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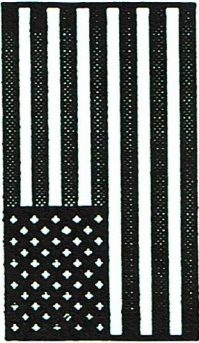
The last issue of the Ole Virginia Times for 1992 is finished. The computer has been turned off, the printer is silent, the magazines and books are back in order, the little pieces of paper which fell on the floor during the cut-and-paste process have been vacuumed up, the last fold - folded, the last stamp - stamped, the last staple - stapled, the last label - placed and the office is quite, peaceful, at rest.

During this time of restfulness, as I contemplate the past year, I'd like to thank everyone for their contributions, for their comments and for the help given when needed.

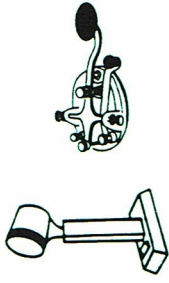
Take care, and be safe during this holiday season! I look forward to hearing from you during the next year!!!

Have A Merry, Merry Christmas and Best Wishes For The New Year!!!!

Listen to the Newline Report at 8:00 pm Thursday evenings during the OVH Weekly Bulletin.



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ARTICLES FROM THE MEMBERS

THERE'S A NEW BUREAU IN TOWN

by
NS5N

I saw an interesting advertisement while I was in South America for a new QSL service; so I thought that I would write to them and ask some very specific questions.

Any time a new QSL service becomes available I get a little excited. For the avid radio operator out there chasing DX, it is always good news. What makes this one great news is that it is strictly for U.S. and Canadian QSL cards. That's right! Only cards addressed to U.S. and Canadian amateurs can be sent through this particular bureau. Want to hear some even better news? This particular service is FREE. No, that was not a typo. FREE.....

My obvious questions were instantly penned and sent to the service for response. Not only did I receive an immediate reply, but amplifying information and a congratulatory note for the work I was involved with at the time (but that's another story).

1. Who can use the service?

It is for use by all amateurs worldwide, but only cards addressed to USA or Canadian amateurs are delivered postage free. All cards must be addressed.

2. How do you use this service?

You address 8 or 9 QSL cards at a time and place them in an envelope. This amount of cards still meets the 29 cents postal rate for weight. Stamp the envelope, but not the cards.

3. Can we send contest QSL cards through the bureau?

At this time, no, but they are gearing up for that part of the service and will notify users when it is available.

That was all of the questions that I had initially and their flyer answered more that came to mind after the initial letter.

If you are interested in using this service, and would like to make contact with them prior to using them as I did, feel free to drop them

a line. They are real friendly and anxious to make this work for all amateurs.

Their address for correspondence is the same as for mailing your QSL cards so hold on to this if you are interested.

QSL Post Office
767 South Xenon Ct., #117
Lakewood, CO 80228

If you would like to drop the man in charge a letter, his name is:

John Hart (NOOCF)

I hope you enjoy it as I have.

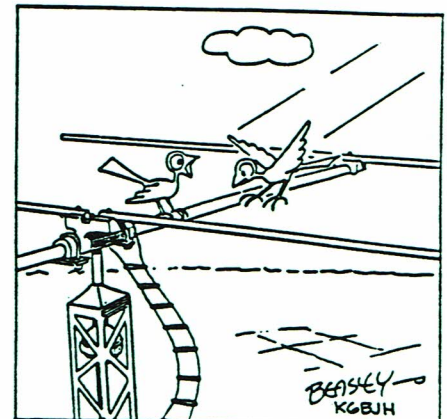
73 for now,

J. Edgar



WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HE MEANT BY "THE BAND-AID APPROACH?"

WORLD RADIO, April 1991



I WOULDN'T LAND THERE -- OL' SPARKS IS RUNNING ABOUT A 10 TO 1 SWR TODAY!

ARTICLES FROM THE MEMBERS

REPEATER USAGE

by

Harry (W4PVA)

I have listed below a few rules regarding repeater usage.

First, some comments regarding the Autopatch:

1. Absolutely **NO BUSINESS CALLS MAY BE MADE ON THE REPEATER.**
2. Calls to restaurants, stores, etc., for orders or reservations are also a **NO-NO!**
3. Calls to an employer or on behalf of an employer concerning appointments, schedules (including being late for work) are another **NO-NO!**
4. Calls to avoid telephone calls or calls to tell the telephone company your telephone is not working are more examples of **NO-NO's!**
5. Of course, calls relating to the safety of life and protection of property **ARE** acceptable. These include reporting of accidents, fires and the like. **But, you should STOP and be sure the accident subjects want help -- UNLESS --** traffic is blocked or others are threatened by the situation. In this instance, calling a wrecker to the area is acceptable.
6. Another accepted use is personal calls to friends and family!

