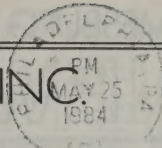


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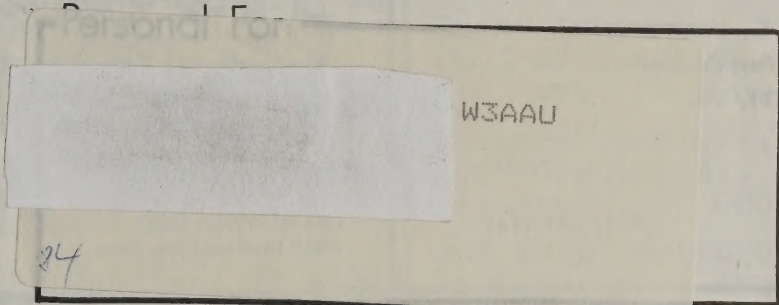
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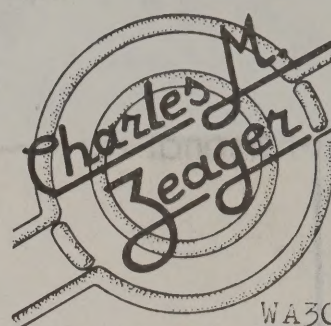
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COMMENDATION (CONT'D)

Mr. President, with all due respect to our fighting forces and what they have been through in the last several weeks, there are other traditions which perhaps have been less noticed — especially in the case of Grenada — that I do not think should go unnoticed.

As you and my other colleagues know, my hobby is Amateur Radio. It is not only a hobby, but to most hams, as they are known, it is also a service. And it is this tradition of service from the Amateur Radio fraternity that I speak of today.

During the first two or three days during which our forces were conducting operations in Grenada, the island was virtually cut off from the outside world communications-wise. Yes, we have spent millions of dollars on communications for our military for use in crisis and wartime situations. However, on this particular occasion, probably the most up-to-date accounts of what was happening, in and around St. George's Medical College area, were given by ham radio operators.

Like hams that have gone before them, they have a tradition of service in times of local and national emergencies.

I think it is fitting today that we should honor these amateurs, and the Amateur Radio community in general, for also being a part of the finest traditions of this country. They are a national resource that we should be proud of and should appreciate.

Mr. President, in addition, I would like to enter into the record the call signs of at least a few amateurs that we know of at this point: N2DRA, K3RZR, W3DOS, KA3DTE, KC2PK, WD4CNR, K0IND, VE3AJN, K4MM, WA4ZHC, W4PP, W1ISO, WA4CCY, WA4ANE, WB4CKO, WR4S, WB4FTK, N4GFG.

I am sure that there are many others who are known to us and who are not included in this list that should receive our thanks.

—Submitted by Dave Siddall, K3ZJ

Mark Barattella, KA2ORK/J3, and Don Atkinson, J37AH, maintained communications throughout a very critical situation and were, at times, the only sources of information coming from Grenada. Ham radio operators here in the United States monitored frequencies used by Mark and Don and stayed in contact with them night and day.

Ham radio operators provided a great service, not only to their government, but also to the people of the United States.

• Pass it on to: WORLD RADIO

NEWSLETTER

EDITORIAL

We wish to apologize for the delay in getting out this Newsletter, however, due to circumstances beyond any one's control, the Newsletter was not published.

As yet, we do not have an Editor. We have put the call out several times, but no one has come forth. In the meantime, several people are collaborating their know-how to get this publication out to the members. We want to keep you informed as to what is happening at H.A.R.C.

What is happening at H.A.R.C. is general apathy. Among our 155 members only 10 to 12 members do all the work. We still do not have a Secretary and now we also need an Editor. We also need a Ways and Means Chairman.

Prior to this issue, we did not have to pay for printing and publishing the Newsletter. From now on we shall have to pay for the monthly issues.

..... simply do not have the funds coming in to subsidize this Newsletter without a Fund Raiser. Any suggestions?

If all we get from these requests for help is silence.... then we should seriously consider that response to mean you really don't care if we become a repeater association. One way or the other, please respond.

Interim Editor

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MEETING NOTICE:

June 3, 1984 at the Best Western Motel, Roosevelt Blvd & Borbeck Sts. 10 a.m. starting time.

We will have a speaker from the National Weather Service.

We will also be auctioning off White Elephant items, so bring to the meeting whatever you wish to sell.

This will be the last HARC meeting of the season, until September.

BE THERE!!!!

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Membership News... DE WA3IFY

Welcome the following new members:

Arthur Clemons, N8BLK
101 Poplar Terrace
Somerdale, NJ 08083

Larry Lavarella, N4GER
2003 Broomall St.
Boothwyn, PA 19061

Bernard Swedloff, K2SWZ
1008 Oakwood Av.
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Joe (Rip) Kamenshine, W3AIX
1010 Prospect Av.
Melrose Park, PA 19126

Jerome S. Feldman, WA3UMA
117 Cambridge Drive
Glenn Mills, PA 19342

Reese Palley, KA2AUP
Box 1201
Atlantic City, NJ 08404

WE NOW HAVE 154 MEMBERS ON ROLL!!!!

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Many Hams think repeater operation is something new. But don't you believe it! Back in the 5 meter days of the early 1930's, W1AWW (later W1HMO) was an active AM repeater operated from a wooden lookout tower near Springfield MA. Before FM became the "in thing" on the air, three hams in California operated notable AM repeaters.

de WA3IFY (Murgas ARC, Inc.)

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¶ Radio amateurs and cordless telephones have made the evening network news. CBS news reporter Bob Schieffer showed a man listening to a telephone conversation on 1707.8 with a Kenwood TS-430S. The news item was well done and lasted a good two or three minutes. This should effectively demonstrate to the public that cordless phone conversations are not very private, and that almost anyone can listen in on their conversations.

