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The Prez Sez

The summer months are coming upon us rather quickly, and now is the time to look over our antennas. Since the weather is perfect now, we should be able to help one another repair or assemble new antennas. We suggest we have an 807 party along with your antenna raising. Just let the club members know, so we can respond to your request.

On May 19th, at 12 noon we were able to publicize Amateur Radio on Channel 6, with Pat Warren and the WPVI photographers. This was done at fire headquarters, 3rd & Spring Garden. Participating that day were WA3AOP Rich, K3UKW, Tony, N2BVA, Jim, and WB3CRJ, Jim. They were taking part in Emergency Week for Phila. County.

Thank you very much, and happy vacationing to all HARC members.

Richie
WA3AOP

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THE REPEATER IS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE HOLMESBERG
AND THE U OF P AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS .

Rich Sambenedetto - A Man With A Dream

If it weren't for Rich Sambenedetto, there may not have been a repeater on 146,685, for all of us to use. There wouldn't be a Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club. A lot of things would be different. So, here is an article about Rich, whose dream made it all come true for H.A.R.C. and the .685 repeater.

According to Rich, it all started soon after the Johnstown Pa. flood. Rich, then, as now, a firefighter with the Philadelphia Fire Department, went to Johnstown after the flood of 1970, along with Jim McKernan, WB3CRJ and some other hams, to assist in radio communications during the relief operations. It was during this emergency that Rich became aware of the need for emergency communications and training.

"During an emergency like a flood, it is important to have good communications", Rich says, "to aid in the transportation of food and supplies to the disaster area. Certain food items like milk, can spoil, if they are not delivered in a timely manner". Rich says, that because of inadequate communications during other emergencies, milk spoiled because it could not be delivered to where it was needed.

So, the dream of having the ability of providing reliable and clear communications haunted Rich, and he finally decided to do something about it. He applied for a license for a two meter FM repeater, and was granted a license with the call sign, WR3AJZ, and a frequency allocation of 146.04/.64.

Now, having a repeater license is only half the battle, because as we all know, it takes a lot of money, time and effort to put a repeater on the air. So, Rich looked for other people who also had an interest in starting a repeater group, and a group of five hams formed the original H.A.R.C.

They each put up some money, bought the equipment, and went about the job of putting a repeater on the air. The original frequency of 146.64 turned out to be a problem, because a repeater in Pine Grove, Pa. was already in operation on that frequency. When the H.A.R.C. machine went on the air, the reaction was a little less than friendly. It was then decided that another frequency had to be chosen for the Holmesburg repeater. A look around the frequencies turned up the possibility, 146.085/.685. That frequency had already been allocated to another group, The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology. The frequency had not been used, and the time had elapsed during which a machine was to be in operation on that frequency. So HARC moved in, and set up its machine.

What followed next, is "a whole other story", says Rich. What is important is that with that original group of people, a fine repeater came about, and Rich's dream of reliable Fm communications, through a repeater, became a reality.

Thanks Rich, for your dream.

Paul
K3RBO

Under The Wire
By Rich K3HIN

I used to write this byline 20 years ago, for the Mobile Sixers "Six only". I hope that the years have given me more wisdom then I had before.

As I was mobiling the other day I was called upon by a new "ham", who had just gotten his ticket several weeks ago, and had been a "CB"er. Not knowing a lot of the procedure, he made several mistakes. Some one on the 685 machine very rudly stated, "you know you sound just like a CBer". "Why don't you get off and learn how to operate"? Our new ham became very disturbed and now has second thoughts about pressing the mike. The person who did not give his call was more of a CBer then our newcomer. The thing is, instead of making wise cracks, how about teaching. "Don't be a lid".

Thanks,
Rich

MURPHY'S LAWS

NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED

SELF STARTERS WILL NOT

INTERCHANGEABLE PARTS---WILL NOT

NATURE IS A MOTHER

DON'T MESS WITH MRS. MURPHY

ALL WARRANTIES EXPIRE ON PAYMENT OF INVOICE

FRIENDS COME AND GO BUT ENEMIES ACCUMULATE

A SHORT CUT IS THE LONGEST DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINTS

THE CHANCE OF A PIECE OF BUTTERED BREAD FALLING WITH THE BUTTERED SIDE DOWN IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE COST OF THE CARPET

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