Secondly, dialing 911:

A few incidents have occurred where 911 was called up on the repeater and the caller hung up as the phone started to ring.

It seems that the county emergency dispatcher is equipped with "Caller ID" and after a caller hangs up, the emergency dispatcher is able to identify where the call originated.

Please be advised that one should **NEVER** dial 911 and then hang up -- the call will be investigated!!!

Thirdly, other comments regarding repeater usage:

1. **YOU**, meaning every ham, **MUST** comply with FCC regulations at all times. This includes identifying yourself by use of your assigned call sign.
2. It is a good idea to check your volume control **BEFORE** any transmission. (The nature of the squelch controls is such that your volume control might be accidentally turned down and you would not be aware of it!)
3. It is generally not proper to break into an ongoing conversation - unless you have something germane to add, or an urgent - time value - transmission to make.
4. And, please remember, **EMERGENCY TRAFFIC HAS ABSOLUTE PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER USE!!!**

While this is not all encompassing, it does give some of the prime items concerning repeater/autopatch use.



ARTICLES FROM THE MEMBERS

SCANNER MONITORING

by

Matt (KC4ZPM)

One of my favorite things to do, besides ragchewing on 2 M and monitoring CB Channel 9 for Prince William REACT, is to listen to my scanner. It has been fun for me to listen to the local police, and fire & rescue department in the area. I also listen to the Amtrak and Southern railroad frequencies.

Scanner monitoring was what prompted me into Amateur Radio in the first place. I used to (and still do) listen to people ragchewing on the various 6, 2 and 70 cm repeaters in the area.

If you would like to find out what's going on in the area you live in, its just as easy as turning on your scanner; I know because mine s't's on constantly when I'm at home. I have listed below, the local area police, fire departments and rescue squads frequencies.

AREA FIRE AND RESCUE FREQUENCIES:

Prince William Co. - Dispatch, #2	154.325
Prince William Co. - Fireground, #1	154.370
Prince William Co. - Fireground, #3	154.445
Manassas City - Dispatch, #1	154.250
Manassas City - Medical, #2	154.205
Manassas Park City	154.980
Fairfax County - Dispatch, #1	460.575
Fairfax County - Medical, #2	460.600
Fairfax County - Fireground, #3	460.625
Fairfax County - Fireground, #4	460.550
Fairfax County - Fireground, #5	460.525
Fairfax City	154.235
Loudon County - Dispatch, #1	46.380
Loudon County - Fireground, #2	46.160
Fauquier County - Dispatch, #1	46.380
Fauquier County - Fireground, #2	46.480
Stafford County - Dispatch, #1	490.8625
Stafford County - Fireground, #2	489.5625

AREA POLICE DEPARTMENT FREQUENCIES:

Prince William Co. Police - West Div., #1	453.150
Prince William Co. Police - East Div., #2	453.370
Prince William Co. Police - Administration, #3	453.470
Prince William Co. Police - Tactical, #4	453.700
Manassas City Police - Ch. 1	453.200
Manassas Park City Police	453.775
Fairfax Co. Police - Ch. 1, HQ/Detectives	854.137
Fairfax Co. Police - Ch. 2, Mt. Vernon	854.287
Fairfax Co. Police - Ch. 3, McLean	854.337
Fairfax Co. Police - Ch. 4, Mason	854.487
Fairfax Co. Police - Ch. 5, Tactical	853.962
Fairfax Co. Police - Ch. 6, Franconia	853.187
Fairfax Co. Police - Ch. 7, West Springfield	853.787
Fairfax Co. Police - Ch. 8, Fair Oaks	853.637
Loudon Co. Sheriff's Dept. - Ch. 1	39.540
Loudon Co. Sheriff's Dept. - Ch. 2	39.780
Prince William Co. Sheriff's Dept. - Ch. 1	39.680
Fauquier Co. Sheriff's Dept. - Ch. 1	39.800
Stafford Co. Sheriff's Dept. - Ch. 1	39.400
VA State Police - Div. 7, Fairfax County	159.135
VA State Police - Div. 2, Culpeper County	159.165
VA State Police - Tactical	154.665

YOUR FOR SALE ITEM

COULD GO HERE !!!

JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION

25 for 25:

Join us in celebrating Courage Handi-Ham System's silver Jubilee in 1992.

Work 25 Handi-Ham members and receive a handsome Jubilee Commemorative Certificate. The award period will last from 0000 UTC January 1, 1992, to 0000 UTC December 31, 1992.

