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Official Newsletter of the Parkersburg
Amateur Radio Klub

P. O. Box 2112 Parkersburg, WV 26101

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1994 P.A.R.K. MEETING

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS WERE MADE AND THERE WERE 31 MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE.

THE MINUTES AND TREASURES REPORTS WERE READ AND APPROVED.

EARL (KB8HRG) REPORTED THAT THE PHONE LINES WERE INSTALLED AT THE 39 SITE AND THAT THE PHONE PATCH WILL BE IN OPERATION SOON. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES IN OPERATION THAT WILL HAVE TO BE LEARNED.

BLAINE (WA8IOE) REPORTED THAT THE WASHINGTON COMMUNITY BUILDING HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

BOB (KB8EFB) MADE A MOTION TO GO TO THE VIENNA COMMUNITY BUILDING NEXT YEAR. IT WAS SECONDED BY TIM (WA8CRW). THERE WAS A SHORT DISCUSSION. BOB (KB8EFB) WILL BE PLANNING THE SITE FOR NEXT YEARS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

JOHN (N8NBL) REPORTS ON WAYS AND MEANS ASKING IF A RAFFLE WAS DESIRED OR IF AN AUCTION WAS DESIRED. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. IT WAS MOTIONED THAT THE ALINCO RADIO OWNED BY THE KLUB BE OFFERED AT RAFFLE TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. TOM (K5IID) WILL HEAD UP THE RAFFLE. IT WAS VOTED ON AND APPROVED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY (KB8BOA) TO LET LARRY (KF8NW) FORM A PHONE COMMITTEE TO CONTACT MEMBERS WITH PAST DUE DUES. LARRY (KF8NW) DECLINED. CURT (K8UC) AND TOM (N8NMA) WILL BE IN CHARGE OF CALLING UNPAID MEMBERS TO SEE IF THEY WISH TO UPDATE THERE MEMBERSHIP.

TOM (N8NMA) DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF INCORPORATING THE KLUB. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AND LARRY (KF8NW) WILL LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF

INCORPORATING. THERE WAS ALSO A DISCUSSION OF HOW TO GET THE KLUB A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION STATUS. LARRY (KF8NW) WILL CHECK ON THIS.

JOHN (N8NBL) ASKED ABOUT A FLOWER FUND FOR THE KLUB AND IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THIS WAS ALREADY IN THE BY-LAWS.

BOB (KB8EFB) GAVE A RUNDOWN OF KLUB MEMBERS NOMINATED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. GEORGE (K8VAH), BOB (KB8EFB), CONNIE (WD8MIO), AND RORY (KB8MDN) WERE NOMINATED FOR OFFICE FROM THE FLOOR BUT ALL DECLINED.

THE SLATE OF OFFICERS PROPOSED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WERE ELECTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ACCLAMATION.

THOSE ELECTED WERE:

PRESIDENT, ROY (N8YYS)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, RAY (N8TWV)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JOHN (N8NBL)

3RD VICE PRESIDENT, EARL (KB8HRG)

SECRETARY, LARRY (N8TGI)

TREASURER, JANE (N8MOW)

JOHN (WD8LKT) MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE CLOSED AT 830 PM.

Klub Officers for 1994-95

President -	Roy Maull N8YYS
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NL Ed.	Jerry Wharton KA8NJW
Production	Mary Britton KB8BOA

WV HISTORY THAT WAS A SECRET

Two World Wars and the Persian Gulf War of 1991 prove that crude oil supplies are an important military target. This idea was first demonstrated in 1863 when confederate destroyed the town of Burning Springs, today a part of Wirt Co. WV.

The oil industry started in this country when the famous Colonel Drake well in Titusville, PA . in 1859 came in flowing with "Black Gold". Oil was then discovered in Burning Springs in what was then Northern Virginia. Burning Springs, a small rural town, mushroomed to more than 6000 people. Speculators from New York, Philadelphia and other eastern cities arrived with large bank-rolls. By the time of the beginning of the Civil War, Burning Springs has become a commercial center. Piers and warehouses were built on the Little Kanawha River, which flowed 40 miles to Parkersburg on the Ohio River.

Technically this was Confederate soil but Union sentiment took over. In June 1861 fighting broke out between confederate Rangers and the Home Guard there resulting in the first casualties in the new state (to be) WestVirginia.

As the War developed, oil became a precious commodity. In the spring of 1863, Just before the battle of Chancellorsville, General Robert E. Lee ordered the destruction of Burning Springs. Over 2100 cavalymen were sent to destroy the oil field and also the B and O Railroad in western Virginia, which was accomplished. Now a strange thing happened. This became a military "secret" since the Confederates had destroyed one of the worlds main oil fields of the era. With the exception of Titusville there only remained Oil Spring, Ontario. It even only gets a small mention in the Archives of the United States. It was later analyzed that this was the largest, most important, industrial complex destroyed by the Confederates during the war and they helped keep the secret.

The 'west Virginia Magazine's for February, 1994 gives a multitude of reasons for the secrecy on both sides. How this could be kept a total secret seems strange considering that the citizens of Parkersburg, 40 miles away could see the vast oil plumes in the sky but it was a time when communications were controlled by the military of both sides. Now YOU know about one of the great "secrets" of the Civil War.

(TSRAC, 10/94)

SPECTRUM FOR SALE!

Washington-AP For the first time in its fifty year history, the Federal Communications Commission on Monday began offering bits of the spectrum (radio) for a new crop of wireless communication services. By the time bidding ended for the day, the prices offered for the 10 nationwide licenses on the block totaled more that \$196 million with no licenses awarded. The first round of bids was so high that it shocked both government officials and spectators. By the end of the first day's action, leading bids stood at \$30 million each for five licenses, \$20 million each for four licenses, and \$6,825,000 for the tenth license.

Note with all of this money pouring into the government to SPEND, we had better be on the lookout or we will or may lose parts of the UHF or VHF bands. Contact the ARRL, the NARA or your Congressman, and let them know how you feel. JW

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FCC BRIEFS

Novice license applications down drastically. Applicants usually between the ages of 11 and 16. Reports that more licensees upgrading that require knowledge of the code. The VEC system is running 12% ahead of last year in examinations. Will serve an estimated 112,000 applicants this year. Reports that reason for long delay in issuing licenses was due to summer increase in upgrading and times it takes to pump the data into the licensing system via the keyboard. On September 1 the new system is (was) supposed to speed up the return of licenses. Once the information is pumped into the machine, the rest will be done automatically. When the FCC moves to electronic filing direct from VEC'S foresee the possibility of sending out the licenses the same day.

FAMILY RADIO SERVICE

A Radio Shack petition is certainly going to get a lot of mixed reactions. They propose to use the UHF spectrum for a new "Family Radio Service" (FRS) without the benefit of licensing and technical requirements of existing radio services. They propose low power rigs for family use that would be in the GMRS band. That is a band where the users must be licensed, where there are repeaters in operation for business and emergency uses. It is a highly regulated and legal band. In their petition, Radio Shack says the FCC is doing something similar in the Amateur Radio Service by a no-code license to get new people in and then encourage them to upgrade. Radio Shack said that they would be doing the very same thing to the GMRS by getting more people a taste of that Service without all the headaches of getting licenses and added costs. Once they like the use of the band, they would then want more power and would go the licensed GNRS way (that's what they say?) What will the FCC do?

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