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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RANDY, WAINSL, President of SEMARA, has outlined his objectives for the comming 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

# HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

# → 1981 OFFICERS

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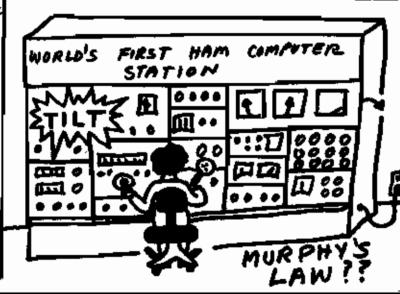
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Wayne Kingsley, WA1CCM Dick Halliwell, K1AHA Don Mara, WA1PLT

Since the above slate was unopposed, a motion was made and passed to have BILL, WBIERS, as 1980 Secretary, cast one wote 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.



# ZERO BEAT

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EMERGENCY GENERATOR

Thanks to LARRY, WB1DBX and GLENN,
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functioning. They get it started
last month and have volunteered to
check it out and start it periodically during the year.

#### CHRIS THAS SPIRIT

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# AUCTION SOON

Don't forget the upcoming SEMARA auction.

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# RECENT UPGRADES

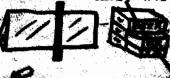
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#### NOTICE !!

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 met recently - BILL WATAPE, home on leave from the Great Lakes search and rescue team.

# XMAS CHEER AT SEA

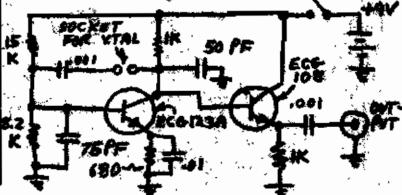
KEN, MIAVA, spent Christnes Eve running phone patch traffic for a Coast Guard cutter on patrol. It sure made a nice Christnes present for the guys at sea. Nice work, Ken.

#### 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 service class being held in Wareham. Who else but LARRY, WBIDBI 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 escillate from 3 to 9 Mhz. Overtone Xtals will esc. on the fundamental.



#### A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

Ever wonder what went on at the club the year the club newsletter "ZERO BEAT" was started? Wonder no more, for below is a list of 'Happenings' as gleaned from the Secretary's reports for the year. 1965:

- 1. Attendance was up from 8 to 25 per meeting by years end.
- 2. HW12 bought and assembled.
- 3. Dave Noble, WisgL, made an Honorary Member.
- 4. 6 meter mobile hunts every Sunday.
- 5. 6 meter fox hunt held in July Hidden tx under grandstand at But-tonwood Park.
- 6. Members posted their QSL cards in the clubbouse.
- 7. Club won Ameco all-band preamp at Swampscott Hamfest.
- 8. Over 600 contacts made on field day.
- 9. Code & Theory classes held in the spring.
- 10. Clubhouse painted inside & out.
- 11. Club Outing held at Demarest Lloyd State Park.
- 12. 13" t.v. raffled in Sept. -Helen Rovas won. (ED, WA1VXY's XYL)
- 13. Club auction held Sept. 16.
- 14. 'ZERO BEAT' started.

WOW! What an active year! Lets do it again in 1981! And MORE to bootil!



#### THINGS ARE LOOKING UP & UP

If you happen to be in Rochester and notice a high structure, you are riding by BOB, KAIGG's house. His home brew 100 foot crank-up tower is in place and working fine. He can even tell what height the tower is at by a series of microswitches every 10 feet on the tower. No wonder he has been doing so well in the recent contests!

### FEE INCREASE (

This year the fee for amateur call plates has been increased to \$20. A state wide drive is on to reduce the fee back to \$10. Form letters objecting to the increase are available at the clubhouse. These letters are addressed to the local state representatives, senator, and governor. All you have to do is pick up a form letter, sign it and mail it. This is for our collective benefit.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

'ZERO BEAT' is running a contest. The winner will be announced at the Feb. business meeting, and a PRIZE will be awarded! Deadline for answers is Jan. 31,1981. Answers must be deposited in the box provided in the clubhouse or mailed to P.O. Box 105 So. Dartmouth, Mass., 02748. First correct answer we look at wins. Decision of Co-Editors final.

