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CLUB NETS

ARES/RACES:
 Time: Every Sunday, 8:00pm
 Frequency: 147.78/18 MHz
 Net Control: WB2LNR
 (If repeater is down, net frequency is 147.540 simplex.)

10 METERS:

Time: Every Tuesday, 9:00pm
 Frequency: 28.350 MHz USB
 Net Control: WA2TOP

CROSSSTALK

EDITOR N2HIS
 PRINTER W2GSN
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 N2FJQ
 KD2CR

December 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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pelts soiled by the ebon residue from the oxidations of carboniferous fuels which had accumulated on the walls thereof. His resemblance to a street vendor I attributed largely to the plethora of assorted playthings which he bore dorsally in a commodious cloth receptacle.

His orbs were scintillant with reflected luminosity, while his submaxillary dermal indentations gave every evidence of engaging amiability. The capillaries of his molar regions and nasal aptenance were engorged with blood which suffused the subcutaneous layers, the former approximating the colorations of Albion's floral emblem, the latter at the Prunus avium, or sweet cherry. His amusing sub- and supralabials resembled nothing so much as a common loop know, and their ambient hirsute facial adornment appeared like small, tabular, and columnar crystals of frozen water.

Clenched firmly between his incisors was a smoking pipe whose gray fumes, forming a tenuous ellipse about his occiput, were suggestive of a decorative seasonal circlet of holly.

His visage was wider than it was high, and when he waxed audibly mirthful, his corpulent abdominal region undulated in the manner of impecinated fruit syrup in a hemispherical container.

Without utterance and with

dispatch, he commenced filling the aforementioned hosiery with articles of merchandise extracted from his aforementioned dorsally transported cloth receptacle.

Upon completion of this task, he executed an abrupt about-face, placed a single manual digit in lateral juxtaposition to his olfactory organ, inclined his cranium forward in a gesture of leave-taking and forthwith affected his egress by renegotiating (in reverse) the smoke passage. He then propelled himself in a short vector onto his conveyance, directed a musical expulsion of air throughout his contracted oral sphincter to the antlered quadrupeds of burden, and proceeded to soar aloft in a movement hitherto observable chiefly among the seed-bearing portions of a common weed.

But I overheard his parting exclamation, audible immediately prior to his vehiculation beyond the limits of visibility: "Ecstatic yulendes to the planetary constellation, and to that selfsame assemblage, my sincerest wishes for a salubriously beneficial and gratifyingly pleasurable period between sunset and dawn!"

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
YOUSE GUYS!!**

-Tnx K2JF

(secondary).
U1MIR will transmit on 145.550 MHz. The frequency selections were made based upon the 2 meter allocation for Europe, Africa and much of Asia. (Go get'em)
-Tnx K2JF.

**HAM POPULATION
(NEARBY)**

New Jersey
Fiscal Year 1987 (ranked 10th) 12,932
Fiscal Year 1988 (ranked 10th) 12,823
Loss: 109

Pennsylvania
Fiscal Year 1987 (ranked 7th) 17,525
Fiscal Year 1988 (ranked 7th) 17,531
Gain: 6

New York
Fiscal Year 1987 (ranked 3rd) 26,001
Fiscal Year 1988 (ranked 4th) 25,505
Loss: 496

Looks like we are losing hams to Florida or just dropping out of the game.
-Tnx K2JF

**NEW RADIO SHACK 10
METER RIG**

It is official: Radio Shack is back in the Ham business.. There HTX-100 10-meter Mobile SSB/CW Transceiver. It has 10-channel memory which stores favorite frequencies. A front-panel frequency-lock switch. +/- 1.5 KHz RTT and select 25-watts or 5-watts QRP output. Coverage is 28.0 to 29.6999 MHz, SSB or CW with convenient built-in sidetone and semi break-in keying. Suggested price \$279.95 (For more info see your Radio Shack dealer)
-Tnx W5Y1/K2JF

**CURRENT CANADIAN
HAM CLASSES**

There are currently three amateur operator classes in Canada. They are:

AMATEUR CERTIFICATE:
Requires 10 words per minute Morse code proficiency plus a written test and authorizes telegraphy on all bands and phone operation above 30 MHz.

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE: requires 15 wpm code and more advanced/detailed theory exam. Authorizes all emissions below 30 MHz.

