

ZERO BEAT

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1990 OFFICERS ELECTED

Election of officers for the year 1990 was held during the December 7th meeting. And the winners are:

PRESIDENT- Bill Field WA1FYF
VICE " - John Carreiro W1ZYV
SECRETARY- Linda Medeiros KA1QCO
TREASURER- Norman Riley W1ATI
DIRECTORS- Alan Costa KA1QMA
Bill Miller KI1BR
Bill Pierce KI1MW
TRUSTEE- Mike Enos KA1QQC

VEC TEST DATE SET

The next date for VEC testing is February 22, 1990. The testing will be held in the SEMARA Clubhouse at 54 Donald St. in South Dartmouth. The testing will begin at 6:30 P.M. and NO WALK-INS will be allowed. You must register to be tested. To register contact Joe Midurski W1EKW at 995-3741.

SKIP AND SUNSPOTS

The current sunspot cycle appears to be very intense. The week of December 10th had one day with the greatest count of sunspots ever recorded since records have been kept. If that is an indication of whats to come...LOOK OUT!!! You will be talking around the world on Two Meters!!! (Maybe) What amateur radio operators find enjoyable is not enjoyed by commercial users of two-way radios. To them the skip is a pain in the neck. One man's joy, another man's sorrow.

ZERO BEAT 25 YEARS OLD

Happy Birthday to you.... It's hard to believe, but it's true!! Zero Beat is getting older. The first issue was put out in 1965. (It was a very good year! - Frank Sinatra) The first issue was made with the hectograph method of copying. It also was the last issue made with that messy method of copying with glycerin coated gelatin. YUK!!! Below are selected articles from some early issues:

November is the month that a crystal mike will be raffled off to S.E.M.R.A. members only. See Dick, WA1CRA for chances. Only 10¢ each. 1965

STAG MOVIES SHOWN AT CLUB

Excellent 8 mm movies of deer as photographed in Maine were shown last Monday night. Bet everyone reads this paragraph 1971

REMINDER...REPEATER OPERATING PROCEDURES...

- 1] Pause in between transmissions. 1977
- 2] Give your call letters in the pause if you want to join the current conversation.
- 3] Give "BREAK" if you must make an auto-patch or reach another station quickly.
- 4] Use "BREAK, BREAK" for EMERGENCIES ONLY!

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