

The Zero Beat

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PRESIDENT'S MARCH QRM

Thanks again to Dave, W8YZ, for his outstanding program on transmission lines. If you missed it, you missed one of the better programs that I have seen. At our next meeting, March 12, Jim, WB8SIW is scheduled to give us part II of his program on radio history. Jim gave us part I last year.

A get-together has been planned for March 15 in the form of a pizza party to be held at Buddy's Pizzeria. It will begin at 4:00 PM and last until about 6:00 PM. Cost is \$6.50 per person which will be collected at the March meeting by Pat, KB8VWK. Cost includes unlimited pizza and salad; buy your own drinks, and we will pass the hat for the tip. This get-together is to get to know your fellow hams a little better. Please bring along your spouse, significant other and kids. There are some pinball machines in the building. Thanks with helping with this get-together goes out to Frank, K8JN; Pat, KB8VWK and RJ, WB8HBJ.

HPARC will sponsor an advanced Skywarn class to be held at the Hazel Park Recreation Department on Woodward Heights just west of I-75, April 12, 10 AM til noon. You must have completed the Basic course before taking the Advanced class. Basic courses are offered March 24, 7 PM, EOC, March 27, 7 PM, EOC and April 1, 7 PM, Novi. You must register with the county before taking the class. Call the county EOC or check into the weekly county net on 147.14, 9 PM for more information.

March is the time to begin putting together a list of club officer candidates for next year, and a nominating committee will do so by the April meeting. If you would like to join this group, let a board member know.

On April 19 and 20, we will sponsor the Michigan QSO Party. The Club Call will be active from RJ's summer cottage in Ogemaw County. Anyone wishing to join this group for a fun weekend, let RJ know so we can firm up the plans. If you can't make it up to the north country, operate the contest from your home stations, and turn in your score for club credit. More about this at the meeting.

Dayton is coming fast and Arlan, K8OW, has taken over the hotel room and flea market arrangements. If you are listed for a room, expect to hear from Arlan soon.

THE LADDER LINE

By George A. Dickel

Sorry, folks, Mr. Dickel missed the publication deadline. The Maple Grove facility assures us he will be released in time for April's column.

ADVICE ON THE AIR

By Mister Manners

This month let us bring up an annoying habit of which even I, Mister Manners, is guilty: the habit of giving advice over the air. More often than not during the course of listening to the bands, I hear the dreaded tones of an individual giving advice. Now don't get me wrong; advice was probably

asked for by the other station. What is irritating is the total lack, sometimes, of knowledge of the subject being addressed.

Even though something worked for you, it may not for someone else. Take for instance, the learning of code. There are probably as many ways to learn code as there are characters to be learned. Whatever it takes to learn it is what must be done. Be it code tapes, computer programs, physically sending and receiving code via simplex on FM/VHF, the truth is that the same things do not work for everyone. A true given, though, is the fact that once you know the code the only way to get proficient at it is to get on the air and use it. A QSO a week will enable you to hold a conversation at the minimum speed you have attained. By going to at least one QSO per day, you can improve your ability to copy and send until you are able to keep up with the big boys - those guys on the bands during the weekends for contests and DXpeditions sending in excess of 30 WPM.

The other thing that could be of better service to the other station is to make an appointment to get together and exchange ideas. Sometimes I have a problem explaining the nuances inherent in the use of software over the air. I know what the problem is that is being discussed, and I know how I fixed it. The problem comes when you have to rely on memory to picture what is going on and how to next approach it. It is so much easier to take the time to physically go and show and see for yourself what it is that is causing the problem.

Example. When I was a kid and the television began to roll (vertical hold slipping), the commonly accepted fix was to bang the TV sharply on the top or side of the cabinet. This usually, although not always, resulted in the offensive behavior stopping. No one ever thought to use the little knob on the rear of the set marked as such to achieve the same result. Was it the rap? Possibly. It may well have caused an offending tube to re-seat itself, and all was fine.

The point is, once again, think before you talk. You do not like getting bad information; what makes you think the other station likes it any better?

ELMERS NOW AVAILABLE!

