

## ZERO BEAT

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## SEMARA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The club's annual Christmas Party will be held on December 11, 1999 in the "Executive Room" at Thad's Steakhouse in New Bedford. The cocktail hour starts at 6 pm, with dinner scheduled for 7 pm. The deadline for purchasing tickets has passed.

There will be a gift exchange for those members interested in such an event. Any member bringing a gift shall get a gift. It is requested that gifts be limited to \$5.00 in cost with men's gifts wrapped in blue or green paper, and women's gifts wrapped in red or pink. In lieu of colored paper, a tag marked "man" or "woman" can be used.



RICK CABRAL, N1RFI, AT WORK ON THE 440 REPEATER



### **MEETING HIGHLITES**

The November business meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Chris Smith. Twenty-nine members were present. Following the salute to the flag and roll call, the Secretary's report was read and accepted. There was no Treasurer's report, as the Treasurer was absent.

Committee reports followed: *Technical* – Repeater cavities retuned and bad coaxial connector replaced. Backup battery installed and on-line. Blow diode in repeater power supply replaced. Activities - No report. Buildings and Grounds - No report. Ham Class - No report. Scholarship - No report. Constitution - Draft copy should be available soon for review on Sunday mornings. Tower -Tower yard graded. Ground system cad-welded to tower legs. Phone company doing work on street in preparation for phone line installation. Communications—None.

Ratifications - Peter Szala, N1NDJ, and Louie Whitlow, WA1GDE, reinstated as members.

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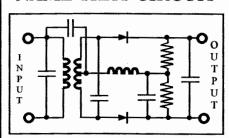
Commercial ads the size of a business card will be accepted. Rates are \$5.00 for one insertion, \$20.00 for six insertions, and \$35.00 for twelve insertions.

Non-commercial ads up to forty words in length will be accepted. Rate is \$3.00 for one or \$12.00 for six insertions. Club members have one free non-commercial ad per month.

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THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IS THE 15TH OF THE PRECEDING MONTH.

### NAME THAT CIRCUIT



- 1.) Ratio Detector
- 2.) Product Detector
- 3.) High-Level Mixer
- 4.) Amplitude Limiter
- 5.) Frequency Discriminator

ANSWER - See page 7

### MEETING- continued from page one

Old Business - The vote on the Constitutional amendment lowering dues to \$10 per year was passed (23 Yea, 6 Nay).

The club history book is nearing completion and any member with recollections they would like to see included is urged to contact Bill Miller at 996-2969.

New Business - The next issue of ZERO BEAT will have full information on registering your call with the FCC as required by the new ULS System.

The nominations for next year's officers tendered by the nominating committee are:

PRESIDENT - Chris Smith, K1CJS V. P. - Bob Metivier, N1XZJ SEC. - Henry Blanchett, W1GYL TREASURER - John Carreiro, W1ZYV BOARD OF DIRECTORS -

Marty Jordan, KA1YFV Scott Szala, W1EV Bill Miller, K1IBR TRUSTEE - Ed Blouin, KA1AW

Nominations were opened from the floor, but no additional nominations were forthcoming from the membership.

The minutes of the recent Board of Director's meeting were accepted as read.

For the Good of the Club – Nothing mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

## MERKT SEMARA Ve session

December 4, 1999 10:30 am SEMARA Clubhouse

# LOCAL VE SESSIONS IN DECEMBER

- **O9 Providence, RI**Judy Nelson
  401-231-9156
- 11 Falmouth, MA Ben Fleck 508-540-2583
- 13 Brookline, MA Bob Wondolowski 508-865-5822
- **18 Marlborough, MA**William Wade
  781-891-9079
- 22 Cambridge, MA Nick Alterndbernd 617-253-3776

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Arthur Caldwell



# **CLUB NOTES**

December! The Christmas party month...
The big day falls on Saturday this year. Who knows, by then we may finally see some snow and enjoy a white Christmas.



T wo former members were reinstated at the November business meeting - Peter Szala, N1NDJ, and Louie S. Whitlow, WA1GDE. Welcome back fellows!



