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NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ

Your Prez (new call KR1M) does not have anything to say via the Newsletter; the problem may be with the publisher of the Newsletter, rather than your Prez. A series of events (some came under the broad legal disclaimer of "Acts of God") resulted in several missed target dates to get the Newsletter into your (I presume) anxiously awaiting hands. Some of the events I refer to include (1) the arrival of a first granddaughter; (2) an extended vacation at the Jersey Shore; (3) a mechanical breakdown of the duplicating equipment; (4) programming problems associated with the conversion of the mailing list from a word processor to a microprocessor; (5) mechanical problems with the label feeder for mailing labels; (6) unplanned business travel; (7) a very heavy workload at the office (catch-up for being out of the office so much); (8) a change in the procedures to deliver material for publication; (9) the time needed to print over 100 copies each of the Membership Director/Emergency Telephone Directory/Constitution and Bylaws; and (10) being just plain lazy in the heat of July and August.

M. DANROTH W3BEE

Membership News..... Jay W3IFY

Welcome the following new members.

LEON KOSMENA no call yet, is studying very hard for his ticket. Makes his living as a machinist.

RICHARD CRAIG WB3ECV, is a former V.P. of the N.E. Amateur Radio club. He has been an amateur since he was a Boy Scout, was radioman while in the Marine Corps. Likes fishing and hunting. Works in a paper co as technical service mgr.

ROBERT BANKS WB3BSN, is a student at Drexel in electronic engineering has been a Ham for the last 8 years, likes theory. His other hobby is restoring cars, also works as a mechanic.

Welcome to the club a new member,
CHARLES LA ROSA, W3NTY, an amateur since 1950, presently retired, likes building projects and operate mobile.

John Todd Sr. KB3TC also a new member an amateur for the last seven years, likes to build and experiment with antennas. He works for the railroad as brakeman, conductor and all around man. He likes to target shoot.

Membership News: Jay WA3IFY

Introducing two new members, Daniel Mignogna WB3IPX, has been an amateur since 1972 and likes all aspects of the hobby. Dan makes his living in instrumentation (you figure it out). Other hobbies computers.

Welcome the following new members.

JOHN GRAVES KA3IZE, a rather recent amateur and already is trying his hand, building amplifiers and antennas. Likes to hunt and fish, has a good knowledge about guns. He makes his living as a fireman. The XYL Paula also has a call KA3IXH.

GARRY GANS N2EEF is a rabbi in Cherry Hill, has been an amateur for about one year, and enjoys it very much, his other hobby is stamp collecting.

EDWARD DUNLOP N3DJH, likes to experiment with electronics, and ragchewing. He is a computer programmer and consultant. And for information to the other pilots in the club he knows how to fly a plane.

BARBARA GIBILISCO KA3KYZ ; also a newcomer to amateur radio, and she did all on her own, she got her novice ticket and in no time did she have her tech license and she says that she is not finished she is going further, the girl has guts and to think that the only way that she can get around is in a wheelchair.

THANKS! To the following that participated in the annual March Of Dimes Superwalk. Tom N3DBX, Steve WB1AOF, Bob WA3HTW, Sam KF3G, Ernest W3IAR, Joe KA3GEK, Ron N3ZO, Smitty KA3GIS, Ed WB3KKB, Bob WB3IRB, Sandy KF3D, Paul WB3BOD.

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Membership News..... Jay WA3IFY

8/23/83

The most recent member is Dr. Len Rosen N2LR
Len has been an amateur for a while and really enjoys it, his other hobby is painting and he really is good at it.

Somehow a few of us got involved with the cable TV hearings, letters were written copies of articles were made and sent to the appropriate authorities, and all this paid off.

Following is a letter from councilman J.C. Anderson, this is exactly what we wanted. Would like to thank the following for their support, W3QXT, W3SLF, KR1M, W3AYJ, W3AAU, WB3EVY.

