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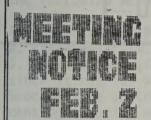
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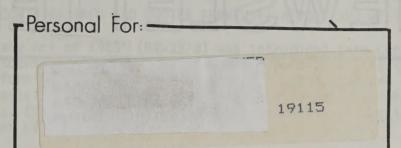
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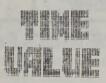
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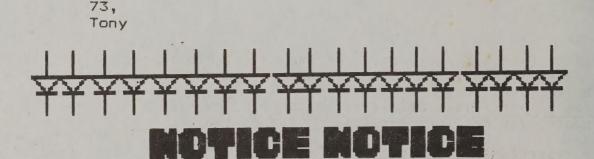
PRES SE7:

This will be my final column and I'd like to thank all of the people who have worked at their elected offices to make things work for the general membership.

Your volunteer hours are greatly appreciated.

Since renewals are due, please take a moment to send in your dues so that you will have made your commitment for 1986. It makes a lot of jobs eaise when you respond early.

Best of the New Year to all of you and I hope that positive happenings take place all year long.



PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT CALL THE AUTOMATIC NUMBER FOR THE NEW JERSY STATE POLICE IT IS NOT IN SERVICE ANY LONGER A NEW NUMBER WILL BE PROGRAMED IN AT A. LATER DATE.

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Congress Acting on Radio Privacy Issue

THE FOLLOWING REPORT CONTAINS INFO AND QUOTES FROM W5YI REPORT AND WESTLINK - Editors

The "Electronics Privacy Act of 1985" (HR-3378) was introduced into Congress by Robert W. Kastenmeier (D., Wisconsin) on September 19, 1985. The bill was co-sponsored by Carlos J. Moorehead (R., California). It is something that all radio amateurs should be aware of since it has far potentially reaching ramifications. Kastenmeier is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Courts, Civil liberties and the Administration of Justice. Moorehead is ranking minority member of the Subcommittee.

A companion Senate bill with the same name and similiar wording is S-1667 by Senator Pat Leahy (D.,Vt.) and Charles Mathias (R.,Md.).

The bill has three main purposes. The largest portion of the bill has to do with under what circumstances law enforcement authorities can be authorized to use wire tap type devices..gadgets that record telephone numbers dialed..tracking devices, and the like.

The second major area of the bill has to do with changing the existing wire tap laws to expand their coverage to any type of communication. Present day wire tap laws do not cover the sophisticated electronic systems of today.

The third portion of the bill has a section call "exceptions with respect to electronic communication." It sets out specific situations in which under the new law it will be legal to listen to radio communications.

These exceptions are:

- 1. Electronic communications made through a system designed so that the communications are readily accessible to the public. (This is not further defined. It seems to us that ALL radio communications are readily accessible to the public.)
- 2. Interception of any communication which is transmitted for the use of the general public which relates to ships, aircraft, vehicles or persons in distress.
- 3. Communications by walkie talkie (which is strangely also not further defined.)
- 4. Police or fire communications systems.
- 5. Amateur radio or CB radio...but not including GMRS the old Class 'A' CB, General Radio Mobile Service.

The bill has two proponents...two groups that have gotten together to urge its passage. They are the EMA, Electronic Mail Association...the providers of all electronic mail systems who are concerned about hackers and computer hobbyists who might obtain private electronic messages and the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, a powerful and well connected trade group for the car telephone industry.

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CTIA is pushing this bill because the cellular industry is very, very concerned about the privacy issue. They are also concerned about their pocketbooks! Almost all cellular phone calls are in the open. They can be received on scanners and radio receivers. Cellular phone calls are even being received on video cassette recorders with tuners that cover the appropriate frequencies and older model TV sets that have variable tuning. This is because the bands that cellular telephones operate in used to be UHF-TV channels 70 through 83.

The cellular industry is freaking out about this!! The technology is now in 80 cities, and growing fast. It is extremely expensive to get into the cellular business and it is, at present, far from profitable. The start up cost is in the millions of dollars.

