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Veep Art Zavarella MNG

Midas Bob Adolphson NLE  
Scribe Ken Gurney SIT

Ye Ed. Bill Ham REX

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Instead of the regular monthly meeting, fellows, pack your lunch and head for Look Park Sunday, August 6, (Area 25 & 26). There will be fun for all, old or young, so gather your gang -- everyone is welcome, - and we'll see you there. The next issue of Zero Beat will name the meeting place for Sept. 8th.

**LAST MEETING** Dick Smith, FTX, gained at least one convert as an aftermath, or something, of his sermon and demonstration on VFO's at the Springfield "Y" July 7th. No doubt there will be a decrease in the number of keys in the feeders -- (that's what some sigs are like -- except H.C.R.C. sigs, hi.) Thanks, Dick, nice talk! The Danish pastry vanished rapidly; however, it was noted that not many crullers were remaining at clean-up time. Midas smiled, fellows, believe it or not, when the plate was totaled. - F.B.

Hmm, -- Just wondering if FTX managed to get all his demonstration gear back in his car -- guess we'll check before this goes to press.

**TEN METER NET** The Western Mass. Phone Net has met regularly every Thursday at 2100 local time. At present the Net Frequency is 29050 K.C. -- NY has faithfully maintained operation except for two or three instances when he had to be out of town, however, not before an alternate had been notified and asked to take over. -- F.B. Hank.

Thursday, July 27 WMPN News Column

BH has new Jr. Op. -- Robert Henry  
MCK's watermelon and canteloupe have set  
NY immediately asked AGM to look up in the Almanac when the dark of the Moon occurred late in Sept. -- sounds like skullduggery afoot --  
MVV/1 called in from up on the Rock (Mt. Tom) Hi Ya, Clayt, --  
(Higher than you think, ask RIA, he was up there lately).  
QFB says it's all set at Look Park -- Picnic Areas 25 & 26 are reserved for the H.C.R.C. Picnic. Al is looking for two meter contacts-- so are we.  
AGM on vacation -- doesn't think he will be back in time to take a Look, Aug. 6. Doc is looking forward to giving his 10 mobile rig a workout.  
MNG with BH at the mike -- Hank took time off the job of erecting his new QTH in Agawam to let the gang know he was still around.  
SIB working and listening, also Xmitting when he could get a chance--  
Doug. finally told what he was working on -- a new rig.  
RRX was keeping his ears open for news items as you can see -- (Ah hope, Ah hope)  
IMF had a chance to break in when MNG was changing over to NBFM. Didn't you think Art's NBFM was pretty smooth, Walt -- By the way, are you sure you had the mike plugged in, Art?

**75 MOBILE** NY reports his rig working fine. REX very quiet -- maybe up the river-- something about a cell anyway --.

**TWO METERS** QXV has been heard chewing with REX; OBQ also -- NLE portable in Wales. RFU on Mt. Wilbraham. Keep an ear out for QFB and KUE -- IPC is trying to get back on -- NH on S, M & Wed. NY had nice sig in Holyoke.

NLE reported that the groove to Boston was open recently with resulting QSL's in transit. Bob's five element Yagi is snagging them from his summer camp in Wales/1.

THE REST OF THE BANDS How about some news on or about 160, 80, 75, 40, 20, 11, 6, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 420 -- What do you fellows think about a listing of operating bands to tie in with the roster of last month? Some fellows are on the air certain days on one band and then change bands more or less on schedule. For example, SWL on 80 Mon. & Wed.; 75 on Sun.; 40 Tues.; 10 meter net Thurs. and Movies, Fri. (Sat. XYL) Obviously, this is impossible to do for each member, but a large number, no doubt, are operating at least one specific day of the week on a pet band.

TRADING POST For Sale -- HT-9 Xmitter, coils & Xtals for 10, 20, 40 & 80. Post war model, like new, with extra 866 rectifier and 6L6's. Reason for sale, -- leaving area. Price \$250.00. James R. Smith, RBU, 79 Calumet Road, Holyoke, Mass. Ed. Note: Jim and his XYL are moving to Florida to attend school -- nuff sed -- Look for him as a W4 on 10 -- 73, Jim & Audrey, es hpe to C U AGN SN  
OBQ is looking for a console cabinet with a hinged top or a slide drawer for a changer.

TRAFFIC The summer slump seems to have hit in full. The only real traffic sources are the MacMillan Arctic Expedition, (Schooner Bowdoin, W2OXE/MM), and a few scattered hobby shows, fairs, and the like.

By RHU National Traffic System is still going, and WMN and LRN have shifted to 3 sessions per week (Mon., Wed., and Fri., 1st session).

The summer issue of the CD Bulletin reminds us that it is time to get those mobile emergency rigs installed in the family vehicle, (remember, the PE-103 uses GROUNDED POSITIVE to the battery). The Simulated Emergency Test will be here in October, along with a new system of scoring. To quote from the CD Bulletin, "Such things as the following may count POINTS, toward a National Total that will show the overall or aggregate preparedness: (1) Credit for number Mobiles and Portables operated in test. (2) Number amateurs AEC registered in community and holding currently dated AEC cards. (3) Number active in S.E.T. . . ." The bulletin goes on to give seven items for possible scoring. So you see, it is not all up to the EC. It is up to us to let him know, NOW, what we will do to help.