T alk about working up a sweat! Long time member Tim Smith, N1BTQ, did just that digging a trench in his yard to install a conduit for his coaxial cables. The scuttle-butt is that his wife insisted that no "ugly" coaxial cables be seen in her yard! Tim, however, has a different version of why he undertook the "Big Dig"...



The book outlining the history of our club is nearing completion. Any member with historical information, recollections of past events, or interesting trivia about our club is urged to contact Bill Miller, K1IBR. Your input is very valuable, for the real history of our club is reflected in the personal recollections provided by its members. Bill can be reached at (508) 996-2969



Members are reminded to please keep the door to the radio room and the door to the Quonset hut SHUT during the winter months to conserve heat. Leaving either door open taxes the heating system as it tries to heat the Quonset hut.



The ARRL has set the VE test fee for the year 2000 at \$6.65. As usual, there is still no fee for those taking the novice exam elements 1A and 2.

Check this out! A super list of all repeaters in New England. The list is maintained by club member Jeffrey Lehmann, N1ZZN. The URL is:

www.qsl.net/n1zzn/nerep

Jeff also updated the repeater list on the last page of ZERO BEAT. Thanks a million, Jeff!



"I know it is listed in here somewhere..."

The club now has an E-Mail address:

W1AEC@arrl.org

Any mail sent to it will be forwarded to the club president. No, he really doesn't want any SPAM! (Computereese for JUNK MAIL.)

Election of the year 2000 officers shall take place during the December business meeting. Be sure to attend and vote for your candidate of choice.





## FCC IMPLEMENTS UNIVERSAL LICENSING SYSTEM (ULS)

ALL AMATEURS MUST REGISTER BEFORE RENEWING, MODIFYING, OR UPGRADING THEIR LICENSE IN THE FUTURE

ast August 16th, the FCC instituted use of the Universal Licensing System (ULS) for all application and licensing activity in the Amateur Radio Services.

The ULS is an interactive licensing database developed by the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to consolidate and replace eleven existing licensing systems (both commercial and amateur) pre-

viously used to process and grant licenses. All amateurs must register with the system before any action can be completed on their license, renewing, such as modifying, or upgrading. It is strongly advised that all amateurs register now to avoid problems in the future.

As part of the new system implementation, Form 610 and 601V

will be phased out over a six month period ending February 16, 2000. However, Club, Military and RACES licensees will continue to use Form 610B until further notice. During this phase out period, any Form 610 or 610V submitted MUST have the applicants Social Security Number written across the top of the form. However, if you previously registered with the ULS system, in lieu of your Social Security Number (SSN), you may use your FCC assigned "Licensee ID Number". That number will be an "L" followed by eight digits such as L12345678.

Two new forms shall be used for future amateur radio licensing activity, Forms 605 and 606. Form 605 shall be used for station and operator license renewals, modifications, cancellations, application withdrawals, application amendments, requests for duplicate licenses, change of address, correction of any information on applications, and vanity call sign applications. In other words, Form 605 can be used for just about anything an amateur needs to do regarding his license, except register with the system. That is addressed with Form 606 - the "TIN Registration Form".

Both Form 605 and 606 require the submission of a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) which for individuals is their Social Security Number (SSN), and for businesses the IRS provided Employer Identification Number (EIN). The submission of this information is mandated by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. Under the act, any entity doing business with any government agency MUST provide their TIN, SSN, or EIN. For most individuals, the TIN and SSN are one and the same.

The best way to register is via the Internet. You should have a password thought up along with a personal identifier (like your mother's maiden name or The whole process took 7 minutes when I tested it before writing this article. When done, you

will get a printout of all the information for your records. Save that printout in a secure place! See the next page for details on how to register via the Inter-

must call the FCC ULS

If you register by mail using Form 606 or via a VEC registration process, before you can file applications electronically in the future, you

Technical Support office and get a password. The ULS Technical Support office can be reached at 1-202-414-1250. VEC registration occurs when you upgrade or submit any application via a VEC. See the next page for details on manually filing with the ULS system.

