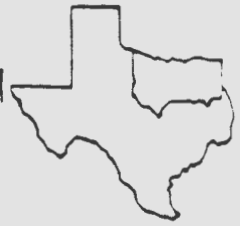


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NEWSLETTER



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From The Section Manager's "Soap Box"

BY: W. W. "DAN" DANSBY - W5URI

Eight months have passed since taking office as Section Manager. It only seems like yesterday. Where has the time gone?

If it were not for the staff supporting me, very little would come to pass. Clubs have been added to the Special Service Club list and the Affiliated Club list. More non-affiliated clubs are being identified daily and added to our lists of prospects to contact about affiliation.

A new net will be on the air beginning next month. Youth programs are developing and should be in place and operating by the end of the year. Hams are getting ready for next years public service events, marathons, bicycle races, triathalons, walkathons and now orienteering courses as sporting events.

"Code not Crack" a new program being presented to teenagers as an alternative to using dope and keep them busy from the time school is out and when the parents get home is showing great promise.

AMSET- NA is launching six microsats next month on a single launch vehicle. One of the microsats will be Dove (Digital Orbiting Voice Encoder). It is especially designed for school kids.

The first half of 1990 will see two more astronauts in space on STS-35 and STS-37. With all the programs concentrating on youth, and more to come. I think it would be appropriate to call the coming decade -
" THE NINETIES: DEDICATED TO YOUTH "

I've enjoyed meeting so many of you but, I know I've only scratched the surface. There are so many of you and so much territory to cover in such a short period of time. I hope to see and meet you in the coming year.

To all of you and your families, a very Joyous Holiday Season, and may there be a TS-950 under everyone's Christmas Tree.

73 es Gud Scouting Dan - W5URI

Red Cross Agreement Signed

A Letter of understanding between Territory 5, American Red Cross and the North Texas Section of the West Gulf Division, ARRL is now complete and signed.

The West Texas Section have been invited to sign the agreement also since Territory 5 has been increased to take in a larger area of West Texas Section, even after work on this agreement was started.

A direct benefit of my conferences along with Claude Whitley - WB5FLQ, the DEC for this area and the Territory 5 Communications Chairman, is that Ed Riefenstahl, the Field Service Manager, and Orval Thomas, Disaster Service Chairman, will be attending a Novice Class starting in January that is being held at GTE Place on West Airport Drive at the DFW Airport.

Orval is going to try to get more Red Cross Volunteers to attend. As of right now he has all of his people scattered from Puerto Rico to Kentucky to California. He and Ed are the only ones left to handle the local problems of the Territory.

A special thanks to Harvey Henning - NOAJP, the North Texas, Section Emergency Coordinator for his expertise in putting together a "letter of understanding" that will last for years.!!
Dan - W5URI

Contribute articles to this newsletter

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JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

More than 200 explorer, Boy, Cub Scouts and Tiger Cubs participated in Troop 340's Jamboree on the Air Amateur Radio Station Project at the Longhorn Council's Scout Show on October 21, 1989.

Hundreds of copies of the Archie comic book on amateur radio, plus information on JOTA were handed out to scouts and their parents as they stopped by the Troop 340 booth.

The supply of Archie comic books was exhausted as were copies of nearly all of the ARRL sponsored pamphlets. JOTA participation cards were given to each boy who talked with another scout on the HF station set up outside the show buildings.

A Kenwood TS-830s and a Mosley V4-6 vertical antenna were used in the station. Calling CQ and most of the stations activities were left up to scout operators who stopped by or other scouts as control operators who stood by.

Many scouts got a thrill out of being allowed to call "CQ, CQ Jamboree On The Air" and then have someone respond to them. Because of poor antenna location and propagation problems, contacts were limited to about two dozen during the day, but those operator who did respond to our call took time to talk with each boy or girl who was at the station and wanted to talk.

A special thanks goes to Cheryl Anderson-WY5H, Jim Stiebing-WB5UFD, secretary of the K2BSA Amateur Radio Association, John Parson-K5DOI, Dwight Gann-K5MQA, President of the K2BSA Amateur Radio Association, who helped out by acting occasionally as control operator (giving me a break) or helped explain Amateur Radio to the interested youth.