Is Congress going to repeat itself, as it did in the early 1900's, when greedy Commercial Broadcasting Companies lobbied to have Ham Radio outlawed? Amateur Radio was then given allocations in the "poor" frequencies available at that time, and Broadcasting got the cream! NOW are we going to be prevented from listening to our own receivers? READ ON..

The cellular industry is very frightened that the word will get out that you can hear the cellular calls because they are radio and that the public will not want cellular car phones. While scrambling is an alternative, cellular providers would prefer to change the law to make it illegal to receive cellular calls so that they can show that the calls are indeed private. The same people are behind this bill that were behind the California/Rosenthal version. The president of PacTel Mobile Companies is a director of CTIA. Thanks mostly to amateur radio operators, the California bill was greatly watered down.

CTIA does NOT want to sustain another defeat in Concress as they did in California. This bill will make it illegal to pick up any radio communication that does not fall within the above listed excepted categories.

There are a lot of questions that are being raised by the bill. Even AIR FORCE ONE is not scrambled and READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. Will it become illegal to own a scanner or listen to certain short wave radio other than broadcast? What about beacon stations... press stations...military communications, etc. Short wave listening is a legitimate hobby, or at least it WAS.

How will this be enforced? There is general agreement that manufacturers can not be prevented from making general coverage receivers. It will be illegal to use them, however. It is very apparent that the bills sponsors and their associations know less than Zero about radio...and human nature.

The problem for amateur radio operators is that there is a new amateur band, 902-928 MHz that is adjacent to cellular frequencies. You mustn't stray from your authorized band!

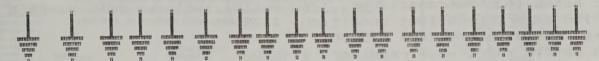
Furthermore, the bill's proponents want to make listening to Amateur Autopatch telephone calls illegal unless you are one of the participants. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT! Amateurs will be required to turn their radio OFF if an autopatch conversation in ongoing!

Completely unenforceable we say, but the bills' sponsors maintain that law abiding citizens will do just that...turn their radio off! The Committee hearing the bill is suggesting that the FCC set aside subbands for amateur autopatches! "The only legal reason for an amateur to be tuned to the subband would be if you were making an autopatch call," they say.

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CTIA WANTS SCANNERS MODIFIED.... Philip J. Quigley, President of PacTel Mobil Companies (a cellular provider) and CTIA official: "Even if HR-3378 is enacted, there will still be some people who will flout the law and intentionally listen in to private conversations transmitted by the radio spectrum. Today these people can use scanning receivers popularly known as scanners to eavesdrop on cellular conversations because scanners are engineered to receive not only communications readily available to the public such as police and fire communications, but also communications of the frequency bands reserved for cellular. There is no reason why scanning equipment should be designed to receive frequencies that have been reserved for private communications. CTIA believes that an appropriate technical modification in the FCC's rules governing scanners is a necessary adjunct to the privacy legislation."

Even though there are millions of scanners in the hands of the public and many messages and phone calls can be are monitored on amateur, GMRS, cellular and other services, the proponents of these bills refuse to accept that this is a common everyday occurence... that this is a legitimate hobby interest. They think that anyone who monitors private conversations or ongoing traffic is weird.



CLUB NEWS

Meeting of Dec. 8,1985

Meeting started at 10:05 by Tony K3UKW

Tres. Income 140.82 Bank Balance 2,30.09

Navy drill was a sucess due the way the Amateur group carried out there end of it. The Navy Dept. was very impressed.

Old Business none

Nominations from the floor were as follows JOE WA3IJZ PRESIDENT PAUL K3RBO 3 YEAR TRUSTEE Nominations from the floor were closed.

The new repeater was shown to all by Ron WB3BDC. He explained all of the fancy functions of the repeater.

