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INTRODUCTION

Hello Readers---Just a few words to bring everything up to date. You older members of the Semara Club knew that I was the former editor of the "WLAEC" BULLETIN. You younger members of the SEMARA will find that I don't know all the news, can't be the ears and eyes of the local community and therefore I am asking you for some help. Remember this---the "SEMARA" Bulletin is published by your cooperation for your pleasure. Don't be bashful and pitch in. Every bit helps. Thank you, your Editor, *Lester*

Art Marshall, W1FJI, has accepted the position as Assn't. Director representing the club to the ARRL. Congratulations and the best of luck, "Art."

Andy, W1FNM, commented at the meeting in regards to Club Members using the club radios and NOT entering the calls in the Station LOG BOOK. To protect the CLUB LICENSE---ALL CALLS MUST BE RECORDED, even though FCC says that entries in Log Books are no longer required.

Leo Jodoin, W1TNE, received his "General" license and Walter T. Schneider, W1ZJQ, received the 3rd Class Commercial certificate. GUD fur ya, boys, and congratulations.

Special ARRL Bulletin (referring to Propagation).
It should be emphasized that rising sunspot activity also brings periods of high absorption on the lower Amateur frequencies, especially on East-West paths traversing the higher latitudes. Auroral propagation is likely on 28, 50, and 144 MHz. at such times, particularly in the Northern areas of the United States and adjacent Canada. This develops most often in the early Evening hours of days when WWV index is "4" or higher.

ATTENTION---OSCAR TRACKERS. Due to High Battery Temperature, Oscar 7 will be in Mode B. Educational Mode A days will be maintained if possible. Monitor W1AW or Oscar 7 cedestore for schedule changes.

The FCC announced Feb. 13, 1978 that it is permitting Licensed Amateur Radio Operators to operate their primary stations as repeater, auxiliary link, control, and remotely controlled stations without prior FCC approval. Primary stations operating in the Repeater Mode must identify by following their call sign with RPT/Repeater, primary stations operating in the auxiliary link mode must identify by following their call with AUX/Auxiliary, depending on the mode used. There are no special identification requirements required for primary stations operating in the control or remotely controlled modes. This waiver is Effective Immediately and will terminate when FCC releases a further order impertaining to this matter.

Plans are on the way for the SEMARA FLEA MKT.---to be held on Sunday---September 10, 1978. If you are interested in participating in either the committee or any of the events pertaining to the Flea market---please contact Bob Petitas, W1ZKXG, or at the club meetings.

LAST MINUTE NEWS from ARRL Headquarters. With the coming of the Travel Season United States and Canada Amateurs will be taking advantage of Reciprocal Operating Agreements. For amateurs who are planning to travel in Canada from the United States, and vice versa, the current procedure to be followed is to request specific application forms from ARRL. Since a minimum of 45 days is required to process the forms, after the traveler has returned them to ARRL, you are urged to request Reciprocal Operating Permission Forms through the International Services Officer, ARRL Headquarters, as soon as possible.

FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH
FCC License Fees will probably be reinstated in the not too distant future, while at the same time many licensees will be in line for a refund on previously paid fees.

The Amateur's Right to a tower will reach the U.S. Supreme Court for the first time as a result of a long-standing battle by a West Coast Amateur (John Schroeder) with the City of Cerritos, Cal. An appeal challenging the Constitutionality of a municipal zoning ordinance regulating antenna height was filed with the Court in February. Hope that also will one of our members, Don Sleeper, W1GKX. Don, by-the-way, has asked members of SEMARA for added support by sending a letter (sample posted at Club Quarters). Here's wishing you the Best of Luck, Don, and we will keep our fingers crossed. COME-ON EVERYBODY---because some day, some how it may effect you directly or indirectly. So, pitch in and maybe the 13¢ stamp may be a good investment.

Speaking of Towers---Last of RCA radio towers to be sold as scrap (via Worldradio news.)---New York---the last of 12 towers that formed Radio Central, at one time the largest, most powerful radio transmitter in the world was felled last month, its 120 tons of metal to be sold as scrap.

Club certificates were given out to members of SEMARA. To obtain said certificate a person has to pass to the last stage of membership initiative (that is---to be voted in.)

March of Dimes Walk-a-thon---April 29, 1978---Plans for participant Check Points are on the way---Did you fail to sign up? There is still room for more.

SEMARA MEMBERS---PLEASE NOTE... Any U.S. Mail to be sent to the club should be addressed to P.O. Box P-105, So. Dartmouth, Ma., 02748

Did you know---the nation's first VU Repeater is on the air in Butler, Penn.---147.96/36. All Check-ins Welcome.

So much for that, Now to the lighter side of Amateur Radio Life.

Heard on the Party Line (by Chas. Voderberg, W6COT).
We heard a fisherman on 20 Meters who caught his best fish by the tale. He was probably the same fisherman who caught a fish so big he dislocated both shoulders just describing it.
A free country is one in which men have the freedom to complain about---but on 40 meters.
Our cat just ate a bug and still can't catch CW.
Your grandson said he just saw the funniest man. He was lying on the ground under a half mounted dipole talking to his step ladder.
A VL from a band once said: "Business are either you want to keep or not worth keeping"