Jay WA3IFY



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August 2, 1983

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Mr. Jay Kuperman
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Dear Mr. Kuperman:

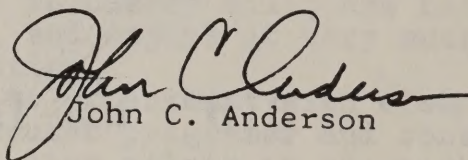
I read with interest your letter of July 26, 1983, concerning potential radio signal interference from cable television operations. Obviously, this is a problem which the City wants to avoid, and I believe the City's Cable TV legislation has adequate provisions in this area.

The draft franchise agreement, which is incorporated by reference by the City Cable TV ordinance, requires the franchisee to check RF leakage at reception locations for emergency radio services to ensure no interference signal combinations are possible. Further, the franchise agreement requires the franchisee to comply with all FCC rules and regulations concerning signal interference. This would include current regulations on harmful interference with both emergency and non-safety of life services, as well as leakage standards. The franchisee is required to maintain a local business office for receiving all complaints concerning cable operations, including signal interference. The franchise agreement has severe fines and penalties which may be imposed for violations of the terms of the agreement.

For these reasons, I believe that the City's current legislation to be sufficient with regard to signal interference. Once Cable TV is in operation, I would urge you, and any other amateur radio operators, to report any signal interference which might occur to both the Cable TV operator and the City so that the problem may be immediately remedied.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,


John C. Anderson

JCA/rdm

cc: E. Richard Levy

Printer's No. 58

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No.

49

Session of
1983

INTRODUCED BY WILSON, JANUARY 25, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 26, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act to empower cities of the second class A,
3 and third class, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships of
4 the first and second classes including those within a county
5 of the second class and counties of the second class A
6 through eighth classes, individually or jointly, to plan
7 their development and to govern the same by zoning,
8 subdivision and land development ordinances, planned
9 residential development and other ordinances, by official
10 maps, by the reservation of certain land for future public

11 purpose and by the acquisition of such land; to promote the
12 conservation of energy through the use of planning practices
13 and to promote the effective utilization of renewable energy
14 sources; providing for the establishment of planning
15 commissions, planning departments, planning committees and
16 zoning hearing boards, authorizing them to charge fees, make
17 inspections and hold public hearings; providing for
18 appropriations, appeals to courts and penalties for
19 violations; and repealing acts and parts of acts,"
20 prohibiting zoning ordinances which exclude or restrict
21 amateur radio antennas or towers.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known
25 as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, is amended by
26 adding a section to read:

27 Section 603.1. Ordinance Excluding Amateur Radio Antennas

1 and Towers Prohibited.--No zoning ordinance shall exclude or
2 restrict the erection, location or height of an amateur radio
3 antenna, or the tower supporting such antenna. An ordinance may
4 regulate the construction or maintenance of an antenna tower,
5 but only to the extent as is necessary to protect life or
6 property.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in six months.

Printer's No. 909

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 783

Session of 1983

INTRODUCED BY ROCKS, MAY 31, 1983

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 31, 1983

AN ACT

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FOR SALE 16K RAM pack for TIMEX/SINCLAIR Microcomputer. Also, several books containing programs and information on BASIC programming. Will discuss price or swap for other equipment if interested. Paul K3RBO 215-671-0268

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Mike - WB3JHX - 215-548-5761

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THE ARRL NEWSLETTER

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Do you really read the HARC Newsletter? This special new section reporting on activities of the ARRL has appeared in your Newsletter for several months. However, we misspelled ARRL (note above) and it took three months for someone to notice and let me know about the error.

Guess who found it and called? WA3AOP (Rich). The new title of this section will be corrected as follows:

THE ARRL NEWSLETTER

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Volume 2 Number 18

September 1, 1983

HAMS/CABLE — BATTLE HEATS UP

ARRL's renewed request to bar Cable TV operation from Amateur Radio frequencies (see last issue) brought quick replies from three CATV firms and the National Cable Television Association (NCTA), all in rebuttal to ARRL's contentions that the industry has not shown any effort or ability to clean up its act. American Video and Landmark Cablevision labeled the League's request "absolutist" and "a classic case of unjustified overkill." Storer Communications said ARRL "destroys its own case with outdated information," referring to Storer system cases the League claims are unresolved, but Storer claims have been satisfied.