A special thanks goes to Carolyn, AA5IN who spent nearly an hour talking with a long line of youths waiting to talk. In all we worked about a dozen states, Canada and one station, K5MK/5 who was located on one of the barrier islands off the coast of Louisiana.

About a dozen scouts from my son Trey's scout troop participated in JOTA.

Many scouts and parents were able to see the value of amateur radio when an 8-year-old cub scout was injured on a home made swing next to our booth. The swing was constructed out of large tree branches and each youth was raised about 10 feet in the air and then swung around. As one scout was being swung, a rope broke and the 8 year old hit the ground with a sickening thud, flat on his back.

Hearing what happened, I immediately grabbed my 2-meter talkie and called for any

→ station on 146.94, the Fort Worth repeater because I had emergency traffic. Brian Sarap - KB5FES, and several others answered my call and I asked them to call an ambulance immediately as we had a semi-conscious youth with possible back and head injuries.

Brian, a Fort Worth Fire Department Paramedic himself, helped relay the call to 911 and the Medstar ambulance and within 5 minutes two Fort Worth fire trucks and a Medstar ambulance were on the scene. The Cub Scout was immobilized and taken to Cooks Childrens Hospital, where he was released several hours later following x-rays and a complete exam.

Thanks go out from me to each amateur on 146.94 that helped out. There were several that I wasn't able to remember all of the call signs and names, but thanks for your help.

Tom Anderson - WW5L
Troop 340 Committee Chairman

" HARD COPY TIMES "

Many Organizations send us their Newsletters. Among those are "The Hard Copy Times" published by Explorer Post 599 of Phoenix, Arizona 85033-1630.

Their 12 page newsletter is very informative and impressive for a group of young adults to produce.

A column entitled "Guided Discoveries" by A. Beaver is a list of quotes from famous people. Here are some of them:

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example. (Mark Twain)

It is amazing how complete is the delusion that beauty is goodness. (Leo Tolstoy)

What kills a skunk is the publicity that it gives itself. (Abraham Lincoln)

Anything gives up its secrets if you love it enough. (George Washington Carver)

Well done is better than well said. (Benjamin Franklin)

He who is carried on other backs does not appreciate how far off town is. (African Folklore)

Men often mistake notoriety for fame; they would rather be remarked for their vices and follies than noticed at all. (Harry S. Truman)

P.S. "The Hard Copy Times" is published in print and in braille.

THE FEATURED AFFILIATED CLUB

HAM ASSOCIATION OF MESQUITE
P. O. BOX 851835
MESQUITE, TEXAS - 75185

The Ham Association of Mesquite (HAM) was formed May 3, 1979. HAM holds monthly meetings at the main branch of the Mesquite Public Library on Ebrite Street - Behind the Police Station, at 7:00 PM the first Thursday of each month, January through November. We do not have an official meeting in December, and instead have a Christmas party for the members and their family.

Membership is open to all persons interested in Amateur (HAM) Radio Communications. Since the first year, HAM has been active in public service activities, also during the first year, HAM provided communications for the American Diabetes Association Bike-a-Thon.

Since that first event, HAM has assisted other organizations, such as: Texas Geological Association, City of Mesquite, Artist Disaster Relief, Mesquite Rodeo Parade, Mesquite Air Show, Mesquite Balloon Race, and the Cotton Bowl Parade.

Members have helped with disaster communications at the Breckenridge Flood, Paris Tornado, Hurricane Alicia, and the Mesquite Tornado. Ham has an active RACES organization which assists with severe weather storm spotting for Dallas County and the National Weather Service.

Since 1980, HAM has participated in Field Day, a nation wide emergency communication exercise and contest. HAM has traditionally been one of the top scoring clubs in the nation. One weekend in June, we set up at least three stations in a local park, operate them for a 24 hour period under emergency conditions, and try to contact as many other operators as possible during this time period.

Ham also supports a 2 meter repeater on 145.31 Mhz. Members enjoy phone patch privileges. In addition, a weekly "meeting-on-the-air" is held on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM local time. Following the meeting, a number of the members meet at the Jen Ox Cafe on I-30, near the Motley exit for coffee and a general "bull session".

