

# RESERVATION COUPON FOR HARC BANQUET

CUT OUT COUPON AND SEND WITH CHECK TO:

Mr. James Kennedy N2BVA  
214 David Place  
Magnolia, NJ 08049

OR

Mr. Louis Shore W2FVJ  
732 Liberty Street  
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

DATE: JANUARY 21, 1984  
PLACE: Travel Lodge, Route 73 & NJ Turnpike,  
Mt. Laurel, NJ

DIRECTIONS:

From Tacony-Palmyra Bridge, continue on Route 73. Pass Route 295 and continue one block to intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike. Cross the Turnpike and the Travel Lodge will be on your left.

See You There!

Make Checks Payable to: HARC  
DATE: 1/21/84  
PLACE: TRAVEL LODGE  
Mt. Laurel, NJ  
\$32.00 per couple  
\$16.00 single

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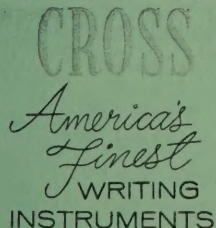
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## NEWSLETTER

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### THE PREZ SEZ

Happy Holidays to all and Best Wishes for the New Year! Speaking of the New Year, Here are the current nominations for next year's officers:

President: K3HIN, KR1M

Vice President. WA3AOP

Treasurer: KA3DNJ

Secretary:

3-Year Trustee: W2FVJ, KZ2N, WA3OQR, W3QXT

ELECTIONS ARE JANUARY 8, 1984 at our regular monthly meeting. Please attend and vote!! Your new officers will be installed at the Banquet on January 21.

A suggestion for committee chairpersons and those tasked with special projects - Since many in the club may be interested in what you're doing, try to schedule and announce when and where your committee will meet so that those who have help and ideas to offer may participate.

NEW NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES: Mike, WA3HEE was at our last Board of Directors meeting and some very interesting ideas were discussed. However, we need YOUR help to make them work.

1. ALL material goes direct to Mike at his home QTH.
2. Material should be typed if at all possible.
3. ALL items MUST be received by the 15th of the month, or it goes in the next edition.
4. Information does not have to be restricted to Amateur Radio. How about some of the pilots or photographers or anglers in the club doing a regular column??

Let me again make a plea for common courtesey and good operating procedure when using the repeater. Many scanner owners who might some day become hams and many hams who might someday join our club listen to 146.685. What they think of us, and our hobby, depends on what they hear.

- \* Leave a pause for breaking stations.
- \* wait your turn in the rotation unless it's urgent. Jumping in all the time to say "let me take it for a minute" disrupts the group and may prevent access to a breaking station.

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146.685 MHz

## THE PREZ SEZ -- Continued

- \* Let the breaker in unless he/she indicates otherwise. The new person may need help or information. DON'T make your comments, give it to someone else, and tell them to give it to the breaker.
- \* PLEASE, PLEASE no business or "disguised" business traffic. It doesn't fool us, and it won't fool the FCC!
- \* Use common sense in making autopatches. Remember, while you are chatting, the repeater is not available to the rest of us.

We are looking for a Field Day chairperson for 1984. Field Day will be the last weekend in June. Any takers?

How about someone to chair a Public Service Committee? This committee would be responsible for coordinating public service/public relations activities in which the club might participate.

That's about it, gang. See you all at the meeting December 29 (Board of Directors), on January 8, 1984 (General meeting and ELECTIONS), and at the Banquet January 21, 1984. (Money, names, and meat, fish, or fowl to N2BVA or W2FVJ)

Season's Greetings and 73 de: KR1M

## COMMUNICATIONS NEWS / DECEMBER, 1983

## Great Moments in Communication



IT IS 1898 and Guglielmo Marconi, widely hailed as the discoverer of the "wireless," checks out his own receiving apparatus. The heart of his receiver is a device called a "coherer," a glass tube of small diameter which contained a small quantity of loosely-packed metallic filings, placed between two metallic electrodes. This coherer detects wireless signals.

SUBMITTED BY:

HERB  
W33IRE

Brief summary of the minutes of the 12.4.83 General Meeting

Meeting was called to order by our President Steve Sosson, KR1M

Minutes were read and approved.

No Treasurers' Report was read, but we are solvent.

Membership: 77 renewals for 1984 so far. Total of 187 members for 1983

Banquet: Contact Lou Shore, W2FVJ for your reservations. We have 38 reservations thus far and have received many door prizes.