Although you can register with ULS via the Internet, electronic filing under the ULS system can ONLY be completed via a special toll-free number (for added security). That number is 1-800-844-2784. Full details on connecting to the ULS system via this number (24 hours a day) are available at:

http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls

## RECOMMENDATION

My recommendation is to register right now via the Internet and get a printout of your registration, even if you have to impose on a friend to do it with his computer. Worry about the rest when it's time to upgrade or renew!

Editor

## **NEED MORE INFORMATION?**



Contact the FCC call center at: 1-888-225-5322, 1-202-418-0190 or, the FCC Technical Hotline at: 1-202-414-1250 (Monday-Friday, 8 am-6 pm)



On the Internet, go to: http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls



## ULS REGISTRATION VIA THE INTERNET



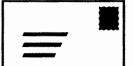
- 1. On the Internet, open http://www.fcc/gov./wtb/uls
- Click on the "TIN/Call Sign Registration" button.
   NOTE: This opens a secure connection you must
   have your Internet security features enabled. If
   you have problems, click in order: tools, internet
   options, advanced, and under "security" check off
   PCT 1.0, SSL 2.0, SSL 3.0, and TLS 1.0
- 3. Select "Register Now", then click on "Continue".
- 4. Select "Individual", then click on "Continue".
- 6. Be sure to print out a copy of the Confirmation/
  Registration form that appears on the computers
  screen. Keep it in a secure location, as it not only
  has your password and personal identifier, but also
  the FCC "Licensee ID Number". You will need this
  information in the future to use the ULS system.

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## **ULS REGISTRATION VIA US MAIL**

(NOT RECOMMENDED)



- 1) Secure a copy of FCC Form 606, "TIN Registration Form". Several copies (with instructions) are available at the clubhouse. You also can get copies off the Internet at http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html, or by calling the FCC's Forms Distribution Center at 1-800-418-3676.
- 2) Completely fill out the form according to the instructions.
- 3) Mail the completed form to:

Federal Communications Commission Information Technology Division Attention: Kathy McLucas 1270 Fairfield Road Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

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## **FOXHUNT REPORT**

## **BOB & HENRY NOT FOUND - THEY** WILL HIDE AGAIN!

It was a night to remember. Bob and Henry said, "Pack a lunch!" All the hunters laughed and said, "Yeah, sure..." Well, not a single hunter found Bob & They will hide again Henrv. next month in their "secret" hiding spot.

Later that evening after the hunt was called off, the whole crew went to Ruby Tuesday's restaurant at the Mall for a bite to eat. All attempts to get even a hint of where they hid were futile. They got a good thing going, and they obviously plan to "milk" it as long as humanly possible!

THIS IS A CALL TO ARMS! We must find them next month. Maybe it's time to start sharing coordinates among the hunters in an effort to zero in on this elusive, wily fox. All available direction finding equipment and member talent must be pressed into service to assure that Bob & Henry don't pull off this stunt again. As it is, the bragging is unbearable. Imagine what it will be like if they go on to month three!

It is suggested that all foxhunters meet a good half-hour before next month's hunt to map out a winning strategy. We will prevail! Bob & Henry will go DOWN next month.

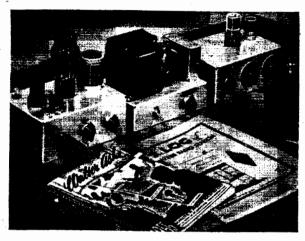
### NOTE TO BOB & HENRY

We hope you are following the foxhunt rules. There will be hell to pay if we find you "bent" the rules even a micro-inch!

## REMEMBER WHEN?

Page from 1955 Walter Ashe catalog - Courtesy Joe Fortin, K4KTZ

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KITS MAY BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY. If you are a beginner, you can start out right now with the receiver and power supply kits. Just as soon as you get your license, you can be on the air with only the addition of the swell transmitter kit. Or if you already have a receiver, the transmitter and power supply kits will put you in business with an outstanding signal in the 80 and 40 meter Novice bands—and most important of all—LOOK

## THREE KITS

### NOVICE TRANSMITTER KIT Two tubes -- 6AG7 crystal oscillator and 6L6G final

No fancy antenna array necessary. Pi section out-put circuit will work with any length wire for enternal. Simple to time

Kit includes tubes, punched chossis, hardware crystal in holder for the 80 meter Novice and one plug-in coil form for final amp. key, houtup wire and solder. SHIPPING WEIGHT 4 LBS.

