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Well, this is our biggest newsletter to date. I just hope that someone other than me will read it! You know, it takes a lot of work to put this thing together and I often wonder if it's worth it.

It's not that I've had bad reviews, it's that I haven't had any at all!! There's absolutely nothing in the Zero Beat box. No news is good news they say but not to someone that prints news. Maybe the members feel that they don't need a newsletter. That's ok with me but at least tell me!

I'm surprised that at least some of you haven't at least tried to use the paper as a political forum. What better way to get your views or suggestions to the membership? Maybe you think that this is not read by the members. And you may be right! Does anybody read this? Hello! Hello! Can anybody hear me??

Make sure you are aware of the 25 Week Club. We'd like it to be successful.

This issue is being mailed out to all the current members. For those of you who couldn't make it to the April business meeting, we've included a few highlights.

Included in this issue: 25 Week Club particulars.

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Open letter to the members by Sonny, KA1ESG

25 WEEK CLUB

DON'T MISS THIS ONE !!!!

In response to the many requests for another 25 Week Club, we have decided to run one just for you !!

This might even end up as a 50th Anniversary Celebration as well !!

If you missed last year's affair, you missed out on a beautifully organized affair. I can only hope that this year's dinner is half as good !!!

Last year's event included: a scrumptious dinner (prime rib), cash prizes, merchandise, joke awards and recognition awards.

So here it is !

Tickets will go on sale at the May 6th Business meeting. The cost is one dollar (\$1) per week for 25 weeks. Each ticket will entitle the bearer to a complete PRIME RIB DINNER * CATTLEMAN'S CUT * to be held on October 30th - 7:30pm - at Thad's Steak House, Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, Ma.

There will be cash awards made at the dinner. A minimum of \$ 500 will be awarded if 50 tickets are sold. For every ticket sold over 50, an additional \$ 10 in cash will be made available. For example: If 100 tickets are sold there will be \$ 1,000 in cash prizes. If 175 tickets are sold, there will be \$ 1,750 in cash prizes.

LAST YEAR WAS THE FIRST TIME WE RAN THIS AND OVER \$ 850 WAS GIVEN OUT !!! FIVE MERCHANDISE PRIZES WERE ALSO GIVEN OUT. THE ODDS OF WINNING LAST YEAR WERE 1 in 5 !!!!! HOW'S THAT FOR GOOD ODDS ???

So don't delay. There is a maximum seating capacity of 175. Tickets will be available for members and non-members alike. Bring your family !! All winning tickets are put back into the drum for additional chances to win. You could win it all !!

Any ticket paid in full by June 6th will be eligible for a special drawing. FOR INFORMATION: Barry L. Miller KD1H at 998-1875

SEE YOU THERE !!!

		1981 Winners (82 tickets sold)	
\$ 300	Connie Tallentino	Pocket Scanner	Jackie Kello
\$ 200	Rocky Pimental	AM Radio	Ken Howland
\$ 100	Rachel Mara	Camera	Danielle Lygren
\$ 50	Ruea Miller	Calculator	Bill Pierce
\$ 35	Joe Midurski		
\$ 35	Fred Danhauser	'EARLY BIRD' WINNER	Bill Miller
\$ 25	Judy Mercier	\$ 25	Gordon Avery
\$ 25	Danielle Lygren	\$ 25	Paulene Miller

THE ZERO BEAT CONTEST IS BACK !!!

Each month, two problems will be printed in the Zero Beat. There will be two categories. The ' B ' category will be aimed at the Novice/Technician and the ' A ' category will be aimed at the Advanced/Extra.

Each category will have its own winner. The subjects to be covered will vary and any suggestions will be considered and appreciated.

Anyone may enter any category, or both, at any time. However, the points from one category cannot be transferred to the other. So why not try both ?? At no time will any answers be revealed to anyone other than myself unless it is the correct answer. No embarrassing remarks will result from incorrect answers.

Every three months a winner will be declared in EACH of the two categories. The first winners will be selected from the May, June and July issues. Method of determining winners: First correct answer in category A -- 2 points

Any correct answer by 1st of following mos. - 1p

First correct answer in category B -- 2 points

Any correct answer by 1st of following mos. - 1p

HIGHEST POINT TOTALS IN THE THREE MONTH CYCLE WILL WIN. So enter each month !! The winners will receive prizes.

