



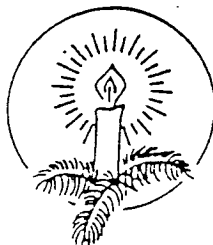
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DECEMBER 1987 NEWSLETTER

General Interest

Bo (WB4NWG) and George (N4IXV) would like to see more area Hams join the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club (MARAC), or "County Hunters". Working all 3,076 counties in the United States is quite a challenge, and is not for everyone. But, it is lots of fun and you will meet a lot of great people. The information packet on MARAC and County Hunting includes an overview of MARAC, a description of the awards program and operating guidelines. Send your request with a business size envelope (SASE) with 39 cent postage to: MARAC, Box 64, Newport, MN 55055. The County Hunter Nets meet on 14.336 all day, and 3.865 in the evenings. (You do not need to run mobile to join!)
Contributed by: George (N4IXV).



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

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The Editor



Do you know the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) standard phonetic alphabet?

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|--------------|--------------|
| A - Alfa | N - November |
| B - Bravo | O - Oscar |
| C - Charlie | P - Papa |
| D - Delta | Q - Quebec |
| E - Echo | R - Romeo |
| F - Foxtrot | S - Sierra |
| G - Golf | T - Tango |
| H - Hotel | U - Uniform |
| I - India | V - Victor |
| J - Juliette | W - Whiskey |
| K - Kilo | X - X-Ray |
| L - Lima | Y - Yankee |
| M - Mike | Z - Zulu |

The FCC encourages the use of a nationally or internationally recognized standard phonetic alphabet as an aid for correct telephone identification. For example, Linda, KALGQJ, may identify her operation by transmitting the words "Kilo Alfa One Golf Quebec Juliette". **Cute IDs should be avoided when fulfilling the station ID requirements.** (From the The FCC Rule Book--A Guide to the FCC Regulations -- Chapter 5 Page 6.)

No Code Proposal is still alive.

Ben Johnson (NY0I) has filed a petition to FCC stating the Code has kept many otherwise knowledgeable people from getting their license. He also notes that having a knowledge of code has not kept trouble makers off the air. He takes issue with the age old idea that in an emergency code will always get the message through. He said CW is seldom used to report accidents over the repeater. Mr. Johnson has asked the FCC to begin the process of eliminating the 5 WPM Code part of the test as a requirement for the Novice and Technician Class Licenses. (Westlink Report)





National Westlink listener survey:

If you listen to Westlink please send a note stating where, when, and how you receive the newscast. Send the note to:

Westlink Survey
c/o Carl Tagle (N6BVU)
Post Office Box 6490
Orange, CA 92613

(Westlink Report)

Safety Tip

Although fingers are considered digits, they are not to be used in place of a digital voltmeter. When checking voltage, always use the proper meter or device for that purpose. We need all the members we have. (Morongo ARC -- "Worldradio", December 1987)

ATTN: Slinky fans

Good news for Slinky (antenna) fans! Slinkies are back on the market! Brass-plated, \$10 plus change. Available via mail order from Eddie Bauer, Post Office Box 3700, Seattle, WA 98130. ("Worldradio", December 1987)

Cable TVI Tip

If you've tried everything and still get a trace of TVI on your TV that is hooked to cable, here is an idea to try:

Take a large ferrite core and wrap 8 to 16 turns of the coax through the middle and reconnect. This should be done as close to the TV set as possible. (San Francisco Mainliner RC, CA -- "Worldradio", December 1987)

WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT AMATEUR RADIO!!!

False Alarm

The article in our November Newsletter entitled "Warning -- Warning -- Warning!" taken from the "TSRAC ENT", November 1987 Issue, was apparently a hoax. We have seen in several other Magazines and Newsletters, most recent of which was "Worldradio" (December 1987) an article which reads, in part, as follows:

"...Contact lens alert," is apparently a hoax. When we learn more about the facts behind this item, we'll let you know. Our apologies for the scare this may have caused among some of you."

Please be advised that we will keep you informed of any new occurrences with this article. (Newsletter Editor)

Radio Shack Opens Its Doors To Local Clubs

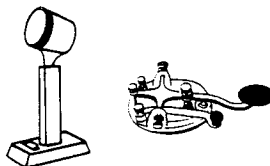
The October 1987 Merchandising Newsletter, sent by Radio Shack to its retail stores, calls attention to the new Novice instruction package being carried in Radio Shack stores and catalogs and asks store managers to cooperate with local amateur radio clubs. The item ends with: "And, if you are contacted by local amateur radio clubs, let them leave a phone number and/or some of their literature (about meetings, for example)."

This would be a good time for clubs to get in touch with the Radio Shack stores in their areas, just in time for the heavy store traffic of the holiday season. (The ARRL Letter-- November 4, 1987)

SHOP AND SWAP

Kenwood R600 General Coverage Receiver and 500HZ CW Filter,
Eavesdropper SW Antenna -- \$295.00

Contact: Joe Tutino (KB4VHK) -- 369-5636



Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Notes from the Editor

On page 2 of the Newsletter you will find a list of Club Officers and Committees. If you wish to be a part of one of these activities, please contact the Chairperson in charge. If there are any additions, deletions or corrections, please let me know.

