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RADIO CLUB

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AARC MEETING

The AARC meeting will be thursday, September 7th at 7:30 pm, at the Alliance Community Hospital, in the cafeteria.

PLEASE JOIN US !! Visitors are always WELCOME!!!

NOVICE CLASSES

BOOKS

There is still time to join our clubs novice classes. They are being held in room B at Alliance Community Hospital, on wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. The only cost is for the book we use in the class. For more info call John Myers, KD8HQ (821-5513) or Jim Ferguson, N8DZA (823-3925)

The club still has a few of the old FCC Rule books and Tech/Gen license manuals, available at the old prices, in case anyone wants one for a collectors item

CONGRATULATIONS

Jim, KB8GHZ upgraded to general in July. I hear Gladys gets the tape player now. HI HI

NO CODE

We have reports that the ARRL advisory board passed a resolution, 9 to 6 to recommend a no code test. This will be by VE testing only and is to include some of the technician elements. Privileges are to be on the 220 Mhz band and up. It will be called a Communicator Class license, so it appears the Novice does not have to worry, it does not appear that it is going to replace the code test for Novice, or the Novice class, we will see as all details become known. TNX.a PA.repeater.

COMMENT!!! by KB8GCF

Well, some will be screaming about all the negative aspects of a no code test, some the positive aspects. Truth is, we all have a voice, if we did not use it, we must accept what happens quietly.

My personal feelings are mixed, I enjoy code, under the present system, it is the only thing that makes the Novice license and upgrades hard. With multiple choice answers to set questions, you only have to have a good memory for facts or be a good gambler to pass the written element with little or no knowledge of the principles involved. The odds for the gambler with no knowledge, are 4 to 1, on each question.

I am a little biased on multiple choice testing, I was raised in a society where you did not have a question pool and no multiple choices to help you, you either knew the answer or you didn't. Though I don't know how the present system is, from my education in England, the type of question I would expect, is; What are the Novice privileges and power limits on 220Mhz? That is it. You must give your answer in writing, no choices.

Though most of us study for our tests, the written element can be passed with little or no study. Code does make us work for it.

From the other angle, communication during an emergency under weak band conditions. While I agree that you can get through better with code, if the band is out, it does not matter if you use CW or Phone, you are limited to the propagation in effect. There is also the other aspect, we assume there will be an operator with key, paper and pencil, ready to copy and send at the other end. With a tornado screaming through and confusion all around, I find it hard to visualize a person sat with key, pencil and paper. Truth of the matter is, many hams put away their key once they upgrade, I know of some that would find it hard to copy 5wpm now.

I relate the Ham tests to driving tests, though we can all visualize a situation where the automobile may not be of any use in getting to a remote location, or operating without gas. We would consider it silly if the driving test required us to be able to ride a horse!!!

Without any wish to offend those good people that operate as much or more CW as they do phone, in these days of solid state radio's and advancement in technology, repeaters everywhere and voice communication better than it has ever been, I feel that CW is relegated to the position of the horse, it is good to own a horse and be able to ride it, but the car is in.

So how do we keep interest in code and keep quality amongst the ranks of Amateurs? The test could be made a lot harder, if we must have multiple choice, all answers should be close to the right one, both in wording and content. For those interested in code, an endorsement on the license for those who pass the code test, would allow those who operate CW access to bands where phone was not allowed.

ANY COMMENTS!!!!? KB8GCF

NEW POOLS

If you are studying for an FCC exam, you may want to hurry a bit. Thanks to the rewrite of part 97, the pool of questions, which the VEC's refer to when they make up the exams will be changing. The new pools come in to effect on November 1st 1989. So if you are planning to upgrade. You may want to plan on taking at least

the theory portion before then.

Of course, the league will have the new study guides available (at greatly inflated prices !!) in plenty of time to study for tests given after the deadline. All tests given after Nov. 1st will be from the new pools

NOTE: Check out Sept. QST, last months ARRL board meeting minutes. At Minute 39, are the details of the "communicator" license which will be recommended to the FCC by the ARRL.

ROUND TABLE

Well, it's time to try to assemble a few things to comment on. First Gladys became aware of a new hobby recently. A few day's ago we were sitting around the house listening to the radio, when we heard a few the club members, going to the Air Field to fly their R.C. planes. So we decided to go out and watch. To make a long story short, it wasn't long before Gladys was flying a glider. For about 15 min. Boy did she have fun. All the fellows sure treated us great. They explained everything to us.

Our next experience was the evening of the club picnic. The storm that passed through, did some extensive damage in my neighborhood. We lost about 20 - 25 ft out of the top of one of our trees, there were many trees taken out by the roots in my neighbors yard. No structures were damaged, we were very lucky. After it calmed down, off we went to the club picnic. If you were working, got tied up, prior commitments, or just plain forgot, we had a great time. The food was superb and lots of it too. If my count is correct there were 26 adults plus the kids. The annual volleyball game was also a success. Everyone had fun, lots of laughing and yelling by all.

September----Time to get ready for the fall novice class. So, if you know someone interested in Radio bring them to class, Sept. 6th at 7:30 pm. in conference room "B" To each of you. Get involved with the club, make it grow and get better. Try and get someone started toward becoming a ham radio operator.

We had our family gathering here a week ago Gladys had her green bean supreme, boy was it good. So, here it is. Give it a try.