CATEGORY ' B ' MAY 1982

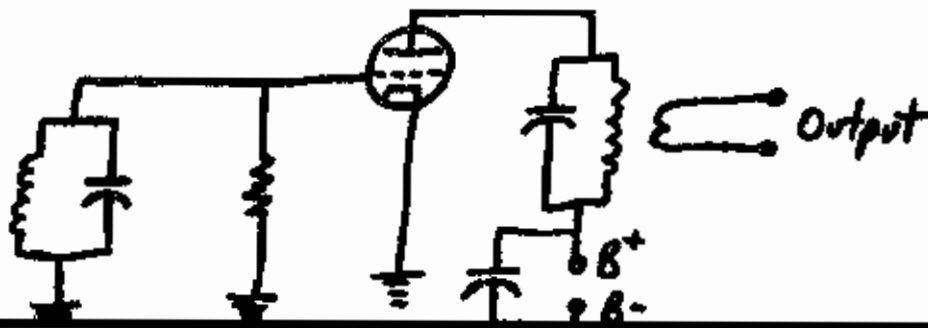
You have just checked the match and find that you have an SWR of 2:1

What is the percentage of power that is actually reaching the antenna ??

- A) 67%
- B) 50%
- C) 75%
- D) 89%
- E) 95%

CATEGORY ' A ' MAY 1982

In this grid-leak , tuned plate, tuned grid oscillator, - what is missing?



Gilly's Tours, Inc.

From time to time, we try to review some of the local businesses in the local area. This month, we focus on Gilly's Tours, Inc., proprietor-Gilly Medeiros.

Mike Correia, KA1GXC, Gilly, K1SMY, and myself ventured to the Framingham Flea Market on Sunday April 4th.

Instead of the boring, direct trip that we had come to expect, we were treated to a whirlwind tour of S.E. Mass. by Gilly.

Gilly called it the scenic route (by the way, it was snowing!). Not only did we actually arrive there but we were given a tour of the city.

In a mere two hours, Gilly showed us the sights along routes 9E, 9W, 135N, 135S, 126N and 126S. Yes, Gilly knows them all.

The way up was overshadowed, however, by the return trip! Scenic tours of Needham and Natick took place before Gilly finally found Route 128.

But the tour didn't end there! As a final gesture of his total knowledge of the area, Gilly brought us home through Fall River - owing to the fact that he missed the Route 140 exit.

So there you have it! An easy, effortless way to turn a 2 hour drive into 4 hours. Let Gilly drive!!!!

April Fool

At the March business meeting, we had some new members voted in. Among these was Mike, KA1GXC. A motion was passed so that we could vote on all of the new members at once. A block vote.

When the ballots were in, the Secretary, Bill Field, announced the results to the membership. It seems that though all of the new members were voted in as a unit, Mike was told that HIS vote was 16 against and 4 in favor. He fell for it. He was told to leave the premises and that he wouldn't get the 'secret' handshake.

Well, he was told about the joke after. Who was the wise guy that started the whole thing? You guessed it. None other than that trouble-maker Gilly.

YOU'RE NO GOOD GILLY!!! But then again, we all know that anyway, don't we??

Framingham Fiasco

Many of us have had the opportunity to attend various events in the area. I'm sure that some have been run better than others. Once in a while you wish that all of them would be run as well as such and such an event.

Not so with the Framingham Flea Market. This was a classic case of chasing the almighty buck.

A 2 dollar admission is not totally unheard of but you come to expect that the event will be a cut above the rest. What a disappointment!!

True, there were many dealers present and there was a variety of selections to choose from. Too bad you couldn't see 'em.

With a mere 4 feet of space between tables it was impossible to move. Half your time was spent standing in the middle of the aisle because nobody could move. People were pressing you on all sides from the time you got in to the time you 'escaped'.

The hall was dangerously overcrowded. Hundreds of people jammed together like cattle.

That's what we were - cattle! The only ones smiling were the people collecting at the door. No doubt this was a huge financial success. The way they piled the bodies in was disgusting.

Each aisle had room for three lines of people. The middle aisle could only move sideways. The only problem with that was people were trying to enter the aisles from both sides. In order for you to move, someone in the aisle had to move out.