The back page of this issue lists elmers and the aspects of the hobby at which they are proficient. The late Katashi Nose (pronounced Nozay), KH6IJ, was an internationally known ham who taught and elmered thousands of Hawaiian hams. He taught CW at just one speed-- 20 WPM - and his students had a great success rate. Not all of the elmers listed are as well known as KH6IJ, but they are willing and able to provide any knowledge, help and encouragement that you need. Please feel free to call them.

FOR SALE

Universal heavy duty 50' tower. Delivery negotiable. \$1,500. Jim, N8QMD, 810-393-2828.

LOCAL HAMS WORK WINTER QRP FIELD DAY

Braving sub-freezing weather and hoards of amorous women,

the team of WB8HBJ and K8JV set up an outdoor station on Saturday Feb.22 to work FYBO (Freeze Your Butt Off) Winter QRP Field Day. Using the W8JXU club call, RJ and Jim set up in an open shelter at Beverly Park, Beverly Hills. Their equipment was a Yaesu FT-890, G5RV antenna at 30', Bencher paddle and Bird wattmeter to confirm 5 watts. Contest exchange was RS(T), state, power and temperature at the operating position. The fellows had the station set up in just half an hour.

The good news is that they had fun playing radio outdoors in the cold for a few hours. The bad news is they made a mere 3 contest contacts, all on 40 meters. Why such a poor showing? Well, it appears that there were not many participants in this contest, most hams preferring June for outdoor operation. Also, there was YL-OM contest and the NC QSO party occurring simultaneously, so the weaker signals of the QRP stations had plenty of competition. And both operators had a rough time using a paddle with a gloved hand. Enough excuses. Enjoyment of the hobby was the primary mission that day, and that was accomplished.

CONGRATULATIONS

Zerobeat salutes:
 Don, W8PDI, on his upgrade to Advanced Class.
 Frank, K8JN, formerly AA8JN, on his new call.
 RJ, WB8HBJ, on being the latest club member to join the FISTS CW club.
 Tom, WC9F, on his retirement.
 The club VE team for a fine job at the test session at the

Livonia Swap.
WANTED!

Your articles on your experiences with HF mobile and/or portable operation. Submit to Editor, K8JV, club P.O. Box.

SUNDAY NIGHT 2 METER NET CONTROL STATIONS

3/9	#1473	K8OW
3/16	#1474	N8WIQ
3/23	#1475	K8JV
3/30	#1476	N8GMA
4/6	#1477	N8HFM

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ELMER LIST

Amateur TV	KB8CRM -Jeff	313-794-5955
Antennas(install)	N8TMQ-Tom	810-293-7398
Awards		
WAS	KA8NDK-Dick	810-357-43
DXCC	K8GT-Jerry	810-559-9173
Code Practice	WD7G-Tony	810-399-7411
	KA8NDY-Dan	810-756-5341
	K8JV-Jim	810-645-2704
	N8WYO-Al	810-588-3860
Computers	KB8RBZ-Bruce	810-689-5073
Dx	AA8TK-Evan	810-584-0487
	K8GT-Jerry	810-559-9173
FM	N8QVS-Bill	810-544-2452
Wire Antennas	KF8KS-Steve	810-689-4048
	KB8VWP	810-399-2673
	AA8UU	810-547-2539
Traffic Nets	K8JN-Frank	810-465-6694
	N8FPN-John	810-879-0103
Tube Radio	N8QVS-Bill	810-544-2452
	KF8KS-Steve	810-689-4048
RFI	K8GT-Jerry	810-559-9173
Buying ur 1st Rig	KA8NDY-Dan	810-756-5341
	WD8S-Mike	810-399-7970
Contests & QSLing	K8GT-Jerry	810-559-9173
VHF-UHF	KC8DDG-Tom	810-731-4905
General Ham Info	WD8S-Mike	810-399-7970
	KA8NDY-Dan	810-756-5341
Homebrew	WD7G-Tony	810-399-7411
	N8QVS	810-544-2452
QRP	WD7G-Tony	810-399-7411
	KA8NDY	810-756-5341
Municipal Zoning (Structural Const.)	N8CWB-Bob	810-547-3254



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