NCO: Our club needs volunteers to fill in for Jim, N2BVA for the next four months, as Jim will be unavailable. Jay, WA3IFY will start off with the first Wednesday net. Please contact KR1M if you wish to volunteer.

Newsletter: Our Editor, Mike Damroth WA3HEE has informed us that the cur-off date for all incoming articles and items of interest will be the 15th of each month. He would like input from all our members. Certain members will be assigned monthly articles to be sent in each month. Other hobbies, besides Amateur Radio, may be written up and discussed through the newsletter.

Nominations: The final slate of officers for 1984 reads as follows:

President: K3HIN, Richie Albert; KR1M, Steve Sosson

Vice-Pres.: WA3AOP, Richie Sambenedetto

Treasurer: KA3DNJ, Treasurer

Secretary: No candidates running

3 year Trustee: KZ2N, Alvin Zipkin; WA3OQR, Charlie Zeager, W3QXT, Bill Soble; W2FVJ, Lou Shore

New Business: Alvin (KZ2N) reported that SKYWARN had checked in on Friday at 4:00 p.m. on 955 from Wilmington, Delaware. (N3DIP is the coordinator). SKYWARN will be checking in with us from time to time for local weather checks to add to their national weather picture.

Alvin would also like to see H.A.R.C. have an Associate Membership category at a reduced rate (need not be a HAM). A long discussion followed on why we have a problem with the Philadelphia Police Department when calling in an emergency situation on the radio. We don't seem to have this problem with other Police Departments. Steve explained the correct procedure to us when facing an emergency and calling it in to the Police. Charlie (WA3OQR) will try to get us a speaker from the Police Communication Room to explain things to us at one of our future meetings. We are looking for someone to handle Field Day, which comes up every June. Also, Edith (W3AAU) suggested that we add the spouse's name ~~xx~~ alongside the Ham's name in the 1984 Directory. We all agreed this would be OK, as long as the HAM agreed also. There is a possibility of a new meeting site at the Naval Depot at Levick and Tabor Rds. More information will be forthcoming.

Technical Committee people were down at the various sites, repairing and putting in all the parts needed. They are still looking for additional help. Any volunteers?

Next General meeting will January 8, 1984.

Claire Kuperman, Secy.

Renewing your ARRL membership:

When it's time to renew in ARRL, do it through the club. The cost to you is the same, but HARC receives part of the money. The League is our representation in radio affairs; your membership helps keep it strong.

Welcome the following new members;

Joe Pearlstein WA3IJZ  
Donald Moffett K1IZS  
Mark Rothstein KC3JV

Notify Jay WA3IFY if you change your call or if you upgrade or change your home address.

Years ago, the FCC forced a restriction upon the sale in the United States of final amplifiers capable of operating on 10 meters. Dealers sometimes got around it by shipping "EXPORT MODELS" that contained 10 meter capability, via foreign addresses. Now that the FCC finds itself in a position where it is difficult or impossible to control CB, a process of deregulating is taking place. However, the licensed amateur may have become forgotten! Dealers still cannot sell final amplifiers to licensed amateurs in the United States who have been setup to operate on 10 meters.

Should such restrictions be lifted? Or qualified, as it was long ago suggested, by placing your order together with a copy of your amateur license? Do you suggest other qualifications? Are you willing to write your thoughts to the FCC and your representatives in Congress?

Incoming Mail:

Dear Sirs: I am a U.F.O. enthusiast. I recently learned that reliable U.F.O. reports sometimes come in on short wave broadcasts. So, I got the idea that contacting the HAM radio operators in the area for U.F.O. information, they might pick up would be a good way to learn about local U.F.O. waves within 1000 miles of Philadelphia. I am in hopes that either you or some other members will be able to work something out with me so that I get such information.

I would appreciate it very much if I could communicate with you and the other HAM operators to further explain this letter, etc. Also, any phone numbers and mailing addresses of other club members and of other clubs would be appreciated. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis Manning  
10875 Crestmont Av.  
Phila. PA 19154 Ne 7-8081.

(Since this letter was addressed to no one in particular at our club, feel free to answer if you wish) CK



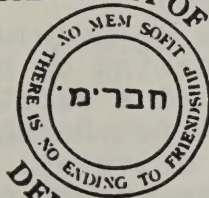
CHAVERIM - BUFFET BRUNCH AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THE CHAVERIM OF DELAWARE VALLEY, an organization formed to promote a closer relationship among Jewish AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS and their FRIENDS, have scheduled their annual buffet brunch and installation of officers on Sunday, January 15, 1984, 10:00 AM, at CARA'S on the Parkway (Park Town Place), Philadelphia. The buffet menu consists of a wide range of delicious traditional foods. The cost to members is \$10.00 per person; non members, \$12.00. Parking is free. Entertainment will be provided by the Philadelphia Klezmerim.

The Chaverim movement was founded in 1973 by silent key, Hal Crystal, K2BYB, who lived in Fords, N.J. until he met his tragic death in a plane crash. There are now many flourishing Chaverim groups scattered throughout the United States, Europe, the Middle East, Canada, and Africa. THE CHAVERIM OF DELAWARE VALLEY has over 150 members and will be celebrating their 5th year in existence at this brunch. Besides encouraging friendship through amateur radio, the local group fully equipped the amateur radio station in Kibbutz Sasa, Israel and provides public services throughout the world. In addition, THE CHAVERIM OF DELAWARE VALLEY conducts amateur radio classes, handles phone patch traffic on various nets, participates in parades, festivals, etc.

Amateurs and others interested in becoming affiliated with the Chaverim; who wish to attend the brunch; want more information about the organization; or who may want assistance in organizing new groups elsewhere should contact Bill Soble (W3QXT) 676-6769; Jay Kuperman (WA3IFY) 289-4531; or Sonny Gutin (WB2DXB) 609-853-7889.

THE CHAVERIM OF



Communication  
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 Friendship

Make checks payable to the CHAVERIM OF DELAWARE VALLEY and mail to Sylvia Soble, W3SEF, Treasurer, 9357 Hoff Street, Phila., Pa. 19115. (215-676-6769)

DUES ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1st AND DELINQUENT MARCH 1st.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Application for NEW membership

Renewal

Reinstatement

Dues: Single \$10.00

Family \$15.00\*

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Your amateur call \_\_\_\_\_ Class of license \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code & Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\* For family membership, include names and call letters if applicable:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

List below other prospective members:

\_\_\_\_\_

Once there was a ham  
Let's call him Jack  
Who made many a QSO from his basement shack.  
Be it late or early, dusk or dawn,  
His rig was nearly always on.

CW was what he liked the most,  
And of his speed he'd often boast.  
Twenty five words per minute for him was abreeze,  
And forty he could do with ease.

But if a fellow ham did not like code,  
He'd gladly try another mode.  
He often could be heard on SSB,  
Working OSCAR or slow scan TV.

Some days he would ragchew with old friends he knew.  
Work DX pile-ups or pass traffic through.  
While other days he'd just stay on 2 meters,  
Making contacts through the nearby repeaters.

He was having so much fun operating his station,  
That he took little time out for much contemplation.  
For realizing that he should be thankful and proud  
For the privilege of hamming with which he was endowed.

That ticket is more than an address and call,  
It's a gentle reminder to one and all,  
That ham radio is a gift that comes from above.  
A means to communicate service and love.

The above reprinted from Worldradio , November 1983

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MURPHY STRIKES AGAIN (from QST Magazine)

Did you hear about the fellow who was working on his rooftop antenna? He decided to play safe and rigged a safety rope around himself, should he slip down the peaked roof. He hooked it over the peak to the other side, down into his driveway. There wasn't anywhere to secure it, so he tied it to the bumper of his car.

You guessed it; his wife decided to go shopping and didn't see the line and wham-o!!! Over the rooftop he flew, slammed to the driveway and dragged down the block. He's wrapped like a mummy now!

Submitted by Jay, WA3IFY

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The shortest and surest way to live  
with honor in the world is to be in  
reality what you appear to be.  
— Socrates

Life is like a game of poker; if you  
don't put any in the pot, there  
won't be any to take out.  
— Moms Mabley

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## AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING COURSE

A special double course will be offered at the Jewish Community Center of Southern New Jersey starting Thursday evening January 12, 1984. This course will occupy the spring and winter sessions at the Center. It will consist of electronic theory and practice and telegraphy sufficient to prepare the student to take the Federal Communications Commission examinations leading to General and Advanced Amateur licensure. Minimum prerequisite for this course is the Novice amateur license.

The course will be twenty weeks 7:30 - 9:30 P.M., Thursday evenings. Basic text book required for all students, the ARRL License Manual and ARRL Hand Book for Radio Amateurs. It will be the responsibility of the student to acquire these texts and other optional study material. Fee for the course will be \$15.00 for members of the Center or Chaverim and \$25.00 for nonmembers.

