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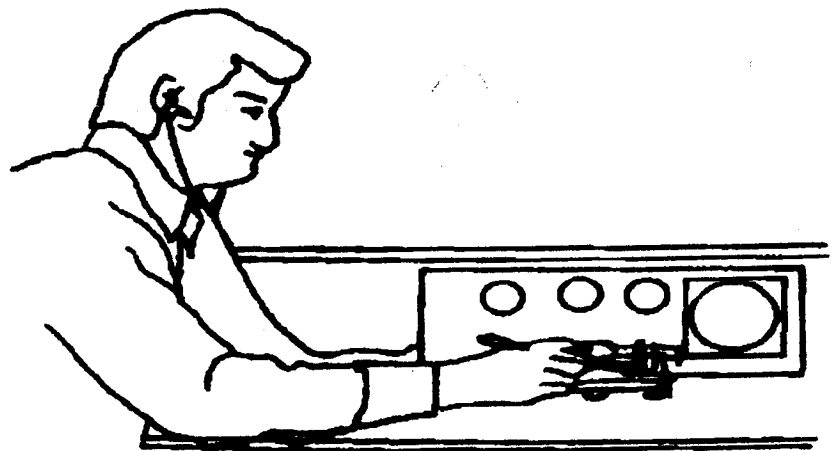
The Official Newsletter of the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub

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From the President-

Rory

Hello, to the members of the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub. Thank you for your vote of confidence. I will do my level best concerning the performance of my duties as your president. I would also like to commend Curt Fouse and all of the past officers for doing a fine job this past year. With your support as club members this year can be just as rewarding. I am extending a standing invitation to any member that wishes to call me concerning issues within the club. I would also like to hear your ideas on subjects such as, training videos or guest speakers, being presented at regular meetings. The subject of finding a new location for the field Day site has been brought to my attention. So I'm asking all of you to look for suitable locations



Here's a picture of our new Pres- operating 40 meters CW
or is that Curt?

and attend the next meeting, held on Oct. 11th. 6:00pm - dinner, 7:00pm - meeting at the Vienna Bonanza, to discuss your findings. It is important that we find a site for field Day. Again I'm urging you all to show up at club meetings and participate. You are the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub and you make things happen. Together we can have a great year.

73, Rory

New Klub Officers for 1993-94

Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub
President - Rory Hughes KB8MDN
1st VP - Roy Maul N8YYS
2nd VP - John McGuffey N8NBL
3rd VP - Earl Hulce KB8HRG
Sec. - Tom Jones N8NMA
Treas. - Jane McGuffey N8MOW
NL Eds - Jerry KA8LW
Russ N8FID

Minutes September

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The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm with 25 in attendance. the Minutes and treasurers reports were read and approved.

Curt read a letter about a Murtle Beach hamfest. We had second readings on David L. Mays, Mike and Debbie Richlids, Charles (Rocky) Hathaway and William T. Nina James. A motion was made to accept the applicants was made by Jep and seconded by Connie Hamilton. A vote was taken and passed.

Tim Britton is still in bed and Jep suggested that we do something. It was decided that we send Tim a card.

NEW BUSINESS: We updated the roster for dues. Curt read the nominations for officers. Jerry Hamilton nominated George Bonnett for President and Jep seconded, George declined. John Milhoan motioned to accept the nominees for office and Jep seconded. A vote was taken and all were voted in. Curt read his fairwell message to the members. John, N8NBL, would like a thank you letter sent to Wheels Inc. for the use of their trailer. (chair rental) John Milhoan moved to adjourn and Jep seconded.

Tom Jones will head the committee to edit the books.

N8MNA

ARRL VE TESTING

The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub will be supporting VE Testing for all classes of Amateur License on October 23rd at the American Red Cross On Market Street in Parkersburg.

Testing will be from 8:30 -11:30 a.m. If you plan to take a test bring legal ID and Your FCC license if you have one. We need a copy to send with your \$10. The cost is about \$6.00 or just a tad less. Novice test are not charged this fee. (unless the rules have changed since 8/93) Come early!!! GOOD LUCK

Cancer Risk

NO CANCER LINK The cellular telephone industry, racked by recent claims that these phones can cause brain cancer, says that an initial review of existing studies have found no such link. Thomas Wheeler who heads up the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association says the research effort was intended to try to discover if there were any links between phone use and the disease. He says initial research shows no relationship between exposure to cellular frequencies and cancer. The industry began the research program earlier this year. It will cost between \$10 and \$25 million and is expected to last three to five years. The findings will eventually be reviewed later by the Food and Drug Administration and other US government agencies. Since several ham radio bands are located close to the cellular phone frequencies any findings will impact on the Amateur

Are You Vain?

