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DECEMBER 1989 ISSUE

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK

Christmas is about on us and I wonder how many are asking Santa for a new rig, new call book, new antenna, some rare DX, or whatever? I hope your desire is fulfilled.

It seems the weather has turned toward winter.

I overheard an antenna was being raised the other day -- cold, wind and all -- with apparent success. It is very probable that an antenna installed under these conditions will work first rate. Good luck with it.

The cold and wind did not pass up the Manassas Christmas Parade. It was so cold many watchers were observed to retreat into their vehicles for warmth. One of the things which amazed me was the skimpy dressing of some of the marchers and their continuing within the parade . . . I'll bet some had goose bumps on their goose bumps. Then, when the parade was nearly over, the sun came out! We were fortunate this year that no untold events marred the activity. About the only thing I observed was when someone had a stuck mike and blocked things for a

couple of minutes. That was cured quickly. There were too many Ham participants for me to try to list them here -- my thanks to each and every one. My special congratulations to Dick, WD4AZG, for an excellent job.

Since this is the last Newsletter of the year, I will take this opportunity to send along "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!"

73's

Harry (W4PVA)

Listen to the Westlink Report at 8:00 pm Thursday Evenings during the OVH Weekly Bulletin.

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT AMATEUR RADIO!!!

FROM THE SPEAKER MIKE OF
OUR ROVING REPORTER —
BILL ELLIS (WA4FCI)

GLASNOST

Glasnost is here to stay they tell me. Chuck Berry's big American rock-n-roll—Back to the USSR — which hit some 20 years ago, will now be officially sanctioned on Radio Moscow. Possibly the woodpecker (OHR) signal on HF will be gone forever. You and I will not be recorded by the bad guys in a QSO with a "U" or an "R" amateur callsign. Let the good times roll on the radio bands. May propagation between our two countries remain a solid 5/9 plus. Can we expect to see more and more Russian hams at our Hamfests next year? We sure hope so. Don't forget, when ordering new QSL cards to include the two flags of both nations up in the right hand corner. This will show everyone that the hard feelings between the super powers are gone, and we are just one big happy bunch of people. Also, you will note that in your contacts with Foreign DX Stations (this no longer includes U and R amateurs), the atmosphere of US and THEM is quickly leaving the scene. YOU GUYS will replace "Americanski" and "Ruski" on the radio waves. Has a nice ring to it "YOUSE GUYS"!

Anyway, the OVH Club President is kicking around the idea of throwing a big Vodka and Caviar bash in late December. The affair will be held outdoors, snow permitting. Late development on this "Give a Ruskie Ham a Kiss" fest will be posted on the OVH 4 GHZ bulletin board. If you have positive plans to attend this gala affair and for some reason try to back out when the snow is 6 to 10 feet, a representative from the local NVKD will drag you and your family outside . . . and do God only knows what!!!!

Have a Happy Christmas and a 10 over S9 New Year.

Say goodnite Gorbie.

Good nite Amerika, and sleep you dumbkooks!

"WHAT'S THAT?"

by

Rick (N4VZT)

I have been a ham for almost a year now. Since the day I found my ticket waiting for me in the mailbox, I have been carrying an HT on my belt clip. I carry it almost everywhere; to the store, when I visit friends and relatives, or just out walking the dog.

There are two reasons why I like to carry it around; the interesting conversation on the repeaters and, most of all, the "Guessing Game."

The Guessing Game is something I have heard many Hams talking about. This is where one has a HT on a conspicuous place on their person, and someone sees it and tries to guess what exactly it is. I am rather young, so people usually rule out "store security". But, here are some of the other questions people have asked me while I am in line to checkout at the 7-11:

"Aren't you a little young to be carrying a pocket pager?"

"Who has the other one?"

"How far does it go?"

"You get 19 on that?"

And then there is my favorite:

"WHAT is THAT?"

I usually try to explain as best I can in as short amount of time as I can what the radio does and why I have it. Some people listen attentively, others just ask because of the strange voices coming from under my jacket. Some are mildly fascinated, while others just

find the racket annoying.
But, no matter what some
people may think, I have and
always will enjoy the "Guessing
Game."

GENERAL INTEREST.

**FCC ANNOUNCES 1990 MAXIMUM
REIMBURSEMENT FEE FOR AMATEUR
LICENSE EXAMINATION:**

The FCC announced that
effective Jan 1, 1990, the
maximum allowable reimbursement
fee for an amateur operator
license examination will be
\$4.96. This amount is based
upon a 4.3% increase in the
Dpt. of Labor Consumer Price
Index between 9/1988 & 9/1989.
The ARRL VEC will set its fee
at \$4.95.

VE's and VEC's may charge
examinees for out-of-pocket
expenses incurred in preparing,
processing or administering
examinations for Tech, Gen,
Advanced and Extra Class operator
licenses. The amount of any
such reimbursement fee from
any examinee for any one
examination session, regardless
the number of elements
administered, must not exceed
the maximum allowable fee.
(The ARRL Letter, 11/22/89.)

FROM THE TREASURER'S CHEST

Membership dues expire the end
of this month. Dues are \$6.00
for one family member and \$3.00
for each additional family
member living at the same
address.

SWAP AND SHOP

For Sale:

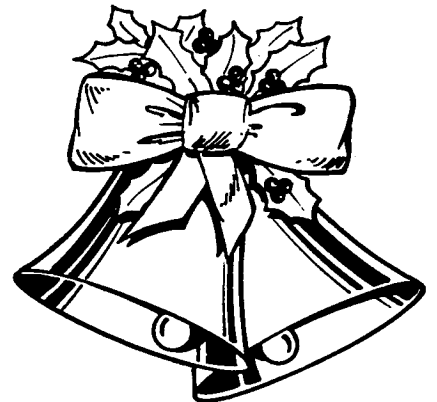
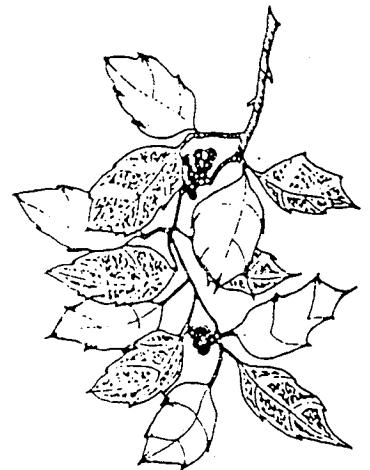
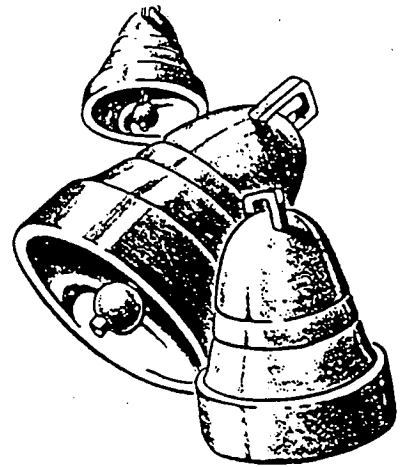
TS-600 6 Mtr. All Mode
Kenwood — \$300.00

IC-251 2 Mtr. All Mode
10 Watts — \$300.00

TS820-S 160 M - 10 M HF
Kenwood — \$375.00

Kenwood R-2000 Communication
Receiver — 500 KCS 30 MHZ
\$400.00

For any of the above —
Contact: Ray (N4KWX)
(703) 937-6002



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



A NEW CALL SIGN:

I've always wanted a callsign that is also a technical term. However, there aren't enough terms to go around. So I figured, what the heck, with the right words any three letters can be a "technical term". If the subsequent "term" isn't real, then, oh well, it could be someday...maybe. So here's the list:

A	Alternate, automatic, amplifier, access
B	Bypass, balanced, band, buffer
C	Charged, code, control, current
D	Direct, density, data, device
E	Electronic, erasable, electrode, effect
F	Fine, focus, filter, frequency
G	Graphic, general, gate, gain
H	Hot, helical, hologram, hertz
I	Industrial, interior, intensity, image
J	Jamming, joint, jack, junction
K	Krypton, key, kilowatt, keeper
L	Linear, low, levels, latch
M	Modulating, mechanical, mode, motion
N	Normal, negative, network, noise
O	Operating, override, output, operator
P	Positive, pulse, phase, power
Q	Quick, quarter, quality, quantum
R	Round, reverse, reset, request
S	Screen, status, sensor, switch
T	Testing transfer, table, target
U	Universal, upper, unit, user
V	Variable, virtual, voltage, verbatim
W	Warm, wide, watts, wave
X	X-band, X-ray, X-axis
Y	Yagi, yielding, yard, yoke
Z	Zoom, zenier, zenith, zone

Well, go for it. The first two words are descriptive. The next two are nouns, although some are interchangeable. Pick your word to makeup ... er, ahh, to showoff your "technical term" callsign. Put the noun on the last letter, it'll sound better.

