



Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club

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"Serving the Community Through Ham Radio"

NEWSLETTER

PREZ SEZ

The time has come to renew your membership for 1983 and it must be received by January 15, 1983 if you want to vote in the upcoming election and receive the new autopatch code. As you probably know a banquet is planned for the evening of February 12, 1983 and we can use your support to make this event a success. Tickets are available for \$29.00 per couple or \$15.00 for an individual. Send your check to K3RBO, Paul Rothman, c/o HARC, Inc., P.O.Box 6253, Phila., Pa. 19136. (Make your check payable to H.A.R.C., Inc.). I hope to see you there.

As we come to the close of another year and enter our fifth birthday for the club I think most of you will agree that we accomplished alot and I have enjoyed serving as your club president. It was a learning experience with its highs and lows and I want to thank everyone who took a personal interest in what was going on and volunteered their time to assist me do my job. In spite of all that happened I believe that we have created an organization to be proud of and for those that will serve as your officers next year they will need your support in order to carry the ball and allow the club to grow. With elections coming up now may be the time for you to nominate any individual who you feel will be an asset to the cause. Remember this is your club, pitch in and be part of what is going on. Let your input be known by coming to a directors meeting or sending a note to the attention of the club president or board of directors and send it to the post office box. Send any change of address or call or telephone number into the post office box so that the new directory will be up to date and it will be printed at the end of January. The best of the New Year to you and yours. 73. Tony, K3UKW-President/H.A.R.C., Inc.

Nomination Committee is: Bernie, WA2BAK. Ed, KA2KMW. John, KA3DAY.

E L E C T I O N S, February 1983

DUES FOR 1983 ARE \$ 16.00 and should be sent to: H.A.R.C., Inc. P.O. Box 6253, Philadelphia, Pa. 19136. Autopatch code will be changed Jan. 15th or very close to that date. SEND IN YOUR DUES NOW. Thank you.

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BANQUET

IT'S A BANQUET! It's a fifth Birthday for HARC! It's an installation dinner for officers of HARC for 1983! It's a sweetheart dance! It's a fun evening where all the hams and their wives (or sweethearts) can get together to eat, drink, and just have a good time!

WHEN: *Saturday, February 12, 1983*

WHERE: *Holiday Inn
Street Road (Rt. 132) 1 Traffic
Light East of Rt. 1 (Roosevelt Blvd.)*

MENU: *Choice Of:
Roast Capon w/Bread Stuffing (C)
London Broil (LB)
Flounder (F)*

Cash bar opens at 6:30
Dinner Served at 7:30

Cost: \$29.00 Per Couple
15.00 Singles

HOLMESBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
1983 BANQUET

YES, I WILL ATTEND THE 1983 BANQUET _____

Circle One:

Name _____

C LB F

Name of Spouse/Friend _____

C LB F

Address _____

Call _____

Spouse/Friend Call _____

DEADLINE: January 31, 1983

GET IN NOW *** DON'T MISS OUT !!!

SEND TO: Paul Rothman K3RBO
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Philadelphia, PA 19115

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To All The Members of H.A.R.C., Inc.

The following PROPOSAL TO FCC was written by Andy Prentice N2BWC and the Board of Directors recommends that you use it as a basis for your recommendations or suggestions to the FCC. We strongly suggest that you send at least five (5) copies of your letter to the FCC office in Washington D.C. with a copy of same to ARRL.

PROPOSAL TO FCC: EXAMINERS AND EXAMINATIONS

I. Volunteer Examiners

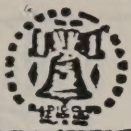
- A. May be certified by FCC approved non-profit or accredited educational organizations.
- B. May also be directly certified by FCC.
- C. All examiners issued certificates from FCC.
- D. List of all FCC certified examiners to be published.
- E. Require nomination by at least 10 licensed amateurs.
- F. Should include general class and above licensed amateurs as eligible for examiner.
 - 1. Examiner could give test for class license held or lower.
 - 2. This allows broader pool of examiners; more scheduled exams possible for general and advanced.
 - 3. Character is the best qualification for examiner, not the class of license held. The only reason to prevent an examiner from administering or grading a test of a higher class license is not to expose him/her to the answers. A particular class license is not necessary to administer a test competently.
- G. Certified examiners should remain legally responsible for the performance of their duties under authority of PL97-259 and should be required to take an oath of office.