The course is sponsored by the Chaverim of Delaware Valley, the Amateur Radio Association which cosponsors with the Community Center the Abraham Z. Cutler Memorial Amateur Radio Station located at the Center. The instructors will be James W. Kennedy, N2BVA, Steve Sosson, KR1M, and Edward N. Ludin, K2UK, all of whom have been certified by the American Radio Relay League as official instructors in amateur radio theory and practice.

Students may register after December 12, 1983, by writing the JCC 2395 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002 or by calling at 609-662-8800

NOTE: Interested individuals who sign up for the courses without regard to the dates specified, will be given every opportunity to catch up with classes already in progress.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Judging from what one hears on the 146.685 machine, and from eye balling time to time, matters within the HARC organizational structure are in dire need of attention, and the sooner, the better.

My observations and views are certainly shared by many others, nevertheless, some sincerely concerned members just bury their heads in the sand and ignore the situation, while others are completely unconcerned, or feel that all is well.

I suggest that we face facts honestly and correct what we can as soon as possible, because in my opinion, any further delay may only have an irreversible effect on the future of HARC.

For starters, just to give you something to think about, look at the size of the organization compared to its size 5 years ago. At the same time, compare the attendance at general membership meetings and the enthusiasm shown now with that of 5 years ago. Perhaps we have become so large that we apparently no longer are capable of providing fraternalism or camaraderie to our members as we did previously. We have become, whether we are willing to admit to it or not, a repeater organization primarily. The 146.685 machine is the common denominator, NOT THE ORGANIZATION.

Our constitution has been permitted to become obsolete, and any attempt to update it now, in view of the many changes that have taken place in the organization, would only provide "patching". Our constitution should be in consonance with our Articles of Incorporation, and be completely revised to reflect the actual intent and purpose of the group, in accordance with current methods of operation.

At the earliest practical date, I recommend an attitude survey of the membership be taken by direct mail inquiry, to determine -

1. What attracted the member to HARC initially; what they wanted from HARC; and what aren't they getting now.
2. Why they dont attend general membership meetings.
3. Will they volunteer to help or get involved with -
  - a. The weekly net
  - b. Public services
  - c. Field day activities
  - d. Fraternal and social functions
  - e. Maintenance of repeater facilities or just plain assistance to the technical members in charge.
  - f. Committees
  - g. HARC newsletter
  - h. Fund raising projects
  - i. A proposed Hamfest/flea market
  - j. Telephone squad

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- k. Accept an office if nominated and elected
  - l. Provide pickup or delivery of materials that are necessary for organizational use.
  - m. Assume administrative duties as necessary
  - n. etc., etc., etc.
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- 4. Do the members prefer that we revise our present organization and become, in fact, an actual repeater association?
  - 5. Shall we elect an "Administrative committee" that meets alone on a monthly basis and provides full guidance of the organization?
  - 6. Shall we continue to hold general membership meetings monthly?
  - 7. Should we have general membership meetings only twice a year as other successful repeater associations?
  - 8. Shall we continue to accept members on a wholesale basis, and/or require each new member to accept some obligation along with his membership?
  - 9. Shall prospective new members be accepted without regard to their ability to contribute something positive to the organization?
  - 10. Shall we continue to expect a volunteer technical committee to be fully responsible for maintenance of our technical facilities OR
  - \* 11. Shall we place a limited number of our technical committee in a pay status and require them to report directly to the "Administrative committee" and obtain concurrence prior to any acquisition of or relocation of communication facilities?

This list could go on ad infinitum, but the aforementioned is furnished only to induce the membership to give some thought to matters that are constantly discussed and seem to provide a general feeling of disenchantment with present conditions.

For the good of the organization, who will take the time to respond by mail, either to any member of the executive committee; the Newsletter Editor, Mike Damroth, WA3HEE; or myself?

\* There is no prohibition in the FCC regulations against this, contrary to what some members think.

73 - W3QXT

  
Bill Soble

**BUY/SELL/TRADE/WANTED/JOBS**

This service is provided FREE to members. The club assumes no responsibility for the condition of equipment offered. Space is provided on a first come basis. All insertions must be received by the editor of this column not later than the 5th of the month the newsletter is scheduled for publication. The editor reserves the right to reject or revise any ad that in his opinion may be commercial in nature or bring discredit to the publication and/or the club. Submit items to Bill Soble, W3QXT, preferably by mail, to 9357 Hoff Street, Phila., Pa. 19115. Requests for insertions by telephone will also be honored, by calling AC 215 PH 676-6769. Please advise if your insertion produced successful results.