Our philosophy is "It's A Hobby". We believe in working hard, and playing hard. You're welcome to join us if you share our interests.

I. M. R. A. TRAFFIC NET

BY: RUTH - N5GPR

The International Mission Radio Association (IMRA) is an incorporated, non-profit, non-denominational organization of Radio Amateurs and associates. It consists of 1000 members scattered through forty countries.

The association provides various services to missionaries. It establishes communication for them and for anyone needing contact with them. It also supplies them with Radio Equipment if they need it.

If you are interested in IMRA, tune in to 14,280 MHz Monday through Saturday at 1730-1900 UTC. For the past 25 years the Net has logged 20,000 check-ins annually with 12,000 pieces of traffic.

IN MEMORY OF N5AQC

A few days ago a man passed on to his reward in heaven. His name was Charles Cook. He was not rich or famous, and you would probably never find his name on your front page or society page, but Charlie was a giant among men.

Hundreds of people will never recognize this name or know how he touched their lives by spending many hours of his time out in all kinds of weather doing emergency work for his Community.

Hundreds of blind people will listen to books and news stories on tape never knowing that Charlie gave many hours of his time taping these articles.

I could go on and on telling of all the Community Services he has performed, but all I can say now in radio language, which Charlie would understand is 73's for a job well done. We will miss him. The Community now has a vacant spot which will be hard to fill.

John Crist - WA5RSS

ARRL MEMBERSHIP / RE-NEWALS

Make all new applications for ARRL Membership or re-newals through your Clubs Secretary, as your Club will benefit financially if you do so.

If the Secretary doesn't have the necessary forms, they should contact ARRL Headquarters.

AMATEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD RULES

"AMATEUR OF THE YEAR" AWARD NORTH TEXAS SECTION, WEST GULF DIVISION AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

1- To be a candidate for this award, the recipient must be a resident of the North Texas Section and a Licensed Amateur Radio Operator.

2- He or she must be recommended by an Amateur with the concurrence of at least one other Amateur.

3- The person making the recommendation will file application for the nomination of his/her candidate, stating in a narrative form why they think this person should be the recipient of this award. The narrative should not exceed three hundred (300) words.

4- A simple statement signed by another Amateur should state that they have read the application and concur with the recommendation.

5- The number of years as an Amateur will not be a valid basis for recommendation for this award. The years for performing a certain valuable service will be an accepted basis for the award.

6- Letters of application/nomination are to be sent to the Section Manager to arrive by 1, February of each year. The award will to be presented at the Hamfest (HAM-COM) in Arlington, Texas in June of each year.

7- The Judges will be appointed by the Section Manager from Amateurs who reside outside the Section Boundaries. Their names will be announced at the awards presentation.

8- These rules are written so that the only person not eligible for this award is the Section Manager and all others are qualified.

Mail Applications to:

W.W."Dan" DANSBY - W5URI
North Texas Section Manager
5808 Walla Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

Note! Applications must be mailed so that they arrive by February 1, 1990

(Letter From W5URI regarding the 7290 net)

Wendy Fisel - KB5DVF 2 December, 1989
96 Airport Drive
Wichita Falls, Texas - 76306

Dear Wendy

During the past few weeks, I have received information concerning the formation of a ARES training Net to become operational 1 Jan, 1990. I have consulted with Charlie Byars, W5GPO, ASM Harvey Henning, NOAJP, SEC; and Art Evans, W5VMP, STM; to discuss the "pros" and "cons" of the proposed net.

Our mutual feeling is that ARES training is very important and must be conducted on a regular basis but this training must, in no way, detract from regularly scheduled traffic nets.

The 7290 KHz Traffic Net has, for many years, been the daytime designated Traffic Net for the North Texas Section and beyond a doubt, proved itself on many occasions. This designation will continue and you have the full support of the North Texas Section ARRL officials. The proposed net was organized by the South Texas Section, SEC; as a Statewide ARES Training Net and will be recognized by the North Texas Section at this time, as an ARP¹ sanctioned ARES training Net.

I hope this information will answer any questions you have had concerning North Texas Section ARRL support for the 7290 KHz Traffic Net.