NEWSLETTER

RADIO ROOM TOUR

When you dial 911 you aren't interested in the complex procedures that follow, you only want results... because you have an emergency on your hands right?

Right. However, thanks to the efforts of Charlie Zeager, on April 12th, Claire (KA3DNJ), Jay (WA3IFY) and Charlie (WA3OQR) were given an opportunity to tour the Radio Communication Room at Police Headquarters, Franklin Square in Philadelphia.

Officer Rick Johansson met us at the door and escorted us to the Radio Room. He informed us that there are about 220 operators (on all 3 shifts) 38 of them are civilians, taking incoming calls all the time.

At this point, Corporal Orlando DeStefano joined our small group to better answer all our questions.

Each operator faces a large console and a computer keyboard on which they type the pertinent information the caller gives to them. The operator then pushes a button sending all this information back to the particular district operator from which the call originates. The district operator then handles the call in whatever manner is necessary, such as dispatching the nearest police car to the scene of the crime.

On the wall facing these radio operators is a large board with 30 tiny traffic lights mounted on it with a number beside each light to correspond to the console facing it. If the red light is on - it's a 911 call; if the yellow light is on, it is a 231-3131 call coming in and if it's a green light, it's an administration call. If the light is pulsating, it's being handled.

These operators undergo a training period of approximately two weeks before they go solo on these consoles. There is very little room for mistakes.

If one of the calls coming in concerns a fire, they are immediately switched to the fireboard to save time in answering questions twice.

Directly behind these operators and going in a semi-circle are the specialists. For instance, two operators will handle only the major arteries of the city, such as I-95, Schuylkill Expressway, etc. Then, two more operators handle only center-city traffic, all the time listening to the incoming calls and dispatching and handling whatever pertains to their particular area.

Still following the circle, we come to the Police Districts divided among 18 operators.

On either side of the aisle are 5' high dividers, lined with a different color felt on each divider. The walls of the room are in very colorful shades, contributing to the low-key atmosphere of the room. It is hard to believe just how quiet this room is.

Behind each of the dividers sit two operators handling all the calls sent to them from the operators in the front of the room where the call originated. These two operators handle only calls pertaining to their assigned districts. Above their consoles and pinned to the divider in front of the operators is a large map of their districts, which they refer to now and then.

The Philadelphia Police Dept. receives hundreds of calls per day, from all over the Delaware Valley and all of the 50 United States, even a few calls from Europe. Every call is handled in this room and there is someone to handle each call.

Corporal DeStefano cited a recent case in which a wanted suspect was being chased. The chase started somewhere in South Philadelphia, up I-95, across the bridge to New Jersey, through part of NJ and finally, they caught him somewhere in South Jersey.

I, with my TV mentality, asked, "You can't arrest them once they cross the stateline, can you?" Well, you know how a Philadelphia cop looks at you when you say something dumb?

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NEWSLETTER

CONTEST WINNERS!

First Prize....Bill Soble W3QXT
(Cross Pen & Pencil Set)
Second Prize...Jane Jones K3ZDN
(Quill Pen)

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TECHINCAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the last time you heard from us, there have been several happenings on the repeater. First of all, if you don't know by now, the Richboro input is now in Hammonton, NJ. The input works fine but is not 100% quieting into the main site. Efforts are being made to correct this problem.

We have been experimenting with the voter system in an attempt to get it to select properly. The last adjustment, which was made on May 6th, seems to be the best, except for the noise from the Hammonton input, which is hampering the voter from making up its mind. Also, on the May 6th trip, the Northeast input was adjusted until the storm on May 8th, which disabled it. It should be functioning again within a few weeks.

Until next time.

73's for now

Ron Cardullo, WB3BDC

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RADIO ROOM TOUR (continued)

He just laughed and said, "As long as you are in 'hot pursuit' of someone, it doesn't matter what State they go into. He was ours." All the time the chase was going on, the operators handling this case were in contact with New Jersey and the surrounding suburbs, so they too were in on the chase and aware of what was happening.

I'm sure there are many more exciting stories coming out of the Radio Room, but we were very pleased to have been given this informative tour and thanked everyone for their courtesy.

Claire Kuperman, KA3DNJ

WESTLINK INCORPORATION

The WESTLINK organization is made up of 8-10 men who disseminate Amateur Radio information all over the USA. They have a cash flow problem and want a non-profit tax status.

Many of our members feel that this is a great opportunity for HARC to become the sole sponsoring agency for WESTLINK in the distribution of news having to do with Amateur Radio. We would become the parent organization and WESTLINK would be the subsidiary of our club.

There is no liability involved. This affiliation would lend prestige and an opportunity to have our voice heard in the world of Amateur Radio.

We would allow them to use our P.O. Box number and we would have to pay the incorporation fees in Pennsylvania (about \$200.00). This affiliation includes Metroplex.

On February 5, 1984 the motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously by our members to have Bernie (WA2BAK) go ahead with this incorporation. We have been notified that the papers will be approved within the next 30 days.

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While driving down the highway operating his 2 meter rig, Dan Large, N8ETV was pulled over by the Highway Patrol and cited for speeding. It seems that Dan had his cruise control set at 55 mph as he operated 147.24, but was clocked by radar at 68 mph.

After receiving his ticket he explained his unusual circumstances to the trooper and both parties agreed to duplicate the incident; this time with the officer traveling next to him. After setting his cruise control at 55 mph, the radar clocked Dan accurately. He then signaled the officer and began transmitting and the radar readout went to 68 mph.

Upon conclusion of the test, the officer voided the citation and made out a special report regarding the incident.

de WA3IFY (ECARS Monitor)

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