Some suggested frequencies are:

CW:

3.757, 7.127, 14.037

Phone:

3.952, 7.237, 14.297,
21.327, 28.317, 28.397

To qualify send 25 QSL cards with Jubilee seals attached and \$1 to cover handling and return postage to:

Courage Handi-Ham System
3915 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55422

(Worldradio, Dec. 1992)

Abusive Mail

In an article found in Section Leader (a publication of the American Radio Relay League) regarding letters to official observers, the following is quoted:

I have received only one letter that could remotely be considered "abusive." For your enjoyment it went something like this:

"I resent your insinuation that my cousin and I were singing Christmas songs on the air. I was not at my QTH during the time this violation happened. It was on 75 meters and I consider 75 a sewer to be avoided at all costs. There is no way I would EVER get on 75! In addition, my gear won't even work 75 because I don't have an antenna for it. Besides ... how come my cousin didn't get a notice too? He sang more songs than I did."

Dear Santa:

I wrote to you last week and sent my list, but I think I'd better tell you some more stuff. It's not for me. I heard my dad tell my mom what he wanted for Christmas. Some of it's OK, but mom would really be mad if you brought some of it. They argue enough anyway.

It would be OK to bring a satellite dish, a heat sink, a filter and a phone patch. Mom could use more dishes; and, of course, a new sink to was them in; but it's just more work for her if you bring more filters. She is always the one that has to change them in the furnace. But Dad may mean the ones in the care, and he does those.

About the phone patch. That may be a joke 'cause he is always telling Sis about wearing out the phone.

He always talks on the radio. Mom says it keeps him out of her hair. Dad calls her his external speaker.

I don't know why he wants a loaded dummy, and he didn't say what meter he wanted. Jus what meter.

There a two things that you really hadn't better bring. he is not supposed to eat a lot of salty stuff so forget the hamfest tickets unless they have other stuff to eat. Mom screams if I bring home worms or frogs so scratch off the bug and the spider antenna.

Thanks for what you bring me on Christmas. Be real careful about that junk Dad wants.

Thank you, Mikie.

P.S. The rubber duck that Dad wants must be for my little brother to play with in the bathtub. (Findlay Radio Club, Findlay, OH; Worldradio, Dec 1991)



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

NEXT MEETING

The Ole Virginia Times is published monthly by the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, and is mailed free to members of the OVHARC. Permission is granted for use of material contained within this Newsletter, provided proper credit is given. This Editor will exchange Newsletters with other Clubs and Associations upon request. Newsletter deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of each month for inclusion in next month's Newsletter. The Newsletter is entered as First Class Mail at the Manassas Post Office, Manassas, Virginia.

The next meeting of the OVHARC will be on Monday night, **DECEMBER 16th**, 1991, at 8:00 p.m., in the basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

Looking forward to seeing **YOU** there!!!!

We are always looking for interesting items for the Newsletter. If you see articles, have shack tips, items for sale, items wanted, brain teasers, etc., please send them to the Newsletter Editor c/o OVH, Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Virginia 22110; or, give me a landline (703-361-0008). If it is interesting to you, chances are it will be interesting to others!

73

Bonnie (N4QPB)
Editor

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

CALL SIGN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER: _____

DO YOU WANT YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED IN THE OVH ROSTER: _____

YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS: _____

Dues are \$6.00 (for each additional family member, living at the same mailing address, the dues are \$3.00)

AMOUNT YOU ARE SENDING: _____

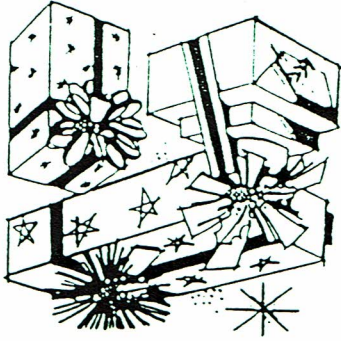
NAMES OF ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS (IF ANY): _____

Please fill in all of the above-requested information (please PRINT) and return to the attention of the Treasurer, OVH, P.O. Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110

TREASURER'S INITIALS: _____

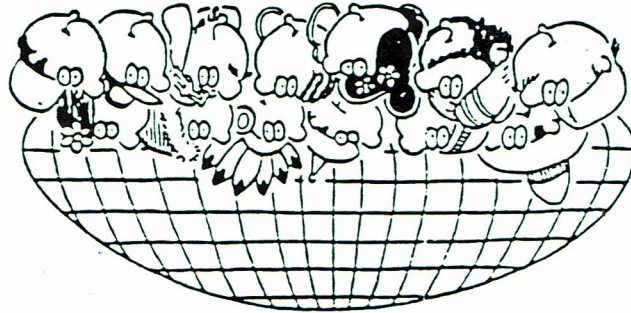
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