73' W. W. "Dan" Dansby, W5URI
Section Manager, North Texas Section

Operation Eagle Eye

Bob Nelson - KB5BNU announced that "Eagle Eye" project is underway again this year in Dallas.

This is a project, that many Dallas Area Amateurs donate time to during the holiday season helping the Dallas Police Department to keep the crime rate down in Shopping Malls.

Amateurs are posted in high observation locations and patrol Mall Parking areas to report crime or potential places of crime.

Bob indicates the program has been going on for several years and the Dallas Police Department is very happy with the result. Criminals knowing that they may be observed is a very good deterrent to crime.

Keep up the good public service work.

1989 Jamboree On The Air Report

The 32nd Jamboree-On-The-Air was a tremendous success in the United States. More than 17,500 Certificates of Participation were distributed before the event.

Past experience has shown that 60% of the certificates are normally distributed before the event and the remaining are requested afterwards.

This year, a unique change was made in the participation of K2BSA. Authority was issued for participation from several locations. Primarily, the control operators were selected from staff members of K2BSA at the National Jamboree at Ft. A. P. Hill, Virginia, in August of this year.

We had K2BSA operating from six of the ten call areas in the U.S. This gave more Scouts the opportunity to personally contact and talk to K2BSA.

I would like to thank Bill Burns - WA6QYR, Dick Jansson -WD4FAB, William T. "Red" Free - W3FTG, Bill Bond - KA1ANT and Lary Eichel - K2NA for their untiring work as control operators, and more than 100 operators on staff at the various K2BSA locations. Their effort is greatly appreciated.

We were all very disturbed early in the morning of Saturday, October 21, when we were given numbers for propagation predictions for the day, and then further unhappy when we received word that AMSE8-DL was going to turn-off the Oscar 13 transponder during the mode "L" operations to test the RUDAK system. This greatly reduced our time for use of Oscar 13 during JOTA.

Propagation improved on Sunday and at least we had one good day to operate during the week end of JOTA.

Plans are now being made to increase the participation during JOTA next year. Propagation is predicted to start its downward trend, but should still be good. More effort will be directed toward satellites to neutralize this decline. This allowed us to make more than 500 contacts and talk to thousands of youths.

Dan Dansby - W5URI

Notify your Club Secretary, when ever you change your Name, Address, Telephone Number, Call or when you Upgrade. Help them to keep up to date records.

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORTS

THE ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE !

Attention all District Emergency Coordinators. Its that time of year again. Time to get the Emergency Coordinators to send in their annual reports for 1989.

I need the reports sent to me no later than December 15, 1989, before the Christmas rush or slow-down.

If you have any problems, do not delay a call to me.

Harvey Henning - NOAJP
Section Emergency Coordinator
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Waco, Texas 76710-4641

Home Tel: 817-776-0640
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CONGRATULATIONS

Brass Pounders League Awards

Since the last newsletter was sent out two Amateurs have been awarded the Medallion for BPL.

This is earned by making BPL three times. It is only awarded once to an individual.

Congratulations to Josiah B. Brown, K5UPN of Longview, Texas and Bill Revis, KF5BL from Irving, Texas on winning the BPL medallion.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS

Don Thomas - KA1CWM, the Affiliate Club Coordinator, in the North Texas Section needs to identify Clubs in the Section that are not affiliated with the ARRL, but are active.

We want to keep in contact with them whether they are ARRL affiliated or not. If you know of any active group that is not on our list of Clubs, contact Don and let him know about them.

"JARA" NET

The Arlington "JARA" Junior Amateur Radio Association Net will be held on the third Sunday of each month, between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM on the Arlington, Texas Repeater, 147.14 MHz.

The purpose of this net is to allow Junior Amateur and operators to discuss Amateur radio, school and sports items. Help some young person to Check-in !!

Middle School Students Want to become Hams !

A new program to teach young middle school students about Amateur Radio began on November 14, 1989 at the Rosemont Middle School in Fort Worth.

W5URI and AA5IN will conduct the first class. We are looking for Instructors willing to spend some time helping these young people in the afternoon, to give them an alternative to using drugs.

This will be a pilot program. If successful, we will need a lot of help, instructing, Elmers, Obtaining Equipment, Soliciting funds to make this program work.

This will only affect Amateurs in the Tarrant County area now, but we hope to cover the Section like the Plague before long.

Rosemont Middle School - Update

We are receiving tremendous response from the students at Rosemont Middle School.

We have now formed a Club. The "Rosemont Middle School Amateur Radio Club" and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 PM on school days.

We are in need of Instructors who can devote one or two days a month to this project. And, . Oh yes! Remember "THE ORIGINAL HOSFLY", W5HCA who always signed by saying "come see me sometime, right after supper". Well, Evyonne "SISSIE" Eddins, Johnny's daughter is the teacher that is working with us.

She is studying for her license too. Can't you see that big wide smile on Johnny's face if he were here?

If you can help, give me a call at 817-292-5019

de - Dan, W5URI

The "OO" Coordinator Reports

Herb Blair - WASYKO, the North Texas Section "OO" Coordinator reports that during the month of October, 1989 that there were five (5) OO's reporting with a combined total of 100 hours of monitoring time expended.

The five stations "OO's" reporting issued Thirteen (13) observation notices and eight (8) good guy reports during the period.

Local Support Building for Students !

(LETTER)

Mr. Richard L. Adams
Longhorn Dodge, Inc
4500 South Freeway
Fort Worth, Texas - 76115

29 November 1989

Dear Mr. Adams

On behalf of the students involved in the Rosemont Middle School Amateur Radio Club, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution towards the "Code Not Crack" program. Your contribution will be directed toward obtaining necessary training materials and placing reference material in the School Library about Amateur Radio. We are providing a program in a learning environment that will entertain the students from the time school is out and their parents come home from work, Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM.

We will provide them with the alternative of learning and advancing their knowledge as opposed to idle time for them to get into trouble (ie. drugs, burglaries, general mischief).

We will be publishing periodic reports of how the students are advancing and how the program is being received.

Again, thanks for your financial support of project.

/s/ W. W. Dansby
W. W. "Dan" Dansby - W5URI
Section Manager, No. Tx Section

Traffic Net Reports

In the future, Bill Revis - KF5BL, will be accepting all of the SARS and PSHRs, from individuals in the North Texas Section instead of George Lyons - K5MXQ, who because of health reasons has had to discontinue doing this.

We all appreciate the good work you have been doing for us George.. Thanks a lot for your help. By the way, the deadline is still the Fifth of each month.

University of North Texas Celebrates 100 years

The University of North Texas in Denton will be celebrating its 100th year in 1990. Ms C Brazzel, N5MUJ and the North Texas High Frequency Association have received permission to use the " N5NT " call from Robert B. Olney of Richardson, Texas for the Special Event Station during the Celebration.

Traveling Around

BY DON THOMAS - KAYOLM
AFFILIATED CLUB COORDINATOR

One of the benefits of being an Affiliated club Coordinator is that I have the opportunity to travel around to meet with the various clubs in the North Texas Section and meet so many fine and interesting amateurs.

When visiting both ARRL affiliated and non-affiliated clubs in the section, I find that each club has its own personality so to speak and I'm always amazed to see the many varied interests and amateur radio related projects that are underway in each of the clubs. Throughout, I find a common thread of friendship between amateurs and a burning desire to see that amateur radio continues to grow.

Since the last Newsletter was published, I have had the opportunity to attend the Wichita Falls and Texoma Hamfests where I have enjoyed meeting many of you.

In addition, I have visited the Arlington Amateur Radio Club and seen what this growing club is doing. They are probably the fastest growing club in the section at this time. They also just received their certificate designating them as ARRL Special Service Club.

I was also happy to have had the opportunity to present an ARRL Special Service Club Certificate to the Dallas Amateur Radio Club and to the Garland Amateur Radio Club during the past two months.

All three of these clubs have good programs and should be justly proud of their accomplishments as well as their designation as a Special Service Club.

I am working with other clubs in the north Texas section, who also have fine programs to qualify them for Special Service Club status.

If any club wishes to explore the possibility of becoming a Special Service Club, please let me know.

My travels have also included visits to the Lake Area Amateur Radio Club in Lewisville, and enjoyed their program on special test equipment for testing out radio's and repeater.

