

Editor: Tom Shea, W1HYO

Publishers: Bob Gordon, W1KUL  
Tom Barrett, W1KUE  
Eunice Gordon W1UKR

**DECEMBER MEETING** The next club meeting will be our annual Christmas party meeting and will be held on December 5th at the Old United Church in Wilbraham, starting at 8 P.M. The meeting place has been changed from our usual place because the turnout at previous Christmas party meetings, coupled with the growth in our club membership, indicates that the Captain Leonard House will prove to be too small.

THIS CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE IS FOR THIS MEETING ONLY.

Your YL or XYL is definitely invited and if she doesn't come be sure to bring her excuse. As in the past the custom of exchanging small gifts will be honored; with a top value of 50 cents considered high enough. The present need not be of use directly in ham radio so there should be no shopping problem for you. Wrap your gift, plainly or prettily, and put it on the table.... then pick one out for yourself, you may be pleasantly surprised. The forecast for the evening includes movies, gift exchanging, chit-chat, and some home-cooked refreshments.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** From the head of the membership committee and from the treasurer we have the following figures. On the official membership list we have 143 members, of whom 69 have paid their dues for the 1958-1959 season. The past few meetings the treasurer has been kept busy collecting dues for the club and for the ARRL. Keep those club dues coming in and we'll have the best year yet. By keeping your dues paid up you can be sure of being on the Zero Beat mailing list. Those ARRL dues paid through the treasurer earn 50 cents for the club and keep your QST coming on schedule.

**HARTFORD CLUB MEETINGS** From our good friend Bob Leiper, W1COT, we have received information concerning two future meetings of the HCARA that we feel may be of great interest to many of our members. For the December 11th meeting they will have as a speaker Ted Lanman of Tapetone, Inc. He will talk about the problems that beset a manufacturer of equipment for ham radio. He will also display the latest Tapetone product, a VHF receiver designed for the 6 meter band only. The January 15th meeting will find Doctors Sharbough and Watters, engineers from the General Electric Laboratory in Schenectady as the speakers. The Doctors hold the record for the first use of the highest amateur frequency, 21,000 mc. Their record of 800 feet set in 1946 still stands. They have been doing research and experimental work in the 50,000 mc. area. (Fifty thousand megacycles that is.)

Because Hartford is not so very far off many of our members might find these meetings attractive enough to warrant a drive down.

CAN ANYONE TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THE ABNER WHEELER HOUSE?????????

CQ Contest  
CQ Contest  
CQ Contest  
CQ Contest  
CQ Contest  
CQ Contest  
CQ Contest

WELL, THEY HAVE DONE IT AGAIN.....

the Hartford club has issued a challenge to us to participate in another club-to-club contest during the VHF contest sponsored by the ARRL in January next.

Last year climaxed a 5 year contest between our two clubs ending in our winning permanent possession of the gavel. The feeling of both clubs is that these inter-club contests have done much for the spreading of the activity on the VHF bands in our areas. The friendly competition between the clubs has afforded us much pleasure as well--- and we won a nifty gavel to boot.

This time no 5-year plan is in effect. This contest is strictly a one-shot affair. We may have other contests in the future, but they will be on a year-to year basis. This year's contest will be an excellent opportunity to rub salt in the wound and prove that our last year's win was no fluke but rather a display of club spirit and hard work on our part. That is why the board of directors decided to take up the challenge.

Because we are starting 2 months later than last year we will not have the contest taking up so much of our meeting time and boring both(?) of the low-band men that didn't have enough club spirit to help us win. Certainly the late start will present a much greater problem to us as far as preparation goes, but we feel that if every man interested in again beating our down river neighbors will pitch in and do his part to get that high score, we have got it made.

The rules in effect for our inter-club contest are the same as those that will be published for the regular ARRL contest with one exception. That is, that no portable operation will be legal from a point in excess of 25 air miles from the regular club meeting place--in our case the Captain Leonard House. It is interesting to note that the delegation from the Hartford club came up here with the idea of some form of average score per participating member scoring system in mind. But this would give them a decided advantage because they have many high power stations that are very effective in scatter work and can rack up the multipliers quite readily. Our strength lies in the number of stations we can put on the air and the diligence with which we operate our stations.

But again, the putting on the air of many stations, even if they are of low power, contributes much more to the activity on the air than does a few high power stations. And activity is the purpose of the contests--the more the merrier. The Hartford delegation saw this in the correct perspective and agreed that a continuation of use of the old system might be the fairest after all (but they are hoping for a dropping of the extra 10 multiplier that helped us so greatly last year).

Band conditions this year are even better than last year and may prove this to be the greatest contest year ever. But, good conditions or not, we are out to win. More about this in next month's issue.

FOR Complete 6 meter station consisting of a Tecraft converter,  
SALE S40 receiver, HB transmitter for cw and am with built in  
modulator -- 6146 final. Contact Jim, K1GIU for prices and  
details.

RME-2-11, complete 2, 6, and 10 meter receiver--with manual.  
BC-625 transmitter with power supply, relays, etc. ready to  
go on 2 meters--with schematic.  
Silver Mod 700 - 2 meter transmitter complete with manual.  
Hy Lite 16 element 2 meter beam in perfect condition as it  
was set up and used in a barn.  
This gear is in excellent shape and may be seen and tried at  
Cal Phillips, W1MDM, call RE 9-1040.

Last chance before QST ad --- HRO-5-TA1, all coils with  
speaker and power supply. Call Vic, W1EOB, LA 5-7309.

W1IVK Feeling that the paper should have some news of individual  
REPORTS club member activity in it, Chet contributes the following:  
Ed, K1DZW is now a General Class ticket holder and has  
been using his Globe Champ to good advantage. He should have his new  
HQ-100 by the time this is printed.

W1DGJ has a new NC-300. Ted, W1RLV has a new Valiant and  
a new HQ-170.

Doc, K1CYD, has had reports on his 6th harmonic--not from  
the FCC, he got a bill from the maternity hospital. Congratulations.

TVI COMMITTEE At a recent meeting of the board of governors it was  
FOR HCRA decided that a formal TVI committee be formed (for  
obvious reasons). This has been at best a difficult  
committee to fill and it was felt that if initiative was now taken  
perhaps the necessary manpower would present itself. The presence  
of W1COT and W1VSE at the meeting was opportune in that W1VSE is the  
CO-chairman of the committee for the HCARA and he gave us many ideas  
and tips on formation and operation. The club secretary has sent to  
the League for their folder on TVI committees and before long we will  
be set and ready to go....

FOUND -- BOY SCOUT MESS KIT during the cleanup after 1958 Field Day  
last June. Owner call St 3-6974 to reclaim.

CD NOTES Ralph Robinson, W1ICW, recently accepted appointment as  
Radio Officer for Area 4 (the four Western counties.)  
Robbie is no newcomer to this job, having served in the same capacity  
a few years back.

Two meter CD men and equipment from Chicopee, East Longmeadow, and  
Wilbraham will provide mobile radio service to the auxiliary police  
on the occasion of the public display of the nations first fallout  
shelter, which has been built as a model and is located across the  
highway from Sector 4A headquarters at North Wilbraham. Date is  
Sunday, December 7 from 11 to 4 and CD Control Centers for Wilbraham  
and Sector 4A will simultaneously hold an "Open House". In charge of  
radio arrangements are Radio Officers Miles Brennan, W1MOK (Chicopee),  
Dave Lloyd, W1PHU (E. Longmeadow), Bill Rosner, W1RFU, (Wilbraham)  
and Bob Gordon, W1KUL (Sector 4A). The public (including you) is  
invited.