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TIS THE SEASON TO WAX NOSTALGIC



There is something very nostalgic about the holiday season especially if you are an OM like me (with emphasis on the 'O'). Whether reliving past holiday seasons by looking at old family photo albums or viewing the umpteenth broadcast of the K2ORS-inspired A Christmas Story, you cannot help but think about the good old days -- like the day you got your official Red Ryder carbine action two-hundred shot range model air rifle with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time, or the day you passed your Novice license exam.

Cliff Cheng, KI6CM, feels the same way. He noticed that when he got together with other hams his age, they spoke of their "Novice days with a special twinkle in our eye." To capture that joy on the Web, Cliff created the Novice Historical Society Home Page where ex-Novices can share their Novice stories and celebrate Amateur Radio.

Stories include how you discovered ham radio, nervousness during your Morse code test, eager anticipation waiting for the license to come, (mis)adventures building and/or assembling your first radio and/or antenna, your first contact, your most memorable contact, operating Field Day for the first time, hams who were generous to you, etc, as long as the et cetera is Novice related. Send your stories (and photos) to Cliff and he will add them to the Web site.

My favorite Novice story was the time I tried to build a circuit described in QST that used a trimmer capacitor that was modified in some way (I can't remember how). The parts list in QST listed that part as a "modified trimmer capacitor," so being a green Novice, I went to the local radio parts store and asked the clerk for a "modified trimmer capacitor." "Never heard of that," he replied.

Until next time, keep on surfen'. Article By: Stan Horzepa WA1LOU

AMATEUR RADIO NEWS

From: ARRL Web Site

The West Gulf Division remains unchanged. West Gulf Division Director Coy Day, N5OK, of Union City, Oklahoma, received 2649 votes to defeat Ed McGinley, W5ETM, of Fort Worth, Texas, who received 751 votes. Incumbent Vice Director for the West Gulf Division, Dr David Woolweaver, K5RAV, of Harlingen, Texas, received 2592 votes to defeat Dr John Teer, AK5Z, also of Harlingen, who received 780 votes.

500 kHz Experiment Charting New Territory (Nov 29, 2007) -- The evening of November 13 saw the first transatlantic contact on 500 kHz between amateur experimental stations. US experimental station WE2XGR/2 (Jay Rusgrove, W1VD, in Connecticut) and GI4PDE (Finbar O'Connor, EI0CF, in Northern Ireland) communicated by standard-speed CW for about 15 minutes. On that same night, US experimental stations WD2XSH/12 (Mike Mussler, AI8Z, in Colorado) and WD2XSH/20 (Rudy Severns, N6LF, in Oregon) made the first contact in the western half of the USA. Two days later, WE2XGR/2 and GI4DPE repeated their feat and WD2XSH/12 had contacts with WD2XSH/6 (Pat Hamel, W5THT, in Mississippi) and WD2XSH/13 (John Oehlenschlager, K0JO, in Minnesota). The ARRL 500 kHz experimental license, WD2XSH, was issued in September 2006 and has 19 active stations. Fritz Raab, W1FR, of Vermont, serves as experimental project manager for The 500 KC Experimental Group for Amateur Radio.

New Mexico Hams Assist in Thanksgiving Week Wildfire (Nov 29, 2007) -- A 7500 acre wildfire erupted on Ojo Peak, part of the Manzano Mountains in the Cibola National Forest, southeast of Albuquerque, on Monday, November 19. Two days later, five New Mexico County ARES Groups were activated in support of the Torrance County Emergency Management Agency. Hams assisted by providing emergency communications for the American Red Cross evacuation shelters, Torrance County Dispatch and the County's fire units in the rugged terrain.

Plan Today For Your School to Have an ARISS Contact (Nov 29, 2007) -- According to ARRL ARISS Program Manager Rosalie White, K1STO, a record number of Amateur Radio on the International Space Station school contacts have been made during 2007 -- 74, to be exact. This is nearly twice the highest number of school contacts the astronauts and the ARISS Team handled in previous years. "Though the ARISS Team's expectations are a little lower for being able to achieve this level of contact activity in 2008, this is a good time to file an application and begin making preparations for your school to have an ARISS contact," White said.

ARISS Antennas Set to Launch on NASA Mission in December (Nov 30, 2007) -- Columbus, the laboratory built by the European Space Agency (ESA), is now packed inside space shuttle Atlantis' payload bay. It is the culmination of years of design and engineering work aimed at creating Europe's primary component for the International Space Station (ISS). At 23 feet long and 15 feet in diameter, the cylindrical segment is designed to host specialized experiments examining how humans react to microgravity and the effect of space on various fluids and objects such as crystals. Two Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) antennas have been installed on the nadir side of Columbus. NASA is currently planning on a launch date of Thursday, December 6 for Atlantis.