The visit to the Ham Association of Mesquite resulted in my face being red. As they were going to talk me into the meeting location, I found that I was operating without an antenna on my vehicle, oh well at least my coax was radiating a little bit!. Their program for the evening was put on by Herb Blair, WA5YKO the sections "OO" coordinator which was very informative.

The Irving Amateur Radio Club is always an interesting club to visit and they have some good training programs going, as well as new ones planned. They are participating as part of a group of clubs in the DFW metroplex area that are currently using the fine training facilities at GTE Place located on the DFW airport for amateur classes.

The visit to the Texoma Amateur Radio Club did not produce any new tips on where the stripers are biting at Lake Texoma, however they are going to be one of our newest ARRL Affiliated Clubs. They do a lot of public service work and conduct VE sessions covering their immediate area and southern Oklahoma.

The Metrocrest Amateur Radio Society, (remember they are the ones that operated the Commemorative station at Ham-Com) are in the process of updating the clubs By-Laws which is no easy task. They are also working with the local newspapers and cable companies in announcing that they will be handling "Holiday Greeting Messages" for those wishing to send Amateur Radiograms during the Holiday Season.

If none of you have ever visited the CQ-DQ in Fort Worth, you have really missed having coffee with a fine group of hams. They show up every morning at 9:00 Am at a local Dairy Queen (CQ-DQ) to discuss and plan the worlds activities. I'm not sure if they are all associated with the Kilocycle club or not, but who cares, as they have fun kidding each other, discussing amateur radio and exchanging real friendship.

We also want to welcome the new Affiliated Clubs in the North Texas Section. They are:

Ashcraft Repeater Association, located in the Dallas area with Gary Moss, AA5IK as their President.

Dallas County React ARC, located in Dallas with Charles Thompson, N5IAG as their President.

Johnson County ARC, located in Cleburne with Gene Frey, W5CMX as their President.

Southern Methodist University, located in Dallas with Dr. William Milton Gosney Jr. KG5RO as the President.

Trinity Valley ARC, located in College Mound, with Marianne Marsden, KA7CZX as President.

I would like to hear from all of you and plan on visiting all of the Affiliated Clubs in North Texas in the next three months. If you know of any active clubs that are not now affiliated, please let me know so they can be contacted.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, your Family and your Club.
73' Don -

The Amateur Challenge !!

The past few months have been an interesting time for many Amateur Radio Operators throughout the United States.

This has been especially true in the area of emergency service and related traffic wherein the Amateurs have been called upon to aid various agencies in coping with the many disasters that have occurred.

Beginning with the crash of the United Airliner DC-10 in Sioux City, Iowa, Hurricane Hugo which left a trail of torn-up communication facilities and destruction in the Caribbean and onto the shores of Georgia and the Carolina's, and of course the most recent earthquake in Northern California.

In all cases and I am sure there have been many more during this same period, the Amateurs have received praise for their work by providing vital communications to City, County and other Governmental Agencies as well as the Red Cross and other welfare groups.

Once again the Amateurs have made their mark and showed their dedication to being prepared and seemingly always having a way of getting messages through.

We as Amateurs should be proud of being part of Amateur Radio and the dedication of its members to provide a service in time of need.

You will hear many Amateurs state that this is only a hobby and play down Ham radio as a National Resource, however to those in need we have in the past and I am sure we will continue to do so in the future, play a vital communications link when called upon in time of disaster.

The Amateur Radio Community has performed exceptionally well during the past few months and have received some very deserving publicity which can be beneficial to the growth of our Clubs and Amateur Radio as a whole.

You as individuals can further enhance this publicity by speaking up for Amateur Radio every chance you get. Appear before local service clubs, schools and at other meetings. Most program chairpersons are always looking for an interesting program.

So, the Members of all ARRL Affiliated Clubs in the North Texas Section are "Challenged" to speak up for Amateur Radio and the service this "hobby" performs as well as the pleasures it provides both as a group activity and as individuals.

If you hear or can arrange to present a program or explain how Amateur Radio works and its capabilities of serving the community, please do so. If you don't have the time or don't want to present the program yourself, your Club President know and I'm sure someone in the club will be available to provide the program on your behalf and all Amateur Radio Operators.