"Your So Vain", How many of you remember that song by Carly Simon? You may be able to sing it to a fellow ham in the near future, off the air of course, if HR 2254 is any indication. This is a budget bill passed by congress in August and it has provisions for the FCC to charge for (GET THIS), "Amateur vanity call signs" This would be neat, I could be "NJW" for real. I can see how ever that this would be a nightmare for DX hunters unless they required the /8 or whatever at the end of the call. The bill also included provisions to protect the Amateur Spectrum from government intrusion if it is not justified. It will be interesting to see what the FCC does with this one. (via 10/93 QST) KA8NJW

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Good first radio 80-10 meters
ONLY!! \$150.00 call WY8L

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A New way to get on the AIR!



JUST A NOTE

Up until now there have been a limited number of ways to gain access to the airways: One could study and become an amateur radio operator. You could rent air space by using a commercial carrier or paging service. Work at a commercial radio to television station or "dare I say it" a "good buddy" on 11 meters. That about covers the main areas, I won't count the 100 milliwatt stuff that are just toys. This list is about to be increased by one more.

In response to a request from Apple Computer the FCC is going to set aside a chunk of radio spectrum (1910-1930 Mhz) for use by computer links. These would be unlicensed, low power devices intended to be used within one work-place. The FCC would take a spot 20Mhz wide for this use. This would be divided as 1 channel of 10 Mhz, 4 channels 1.25 Mhz wide and 50 channels 0 khz in width. This will likely lead to chaos if some kind of management scheme is not put in place first.

There is currently a group in Virginia the WINForum (Wireless Information Networks Forum) that is working on standards that will be I think similar to Packet AX.25. In this network each link will have a unique code and each must listen for a clear channel before transmitting. The FCC must first approve of this protocol before any equipment can be built or shipped.

Most manufacturers think that this slice of the airways will not be enough and with a big demand the FCC will be forced to turn over more and more of the spectrum for this use. Ben Kobb the president of WINForum has said, "The radio spectrum is public property. Citizens, schools, and Businesses need to have access to it." I feel we, as Amateurs, had better keep abreast of these developments as they may someday affect us.

Just a note to say "Hi" and help. I will try to do the best that I can to have a newsletter ready to publish each month. I cannot do this alone for several reasons, some of which are:

A. I hate to type, although it is better than my handwriting.

B. I talk better than I can edit a paper, I think.

C. To edit the work of others you must be able to write better or as well as those submitting the material, I do not qualify.

D. You would get tired of hearing me write. (UH?)

So, for these reasons I would not call myself a real "EDITOR" I would rather call myself a "collector." So it is largely up to the members of PARK to keep this Newsletter going. I can not do the job that Larry did as you can no doubt tell from this issue.

I will suggest that each member of the KLUB submit at least one item to put in the Newsletter every three months. this can be in any form IBM, APPLE, XEROX, TYPED, HANDWRITTEN or even torn from a magazine, I do not care where we get the information as long as we know from whence it came so we can give credit. bye for

Klub/ARES Net on
146.970
Tuesday's at 9 p.m.
Valley Girls Net
146.970
Thursday's at 9 p.m.

Sept. 1993

To: All P.A.R.K. Members.

1. You have purchased repeater equipment such as: controllers, towers, and other needed equipment.
 2. You have furnished communications for charitable events.
 3. You have taught or assisted in classes to train those who wanted to get into ham radio and to help other hams to advance to a higher class license.
 4. You have helped give radio examinations to those wanting to upgrade, or get the first license.
 5. You have regularly conducted "on the Air" nets or participated in nets and served in emergency service.
 6. You have made sure that even though our repeaters take a beating that they keep on repeating.
 7. You have published a professional quality newsletter without a missed issue.
 8. You organized and staffed the chair rental fund raiser.
 9. My thanks to all who held any office in the club.
 10. Similar thanks go to all who chaired or served on any committee.
 11. Ham radio should be fun radio, so my thanks to all who participated in our Field Day for 1993, or recent picnic.
 12. I suppose we would not need a club if no one attended meetings, your attendance is appreciated.
 13. Thanks go to those members who don't get to attend meetings but support the club with dues and other services. Dues are our easiest source of funds. Also, if no one missed meetings there would not be as much need for a newsletter to keep everyone posted on happenings of the club. (And where would we get a bigger meeting room?)
 14. Non-member friends including the American Red Cross who are kind to our club, receive our thanks.
 15. I solicit your continued support for the club and the new officers for the coming year.
 16. FOR ALL THE ABOVE, MY SINCERE THANKS, AND HAPPY HAMMING.
- 73, Curt Fouse K8UC

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