II. Administration of Examinations

- A. Exams given by team of at least three examiners.
- B. Regular schedule of exams and locations should be maintained and published.
- C. Irregular time and place of exams may be scheduled by any team of at least three examiners upon notification to the FCC.
- D. FCC field offices should be maintained as mailing addresses for applications and information of regularly scheduled exams.
- E. Panels of volunteer examiners may handle necessary work associated with mail to FCC offices concerning examinations.
- F. It is important that FCC offices remain available for licensing applications and examination information of regularly scheduled exams in order to allow applicants who are not working through any approved organization to have access to licensing exams.

III. The Test

- A. Exam questions should be multiple choice with four possible answers and will be based on the present FCC Study Guides.



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- Specific exams, consisting of 50 questions each, should be created centrally from an FCC-approved pool of at least 500 questions per license class.
- B. Exams should be changed monthly, and more than one version of a particular exam should be issued each month.
- C. The FCC should release all question banks into the public domain.

III. The Test- Code Tests:

- 1. Comprehension style code tests prepared on cassettes with multiple choice questions about the content of the tapes.
- 2. FCC should prepare the cassettes and questions centrally.

IV. All exams, answer sheets and code tapes should be returned to a central location. Recommendations for issuance of a license should be forwarded to FCC which should issue the license as it presently does.

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For those members who are not aware of the recently passed Federal House Bill allowing the FCC to use the members of local radio clubs to monitor or give the examinations to potential new amateurs, the Proposal to FCC (seen above) is H.A.R.C.'s way of telling the FCC that we are interested in getting involved in this voluntary endeavor. We are telling them we are interested in participating and at the same time, giving some input as to how we would like to see the rules and regulations implemented.

Claire Kuperman KA3DNJ
Secretary

JANUARY CALENDAR

- January 6- Board of Directors Meeting. This is an open meeting for anyone that would like to attend. Meeting will begin at 7:30 PM however if you would like to have dinner we will arrive at 6:30 PM and will meet in the restaurant off the main lobby known as, "Frankie Masters Restaurant".
- January 9- General Membership Business Meeting at Best Western Motel on Roosevelt Boulevard north of Cottman Avenue and south of Rhawn Street, West side of Boulevard. This is the same location for the Board of Directors Meeting.
Breakfast(on premises at Frankie Masters Restaurant)
Meeting will begin at 10:00 AM, Sharp in Lower Level Room

ATTENTION ALL H.A.R.C.Inc. MEMBERS - PLEASE FORWARD YOUR 1983 DUES TO:
Make checks payable to(HARC Inc.) and forward to P.O.BOX 6253, Phila., Pa. 19136. Amount of 1983 Dues is \$ 16.00. Autopatch code will be changed soon after Jan.I. You will have to have paid your dues in order to receive new autopatch code and have the right to vote. Your co-operation is appreciated



HARC News Briefs by K3RBO

Ah, December. Last month of the year. Christmas time. Kerosene heaters blazing. Icicles hanging from the beam. Brings warm thoughts to your heart, doesn't it? Only if Christmas (or Hanukah) has been good to you, and a new HF rig has joined your shack. New Year's Day is here, and dues are due. It is time to start looking ahead to 1983, and the wealth and health of of HARC (Now Inc., thanks to Bernie, WA2BAK). The club will hit the 200 member mark in 1983, and a lot of other great things will happen. But they will only happen if we, the members, do something to make the club better. Ask yourself, "How can I help? What activity can I participate in? Can I spare just a few hours a month to come to a meeting, to check into a net, and to make my thoughts known?" My thought is, that we can all spare a little more time, to make this club really fun to belong to. If you tell the club officers what you would like to see as programs and activities, the meetings will be more interesting for everyone.

The first activity of 1983 is the Banquet/ Birthday Party. It's the 5th birthday of HARC, and we are going to celebrate with a real bash that shouldn't be missed. If 100 members don't show up for this fabulous affair, I'll be very surprised. Once you meet all those guys and their lovely wives, you'll feel compelled to come to all the meetings, so that you can keep up with all the news. And if I have my way, the meetings in 1983 will be more than business. There will be programs, speakers, movies, projects, white elephant sales, etc.

Now, for some repeater happenings... It's been a pretty slow month- had no repeater failures, the banana was fairly quiet, and no major catastrophies. Only the usual dull, unimaginative conversation about two meter rigs, cars, kerosene heaters, donut stores, etc. The same regulars are still regular, and the irregulars aren't. Burnell is still missing, has changed his call (N3DDO), and has given up testing rigs out on the repeater. Fred, N3CLI is still promising deliveries of packages, knives, bolts, etc., and never shows... Dick Levy (WB3EVY) still promises that he is turning into Hunting Park Avenue; Lou, W2FVJ is still a little short.....