That's the news, so 73 es CU at the picnic.

Russ, W1RHU

Ed. Note:- Russ Built up an 875 K.C. V.F.U., having two potentiometers about 1 meg. apiece which vary the make and break characteristics all the way from click to too soft, but still no chirp. Quote, -- "Boy, is it sweet" -- unquote --- You have opened the door, Richard. (FTX)

PHU's Hacienda  
July 5, 1950

To RRX Ed Zero Beat Ck 7 come 11 7-5-50

#### Activities of NY's Gang at Wilbraham Academy Outing Cabin.

Field Day 1950

- 9:30 a.m. -- Hank says "hike" and Ken Hardy, Dave Lloyd heave 200 lb. generator on Ken's truck. Nice work, boys.
- 9:31 a.m. -- Pause that refreshes.
- 9:50 a.m. -- Start for Field Day site.
- 10:00 a.m. -- Arrive at site and climb far as truck goes. That's where the generator is set down. Ed. note:- Also PHU. Rest of equipment is "mule-trained" (whip sounds) to cabin.
- 11:30 a.m. -- IKE (UD) arrives with his generator and stools (thoughtful guy, that Ike) which are portaged to cabin.
- 12:00 M. -- Ken. Hardy proves himself a handy guy by rigging up table with scraps of lumber. Ed. Note:- That's using your heads, boys.

12:15 p.m. -- Pause that refreshes. From here on, time means nothing and we were just as well satisfied.

PHU's Harvey-Wells Xmtr was put to work, on all bands except 80 meters. Somehow the (censored) thing just wouldn't behave on that band.

Ken Hardy scooped up a pile of scrap wood at his shop for firewood.

PHU's XYL furnished meat balls and spaghetti for Sat. eve's. supper. No complaints and no reports were heard. Ed. note:- Heh Heh, Anyway, one look at PHU shows how he thrives on the XYL's cooking.

Hank used his bug on 40 cw, but Ike and Ken used the straight key to snag some contacts.

RLV and KUE paid a visit.

OFZ, Don Shaw, helped string up the 80 meter antenna.

PHU's 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  and 420 mc. developed bugs in transit and were rendered hors de combat.

Davy, PHU's No. 2 op., rendered yeoman service in running from cabin and car for tools, etc.

Ken and Dave turned in early. Ike and Hank were the night owls.

After breakfast of bacon and eggs and coffee, doughnuts, etc., we were prepared to go after more contacts, which helped fill up the sheet. And so it went until about 12:30, when we started hearing the same ones we had worked on the band. By this time the heat was becoming intense, and the cabin was surrounded by trees and little or no air was stirring. There is no place as hot as the woods in the sun. PHU had to go to work Sunday night, so it was decided to break up camp. At 2:30 we were back at Hank's with his equipment stowed away, where Hank's XYL provided welcome refreshments that revived the crew.

The score: A lot of toil and sweat, but also a lot of fun rigging up ham equipment, many contacts with other amateurs participating in a test of men and equipment, which after all is our purpose as amateurs, and above all, a grand time, new ideas, and plans for Field Day, 1951.

Dave Lloyd.

ARRL ACTIVITIES By now the mosquito bites must have subsided and the 1950 Field Day become a memory. The scores of some of our groups are as follows:

WLEOB/1	one transmitter group	3366
	80-40-20 cw	
WLMNG/1	multi-transmitter group	722
	all bands 80 thru 6	
W1QWJ/1	V.H.F. group	690
W1RFRW/1	6 and 10 mtrs	344

There were others in the field, but apparently they are too modest to let us know how they did.

The recent CD party was a bang-up affair with conditions almost as good as those in mid-winter. When the smoke had cleared away, W1JYH had topped his chief competition, WLEOB, 108015 to 106720. W1RHU and W1RZG also joined the fracas and did themselves real credit with their low power rigs.

There is a mid-summer lull in ARRL activities. Now is the time to get your rigs in order for next season's activities, of which the Sweepstakes will be the outstanding event. The VFO described in February QST is meeting with considerable approval in this area. If you want a really super sounding signal on cw., it will be worth your while to digest this article. It is not complicated. HAVE YOU YOURS YET/

TREASURY NOTES Please come back, Midas -- all is forgiven. (NIE is on vacation -- we hope)

SPECIAL NOTE A check of vehicles parked in front of the "Y" revealed the fact that FTX evidently got away O.K. last meeting.

PICNIC Stock up now on the vittles, arrange the menu to suit and come prepared for a good time.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS It has been brought to our attention that a few mistakes were made in our roster. Please correct your roster as follows:

E. "Hank" Stoddard formerly WLCBC to WLBH

C. Dewey, Jr., should be C. Dewey III

Russell Hobbie, Jr. should be Russell Hobbie period