MODEL WAT-25. NET...\$17.31

### **Novice Power Supply Kit**

Furnishes filament voltage and plate power for BOTH receiver and transmitter. Husky enough to supply full input to transmitter and well filtered for hum-free receiver operation. Uses 573GT rectifier and 003 voltage regulator. The 003 supplies 150 volts dc tregulated) to the receiver and to the screen grid of the transmitter's crystal occiliator.

Complete kit of parts with tubes, punched chassis and hardware, less hookup wire and solder.

SHIPPING WEIGHT 12 LBS.

MODEL WAP-25. NET...\$14.23

#### NOVICE RECEIVER KIT

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This two stope receiver uses a twin triode 65N7GT
os a representive detector and audio amplifier.
Its unusual stability is daw, in a large part, to
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in the power supply.

Bondspread—plenty of it—100 diad divisions of
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(13700-3750 hc) and 70 divisions on the 40 meter
Novice band (1715-7200 hc).

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omplete kit with tube, punched chassis, hardware
ad one plug-in coil form. Less headphones, hookp wire and solder.

SHIPPING WEIGHT 4 LBS.

### ACCESSORY STEMS

roll hookup wire, 25 feet	.44
extra plug-in cail form for receiver kit	.51
extra plug-in coil form for transmitter kit	
J-38 telegraph key.	
phone plug for key.	.38
100 feet #14 enomel covered ontenno wire	1.25
antenna insulators @ .21	.42
SPDT antenna changeover knife switch	.30
No. 25 Trimm Acme headset	1.97

### WALTER ASHE RADIO CO.

### IT REALLY HAPPENED!

ick Stuart, WF7A, threw together a ground-plane antenna designed to "knock the socks off" all other antennas. At the exact second he keyed his transceiver to test the new antenna, an earthquake registering 5.2 on the Richter scale hit his home! Now, that's an antenna with a WALLOP!

### TECHNICAL TIPS

Co, you picked up some tran-Sistors real cheap at a Fleamarket or in a box of "goodies" at an auction, but you don't know their ratings. First stop is the ECG cross reference catalog. If that doesn't help, then try going to the manufacturer's site on the Internet. To find the manufacturer's site use:

www.electrobase.com/index.htm Next, use the search engine on the home page to find the data sheets, and if you're lucky maybe an application sheet or two! Still no luck? Then try these sites:

www.guestlink.com www.eg3.com/srcnet.htm www.chipdir.com/index.htm



## **NET DIRECTORY**

-Sunday-

28.375 SEMARA NET 8 am 50.225 9:30 am Yankee SSB 147.000+ Swap Net 7 pm

- 4th Sunday —— 449.575 EM-ARRL 9 pm

- Daily -

3.915 EM/RI NTS ssb 5:30 pm 7&10 pm 3.658 EM/RI NTS cw 6:45 pm 147.315+ NTS/Trivia 7 pm 146.550 SEMARA NET 145.230-**EM-NTS** 8 pm

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8 am 145.490-Weather 8 pm

- Thursday —

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- Saturday —-1800G 14.300 Coast Guard

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1st Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm 145.490- (Fairhaven Repeater)

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### **DECEMBER 1999**

- 2 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 4 VE Session, 10:30 am
- 9 2 Meter Foxhunt @ clubhouse, 7:00 pm
- 11-SEMARA Christmas Party, 6 pm, Thad's Steakhouse

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### **JANUARY 2000**

- 6 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 8 VE Session, 10:30 am
- 13 2 Meter Foxhunt @ clubhouse, 7:00 pm
- 20 Tech-Talk, "Internet Packet Gateway" by Matt Vangel, KA1THM - 7:00 pm

SEMARA

Coffee Hour at the clubhouse every Sunday at 9:00 am. Drop by and ragchew!

LOCAL REPEATER DIRECTORY							
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