MEETING ADJURNED AT 11:20 AM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED RICHARD ALBERT K3HIN

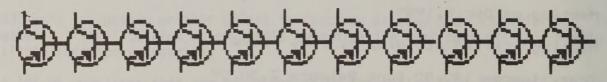
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Cubic Astro 103 HF transciever, (260 watts) includes WARC bands & 10
thru 160 meter, excellent condition, \$425.00
Waters "Dummy Laod"- (KW) \$75.00
Heath SB-310 short wave receiver, \$145.00
SBE 144, XTAV control, two meter radio, \$75.00
Drake MS4 speaker, \$45.00
Drake NB4 noise blanker for R4C, \$110.00
Kenwood 7950 two meter transciever, \$325.00 (incl.ttp mic. opt.)
Contact Tony, K3UKW-215-271-8898



OTHER NEWS

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We have received a letter from Warren Snyder, W6RDL, with respect to the growing practice of "mentally disturbed" hams to cause interference to others maliciously. Warren had suffered through a particular "jammer scene" and was finally able to get a fair bearing, reaching the conclusion that the interfering signal (to the QCWA Sunday Afternnon Net) was in the New York City area. Warren made a call to the F. C. C. monitoring facility near Atlanta and asked that they make an effort to determine the location of the "jammer". We do not know the outcome of their work but since the problem doesn't seem to abate, perhaps we should begin to make efforts to identify them ourselves, and should Senator Goldwaters bill, S-2975 become law, have a means to put an end to the problem.

Attached you will find a list of F. C. C. monitoring stations, their location and telephone numbers. Please use them....if we can bring just one of these "scare-crows" to justice, it start a trend.

Allegan, MI	616	673	2063
Anchorage, AK	907	243	2153
Bellfast, ME			4088
Douglas, AZ		364	
Ferndale, WA	206	354	4892
Ft Lauderdale, FL	305	473	9845
Grand Island, NE	308	382	4296
Kingsville, TX	512	592	2531
Laurel, MD	301	725	3474
Livermore, CA	415	447	3614
Powder Springs, GA	404	943	5420
Sabana Seca, PR	809	784	3772
Walpahu, HI	808	677	3954

If QCWA members are interested, we will present a story on a small antenna which may be used for the purpose of DF. Remember, DF on the high-frequencies is not a pin-point matter, due to propagation vagarities and reflections, etc. Never-the-less, with care, and a goodly number of stations participating, it might just be possible to snare one of the "weasels" in the group. Let us hear from you in this regard.

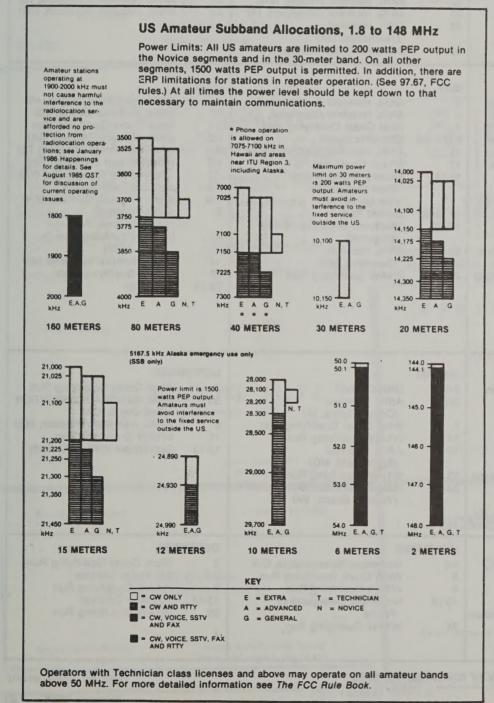
License Renewal Information

- 1) Attach a photocopy, or the original, of your license to the FCC Form 610 (available from ARRL HO; SASE, please).
 - 2) Mail to FCC, Gettysburg, PA 17325.
- 3) Retain copies of everything, if possible, as proof of filing before expiration. If you file before the license expiration date, you may continue to operate beyond the expiration date and until the new license arrives. After expiration, there is a two-year

grace period under which you may still renew and keep your call sign without retesting, but you must wait until the new license arrives to operate. After this two-year grace period expires, you must be reexamined for a new license. Normally, application should be made approximately 90 days before expiration; however, renewal can be applied for at any time

during the term of the license.