Developer of Hurricane Intensity Scale Dies at 90 (Nov 27, 2007) -- Herbert Saffir, who created the five-category system used to describe hurricane strength and warn millions of an approaching storm's danger, died Wednesday, November 21. He was 90. A structural engineer, Saffir created his scale in 1969 -- laying out for the first time what kind of damage could be expected from an approaching hurricane. It has since become the definitive way to describe intensity for storms that form in the Atlantic and parts of the Pacific. Before the scale, hurricanes were simply described as major or minor. Saffir's innovation was ranking storm destruction by type, from Category 1 -- where trees and unanchored mobile homes receive the primary damage, to Category 5 -- the complete failure of roofs and some structures. The five descriptions of destruction were then matched with the sustained wind speeds producing the corresponding damage. Saffir's scale was expanded by former National Hurricane Center director Robert H. Simpson and became known as the Saffir-Simpson scale in the 1970s. Simpson added possible storm surge heights for each category, and the hurricane center staff made a small adjustment to the scale's wind speeds. -- Some information from the Associated Press

FCC Clears Florida Ham (Nov 26, 2007) -- The FCC today released a letter clearing Raymond W. Czyzewski Jr, WA2SEI, of Interlachen, Florida, of allegations he had caused interference and had sent threatening communication. On September 14, the FCC's Enforcement Bureau notified Czyzewski of a complaint alleging he "interfered] on the Six Meter Amateur band on June 19, 2007. The complaint also enclosed a threatening communication apparently from you to the complainant subsequent to the incident." Czyzewski was given 20 days to respond and was directed to "support your response with a signed and dated affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information submitted in your response." Czyzewski replied on September 24, according to the FCC, "and fully explained the operation on the date cited in the complaint." The Commission accepted Czyzewski's response and found "that no enforcement action is appropriate



SECRETARY'S NOTES

Minutes of the November 2007 Meeting

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County met on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at the Weatherford Community Center. President Jim Spaulding WØUO called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. There were fifteen members and one visitor present. Lanny Priddy K5LP gave the invocation. There were 24 members and 1 guest in attendance. Welcome new members Sarah Carpenter, Trish Ellestad and Donald Ellestad.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Will Teague W5CX and seconded by Smokey Vulgamore KD5VHS that the minutes be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion passed by voice vote.

NEW CALL SIGNS AND UPGRADES: Jared Watkins received his Technician license, KE5RDN. Smokey Vulgamore KD5VHS has upgraded to Amateur Extra.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jim Spaulding WØUO announced a call for volunteers to be Salvation Army bell-ringers at the Hudson Oaks Wal-mart. Bob Park WB5MSH welcomed the club to his home for the annual Christmas party.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Christmas Party will be held at Bob Park's residence on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. Thanks Bob! A motion by Al Warren WR5AW and seconded by Will Teague W5CX to lend needed tables to Elizabeth Hunkele N5ONE for the LDS Church Christmas party was approved by voice vote. A motion by Elizabeth Hunkele N5ONE and seconded by Bret Shayler KE5ALK to spend up to \$150.00 to sponsor a child under care of Child Protective Services was approved by voice vote. A motion by Doug May WB5VQQ and seconded by John Garrison W5BNX to reschedule the October club meeting in 2008 and subsequent years to avoid conflicting with the annual meeting of Tri-County Electric Cooperative passed by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Jared Watkins KE5RDN and seconded by Mark Rutenschroer W5MJR passed by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Thompson W7JT Secretary/Treasurer

PROGRAM: Jim Spaulding WØUO presented "Your First HF Antenna", including design methods and installation.

REFRESHMENTS: Judy Wolf KB5JEY provided good soup, drinks and brownies during the break.

ARCPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER PROGRAM

The December program will be the annual ARCPC Christmas Party.

PARKER/PALO PINTO INFORMATION NET

Mondays at 7:00 pm on 147.040 (tone 110.9) Alt: 146.900 or 443.800

ARCPC VE TESTING

VE testing for all license classes and upgrades will be conducted on the third Thursday of each month, except November and December, at 7:00 pm at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1706 S. Main St. Weatherford. Enter side door of main building.

LICENSE CLASSES

Contact Jim Spaulding WØUO for details.



ARCPC HOSPITALITY

December 11, 2007 Meeting

ARCPC Christmas party



Judy

KB5JEY

Jake Sez!



*"Have a very Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year"*

= NOTICE =

**The next club meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday December 11, 2007
at Bob WB5MSH & Audrey Park's house 1151 Old Airport Road, Weatherford, TX
Talk-in 147.04 and Tone 110.9**

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF PARKER COUNTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
LICENSE CLASS: (E)(A)(G)(T)(N) ARRL MEMBER: (YES) (NO) STATUS: (NEW) (RENEWAL)
(CIRCLE APPLICABLE ANSWERS ON ABOVE LINE)
ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP (plus 4): _____
PHONE: HOME: _____ WORK: _____

INITIATION FEE: One time initiation fee per family - \$5.00

ANNUAL DUES: \$10.00. HAM FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 (+ 1 same household or full time college student) (Add an additional \$5.00 if you wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter).

HAM FAMILY MEMBER NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____

Cut out and mail this application to the ARCPC Secretary/Treasurer along with you check or money order for the amount due. Or, bring it to the next regular club meeting.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE IN JUNE

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