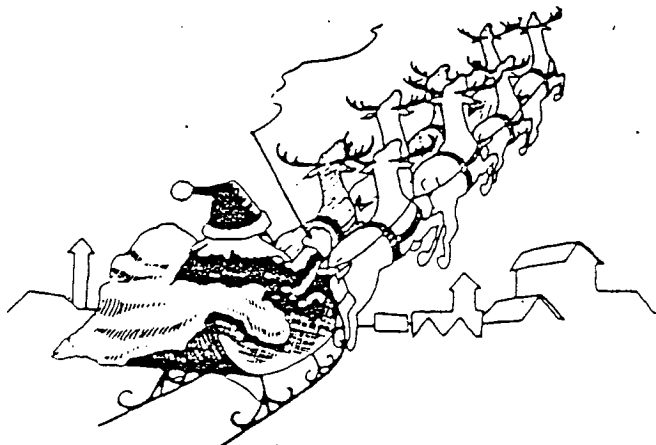
I understand the best time to put up an Antenna is during an ice storm or a blizzard. Well hopefully I did the next best thing. I put up a Tri-Bander beam and moved a 2 Meter beam up about 6'0" during a cold, drizzly, rainy day. I wish to take this space to thank Jack (KI4VP), Ken (N4NLO), Milt (N4SN), Greg (N4RKV), Eob (K3QHD) and Mike (N4LSP), for answering a call for help. Again, thanks alot.

Remember, we are always looking for interesting items for the Newsletter. If you see or know of articles, shack tips, Items for sale or wanted, brain teasers, etc., please send them to the Newsletter Editor, c/o Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110, or give us a landline (361-0008 or 690-6547). If it is interesting to you, chances are it will be interesting to others.

From Bonnie (N4QPB) and Myself "Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!!!!"

Steve (N4OGR)

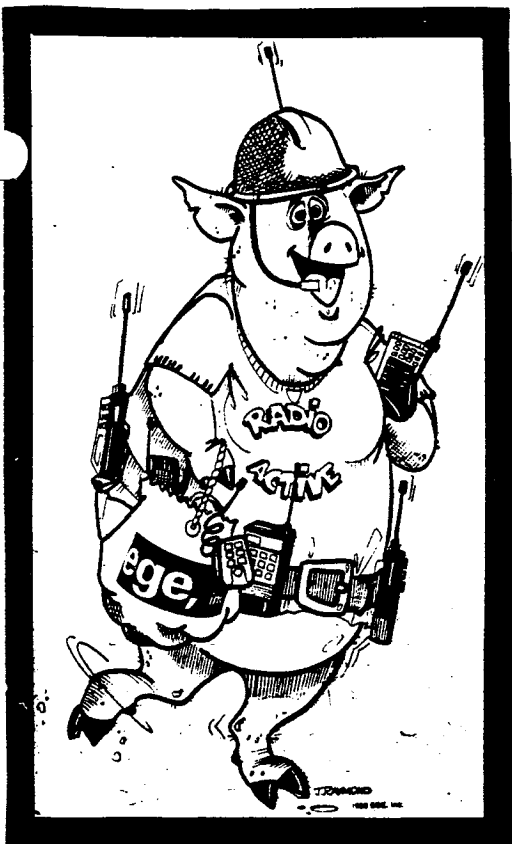
DON'T FORGET!!!!!!!!!! It is renewal time. Dues are due!!!!



**** HAMFEST**

CALENDER **

- 1/88 -- Richmond, Frostfest
Richmond, VA
- 2/21/88 -- Vienna Winterfest
Vienna, VA
- 3/19&20/88 -- Charlotte Hamfest
and Computer Fair
Charlotte, NC
- 6/5/88 -- MANASSAS HAMFEST AND
COMPUTER FAIR
Volunteers Contact: Randy (KA4UFF)



HAMFEST ADDICT

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6/16/88	-- Towsen, MD	-- Ron Derencz -- (301) 765-2843
6/18/88	-- Manassas, VA	-- More information at a later date

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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December 23rd through 24th, 1987 Christmas Florida -- W1TBR will operate 1200 - 2400 Z each day to celebrate the Christmas Season. Suggested frequencies: 3.900, 7.213, 14.300 and 28.400
For Certificates and QSL Cards: Send SASE to Lou Hoekstra, W1TBR
Box 430
Christmas, FL 32709

December 24th through 25th, 1987 Thomaston, Connecticut -- The Northfield Emergency Amateur Team will operate Number One Christmas Carol (N1CC)
Suggested frequencies: 1.850, 3.900, 7.230, 14.250, 21.350 and 28.450
For Sepcial QSL: Send SASE to N1CC, 454 High Street Ext, Thomaston, CT 06787

December 24th, 1987 TALK TO SANTA ON CHRISTMAS EVE --
Frequencies: 28.490 at 6:30 pm
146.79 at 7:00 pm

Let your Children talk to Santa, something they will remember for a lifetime. Young and Old can talk to good ole St. Nick.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



"So you're not getting out!!"

"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS"