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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RANDY, WA1NSL, President of SEMARA, has outlined his objectives for the coming year. He felt he would concentrate on two main items:

1. Improve the financial condition of the club
2. Improve club activities.

Sounds like two excellent ideas.

However, he cannot do it alone. He must have the active participation of all club members. Let's start the New Year out right! If you would like to be on a committee, or if you have a pet project you would like to see instituted, speak up and get active. Participate!! There are openings on the following committees - think about joining one (or several) :

1. Building and Grounds
2. Technical
3. Repeater
4. Publicity
5. Fleamarket
6. Historical - 50th Anniversary

~ 1981 OFFICERS ~

President	Randy Faber, WA1NSL
V. President	Bill Mercier, WB1ERS
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Secretary	Bruce Champoux, N1ARL
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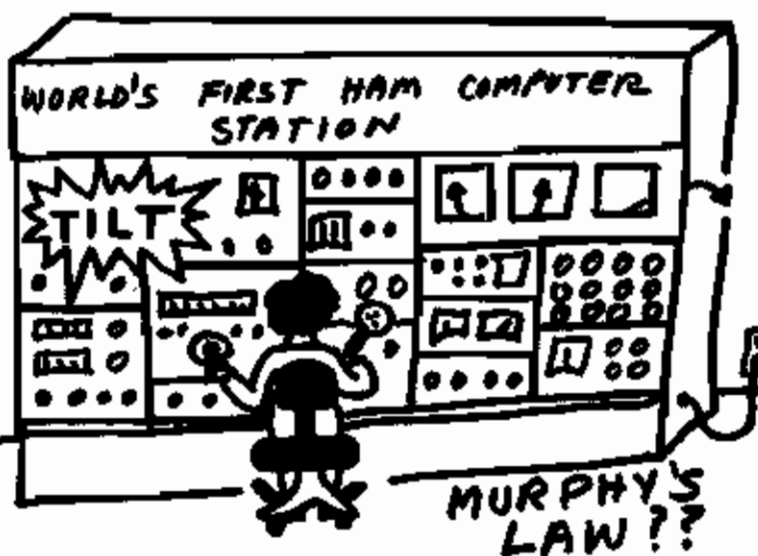
Board of Directors:

Wayne Kingsley, WA1CCM
Dick Halliwell, K1AHA
Don Mara, WA1PLT

Since the above slate was unopposed, a motion was made and passed to have BILL, WB1ERS, as 1980 Secretary, cast one vote for the body. For a moment it looked as though he was going to cast a "NAY" !!! But, after a little soul searching and intense deliberation he cast a "YEA". (If these officers do a lousy job, it's all your fault, Bill)

GOING UP & UP

Look for new long wire antennas at the club for 40 and 80 meter CW and 75 meter phone.



HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

MINI-SERIES

Starting about the third week of January and running for about three weeks will be a mini series on antennas, grounding, antenna support ideas, and lightning protection. The lectures will be held on meeting nights other than business meetings. They will be along the same lines as the lectures held last year by Randy WA1NSL.

NEW STATION MANAGER

W1AEC has a new station manager. He is GEORGE, KA1LV. He is the person to see regarding any questions on operating the station, qsl cards, etc.

EMERGENCY GENERATOR

Thanks to LARRY, WB1DBX and GLENN, KA1FAV, the emergency generator is functioning. They got it started last month and have volunteered to check it out and start it periodically during the year.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

RICHIE, N1ADW, really had the Christmas spirit this year. He proved it by winning a first place in the home decorations contest. Nice going, Richie! The decorations would have been even more impressive if a 70ft pole had been installed as planned. If the pole had been delivered on time Santa's sleigh was supposed to take off from the ground and fly over the roof of Richie's house to the pole. (Not the North Pole, dummy the 70' pole.)

HELP! INSTRUCTORS NEEDED HELP!

Instructors are needed for a new novice and general class license course. Remember, you don't have to be a technical genius to teach these courses. Most people can pick up the theory and code on their own. They just need a little guidance which you can give to them. We have had excellent instructors in the past who have donated their time. How about someone else trying it?

AUCTION SOON

Don't forget the upcoming SEMARA auction. It should be near the end of March. Look in your junk box. There must be something there that you can't use anymore. Turn it into money; auction it off.

RECENT UPGRADES

New Bedford Area hams have been guaranteeing the FCC job security with all of the recent upgrades. The ones that we know about are MIKE, WA1BZJ, BILL, K1YMW, WAYNE, WA1CCM, all advanced to extra. SONNEY, KA1ESQ, JOE, KA1FKX, CHARLIE, KA1EY GILLY, K1SMY all technician to general. BARRY, KA1CCP upgraded to advanced. GLENN, KA1FAV, CARL, KA1EYT, SKIP, KA1EYP, DON, KA1EYQ, all upgraded to technician. Sorry if we missed anyone. If you upgraded recently please let us know.

FIELD DAY

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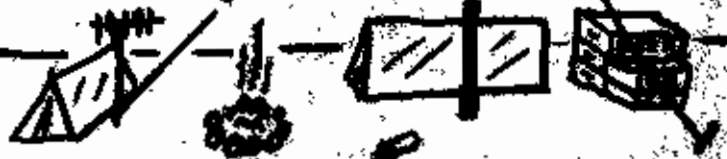
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NOTICE !!

Starting next issue, we will have a Buy & Sell column. If you have any equipment to sell or wish to buy or even trade items, let the whole world know - our publication reaches the far corners of the world! This issue alone has a circulation of 50 and we expect it to increase by at least 2 more by next month.

CLUB CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

If you have not yet received a club certificate, suitable for framing, then give your name to the club secretary and request one. Be sure to write your name and call exactly as you want it on the certificate.

10 METER NET

A local 10 meter SSB net meets at 20:30 hours local time on each Sunday eve. The frequency is 28.7 Mhz. All check-ins are welcome. The same group meets informally on Wednesday nite anywhere from 19:00 to 21:00 hours. Make it a habit to swing by this frequency when the rest of the 10 meter band is dead, you may find some ground wave activity here.

STRANGE CALL HEARD

A strange voice checked into the above net recently - BILL, WA1APX, home on leave from the Great Lakes search and rescue team.

XMAS CHEER AT SEA

KEN, N1AVA, spent Christmas Eve running phone patch traffic for a Coast Guard cutter on patrol. It sure made a nice Christmas present for the guys at sea. Nice work, Ken.

HOW TO RECRUIT 'HAMS'

Recently a local Ham was involved in a traffic mishap while driving a tractor trailer. When the rig jackknifed in the road he placed a call for one of the officers that came to the scene of the accident, via his handi-talkie. The officer was so impressed that he signed up for a Novice class being held in Wareham. Who else but LARRY, WB1DBX could convert someone to Ham radio in the middle of an accident!!

CLUB PROJECT REVISITED

The below circuit is an improved version of the original club Xtal Osc. project, which was built several years ago using printed circuits. This unit has an extra - an emitter follower for isolation. The whole shebang can be built in a small minibox or one of the plastic cases sold at Radio Shack. You can power the gadget with a 9 volt battery and it will oscillate from 3 to 9 Mhz.. Overtone Xtals will osc. on the fundamental.