You couldn't even move your arms without touching someone! But there was some compensation to it. You didn't have to move your legs at all. The crowd just 'swept you along.'

Why am I writing this? Is it because I came so far to see so little? Is it because someone tried to pick Mike's pocket? No, just outrage.

Had there been a fire in that hall, I need not tell you the result. The two aisles with the wheelchairs were utterly impassable.

Isn't it rather someone deliver this kind of article than a mass eulogy! But there was sufficient motivation for this. It's called greed.

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

Lifetime memberships were voted for Jimmy and Elaine Johnson. Although the constitutional requirements had already been met, the membership voted unanimously to bestow lifetime memberships to the Johnsons. (Did you notice I spelt although incorrectly ??)

The new power supply has been ordered and will be installed as soon as the new door lock has been put in. Wayne, WA1CCM, has the new door lock and is in the process of having the old keys re-cut. The new keys will be available to the members for \$ 1 each. Hopefully this double-lock system will give us some needed protection.

Motion by Larry, WB1DBX, to purchase a multiple-tone encoder board for the auto-patch for approximately \$ 80 was defeated. The repeater committee was asked to re-evaluate its position and report back to the membership.

The repeater committee reported that the repeater is presently running at 42 watts out.

Zero Beat editor, Barry, KD1H, was authorized to award 2 prizes every three months with a \$ 25 limit for the Zero Beat quizzes. See this issue. (That Barry is my kind of guy !!!)

A 25 Week Club was endorsed by the membership and a \$ 20 maximum expenditure was authorized for the mailing of the May Zero Beat issue to all the members. The issue will contain details of the 25 Week Club.

The March Of Dimes Walkathon was discussed and Dick, W1LE, stated that he needed a few more volunteers. Contact Dick if you are available.

Discussion of the installation was deferred until next business meeting so that we would have time to get some concrete proposals and cost estimates.

Doc Arsenault was the winner of the pay-back drawing. There are only 9 notes left.

Some of the newer members are not familiar with all their privileges. As a full member you are entitled to :

- Use of the auto-patch
- Use of the repeater itself (of course)
- Use of club texts, manuals, magazines, etc.
- Use of the low band equip. (per your lic.)
- Use of the building at any time
- Use of the grounds
- Certain discount privileges
- The right to vote
- The right to hold office
- The right to serve on any committee
- The right to read this joke. It seems that

there were these two ladies visiting Scotland. They came upon a man wearing a kilt. The first woman said to the second, ' I wonder if they wear anything under there ?' Whereupon they decided to find out. The man laid down by the side of the road and fell asleep. The two women crept up , lifted up his kilt and saw that he had no clothes on underneath. The first woman , so thrilled that she now knew the answer to her question , took her hair ribbon and tied it to the man's body. A few hours later, the man had to relieve himself , and so went behind a tree. When he lifted up his kilt he spied the ribbon and remarked ' I

don't know where you been lad, but you've won the first prize !!

I would like to express my own personal opinion, but you know guys, this is really a bummer. On April 8th, I know its not a business meeting, but the turn out was quite disappointing. I just got out of the hospital April 5th and I'm not looking for sympathy, but, where is all the interest in this club? You know this club is "you" and without "you" we are not going to get anywhere. We have a 25 Week Club coming up again and I sure hope to see everyone do their share. If I can go to the club under heavy Doctor's care, I am sure you can spare an hour once a week for an interest that is yours.

A Sorrowful Member
Sonny KA1ESG

You also could express your opinion in this paper. Just put it in the Zero Beat box.

FOR SALE

Microlog program for RTTY and CW for TRS-80
includes interface & programs \$ 65

see WA1CCM Wayne

BITS AND PIECES

Rumor has it that Don, WA1PLT may be able to run a Fall Novice Class. We hope that the rumor is true. How about it, Don??

There is a list of 18 flea markets on the bulletin board.

Well, I see that the repeater has been pretty quiet this week. No wonder!! Sonny, KA1ESG, can't talk !!

The club station, W1AEC, has 58 countries confirmed. If you find yourself with a free afternoon, why not help out in the effort to get EXOC??

Make sure you are aware of the 25 Week Club. There were many people that wanted to get in last year but it was too late. Half-way through, some of you found out that many of your friends were going and you were sorry that you didn't make plans to go. See you there !!