Did you hear that Bill, WB2IOY did his bit via ham radio one night while on his drive home on the A C Expressway? He came upon an elderly lady whose car had broken down. Bill made an autopatch to the lady's son to have him come to help. Bill then went on his way, only to come upon another mishap. This one was more serious. A car had run off the road, was badly damaged, and the driver was hurt. Bill got on the patch and dispatched help. It was a big night for Bill, and he is very happy to have that 2 meter rig in his car so that he can help out in situations like that.

Well, on another front, Jay and Claire WA3IFY and KA3DNJ, were the first to send their check in for the HARC Banquet. We'll save Jay and Claire a special table for that feat. Speaking of Jay, he was the original club record holder for his operation last year. But, like all records, there are people waiting to break your record. So, Jim N2BVA had to top Jay with a Quadruple Bypass operation. We hear that Jim is doing really well, and is especially glad not to have made it to the Big Net in The SKY.

Tahhhhhats all, Folks

K3RBO



Not Me!

By John G. Troster,* W6ISQ

"Thank you. Thank you, club members. Don't get up. No big appreciation demonstration, please. Now you elected me your new president on my 'New S9 Action Program' to make this miserable group into the best club in the whole U S of A . . . right?"

"Right . . . Yippee . . . Wah hoo wah."
"And we're gonna be a world champion club . . . right?"

"Right on . . . Hoooorrrayyy . . . S9-plus, Old Man."

"And we're gonna move forward and onward . . . and ahhh . . . upward . . . and ahhh . . . right?"

"Right . . . We're ready . . . What you gonna do, Mr. Prez?"

"Okay, the first thing in my New S9 Program is to make us a big winner in Field Day . . . right?"

"Hoooorrrayyy . . . We're number one . . . What kinda trophy we get?"

"Okay! First thing we need is a hard-charging, good-organizing Field Day chairman who's gonna ramrod this club into an oiled, smooth-running, efficient QSO machine to pile up points . . . who wants to volunteer to be chairman?"

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"Ahhh . . . who wants to volunteer to be the leader of this winning team? Ahhh . . . volunteers?? . . . hmmm . . . you're all too modest . . . ah . . . okay, then, I'll appoint a leader. I'm gonna appoint our club fireball, old Charlie. Charlie, I want you to take ahold of Field Day and move us forward . . . multi rigs . . . multi antennas . . . every member in there CQing for the glory of this stagnant old club . . . the XYLs cooking chow and the kids running hamburgers and drinks to the ops . . . right?"

"Waaill . . . I dunno if I want to volunteer to get appointed Field Day skipper or not . . . lot a work, you know . . . all them rigs . . . putting up all the antennas . . . and all them XYLs and kids . . . ugh . . . hear 'em now . . . makes me kinda tired just thinking about it."

"Yeah, Mr. President, you appoint old Charlie our Field Day skipper and first thing you know he's out appointing a lot of us assistants. And second thing you know we'd all have to be out there in the hot sun working on Field Day . . . Lot a work there . . . I was trying to get away from the XYL for one weekend anyway . . . We ain't never been in a Field Day before . . . Not me."

"You mean you fellas is gonna pass up

a opportunity for this miserable club to make the greatest score in the history of Field Days?"

"Naw, he's right, Mr. President . . . Not me . . . We never done it . . . I was planning a barbeque that weekend . . . Me too . . . All that work . . . Not me."

"Okay, okay . . . let's forget Field Day for a while. But let me tell you there's no way we're gonna have a 'New S9 Action Program' without a great, first-class club paper . . . right?"

"Right! Sure thing . . . Great thinking . . . Give us prestige . . ."

"Glad to hear everybody's in favor of a great paper. Now, who wants to volunteer to edit our new award-winning club paper? Come on . . . somebody volunteer . . . volunteers anybody? Hiammm . . . Okay, I appoint Jimmy. There you are, Jimmy. You gotta start investigative reporting. Nobody ever got a Nobel Prize without investigating. Gotta crusade for better band conditions . . . less sun spots . . . ahhh . . . smaller pileups . . . more DXCC countries."

"Wecellllll . . . ahhh . . . I dunno, Mr. President. Takes a lot a time, and I ain't never done no Nobel prize investigating . . . 'course I could appoint a bunch of columnists to help."

"Naw . . . Not me . . . Forget that appointing stuff, Jimmy . . . Write it yourself . . . Not me . . . For this club you only need a cartoonist . . . Not me . . . Yeah, a comic book maybe . . . Not me . . . I can't draw."