**WANTED:** Handy Talkie for 2 meters, clean cdx. Preferably Yaesu 208R or similar. What is your best price?

HERB - K3RLE - 215-322-8888

**SALE:** Microphone, D-104, Astatic Crystal w/ amplifier in base. Chrome desk stand. Xlnt. condx. \$35.00.

BILL - W3QXT-215-676-6769

**SALE:** Astatic D-104 Chrome Desk Microphone, New. A welcome addition to any real shack. \$35.00.

LARRY - K3BFQ - 215-364-1336

**SALE:** Transceiver, 2 meter, Yaesu FT 230R, synthesized, FM, 25 watts, small size, Touch tone pad. New \$225.00

Transceiver, 2 meter, Heath, Model VF-7401, with AC supply. 15 watts, microphones. VY GUD CONDX. \$125.00

ED - N3CTB - 215-676-4417 after 6 PM.

**WANTED:** Texas Inst. Cassette programs for TI 99/4A computer. What do you have in peripherals? Disk software?

BILL - W3QXT - 215-676-6769

**NOTE:** If you committed yourself to edit the want ad page and received very few listings, what would you do to fulfill your obligation to the HARC members?

**SALE:** Transceiver, Low freqs., KENWOOD TS-830-S, with Kenwood MC-50 Mike. New. \$775.00 firm. (Manual incl).

Tuner, Antenna, Dentron 160-10 (Super tuner), exlnt. cond. with manual. \$60.00 firm.

Wattmeter/Dummy Load, Waters Model 334. Good condition. Up to 150 mc. 10, 100, 1000 watts. \$75.00 firm.

Midland Field Strength and VSWR meter. Like new. \$15.00 firm.

BILL - W3QXT - 215-676-6769

**SALE:** Kenwood 2 meter transceiver, TR 7800, Good condition. \$250.00 or best offer.

JAY - WA3IFY - 215-289-4531

**SALE:** Transceiver, Commercial, General Electric Progress Line, approx 50 to 75 watts, with two mikes and schematic. Covers 152 to 175 MHz, but can be converted for 2 meters. Tube type. 2 xtal channels for transmit and receive. Could be converted for repeater operation, or used as it is. Good condn. \$75.00.

BILL - W3QXT - 215-676-6769

**SALE:** Miniature speakers (stereo), on small stands. I have two sets. Excellent condition. Long cords with stereo plug on ends. \$15.00 for the works.

BILL - W3QXT - 215-676-6769

**WANTED:** Information from any member of the HARC group that has had success after inserting a listing on this page. (Note: your editor has disposed of one heck of a lot of gear through ads placed here).

**SALE:** Handy talkie, 2 meter, PACE, 6 xtal positions w/xtals for 146.640, 146.58, 146.835, 146.52/52, 146.91, and 146.94. Touch tone pad. Recently retuned and aligned. Asking \$125.

GEORGE - K3GFF - DEB-4260

**SALE:** Berkeley/Beckman, universal Eput and Timer, Model 7360. Looks like a counter. No tubes. Rack type. \$10.00.

BILL - W3QXT - 215-676-6769

THIRD PARTY TRAFFIC AGREEMENTS

Jay WA 3IFY

Here is a list of the countries with which U.S. amateurs may legally handle third party message traffic.

C5 The Gambia	J6 St. Lucia	YN Nicaragua
CE Chile	J8 St. Vincent	YS El Salvador
CO Cuba	JY Jordan	YV Venezuela
CP Bolivia	LU Argentina	ZP Paraguay
CX Uruguay	OA Peru	3D6 Swaziland
EL Liberia	PY Brazil	4U1 Geneva
HC Ecuador	TG Guatemala	ITU
HH Haiti	TI Costa Rica	4X Israel
HI Dominican Rep.	V2 Antigua and Barbuda	6Y Jamaica
HK Colombia	VE Canada	8R Guyana
HP Panama	VK Australia	9G Ghana
HR Honduras	VR6 Pitcairn Island	9Y Trinidad and Tobago
	XE Mexico	

REMEMBER:

Even if you are just demonstrating your radio to a neighbor, and while in QSO with a ham let's say in England you let your neighbor talk to him or you pass on a question to the English ham from your neighbor, you are in violation and subject to possible suspension, revocation and/or fines under the FCC rules.

EXAM CUTBACK:

The FCC has announced that there will be an immediate cutback of all FCC Amateur Radio license examinations. Beginning in 1984, there will be only four exam periods per year. This will take effect throughout the United States.

