the Radio Amateur Handbook. Proper operating procedure is very important but isn't that difficult to master. Dick would appreciate at least one piece of traffic from every member of the club...

Text example: "This station participated in the 1977 SET..."

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READING THE MAIL...

NEW NOVICE CLASSES are scheduled to begin sometime in March or April...Contact some interested parties...the club could use an expanded membership AND the more Hams the fewer CBers!!! Call Larry Purcell WAICRI for further information.

Woody, WA1WGE and Dale, WA1PMW are setting up a RTTY NET on two meters.

Cy Livesley, WA1LET, is about to have another article published. Did you see his last one on p. 16 of '73', the Dec. '76 issue?

IMPORTANT: The FCC is consider-

ing a BAN on LINEAR AMPLIFIERS for ALL services, including Amateur. Take a look at the write-up in the Jan. '77 issue of 'HAM' Radio Magazine!

We have mailed every associate member of SEMARA a copy of this month's ZEROBEAT. However, the cost of this is prohibitive on a monthly basis. Associates...if you enjoy keeping up with our news and would like to continue receiving ZEROBEAT, please help us out by sending us \$1 to help defray the cost for 12 more issues:

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DID YOU KNOW???

The National Association of Blind Radio Operators, NABARO, with the NEI controller Paul, WA1GKN, have been working this past month to set up a special NET for the blind. They meet on 3945 KHz on Tuesday nights at 9 (2100 hours) local time. Anyone is welcome to check in. This is something in which we might all take an interest.

THE STORM THAT WAS...

In these days when the 'in thing' is to knock the 'juzz' we feel very strongly that some heartfelt thanks and praise are necessary.

As the snows fell and drifted too deep, the airways became "flakey" and one of Dartmouth's finest, Gilly, K1SMY, switched over to his two-meter and made use of our autopatch through-out the night to keep in touch with the police station and help those in trouble. But that's not all--our Dartmouth police never gave up--they--took nurses into the hospital - shovelled - sheltered the stranded in their own homes - comforted by their presence - answered call after call - all to help Dartmouth's beleaguered citizens. SEMARA thanks you one and all!



THE HAMFEST (FEAST?) THAT WAS...

On Thursday, Jan. 13, we got a chance to put faces to call letters at the Twin Silos Restaurant in South Dartmouth. The gathering was very well attended by club members, wives, and friends (about 80 in all). The 'MC' was Rocky Pimental, Kay, One, Yee, Jed, Zay (or some other variation of the same theme), who installed the new officers, entertained, and otherwise kept the evening running smoothly. He presented some noteworthy certificates, (e.g. Al's, WAIKFA, UPS award (for having his rig travel back and forth via UPS over, and over, and over), and Wayne's, WAICOM, Alligator award (entitles the bearer to buy 807's for everyone...we hear the last count was 463---who heard him time out one evening not too long ago).

Father Phil gave the benediction and had the audacity to repeat a CB story!! He left very quickly--a Bible Class, he said!

We think we speak for everyone in expressing our appreciation to Jerry Markle, W7KDD, who was the prime instigator, planner, and organizer for the get-together. Certainly proved what a fine officer we had voted in and we were all set to designate him, 'The Annual Dinner Arranger' but...wouldn't you know...just as you discover a man's super qualities he announces he's going to California. They say the climate out there is freeze-free...how about your house next year, Jerry? Anyone for a charter flight??

WHAT DO YOU KNOW???

It is our hope and intention to publish ZEROBEAT each month. However, we are all scattered around Southeastern Mass. and it's not always possible to catch each piece of news. The publicity committee invites your comments, tidbits of information, anything you think the membership would like or ought to know. We will make every effort to include your messages. However, try to write us, ZEROBEAT NEWS, WIAEC, 54 Donald Street, S. Dartmouth, Ma. 02748...we're not always prepared to take dictation over the rig...but we'll try if all else fails. We are: Bruce, WAIUGK; Dick, WILE; and Lester, WAINAN.

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