

SEMARA BULLETIN

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Well, Gang! -- I'm back in the saddle again after a brief recess of 4 months due to my uninvited vacation. Hope you all had a very nice summer recess period, rest time, fun and recreation interval, or any other kind of activity. Now it is coming the fall season and again we must concentrate on who or whom shall we nominate and elect for officers for the coming year. That is GUD FOOD for Thought!

So much for that. Hope U enjoy this edition and I will look forward for your comments or corrections, etc. Please don't forget I will appreciate any ham radio news from members of the club.

By-the-way, in trying to make up for lost time may I state that Congradulations are in order from the Officers of SEMARA and yours truly to Walter Schneider, WALZJQ, for the Gud Coverage during New Bedford Days. Also thanks to ALL that participated in the Mass QSO party headed locally by Dick Hay, WILM. And last, was the SEMARA FESTIVAL affair headed by Bob Petitpas, WaiZKG,, and his co-workers.

Received a letter from the Festival Committee, which I will reveal as follows:
To the Editor of SEMARA CLUB BULLETIN....

The day of the great SEMARA FESTIVAL has come and gone, and the pressures, concern, and other frustrations are finally winding down... normality is setting in. We look back and can see several things that could have been done differently, and which could have probably given given us a little more of that green stuff. However, though we are not completely satisfied, we are happy with the results for we came away with at least \$1200.00 to the good (after expenses). Final figures will be presented at the regular business meeting on Thursday, November 2nd.

We wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the committee members for their support and time given to the many meetings, planning and general work details. Our thanks also to those members of SEMARA who were not on the committee, but pitched in to help where and when they could...as well as those non-members, wives, etc. who helped make this event another success.

Bob Petitpas, WaiZKG
Chairman Festival Committee.
Rocky Pimental, KLVJZ
Co-Chairman Festival Committee.

Special thanks and congradulations to Rocky Pimental, KLVJZ, were in store when he presented the end of his commission and handed the president of SEMARA the plans and reports for the New Quarters already being used. I'll try not to hiccup as I yell--"Hip-Hip-Hooray, Hip-Hip-Hooray, Hip-Hip-Hooray-----Nuf said. Hi-Hi.

Membership Gossip-----or----- (Kidding Time).

George Augustine, WIKHV, left the #1 Meeting and went to the #2 Meeting on the night of July 6th. Very gud, George, only next time make sure that all car windows are closed, doors locked, only don't leave the keys in the ignition switch and the Motor RUNNING! Naughty,naughty!!!

There is an AUCTION coming for those interested. The place is NEWPORT on October 16, 1978, at 7p.m.

The Activities coming up in the Fall of 1978 will consist of several slide shows including guest speakers with their own slides. The first one to be on Oscar and the New Amateur Satellite will be on an OFF Business Meeting Night.

By-the-way, there are at least 15 persons enrolled in the Novice Class according to my last report.

(from Radio-Hobbist Newsletter) Hy-Gain Manufacturing Company which went bankrupt during the CB radio shakeout of 1977 (and was subsequently bought out by Telex Mfg.) is back in the antenna business in a big way! They have recently introduced 15 new antennas for the CB, Amateur and Marine bands and some are completely different from anything on the market!

(from same source) FCC to study effect that CB and Amateur radio transmissions have on heart pacemakers after reports that CB radios can cause the heart pacing devices to actuate when not needed.

(from Radio-Hobbist Newsletter) HOT RUMOR.....as yet, unsubstantiated. The FCC will adopt rules that will require vendors of amateur gear to sell only to hams that can produce a valid amateur radio license. The Commission, in the past has not been sure if they have this authority. Now, apparently, they feel they do. Look for the rulemaking to be enacted before Christmas.

(ARC Newsletter) Tennessee raid nets more than 150 illegal linear amplifiers!-----possibly all CB'ers?

(same source) Texas Instruments may be going into the American radio field. They applied for (and received) an experimental license to do research and development on 220-225 MHz transceivers. They also are expanding the opening of retail outlets around the country.

(from Worldradio) Recently Chat Jensen, W6XK, of Modesto, CA, was in QSO on 75 meters SSB with Dave Stroud, K7XQ, when Phil Rand, W7XK, broke in. They were discussing the odds of having two amateurs with the same call sign suffix on the same frequency when Dick Yager, K7XK, joined in. The three XKs then chided Dave for having no one to talk to with his suffix. Almost immediately Mike Gann, W6MQ, broke in, rounding out the QSO. Three XKs and two MQs on the same frequency indeed make a full house.