DIGITAL CERTIFICATE: no

code proficiency but an EX-TERMELY difficult written/essay type examination on digital communications theory is required. (Note: I know of only three Amateurs that have the DIGITAL CERTIFICATE. These fellows already possessed their ADVANCED and took the DIGITAL for the "heck-of-it" and they tell me it is VERY VERY VERY difficult. These fellows are Engineers working for Marconi.) Operation is restricted to all modes above 30 MHz. All Canadian ham classes are allowed a power level of 1000 watts. There is no equivalent to the U.S. Novice class in Canada at present.
-Tnx W5YI/K2JF

RECEIVED OFF PACKET
*From: N2SS
Subject: OFFICIAL: M-V IS.
NOW A NEW COUNTRY.
The DXAC voted to recommend M-V Island for new country status. There were 2 abstentions. HQ Awards Committee then unanimously voted to accept M-V Island for a new country status. Credit begins with the OH2BH recent operation.
Cards are acceptable after March 1, 1989. The active country count is now 320.
-Tnx N2SS

SWAP & SHOP

FOR SALE: Yaesu FT33R outfit (220 MHz). Mini HT. Brand new, never used. Still factory wrapped. Best offer over \$195. N2BK

ESATATE SALE OF KB2GI

Kenwood 180 transceiver
SP 180 speaker w/filters
PS 30 power supply
Shure desk mike
All above as a unit: \$600

Mini Quad w/TV rotor
Heavy duty elec. conduit mast
Remote coax switch 5 ant.
Must be taken down: \$150

Telex CS7 headphones \$15

Encomm 2 meter transceiver
adjustable output to 25 W.
\$175

Tryonx frequency counter \$85

RTTY bit box (exc.) \$25

Robyn CB tester \$40

All above items in like new condition.

Call or see Ed,
W2GSN, at club site.

A Visit from
St. Nicholas
(for readers in their 23rd
year of schooling)

It was the nocturnal segment of the diurnal period preceding the annual yuletide celebration, and throughout our place of residence, kinetic activity was not in evidence among the possessors of this potential, including that species of domestic rodent known as musculus. Hosiery was meticulously suspended from the forward edge of the wood-burning caloric apparatus, pursuant to our anticipatory pleasure regarding an imminent visitation from an eccentric philanthropist among whose folkloric appellations is the honorific title of St. Nicholas.

The prepubescent siblings, comfortably ensconced in their respective accommodation of repose, were experiencing subconscious visual hallucinations of variegated fruit confections moving rhythmically through their cerebrum. My conjugal partner and I, attired in our nocturnal cranial coverings, were about to take slumbrous advantage of the hibernal darkness when upon the avellaneous exterior portion of the grounds there ascended such a cacophony of dissonance that I felt compelled to arise with alacrity from my place of repose for the purpose of ascertaining the precise source there-

of.

Hastening to the casement, I forthwith opened the barriers sealing the fenestration, nothing thereupon that the lunar brilliance without, reflected as it was on the surface of a recent crystalline precipitation, might be said to rival that of the solar meridian itself; thus permitting my incredulous optical sensor miniature airborne runnerd conveyance drawn by eight diminutive specimens of the genus Rangifer, piloted by a miniscule, aged chauffeur so ebullient and nimble that it became instantly apparent to me that he was indeed our anticipated caller. With his undulate motive power traveling at what may possibly have been more vertiginous velocity than patriotic alar predators, he vociferated loudly, expelled breath musically through his contracted labia, addressed each one of the octet by his or her respective cognomen... "Now Dasher, now Dancer..." et al.--guiding them to the uppermost exterior level of our abode, through which structure I could readily distinguish the concatenations of each of the 32 colven pedal extremities.

As I retracted my cranium from its erstwhile location and was performing a 180-degree pivot, our distinguished visitant achieved--with utmost celerity and via a downward leap--entry by way of the smoke passage. He was clad entirely in animal

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Membership meeting for the report of the Committees and so on.

Gladys and I wish all of you a very Happy and Joyous SEASON GREETINGS FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOURS. May God bless you all for the coming year.
73 John, K2JF

FCC PROPOSES EXPANDING 6-METER REPEATER SUBBAND

In Docket 88-527, the FCC has proposed expanding the Amateur Radio Service 6-meter subband for repeater operation by one megahertz. Due to the growing number of repeater stations in the 6-meter band, FCC is considering adding 51.0 to 52.0 MHz for repeater operation. Presently, repeaters are permitted to operate only in the 52-54 MHz segment of this band. The Commission stated that this would give increased flexibility to the users of the band.
-Tnx ARRL/K2JF

ARRL OUTGOING QSL BUREAU RATE CHANGE

Effective February 1, 1989, QSL cards bound for overseas will be shipped for \$2.00 per pound. Packages of 10 cards or less will continue to be distrib-

uted at the rate of \$1.00. (Generally speaking 150 QSL cards equal a pound to give you some idea)