NCTA filed opposition to the League's Motion pointing to its "comprehensive efforts to cooperate with ARRL and its members to identify and resolve cable/amateur interference problems." It filed with its Opposition an appendix of exhibits purporting to show that complaints are being resolved.

It is yet to be determined how vast the difference is of definitions of the term "resolved" between cable and amateur groups. For example, in Landmark's comments, it claims they have resolved the long-standing Olathe, Kansas, CATV matter. However, John Fuhrman, KØLFA, a

principal in this struggle, filed a reply with the Commission pointing out existing leakage problems in the old areas, as well as several new areas.

ARRL response to this new wave of cable industry attacks has been equally swift. The League said American/Landmark "is simply wrong" in its complaint that hams are expecting too much -- a "pristine" rf environment, and that American/Landmark has mischaracterized interference problems as minimal.

ARRL blasted Storer's allegation that the League had filed "outdated information" concerning Storer cases and complaints: "The information cited in the Motion was as accurate as anyone could expect. The cases of interference reported are still unresolved, in the sense that interference still exists, regardless of any effort which may have been made in one or two cases to resolve the same." ARRL also rebutted an affidavit filed with the Storer document by a Storer staff engineer, who called for "cooperation" on the part of amateurs who should turn their beams away from the interference, drive vehicles with equipment installed away from leakage spots, and avoid frequencies where leakage is the greatest.

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July 12, 1983

Jay Kuperman, Trustee
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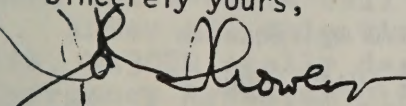
Dear Mr. Kuperman:

Thank you very much for your recent communication urging my support of House Bill 49 which awaits action by the House Local Government Committee.

I am pleased to report to you that I am supportive of this measure and have urged House Local Government Committee Chairman, Lester Fryer, to bring this legislation up for consideration by the committee. I am hopeful that sometime in the near future we will have an opportunity to report this bill out for full consideration by the House of Representatives.

Again, thank you for letting me know of your concern for this important legislation.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN SHOWERS
Representative, 85th District

JS/ps

LOWER MERION BIKE-HIKE FOR RETARDED CITIZENS MAY 1, 1983
LOWER MERION HIGH SCHOOL, ARDMORE PENNSYLVANIA 19004

Darryl Schick
221 Welsh Terrace
Merion, PA 19066

To the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club:

June, 1983

Dear members,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the help that was so generously provided by your club for the 1983 Lower Merion Bike-Hike. The event was a tremendous success this year, with beautiful weather, over 500 bikers, and nearly thirteen thousand dollars raised for the Montgomery County Association for Retarded Citizens.

From a safety standpoint, this year's Hike was the most smoothly run in the event's six-year history. It would be unfair to say that we were lucky, as we actually had more medical problems this year than ever before, but each was reported almost instantaneously through the radio network and each situation received efficient, fast attention. As you may recall, we were short on the number of operators I felt were sufficient to insure such safety, and the assistance of your club was, in addition to being far beyond the requirements of the event, invaluable in helping the event run as smoothly as it did.

I would like to thank specifically those members who helped out; Sam Leidy (KF3G), Herb Greenfeder (WB3IRE), Howard Kirsner (KA3IJP), and Mike McLaughlin(WB3JHX), all of whom took an active role in assuming extra responsibilities throughout the day; Steve(WB1AOF), for his generosity at the meeting, and finally the Wednesday night net controller who gave my requests an extra "push" each week leading up to the event. Thank you again, your assistance was appreciated by all.