"Here I'm trying to progress this lousy club into S9 world class ranking, and nobody will do nothing! If you didn't like my 'New S9 Action Program,' how come you elected me president?"

"You was the only one running. Yeah, Old Man, your S9 program is down to about a S5 right now."

"Okay, you lost your chance. I'm not gonna let nobody else volunteer. I'm only going to appoint people from now on. So, I'm gonna appoint Old Sam to be chairman of our new program committee. We need new exciting speakers . . . people who are gonna tell us what we ought to know . . . get us all fired up . . . what do you say, Sam?"

"Ahhhh . . . waaalll, Mr. President, I

don't know nobody who's excited about much . . . only exciting fella I ever knew finally made DXCC, but then he went back to full-time rag chewing . . . maybe somebody else . . . not me."

"Come on, Sam. We need speakers to educate us . . . launch us onto the wave of the future with outstanding speakers . . . ahhh . . . the way to the future is forward . . ."

"Maybe Sam he don't wanna go forward on a wave . . . You're down to about a S2, Mr. President."

All right . . . okay . . . I'll get the speakers myself. But one thing the S9 Program is gonna do right now is to save us all from poisoning . . . ha ha. I'm gonna move us out of this terrible Mom's Pizza Parlor here into a decent restaurant. We can't move forward if we all get ptomaine poisoned in the back of a pizza parlor . . . I'm gonna appoint a restaurant committee."

"What you got against old Mom's Pizza? Yeah, we like her cheeze and them hot peppers . . . Not me . . . I stay . . . Love that Polish sausage . . . Me too . . . Not me . . . You're down to a S-nothing, Mr. President . . . Not me!"

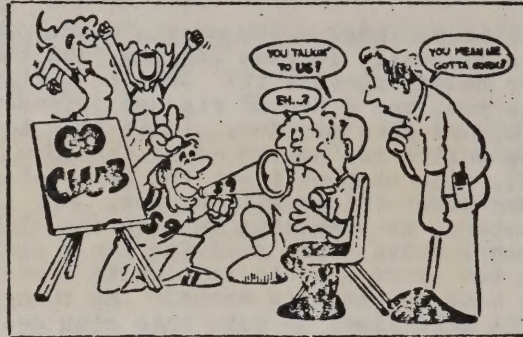
"You elected me president to turn this club around and progress, to move forward into world-class contention . . . ahhh . . . or did you? All I need is a little help . . . a few committee chairmen . . . right? . . . ahhh . . ."

"Not me . . . you're the president . . . You do the work . . . Yeah, we elected you and now you're trying to make us do the work."

"Okay, okay . . . hmmm . . . well . . . all right. That's about all for this meeting tonight. Next meeting . . . ahhh . . . we meet here in the back room of Mom's Pizza . . . no speaker program . . . just swap lies like usual . . . forget winning Field Day . . . forget our Nobel-winning paper."

"Hey, sure like your 'New S9 Action Program,' Mr. President. Learning fast . . . Good program . . . gonna make a great president . . . You're back up to S9-plus . . . Yeah, with a good club Action Program like that, maybe we'll elect you president again next year."

"Not me!"



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Amateur Radio Fellowship Meeting

A film strip on Carl Sagan's Cosmos will be presented by the Greater Northeast Amateur Radio Fellowship on Monday, January 17, 1983, 7:PM at the Northeast Regional Library Cottman Ave. opposite Gimbel's.

Programs for the Radio Amateur are held at the Library on the third Monday of the month except on holidays. Admission is free and there is ample free parking opposite the Library.

For further information call Al, W3AYJ-725-2869

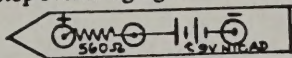
TNX and Season's Greetings

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Al Schnipper

Icom IC-25A Memory Hold

To install a nifty and simple memory hold circuit in your IC-25A, connect a 9V NiCad battery and a 560 ohm resistor, as shown, at the power plug. The resistor will help to stop overcharging of the battery.



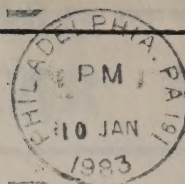
TNX Metroplex A.R.C.

Attention: Azden PCS-300 Owners:

I recently took delivery of an Azden PCS-300 and sent it back promptly, due to a persistent "birdie" on 146.88. It was fixed by adding 22 pF capacitance across C103 (which is a 33 pF cap) between the PLL and 11 MHz xtal and goes to ground. It might be a "fix" on other HTs if similarly afflicted. (Tnx, K8YUW, LEARA News, Cleveland, OH)

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