You know much has been said on the subject of getting our young people into the hobby and so far the results have been very good but limited.

Amateur Radio in the old form doesn't seem to attract the younger set, especially when we are in competition with computers, cars, girls and other sporting events and activities. The Amateur Community as a whole has not found the right approach or technique to attract these people as yet.

There are those that indicate that a National Ad program with added publicity is the way to go. This may help, but how many Novices have already attained their licenses through classes held by you or your club? Where are they today and how many are active amateurs or have they dropped out of the hobby altogether?

We all need to do a better job of helping the new people we brought into the hobby in making their first contacts and provide ongoing guidance and assistance until they become proficient. In other words service the account.

Ask yourself, does an amateur really have to get on HF to be a good Ham? Why not VHF, UHF, Satellite and the other higher bands?

How about dedicating some of the packet bulletin boards for handling messages between schools.

So! one part of the Challenge is for each club to assign someone to talk to every school or school district during the next 90 days about amateur radio of the future, Packet Radio, Satellite Communications, the DOVE Project and the upcoming Space Flights that will have amateur radio capability. Explain what is now available to help the teachers and how you as amateurs are willing to provide training, guidance and assistance. Keep records of who you contacted and followup on the contacts at a later time.

If you hit the streets you may be surprised how much favorable reaction you will get.

One last thing as part of the challenge, forget the older folks. How about some of your club members that have not been active lately or have dropped out of the club entirely? ... Read page 41 of the December 89 issue of QST. Maybe we should call and check on them.

I'm going to. . . 73' KA1CWM

Boy Scouts Merit Badge

Word has just been received that the long awaited Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge Pamphlet is now out and is being sold. After a long delay caused by just about everything, we now have the pamphlet available.

Thanks goes to Mike Brown - WB2JWD for his good work in completing this well written guide.

Unattended Packet Operation

ARRL Headquarters remind us Amateurs that "unattended" HF packet operation is presently prohibited by part 97 of the rules, except for those stations specifically granted written special temporary authorization on specific portions of four HF bands.

No unattended station operation is allowed on ten meters. Stations without packet station authorizations must adhere to normal attended control operator requirements.

(REFERENCE ARRL BULLETIN 89)

Santa Claus Net

The Santa Claus Net will operate again this year from December 11, 1989 until December 24 at the Cocks Childrens Hospital. This program is under the direction of Ralph Miller - N5NEC.

Persons interested in participating or would like to know about the program should contact Ralph at 817-551-7142 in Fort Worth.

North Texas Section Information

From time to time I receive requests for information in regard to the availability of Training Classes, their schedules and other data in regard to training in the North Texas area.

Requests are often received from clubs who are looking for people that may speak at a club meeting on a special topic, or to provide a program for a monthly meeting.

Often people want to know what clubs are doing "V E Sessions" and the dates and times they are being held.

I am now in a position to collect and publish this information, provided that the clubs will furnish their schedules. → → → →

→ → The next issue of this Newsletter will have a complete schedule of classes offered, a complete listing of club sponsored "VE" sessions and a list of program subjects along with the name and telephone numbers of the individual presenters.

I hope that you will all participate and provide the information so it can be entered in the computer data base.

I will also be willing to send you copies of data by request or talk to you via telephone at anytime on these subjects.

Please send the information and or requests to:

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Coppell, Texas - 75019

Award Sponsorship Available Amateur Of The Year Award

An award designed to recognize one of our own people is being established. It will be for an Amateur who resides in the North Texas Section and has devoted his /her time towards bettering the Amateur Community thru direct assistance or public service that reflects on the Amateurs as a whole.

The Judges will be appointed from Amateurs who reside outside the Section, therefore not eligible themselves. The judges will be appointed by the Section Manager and will serve as a tally person(s). The names of the judges will be announced at the time the award is presented.

The award will be presented at the Arlington Ham Convention (Ham-Com) in June of each year.

If anyone or group of people, or club would like to sponsor this award they may do so by contacting the Section Manager. They will by becoming the sponsor, be entitled to naming the award.

(EDITORS NOTE ! SEE THE RULES ON PAGE 4 OF THIS NEWSLETTER)

West Gulf Director

Jim Haynie our West Gulf Director gets lonesome, he needs to receive more letters, cards and correspondence on how you feel about the issues facing Amateur Radio.