Sincerely,

Darryl R. Schick
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WB3HOD (UPARC/MARC/HARC)

HARC NEWS / BRIEFS by K3RBO

This issue represents the last one to be published before the summer, so I'm going to mention all those things that you folks will be doing until the next time you do anything with the club. Boating... Fishing... Sailing... Flying... Swimming... Drinking... Have fun. Well, now that Dick Levy (WB3EVY) has run out of nonsense, and no longer writes his article, I am the undisputed king of corn, the man with the screw loose. Last issue, as you know, contained all that serious stuff about the repeater, and the technical committee, and all that dull stuff. The interesting part will be when the "Pink Slips" start coming. If you don't understand, just keep up your evil ways, and you will see what I am referring to...

On the lighter side, I haven't heard WB3EVY on much lately. He's too busy, or he forgot the frequency. Lou's not on much. My ears deserve a rest. We hear K3RLE/MM on a lot. If only someone would tell him to stop using donuts for lifesavers- we've got enough fish with indigestion.

I understand we have a new member who is a rabbi (Gary, N2EEF). Watch your language on the repeater... We also have another new member who is a pilot. Barry, K3TNB. Just what we needed, another one... Got the C-5A fired up, Barry? Speaking of which, an old member has taken to the skies. Rich, please keep it right side up... and will you please stay away from my house...

My next story involves my favorite subject, Bernie WA2BAK (That's BRAVO ROMEO ECHO INDIA NANCY ZULU ECHO NORWAY IM SICK AND TIRED OF PHONETICS ALREADY). I understand from the grapevine that Bernie was truly inspirational during the recent antenna raising at the repeater site. I don't know the full story, but it involves the moon shining over West Philadelphia.

Bernie, W3FXA has to take the prize as the oldest old timer on the repeater. Every time I hear him, he's talking about the old times and the spark gap days. I hear he's even building a spark gap HT for two meters.

If anyone hears that new bootlegged call on frequency, please don't acknowledge him. It will only induce him to continue to talk about the government, working for the government, and trips made to inlaws in Braintree, Mass. Come on now, surely he could have thought of a more believable call than KR1M to use.....

After all this time, a good man is now about to get his due. Charlie, WA3OQR really deserves to be acknowledged for his work on the Emergency Repeater Directory, and with membership duties. He did a good job, which sheds a load of good will on the club and himself, and is also always available to help out when needed. Thanks, Charlie.

There are several people in the club who deserve to be congratulated for one thing or another. I forget who, and for what, but CONGRATULATIONS. If you want me to mention you next month, call me and tell me what you did.

Well, enough of this nonsense. I bet you 're glad it's all over.

73, Paul

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HAMFEST: Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club, (G.C.A.R.C.) Electronics show and Flea market. Sunday, Aug. 28, 1983. 8 AM to 3 PM. FCC exams; prizes to include Yaesu FT 208R HT and Franklin Ace 1000 computer. Contests, seminars. On the campus of the Gloucester County College, Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ. Write to P.O. Box 370, Pitman, N.J. 08071, or call (day) 609-456-0500, eves. 609-629-2064. (sk).

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Harvey - K3YLL - 215-342-5925

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SELL: BIKE, Girls, 10 speed, XLNT cont. \$50.00. firm.

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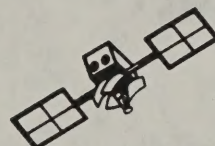
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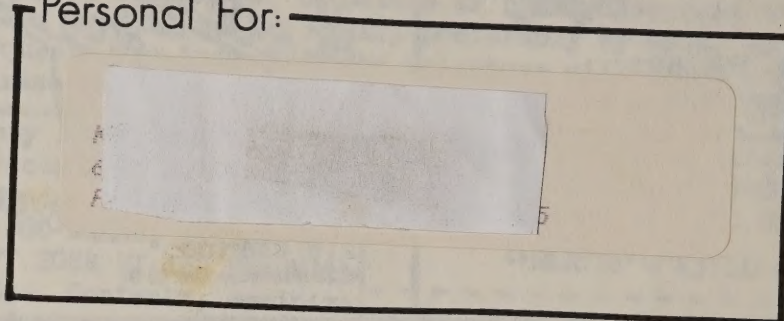
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