If someone challenges your term, there re two choices to follow. Go ahead and explain how this works. Of course, if a plausible explanation for the term is offered and accepted, that is up to the owner of the callsign. HI HI!!!!

By Steve Schneider (WB4EEA)





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**National Capital Area Council
Boy Scouts of America**

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November 30, 1989

Ole Virginia Hams
Amateur Radio Club
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Dear Club Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and all the volunteers associated with the Prince William Chapter of the American Red Cross, thank you for your generous donation of \$200.00 toward the Hurricane Hugo disaster relief. Please know that we are forwarding your gift to National Red Cross, where it will be deposited in an account set up specifically for assisting in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo.

The widespread destruction will take many months to overcome, but your generosity helps the healing begin. Again, our thanks.

Sincerely,

Wynnes X. White
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Chairman, Board of Directors

Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club
c/o Steve Treasurer
P. O. Box 1255
Manassas, VA 22110

November 21, 1989

On November 18, 1989 the Boy Scouts of Prince William District participated in a nationwide food drive, Scouting For Food II. Members of your organization, in cooperation with the Woodbridge Wireless club, were instrumental in the success of our efforts within Prince William County.

The network you established between our Manassas Armory command post and the five collection sites allowed us to have direct and instantaneous communications all day. This network permitted us to direct the National Guard and Marine trucks to specific delivery points for storage and distribution.

Needless to say, without your organization's support our efforts would have been seriously hampered. Please extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to the following members:

Steve Frick, N4OGR
Bonnie Frick, N4QPB
Jim McKinley, WD4OJY

I have provided Scouting coffee mugs for each of these participants to Mr. Robichaud. Again, thank you and we hope you will be able to join us again on November 17, 1990 for Scouting For Food III.

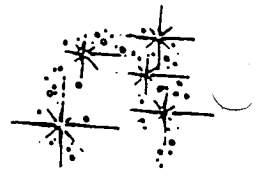
Sincerely,

Rick VanCuren

Rick VanCuren
Chairman, Scouting For Food II

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SHOPOWNER PROSECUTED BY FCC

The owner of a Manassas CB store is the first in Virginia, Washington, D.C., Delaware, West Virginia and Maryland to be criminally prosecuted by the FCC for selling illegal CB equipment this year.

Richard Harrison, owner and operator of Com-tek was convicted on two counts in the U.S. District Court of Alexandria.

Harrison, who will be sentenced Jan. 16, now faces up to \$100,000 in fines and/or one year in jail on each count.

According to testimony, Harrison sold a linear amp to an undercover FCC officer in september 1988. The officer testified that Harrison also offered him an advertisement for an illegal CB transceiver.

Under FCC regulations, the selling, advertising or offering for sale of any radio equipment which is not approved by the FCC is illegal.

A subsequent search in October 1988 turned up 55 illegal amplifiers and CB transceivers.

Harrison is considered to be one of the major suppliers in the region, and the only one to be prosecuted this year.


The District Court has ordered that the equipment be forfeited to the government.

Linear amps are illegal because they put off between 500 and 1,000 watts of power as opposed to the 4 watts of power emitted by FCC regulated CBs. . . . [T]he high-powered linear amps can interfere with neighboring CB operators, as well as, other home entertainment equipment, miles away. . . . [B]y generating radio emissions on other frequencies, the linear amps often interfere with aircraft signals, creating a potentially dangerous situation.

The average, legal CB permits a person to communicate with someone from 40 to 50 miles away. The FCC does not permit communication beyond 150 miles. With a 1,000 watt radio, you can communicate with Italy and other countries. (From the Tuesday, 14th November 1989, Journal Messenger.)



CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

17 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340		19	20 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.19/79	21 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	22	23 WOODBIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440
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NOTES: 1. For more information on VEC testing, contact Harry W4PVA.
2. The Powwow net meets daily at 2100 on 28.400.

As winter approaches,
take heart in these things—
the green of the fir tree
and birds on the wing,
the promise of Christmas,
a child's face aglow,
the warmth of a fire,
the soft-falling snow.



**WISHING YOU AND YOURS A CHRISTMAS
FILLED WITH WONDER AND A NEW YEAR FILLED
WITH PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND LOVE.**

**"Merry Christmas!"
from the Editor**



NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OVHARC
will be held on Monday night,
December 18th, 1989 at
8:00 p.m., in the basement
Meeting Room of the Northern
Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323
Lomond Drive, Manassas,
Virginia.



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