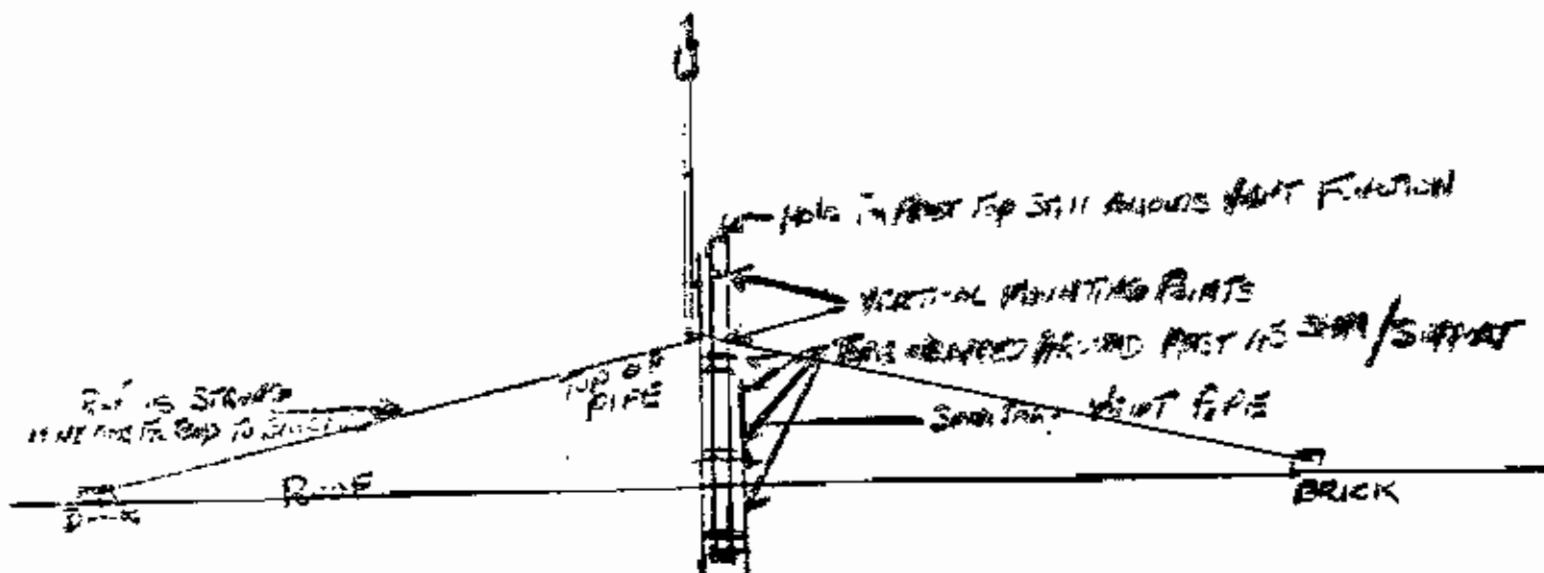
(same source) Popular star Lorne Greene has recorded a series of public service announcements on behalf of Amateur Radio, thanks to a request from his friend, Joe Pevney, WA6MOS, who is a film director. The on-the-spot recordings were made by Bob Jensen, WA6VQG, and his wife, Lenore, W6NAZ. ARRL will do the distributing when copies are made.

One of our former members who now is in the armed service has written another letter of interest regarding HAM RADIO NEWS concerning operating etc..... (which I will call---CHAPTER TWO).

CHAPTER TWO

Hello to all the boys in Pensacola and around the Dartmouth, MA. area. I hope spring is treating you all well and that your antennas are still in one piece after that past winter. I'd like to pass along a little news anyway. We've been living in base housing for the past three weeks and needless to say, it's a big change from the thriving metropolis of Olongapo. We no longer awaken to the sound of chickens, roosters, motorcycles/tricycles, jeeps, and some fellow wandering the neighborhood selling BALOCKS (duck-eggs) from midnight to four in the morning. Conditions on base are 1000 or better but I kind of miss the uniqueness and excitement a little. The area that we're in is 60 to 200 feet lower than terrain to the North and East. This is unfortunate for me but beggars can't be choosers, I guess. I

used Mal's (WB4VZI) suggestion on how to put a vertical up on government quarters without getting into too much trouble, Hi-Hi. I'd like to share it with you in case you ever come into a situation when you need it. The sanitary/plumbing vent on top of the house is about 2½" to 3½" long and taping it to shim it to the inside diameter I was able to mount the vertical with not any problem. One picture is worth a thousand words, so here's the picture.....