Keep the cards and letters flowing into Jim.

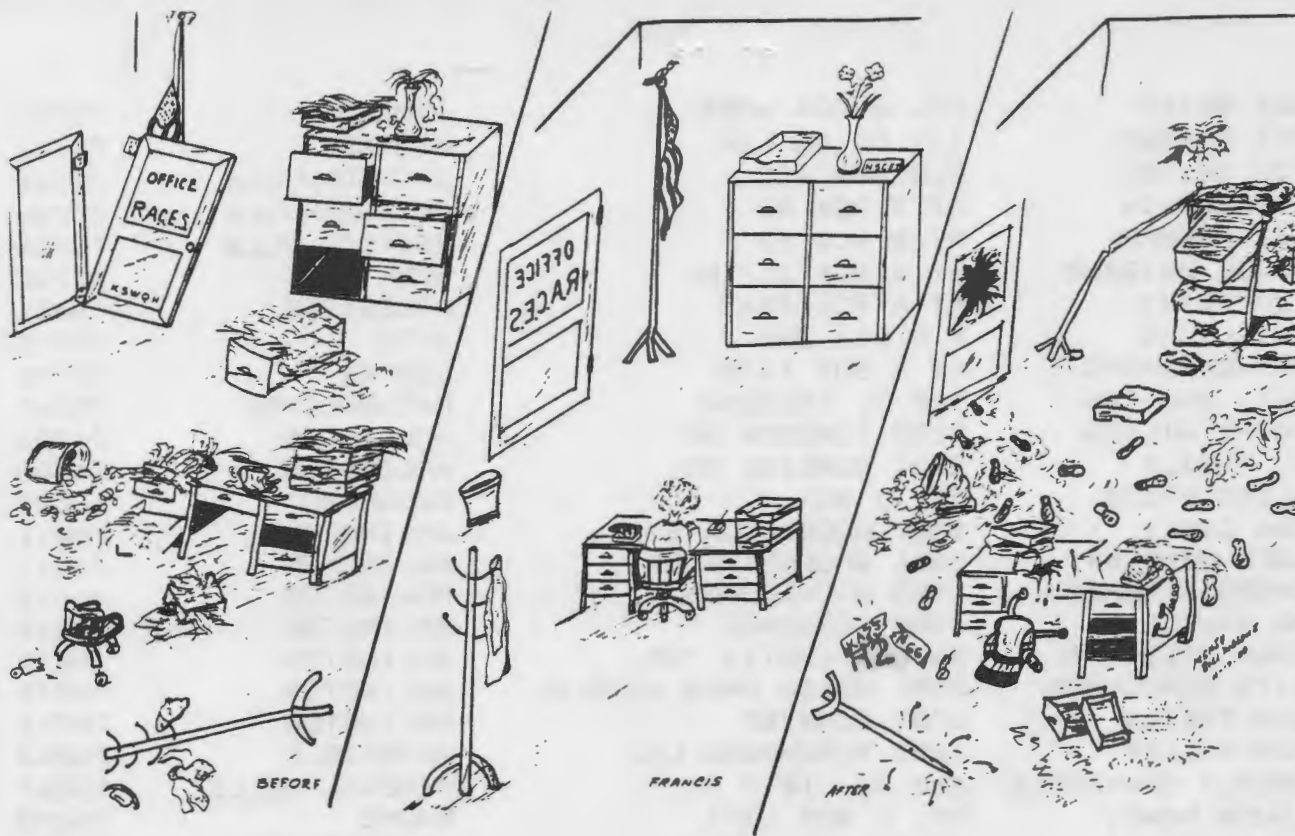
See page 8 of QST for his address.

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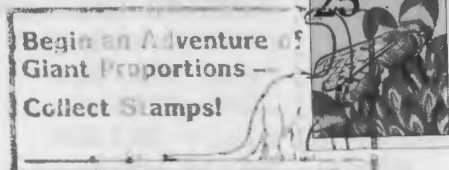
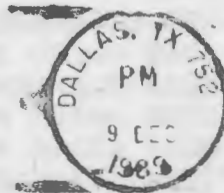
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