

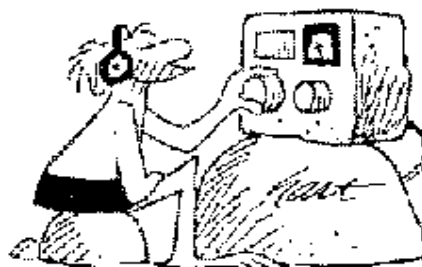


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W2OW Fred W. Porterfield Memorial Station

W2OW Repeater 147.39/.99

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Its that time of year folks - fix up, paint up, clean up. Spring is here. We have a good outlook for club activities ahead. Closest in are FIELD DAYS. Want to see if you have what it takes to make do in a pinch? Come on up to the BARA shack site atop Milks road and join in the fun. My first year as a Ham I had no idea what FIELD DAYS were. YOU NEW GUYS - its fun and you get to see how to get on the air down and dirty! Keep the weekend of June 24th open, especially if you like to camp out for a night or two at 1700 feet with a bunch of crazies working RF late into the night!

Next up is our Annual Club Picnic on August 16th. YOU NEW GUYS - its a real social FEAST held in lieu of a "regular" club meeting except we hold it at the club shack atop Milks road. Everybody brings a munchy or fluid enjoyment etc etc and we have a real blast pigging out. We have also had PINJATA every year for the kids. This is a social event so PLEASE bring your family and have a good time. Mark August 16th on your calendar now! Thanks to my XYL, AA2MU, Hedy for volunteering to lead this one.

The two above events are a real opportunity for anyone who hasn't seen the club shack to see what's on tap up there. Please don't feel shy. Its YOUR club shack. Have fun in it. Its also a great piece of property to just take five on - stare up into the night sky and wonder what its all about. Our thanks to the Milks family for its continued support of our club's activities on this wonderful piece of land.

Along those opening lines - the club shack fixup project is stalled out! We have enough T111 (that's wood siding for you non-Bob Vila types! ed.) to do the West and East ends of the building. We have a nice insulated steel door and storm/screen door set for the West entrance - but WE NEED WINDOWS for the East side. Please put the word out. I have had several people offer to pound nails

and paint (TNX TEAM) but we want to get those windows in on our first effort so we don't have to reframe at a later date.

Over in the THANKS department:

Joe Marckx - AA2RE - Super job as repeater chair - we now have a fully integrated repeater in the club thanks to Joe.

Blair Dyer - N2YOW - New repeater chair - he has already gotten plans underway to improve the repeater in several ways.

Dick Wilson - KB2LDY - Silver Tongued Liaison to the powers that be up at the airport for the HAMFEST team!

Bob Mess - WS2U - Our Kenwood 440 HF unit once again WORKS and is back in the shack thanks to Bob's efforts.

Hedy Clothier - AA2MU - and Bill Coleman - WF2A - They just keep on quietly publishing/mailling and editing the newsletter!

I think that's it for this month's notes. If I missed anyone on the list of THANKS let me know, all the RF has been ruining my memory!

de AA2EQ

REPEATER NEWS!

It was announced at the May BARA general meeting that I was stepping down as the repeater committee chairman and that Blair Dyer (N2YOW) would replace me. With other commitments, I missed a number of meetings earlier in the year and I expect to have to miss more meetings over the next few months.

Blair has been involved with the repeater operation for some time and is also very familiar with the operation of

many other repeaters. His background as well as continuity with the .39 repeater will be very helpful.

It has been a pleasure for me and the other repeater committee members to see the repeater membership continue to grow over the last year and to help put in place a basis for continued growth of the repeater operation.

As I phase out of the job, I will review the discussions between the repeater committee and the BARA board of directors over the last few months regarding the .39 repeater.

The repeater committee went to the board to address the repeater goals and policy as well as the process of funding. The result of these discussions is:

Repeater Goals:

- Support BARA club members and local community
- Generate interest/fun in the radio hobby

Repeater Policy:

- The W2OW repeater is intended to support the BARA club members and the local community.
- All use is to be in accordance with Part 97 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.
- The use of this repeater is under the control of the Repeater Committee and the W2OW Trustee.
- Written approval is required for any use other than normal individual amateur radio operator communication.

Repeater funding was discussed to clarify what was intended by the club/board to be done with the repeater. As an example, the repeater committee had been operating for some time with a budget that was covered by the repeater dues. One of the questions was to clarify if this was what was desired by the board or if it was intended that other club money flow to the repeater operation.

Before these discussions ended, the BARA board asked that other alternatives be addressed.

During the above discussions, the board asked that the repeater operation be reevaluated to remove the dues and make the repeater part of the normal club operation. Consistent with this request, there were six alternatives offered to the board for consideration. The BARA board reviewed the options and the current and projected funding. The board decided to remove the dues from the repeater operation and make the repeater part of the club operation with all repeater functions available to club members.