GREEN BEAN SUPREME

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| 1--pkg | BREAD STUFFING |
| 1--can | MUSHROOM SOUP |
| 1--tsp | SALT |
| 2--pk/can | GREEN BEANS |
| 1--cup | MILK |
| 1/2--tsp | PEPPER |

Mix--beans, soup, milk, salt, pepper, and 1/2 the pkg of bread stuffing Put it into a buttered or greased baking dish. Top with 1/2pk bread stuffing, & dot well with butter. sliced almonds on top if you like Cover & bake for 1 1/2 Hrs at 350 So, until next month. Remember only perfect mates come in gloves and shoes. KB8GHZ & KB8GIA

CLUB PICNIC RODMAN PARK.

Though a severe thunderstorm warning and tornado warning for Summit County was issued and heavy rains were experienced in Alliance, the weather did clear up and allow the Picnic to go as planned. Though we were not there to witness the occasion, from reports, everyone had a good time, despite the wet ground and many puddles (much to KC3CL's delight, more about that later).

Everyone enjoyed the game of Volley Ball, especially KC3CL, there is some small discrepancy about who won, however, I have it from a reliable source, KC3CL, LOST!!!, though getting him to admit it, is like getting blood out of a stone. The reason for this (again from a anonomus source, TNX: NBEWV) Dave, KC3CL, was too interested in splashing the girls from a puddle, to take too much interest in the game

EVENT CALENDAR

(Note: If You have any suggestions to improve the event calendar, or if there is an event you would like to see added, just give me a call. 821-5513 will get you our answering machine. Thats about the best you'll be able to do until cold weather hits. (K08MQ)

SEPTEMBER

- 3 LZ-DX Contest
- 6 **AARC Novices Classes- 7:00-9:30PM**
Alliance Community Hospital- Room B
- 6-8 YLRL Howdy Days
- 7 **AARC Meeting-7:30 PM-Alliance Community Hospital**
Cafeteria
- 9 Ravenna VE Exams-Joanne Solak-274-8240
- 9-10 European SSB Contest
- 9-10 ARRL VHF QSO Party
- 10 North American CW Sprint
- 14 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.370 at 9:00PM
- 16-17 ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest
- 16-17 Scandinavian CW Contest
- 17 20/9 Hamfest-Mahoning JVS (Canfield)-Talk-in:147.315
- 17 North American SSB Sprint
- 21 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.370 at 9:00PM
- 23 Berea Hamfest-1 mile west of I-71 & Bagley Rd. Talk-in:146.52 simplex
- 23-24 All Mode 10 Meter QSO party
- 23-24 Scandinavian SSB Contest
- 23-24 CQ WW DX RTTY Contest
- 23-24 Classic Homebrew Exchange
- 28 Eastern Stark County ARES Net-145.370 at 9:00PM
- 30 Barberton VE Exams

OCTOBER

ATTENTION!! -Some sources listed the dates for the pennsylvania qso party as October 7-8. THIS IS WRONG!

The correct dates are October 14-15. This information comes straight from the Nittany Amateur Radio Club, which runs the contest. (KD8MQ)

CALLS -The latest calls as of 1 August, 1989 are as follows:

Extra-WU8N(+14) Advanced-KF8AO(+10) Tech/General-N8LDL(+99) Novice-KB8HYR(+95)

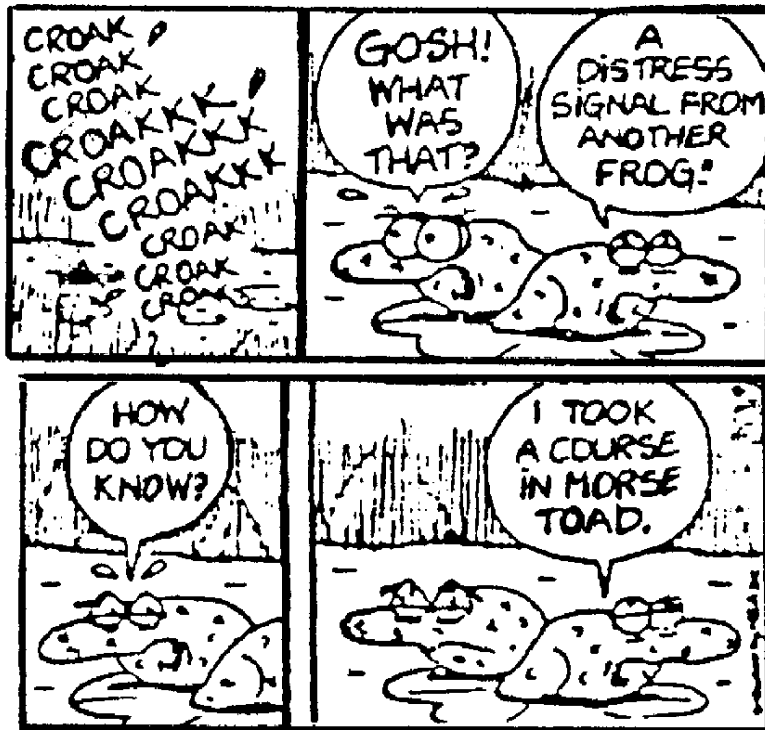
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(Tnx to West Park Radiops, Aug-Sept 89)

(from 7/21/89 WestLink Report)

The 1989 CallBook (foreign edition) carries a "grievous" error that lists all Israeli Novices who have upgraded as being Silent Keys. Only the callsigns have "passed on" and the previous owners now sport new callsigns that are in fact listed in the book.

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