

Crosstalk

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It looks like old man winter has come and has decided to let us know that he is around. Because of this, work at the site has been at a low ebb; but, things are getting done bit by bit. What we need now, during the slack in the outdoor activities at the site is equipment. Tools of all kinds are needed: 100 watt soldering iron (Weller Gun iron would be nice); pliers: long nose, cutting, wireman, etc., hacksaw and blades; you name it we can use it. Also equipment is needed. Any type of hf, uhf, vhf, transceivers, receivers, transmitters etc.; all types so we can get the site equipped for you to use. Some of you may want to get on the HF bands and do not have the equipment at home, well here is your chance to get on and practice and improve your skills.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Your Budget Committee has worked very hard in preparing a balanced budget with "line items" for expenditures and assets. With WB2DXB handling your monies you can be assured that the books will be kept right. KA2KMW did a very fine job as Treasurer and when he handed over his books it made our job a lot easier. Thanks ED for good job. We have most of our committees filled and as was explained to members at the meeting the committees will report to members of the Board of Directors who in turn are to see that the committees function properly. Remember these are your representatives to those committees, so if you have any ideas please give your suggestions to the members of the Board of Directors; for it is they as your representatives run your club as you want. As we are on the subject of committees we still need a chairman for the DX and the UHF/VHF committees. If you want these committees why speak up, one more want. NJ2C our Hamfest chairman needs a "Hamfest Treasurer." This is a necessary and an important position and we sure hope one of YOU will volunteer, for without that person the hamfest can not be properly run. see you at the meeting ..John K2JF>

DX

Well as to be expected we have been having some very fine DX and it is going to get better. You novices and technicians should really be getting into the swing of things on 10 meters with the rising "Solar Flux" and some of excellent conditions we have been having things look good. We have some very interesting DX coming up this month: Gambia C56/OZ3IG in on around 1700-2300 z; FH Mayotte F118CB on 28503 and 28495 around 1500z. For some of the more advanced amateurs, China is on 20 14185 at 0200z, Juan de Nova up and running; Gabon TR8RC is up on 14216 0050 and TR8JLD on 14183 at 2040z.. some stuff worked on the 75 meter band: J5OAS, JA1FRE, VK6CF, VK6LK, HK1ANP, OK3CBU, VK9NS, T77V, so you see it is there and during the winter months this is the time to get them.

CROSSTALK 25 YEARS AGO

In 1962 the club made a total of 13,218 points in the VHF contest, this year, 1963, the total was up to 27,946.

Charlie Sketchley, K2PQD, is in the process of putting up a 40 foot one piece vertical for 80-40-20.

President Milt Goldman and family were vacationing in Florida.

Seventy-five people attended the club birthday party at the Owens-Illinois Clubhouse.

Charlie Coder, WA2UIQ, was TVI committee chairman.

There were 75 dues paying club members.

A survey of meeting attendance showed the average attendance in 1960 was 35, in 1961, 31, and for 1962, 38.

CROSSTALK 10 YEARS AGO

The February 1978 club meeting was held at the National Park Municipal Building.

Crosstalk was a member of the Amateur Radio News Service.

Club nets were on 2 meter FM, 6 meter

AM, 10 meter SSB, and 15 meter CW.

John Fisher, K2JF, had a frequency plan for CB to ten meter conversion.

The FCC has launched an inquiry into the illegal purchasing of call signs and Amateur Licences from unscrupulous FCC employees. They are also investigating upgrades by the payoff method.

Ray Martin, Editor of Crosstalk, was planning his upcoming marriage to Ginny, and their honeymoon in San Juan.

SWAP & SHOP

FREE: Many rolls of paper tape, one inch width, normally used for Teletype Corp. models 33 and 35. See Jack, K2ZA

Congratulations to Charlie Bastow, KB2ETW, on his new Novice ticket.

FCC DENIES INSTANT NOVICE OPERATION PETITION

I will summarize this, since the article is a lot a statements from FCC officials (from Jan. 15 W5YI Report).

The FCC released an Order on December 31, 1987, denying the concept of instant Novice operation.

One suggestion was that the VE could authorize his call sign, with an additional identification number, to the new Novice.

His argument was that the Novice waits so long for his licence, he forgets most of his skills. The FCC says that the waiting period is not unreasonable and serves a useful purpose by giving the Novice time to set up a station.