-Tnx ARRL/K2JF

FCC ISSUED CALL SIGN UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 1

2ND DISTRICT

Extra: WK2Q
Advanced: KE2JT
General: N2IR1
Novice/Tech.: KB2GMI

3RD DISTRICT

Extra: NS3M
Advanced: KD3KB
General: N3GPO
Novice/Tech.: KB3TSA

SOVIET MIR OPERATION UPDATE

At press time Amateur Radio operations from the Soviet Space Station Mir have already begun. The call signs U1MIR and U2MIR are being used. The Mir amateur station consists of a quarter-wave ground plane antenna mounted outside the spacecraft, and a 2 watt Yaesu FT 290R FM transceiver, donated by UA6HZ.

According to the information the operation will be split frequency with the cosmonauts listening on 145.525 MHz (primary) and 145.575 MHz

English Translation of the preceding narrative

The Night Before Christmas by Clement Moore

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I spang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow

Gave the lustre of midday to the objects below,

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer!

now, Prancer and Vixen!

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!

Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,

With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,

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And he looked like a peddler
just opening his pack.

His eyes how they twinkled!
his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was
drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was
as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held
tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his
head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little
round belly,
That shook when he laughed,
like a bowlful of jelly.

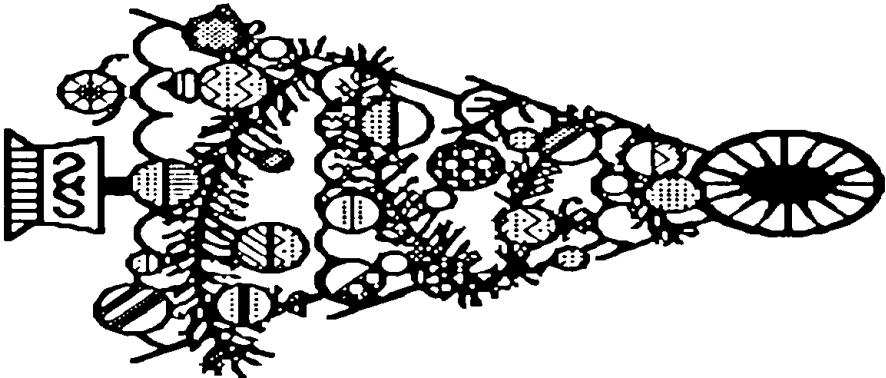
He was chubby and plump, a
right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw
him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist
of his head
Soon gave me to know I had
nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but
went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings;
then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside of
his nose,
And giving a nod, up the
chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his
team gave a whistle.
And away they all flew like
the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere
he drove out of sight,

*Happy Christmas to All and
to All a Good Night!*



*Newly Christmas and a Happy
New Year to everyone from the
Gloucester County Amateur
Radio Club.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by
K2JF

I hope you all had a very fine and healthy Thanksgiving and a fine family gathering. Now that Thanksgiving is over and "Black Friday" has come and gone, why, it is time to start getting ready for that "Jolly Ole" man who will be coming along. This will be my last message to all of you as President of your Club. I wish to thank you for your cooperation and help that you gave me during my year as President. I particularly wish to thank the Officers and Board of Directors and the Trustees for their help during my term. Many good things got completed this year and we will be looking forward to even better things this coming year. Your participation in the Club's activities show the public that we Amateur Radio operators stand ready to help our communities. Many of you participated and those who were unable I am sure you missed and real good chance to prove to your neighbors how much Amateur Radio does for the community. One thing has been brought to my mind as I asked some of the Board members why they thought that not too many of you come out to the Site. One of the members said that the

people think that only a few can go out. THIS IS VERY WRONG. The Site is the Official headquarters of the Club and any member can go out to the Site. All that is required is: CALL ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAS A KEY AND WE WILL BE TOO GLAD TO LET YOU IN AT THE SITE AND SET THE ALARM SO WHEN YOU LEAVE IT IS ALL SET. Don't hesitate to let one of us know. Just get on the repeater or "twisted-pair" and ask to go to the Site and I'll bet you one of us will be there before you. Listen on the repeater and when one of us is going out we generally announce that we are going so come on out and enjoy your Site.

This month there will be two meetings in one night. By the Constitution the first meeting will be what is called a Functional meeting. This meeting the election of officers is the only business that may transpire and when it has been called to order the meeting will be turned over to the Election Committee (Chairman K2HPV) who will then conduct the meeting. After the end of the elections and the new elected officers are announced, a request for adjournment of the Functional meeting for the purpose of opening the General Membership meeting will be requested. Then we will go into our normal General

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