A set up like this can work well and may even be feasible for an apartment or tenement if the pipe is strong enough. The antenna is receiving well, and I'm hearing a lot of DX that I normally just read about in the Ham books, course out here I guess they're all neighbors. Some of the neighbors I've been hearing on 20 meters are Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, East and West Malaysia, East and West Borneo, India, Thailand and of course the VK and ZL area. I would have been pretty excited over hearing this stuff when I was in the states but it's kind of a letdown...Hi,Hi. The JA's are super loud here and I've heard them working W1s and W4s who were way down in the mud here. I'm sure the beam headings they were using also had a lot to do with it. 15 and 10 has had little to no American activity coming through but a lot from the North and South Pacific. 40 Meters is so loaded with Broadcast Stations here that I hardly ever hear any hams operating and 75 meters has a lot of activity but most that I've heard has been CW all through the phone band. It really sounds strange.

With any kind of luck in the next month my Phillipine license should be coming in. The weather will not be convenient to putting up antennas due the arrival of the Monsoon season. Recently in ten days of rain we got a total accumulation of 30". I recently traded someone a 40' TV mast and old TV antenna for three sections of aluminum tower. One section will need a little welding but it's still 30' more than I had. I've got another deal that I'm working on for approximately another 60' worth which is damaged but still salvageable with some work. All total when I'm through I'll probably be able to have a 60' tower. I'll have to make my own top section as none are available. I'll have the whole rainy season to do it through. Once it's completed, it should make a good operating platform for the triband quad.

Here's some of the stateside stuff I've been hearing:

8 June at	0700GMT	21.363	Approx Freq.	Dayton, Ohio	5/4	on my vertical
	at	1130GMT	" "	K5FC	5/7	
	at	1200GMT	" "	K9IHK	5/1	he was working a
	at	1330GMT	" "	W5DE, Miss.	5/7	YB
10 June at	1220GMT	14.260	" "	K4CXY, Memphis, Tenn.	5/8	
	at	1220GMT	" "	K4EPP ?	5/5	

I've also been listening to the novice band on 15 and thought I heard my first novices but they turned out to be VK5NST and VK8NGH/MM. The closest I've heard in New England were a W2, W3 and a W1 in Connecticut with poor signals off the vertical. Hopefully next time round I'll be operating and remember, here's one DX station that'll be looking for W1s & W4s.

73s,

Bill Rovas

Your Editor recently received another Chapter for the next Bulletin.

Ham Radio Word DAFFINITIONS—(via Ground Wave)

Negative Charge	-	Poor Credit Risk
Magnetism	-	Racquel Welch
Maxwell	-	Jack Benny's famous car
Microfarad	-	Son of a disposed Egyptian Ruler
Milliamperes	-	Girl in our typing pool
Henry	-	Mrs. Aldrich's son
Hertz	-	Medical terminology for painful
High "Q"	-	very smart boy
Hysteresis	-	a women's operation

Heard on the Party Line (by Chas. Vorderberg, W0CCT)

A friend coming back from a hamfest has "one for the road." (He had a patrolman for a chaser).

The President at an amateur radio club meeting is like the junior official at a Bull Fight. His main function is to open and close the gate to let the bull in and out.

Self Control today id having an amateur radio dealer in your town, good credit and not using it.

A circle joke is a net operation. You can laugh when it is your turn to talk. The amateur radio club secretary says it takes hours to type up the minutes. If you don't know what your "friends" are saying about you on the ham bands— it is a blessing.

On pennies, we are told, the "In God We Trust" was put there for the benefit of those radio amateurs who use them for fuses.

The rig here is so old we insured it against theft, fire and Indian raids. CBers, —keep your words soft and sweet. One of these days you may have to eat them.

Get regular exercise. Jog to and from the rig and the dinner table— during band openings.

73 from one who always lets the chat out of the bag.

W0CCT

and

Your Editor,

Lester, WA1NAN