William G. Welsh, W6DDB, a well-known, experienced VE, says that he wouldn't want the responsibility for operating mistakes of unexperienced, unsupervised persons. Also, there could be many stations with the same call sign.

One Ohio amateur says that the call signs would be confusing, even with an added identifier.

The idea was supported by those who resided any waiting period, and wanted immediate operating as a reward for their efforts.

CONTACT LENS WEARERS, RELAX.

On the 10 meter net a few weeks ago, I was told by someone (whose name and call I forget at the time) that the contact lens article in Worldradio was just an alarmist story. Apparently, Worldradio had an article apologizing for the false contact lens story.

HOW ABOUT THAT, COMRADE?

Joint Soviet-Canadian Polar Expedition Begins Soon four Canadians, selected from more than 500 applicants, and four Soviets (three of the Amateurs), will begin their polar expedition this February. The privately funded trip will begin at Cape Arktichesky on the Severnaya Zemlya Archipelago. The tekkers will cross the North Pole, and proceed to Cape Columbia on Ellesmere Island. The expedition members are expected to ski the 200 km of snow in 90-100 days. They will be supported by six air drops of food, batteries, fuel, and scientific equipment to conduct experiments with on the way. The expeditioners will rely solely on Amateur Radio for communication with the outside world. They will be relying heavily on a 10-watt channelized SSB 80, 40, and 20 meter transceiver.

They will be tracked by a commercial search and rescue satellite and Oscar 11. The team will carry two Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT) that emit a 406 MHz frequency to SARSAT satellites (Search And Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking). The tracking data will be relayed from SARSAT to UoSAT OSCAR 11's digitalker which will announce the team's exact position in plain English on 2 meters. The frequency will be 145.825 MHz. Leonid Labutin, UA3CR, will be

the chief radio operator for the project.

-Tnx QST & W5YI Report

ARUBA ADDED TO DXCC LIST

The ARRL Awards Committee has voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the DX Advisory Committee to add Aruba (P4) to the ARRL DXCC Countries List. The new ARUBA listing, now separate from the Netherlands Antilles listing, is by virtue of Point 1 (Government) of the Country Criteria. Aruba credit will be given for contacts dated January 1, 1986 and after.

Please note the following administrative procedure for submitting cards for Aruba credit:

- 1) Do not submit cards for Aruba before April 1, 1988.
- 2) Before Aruba credit can be given to those who already have credit for the Netherlands Antilles, a Netherlands Antilles card must be RESUBMITTED. Therefore, along with the creditable Aruba card, please also resubmit any card confirming contact with Curacao or Bonaire, or an Aruba card dated December 31, 1985 or earlier.

Tnx ARRL Letter

MARLA'S MUNCHIES

First off, I'd like to wish everybody a healthy and happy New Year. I know that a lot of the YL's and XYL's pick up Crosstalk, and glance through it. So, I thought that maybe to make it a little bit more interesting, we should have an article that would be of some interest to them. So here is the first article on recipes and helpful hints. All of these recipes will be pretested by myself, or N2DWK's XYL (Goldie Rosenberg). If you have any suggestions or comments or even your favorite recipe that you'd like

to share, please send them to me

Maybe at a future date, if the response is favorable, we'll be able to print up a cookbook by the club members and their XYL's.

Golden Pound Cake

- 1 1/4 cups margarine or butter, softened
- 2 3/4 cups sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla; I use 1 teaspoon of almond extract
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- confectioner's sugar

Heat oven to 350. Grease and flour tube pan, or 12 cup bundt pan. Put first four ingredients in a large mixing bowl, and beat on slow for 1-2 minutes, scraping the bowl constantly. Beat on high for 5 minutes. On low speed, mix in flour, baking powder, and salt alternately with the milk. Pour the batter into the pan. Bake for 70 to 80 minutes, or until a wooden pick or cake tester comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 20 minutes, then remove. When completely cooled, sprinkle top of cake with confectioner's sugar.

Then enjoy with a cold glass of milk! I've been baking this cake for several years, and I've always had success with it.

Tnx, Marla Bozarth, N2DWR

I would like to congratulate Marla because she is Crosstalk's first permanent columnist!

Congratulations! N2HLS