- 4) If you are simply modifying your license (change of address, for example), you must fill out the Form 610; a letter is no longer sufficient. Incidentally, your license will also be automatically renewed for 10 years at this time.
- 5) If you have any questions or problems, drop a note to Membership Communications Services, ARRL HQ.



The "Considerate Operator's Frequency Guide"

Some frequencies that are generally recognized for certain modes or certain activities (all frequencies are in MHz):

1.800- 1.825 CW only "DX window" (no W/VEs) 1.825- 1.830 3.590 RTTY DX 3.610- 3.630 RTTY 3.790- 3.800 "DX window" 3.845 SSTV 7.040 RTTY DX 7.080- 7.100 RTTY 7.171 SSTV 10.140-10.150 RTTY 14.080-14.100 RTTY 14,100 NCDXF beacon 14.230 SSTV 14.313 Maritime mobile 21.080-21.100 RTTY 21.340 SSTV 28.080-28.100 RTTY 28.200-28.300 Beacons 28 680 SSTV 29.300-29.500 Satellite downlinks 29.520-29.580 Repeater inputs 29,600 FM simplex 29.620-29.680 Repeater outputs

ARRL band plans for bands above 29.300 MHz are shown in the ARRL Repeater Directory and the FCC Rule Book. This 24-MHz band plan was adopted by the ARRL Board of Directors in July 1985: 24.890-24.920—CW only 24.920-24.930—CW and digital 24.930-24.990—CW, phone and SSTV

U.S. Amateur Power Limits

At all times, power level should be kept down to that necessary to maintain communications. All US amateurs are limited to 200-W PEP output in the Novice segments. On all other segments, with certain exceptions in the 10, 902 and 420-MHz bands, 1500-W PEP output is permitted. (full-carrier double-sideband AM radiotelephone operations will use old power limits and standards until June 1, 1990.) Present restrictions limit 10-MHz PEP output to 200 W. See December 1984 QST, p. 61. (Revised as of November 1985.)



MAJOR ARRL OPERATING EVENTS AND CONVENTIONS—1986* (Check QST monthly for updates)



JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		
1	Straight Key Night	2	ARRL Hamfest (Villa Park, IL)	1-2	International DX Contest,	
	West Coast Qualifying Run	4	West Coast Qualifying Run		Phone	
5	Midnight Special	7	W1AW Qualifying Run	2	ARRL Hamfest	
9	W1AW Qualifying Run	in the same	(10-40 WPM)		(Winchester, IN)	
	(35-10 WPM)	8	ARRL Hamfest (Harlingen, TX)	5	West Coast Qualifying Run	
10-12	ARRL Hamfest (Sarasota, FL)	8-9	ARRL Hamfest (Miami, FL)	7-9	Florida State Convention	
11-12	January VHF Sweepstakes	15-16	International DX Contest, CW	(Carrie 10)	(Orlando)	
12	ARRL Hamfest (Oak Park, MI)	16	ARRL Hamfest	8	W1AW Qualifying Run	
12	ARRL Hamfest		(Mansfield, OH)	8-9	ARRL Hamfest (Lafayette, L.	
	(Richmond, VA)	16	ARRL Hamfest (Melville, NY)	15	ARRL Hamfest (Auburn, NY)	
21	W1AW Qualifying Run	16	ARRL Hamfest (Elkin, NC)	15-16	ARRL Hamfest	
25-Feb 2	Novice Roundup	16	ARRL Hamfest		(Ft Walton Beach, FL)	
26	ARRL Hamfest (Yonkers, NY)		(Kansas City, MO)	16	ARRL Hamfest (Salem, IL)	
26	ARRL Hamfest	19	W1AW Qualifying Run	20	W1AW Qualifying Run	
	(Greenbelt, MD)	21-23	Great Lakes Div. Convention	22-23	ARRL Hamfest	
			(Sharonville, OH)		(Charlotte, NC)	
		22	ARRL Hamfest (Fridley, MN)	23	ARRL Hamfest (Grayslake, IL	
		23	ARRL Hamfest (Davenport, IA)	23	ARRL Hamfest (Madison, OF	
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1	West Coast Qualifying Run	4	ARRL Hamfest (Kankakee, IL)	11	ARRL Hamfest (Chelsea, MI)	
5-6	Nebraska State Convention	4	ARRL Hamfest (Sandwich, IL)	1	ARRL Hamfest (Salina, KS)	
44.40	(Kearney)	7	West Coast Qualifying Run	3	West Coast Qualifying Run	
11-12	Michigan State Convention	8 (Thurs)	1296-MHz Sprint	6-7	ARRL Hamfest (Albany, GA)	
10.10	(Saginaw)	11	ARRL Hamfest (Medina, OH)	6-8	ARRL Hamfest (Arlington, TX	
12-13	Missouri State Convention	12	W1AW Qualifying Run	6-8	Northwestern Division	
10	(Kansas City)	16-18	Atlantic Div./New York		Convention (Vancouver, WA	
13	W1AW Qualifying Run		State Convention	7-8	June VHF QSO Party	
13	ARRL Hamfest (Bedford, PA)	47 (0.1)	(Rochester, NY)	7-8	ARRL Hamfest (St Paul, MN)	
13	North Carolina State	17 (Sat)	50-MHz Sprint	8	ARRL Hamfest	
4.4.484>	Convention (Raleigh)	17-18	Oklahoma State Convention		(Wrightstown, PA)	
14 (Mon)	144-MHz Sprint	00.04	(Wagoner)	10	W1AW Qualifying Run	
18-19	Midwest Division Convention	23-24	ARRL Hamfest		(10-40 WPM)	
10	(So Sioux City, NE)	0.4	(Columbia, MO)	14	ARRL Hamfest (Midland, MI)	
19	ARRL Hamfest (Marietta, GA)	24	W1AW Qualifying Run	23	W1AW Qualifying Run	
22 (Tue)	220-MHz Sprint			28-29	Field Day	
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27	(Dayton, OH)†					
27 30 (Wed)	W1AW Qualifying Run					
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2	West Coast Qualifying Run	2-3	LIHE Contest			
9	W1AW Qualifying Run	2-3	UHF Contest	3	West Coast Qualifying Run	
	(35-10 WPM)	2-3	ARRL Hamfest	5-7	ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION	
11-13	Texas State Convention	5	(Cedar Rapids, IA)	6	(San Diego, CA)	
	(San Antonio)	14	West Coast Qualifying Run	6	ARRL Hamfest (Windsor, ME	
12-13	IARU Radiosport	17	W1AW Qualifying Run ARRL Hamfest	12	W1AW Qualifying Run	
12-10	Championship			13-14	September VHF QSO Party	
19-20	Southeastern Div. Convention	23	(Springfield, MO) W1AW Qualifying Run			
	(Atlanta, GA)	23-24	Roanoke Division Convention			
25	W1AW Qualifying Run	20-24	(Virginia Beach, VA)	- 14		
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11	W1AW Qualifying Run	1-2	November Sweepstakes, CW	2	West Coast Qualifying Run	
10.40	(10-40 WPM)	5	West Coast Qualifying Run	5-7	160-Meter Contest	
18-19	Central Div. Convention	9	W1AW Qualifying Run	8	W1AW Qualifying Run	
		15-16	November Sweepstakes,	13-14	10-Meter Contest	
	(St. Charles, IL)	10-10		10 14	IO-Metal Collect	
18-19	New England Div. Convention		Phone	30	W1AW Qualifying Run	
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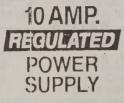
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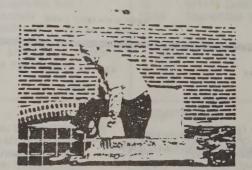
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