The exam dates for 1984 are as follows:

6-10 February - deadline 15 January;

7-11 May - deadline 15 April;

6-10 August - deadline 15 July;

5-9 November - deadline 15 October.

These dates will apply to commercial licenses, as well.

Any amateur interested in upgrading must send a Form 610 and a copy of his amateur license, interim permit or code credit certification, to the office where he plans to take the examination. These must be received by the FCC NO LATER THAN THE DEADLINE DATE given for each exam period. ( see above ) Examinations will probably be given in a rented facility near the FCC office. Amateurs will be notified in advance of the exact day and time they are to take their exams.

Nuts, Bolts, and other loose things

Just thinking the other day of reasons why I DON'T need a personal computer. Now I know some of you have one, or more, and are really having a good time playing with the thing but to own one as a toy seems to me to be a sheer waste of time and cash.

Before you computer owners jump all over me, I'm sure all of you have a legitimate need for the little devils. After all, why else would you buy one?

But for the life of me I cannot come up with one good reason why I should. I'm not in business like some of you so have no need for stock control or profit problems. Don't run RTTY or computer CW through my station so that eliminates that particular function. How about the learning process? Well, unless they changed it-  $2 \times 2$  still equals 4 and I suppose I can hold my own through the rest of the math tables. Oh, I'm sure I'm missing lots of fun as heard on the repeater. What with all the "bugs" and "glitches" to get out of the new program. I guess you use RAID for the bugs but what's good for glitches? The new words form a strange new language for me. I hear some of you talk for 20 minutes and only understand your name and call sign. But the words are fascinating albet a little confusing. I suppose it's to confuse the uninitiated. Now I'm getting it. Then a "byte" isn't something my dog would do, right? And when I hear talk about one computer's BASIC not being compatible with another's- it only means you bought the wrong machine?

It's just too much. Disc drives and printers and voice synthesizers and on and on. There are even some of you who have your ham shacks completely computerized. "IT" answers calls; makes calls; sends or reads CW; holds info for you to read-out later when you get home. Wow! Isn't that great? Why before you know it you won't be needed in the shack at all- ever. The machine will have its own call sign and probably up-grade faster than you can. No thanks. Not my cup of tea. As I said before- still can't find a reason to own a computer - or have one own me.

Maybe someday, when I find one that's willing to get a job and help out around here with the bills, I'll buy it and give it a good home. Till then... happy glitches to all and to all, a good night.... good night... good night... good night.

Oh rats! Someone bit my byte.



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## 1984 Scheduled Meetings for the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Thursday evening, Dec. 29, 1983 - Frankie Masters Restaurant	(Directors)
Sunday morning, January 5, 1984 - " " "	(General)
Thursday evening, February 2, 1984 - " " "	(D)
Sunday morning, February 5, 1984 - " " "	(G)
Thursday evening, March 1, 1984 - " " "	(D)
Sunday morning, March 4, 1984 - " " "	(G)
Thursday evening, March 29, 1984 - " " "	(D)
Sunday morning, April 1, 1984 - " " "	(G)
Thursday evening, May 3, 1984 - " " "	(D)
Sunday morning, May 6, 1984 - " " "	(G)
Thursday evening, May 31, 1984 - " " "	(D)
Sunday morning, June 3, 1984 - " " "	(G)
Thursday evening, June 28, 1984 - " " "	(D)
No General Meetings, July and August	
Thursday evening, August 2, 1984 - " " "	(D)

From time to time, dates and times will change; please listen to the net and watch the Newsletter for any changes.

NOTE: GUEST SPEAKER  
FOR FEB. & MAR. MEETING

This man is sitting at his desk answering a letter from his insurance company.....I am writing in response to your request for additional information for block number three of the accident reporting form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully and I trust that the following detail will be sufficient.

I am an amateur radio operator and on the day of the accident, I was working alone on the top section of my 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now un-needed tools and material down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and material into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow decent of the 300 lbs. of tools. You will note in block number eleven of the accident reporting form, that I weigh only 155 lbs.

Due to my surprise of being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope in spite of my pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block eleven. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations of my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries, when I fell onto the pile of tools, and fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me--I again lost presence of mind. I let go of the rope.

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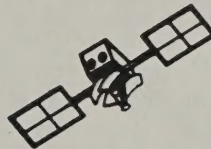
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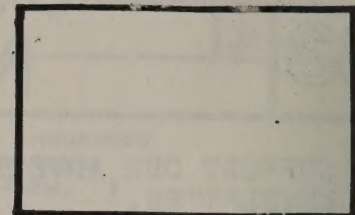
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