This resulted in the following proposed implementation plan:

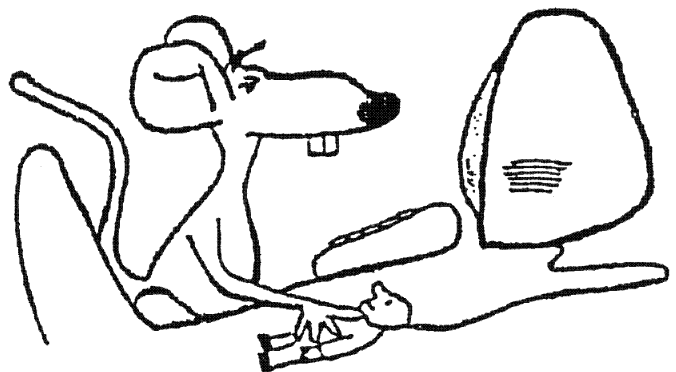
1. Repeater dues would no longer be collected as the repeater is part of the normal club operation. This would be effective July 1, 1995. Repeater dues would be refunded if desired by contacting Paul Slocum (N2NCB) the club treasurer. Otherwise, the repeater dues money would be applied to extend the normal BARA dues. Those repeater members that were not previously BARA members will be contacted to determine their preferences.

2. All repeater functions would be made available to club members.

It was planned at the last BARA general meeting to have a board report on their analysis of this decision. I was then going to follow their report with a review of the current repeater status and discuss the implementation plan for the board's decision if it was approved by the membership. However, the board report was not made, and as this subject (to include the repeater as part of the normal club operation) was on the meeting agenda, after a brief discussion, the vote took place and resulted in support of making the move.

In the June BARA board meeting (6/7/95), the subject was again discussed and the board is planning to review the financial aspects of this decision in the next (June) general meeting. I have other commitments that evening and will not be able to attend; however I encourage attendance and participation.

I thank all those that have supported the repeater with dues, donations, time and technical talent. We have needed (and used) them all! I also thank the repeater committee members for their time and guidance. As time permits in the future, I look to again being more active in the club. 73, de Joe Marckx AA2RE



FIELD DAYS - BYO STYLE

ARRL 1995 Field Days is June 24, 25. This year the approach is BYO -as in **Bring Your Own** up at the Hawleyton shack site.

The equipment is all checked out - thanks to WS2U for fixing a bug in the TS440! So head up to the hilltop and make use of the equipment. There's facilities for 160 through 2 Meters all ready to go.

CODE CLASS REMINDER

Bill Valky K2MFB's code class is running Monday 6:00 PM at the Broome County Office of Emergency Services, Broome Community College (the building in the center of the campus that sports all the antennas - the County OES is in the basement).

It's not too late!!

Contact Bill at 720-0669 for additional information.

WE WANT YOUR JUNK! *STILL*

Brett N2YZJ and Marv N2ZMN are heading up a fund raiser... They're looking for copper, brass, lead, aluminum, nickel, zinc, pewter, stainless steel, auto batteries, auto radiators, electric motors, old coax cable, wire, circuit boards - just about anything that's re-cycleable!

Bring your goodies to the general meeting. If you have more than you can carry, give Brett a call at 754-3136.

This is a great opportunity to clear away some of those boat anchors! (Listen up WB2SYQ and N2XYR).

AA2VL AN AUTHOR!

Spotted in July 1995 QST... Dorothy penned off a question to QST, had it answered right in QST!! Did you spot it too?

NK2H - DX KING

Spotted NK2H listed among the 'Who's Who' of DXers in the July QST. Congrats to Bill for DXCC Honor Roll! A big THANKS goes to Bill also for managing the club's DXCC efforts. Bill handles the club QSL chores and is always chasing those new countries for the club.

Got a question on tactics, QSLing - see Bill - he's worked them all!

WANTED

As mentioned in AA2EQ's column this month - we're gathering up 'stuff' to do some fix-up on the hilltop shack. Thanks to WS2U we've gathered a nifty steel door to replace the current one (donated by WB2GHH in a prior decade or so).

One more important ingredient is a new window or two for the West wall. Anybody have a couple serviceable double hung windows and screens? Want to donate a couple? Want to BUY a couple for the club? Get my drift? Contact any club officer.



PICNIC PLANNING

AA2MU is heading up the planning for the August picnic. The normal August meeting gets replaced by a picnic on the hilltop. Mark your calendars - August 16th.

This is always a great time for the entire family, so plan on bringing the XYL (or XYM) and the harmonics.

GEAR UP FOR SUMMER

Many of us use the season's extended daylight and warm temperatures to fuel our antenna project energy.

Please - engage your thinking cap before climbing, before tossing that wire over a tree limb, before trying to do a single-handed tower raising.

Our terrific summer weather is NOT meant to be enjoyed from a hospital bed! Lets all be careful as we get energized and creative with the outdoor part of our hobby