

Zero Beat

Hampden County Radio Association, Inc.

Our 42nd ARRL affiliated year
Special Service Club

Serving Greater Springfield, MA

President's Comments

Amateur Radio is a great hobby. All of us have experienced special situations that we like to tell others about over and over again. I think I'm about to become involved in a situation that meets this "interesting" criteria. A Ham friend of mine and I have worked together off and on at the same firm over the years. I retired from this company a while back and now it's his turn. He plans to make the break at the end of 1989 and to move to the Caribbean. Well how will we stay in touch? The mails, HF, phone? We have lived nearby for the past 20 years and we were just a local phone call away, or we would occasionally get together on one of the local repeaters.

A few days ago I received a message on my packet mailbox. He was trying out communication from his station in W. Mass via 10 meters to my packet mailbox. It worked. That means that we should be able to work from any place that 10 meters is active. His route was 10 meters to a station which has a port on 2 meters to our digipeater (W1NY-1) and then to my station mailbox, K1BXE-3. When 10 meters is open we can easily work from W. Mass to the

Caribbean. Won't it be great. I'll get a message to meet him for a ragchew at a time and frequency. I can do the same by leaving a message for him on our club bulletin board. He should be able to pick it up with the 10 meter link. At a future time there may be a local mailbox that he can access, then we can forward messages directly to his area.

It was not so long ago that we had to use the mails or the phone or be lucky enough to work someone in the local area to get that same message through. I'm looking forward to our first contact via packet. It should be early in 1990.

Don't forget to get involved in the January VHF contest. More on this at the January meeting.

Hope you have had a super Holiday Season,
73 de K1BXE

Happy New Decade!

Best wishes to all in the 1990's!

Next meeting will be Friday, January 5th, 8:00PM at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church

VHF Contest January 20 2:00pm to January 21 11:00pm

The next board meeting will be Thursday, January 11th, 7:30PM at KA1MEW's house

There will be no VE exam in January

Club Officers

- President—Yorke Phillips, K1BXE
- Vice President—Stan Hilinski, KA1ZE
- Treasurer—Greg Stoddard, N1AEH
- Secretary/Clerk—Jeanette Platanitis, KA1MEW

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- Jim Sebolt, N1DUY
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- Ed Goldberg, WA1PLS
- Fred Stefanik, N1DPM
- Frank Potts, NC1I
- Bob Lafleur, NQ1C

January Meeting

For the January meeting, we will be having **Drew Deskur, KA1M**, the AMSAT New England Area Coordinator. Drew will be talking to us about some of the things AMSAT has recently done, and some of the things we can expect in the neat future.

Drew has been part of AMSAT's satellite development team, working with OSCAR's 9, 10, and 13. He has recently been appointed Deputy AMSAT News Service Director.

I'm sure Drew will have some very interesting information for us regarding this exciting part of Amateur Radio. This meeting promises to be a winner! Hope to see you there!

January VHF Contest

Yes, it's that time of year again! Time for the January VHF contest! Enclosed you will find a copy of the contest entry form, which you should use to send your entry to the ARRL. You'll also find a contest log sheet, and a sheet with a grid-square map, and activity hours.

The contest starts Saturday,

January 20th at 2:00pm and runs until Sunday, the 21st at 11:00pm (local time). We hope you'll get on and make at least a few contacts for the club!

We'll have more information at the January meeting. If you'd like more information about the contest, please contact Fred, N1DPM, Stan, KA1ZE, or Bob, NQ1C. If you are interested in operating the club station, W1NY, during the contest, please contact John, AC1T.

A True Story

"The Germans were being pushed out of the French town of Rouen by Patton's Third Army. My unit was fighting house to house, killing enemy snipers. It was hard work and slow going. The streets were full of trash. Burnt out Tiger tanks, dead soldiers, clothing, pieces of houses, you name it and it was there. As I worked my way across the street, the trash made a strange clang where I'd stepped. I cradled my M-1 carbine and bent over, clearing the debris aside. There was a plaque in French which read "On this spot on May 30th, 1431, St. Joan of Arc was

HCRA Meetings

First Friday of each month at
Feeding Hills Congregational Church
Center of Feeding Hills
Intersection of routes 57 & 187
Doors open at 7:30 PM
Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 PM

burned at the stake." I went about the business of driving the German army back, but never forgot the sign I found in one of many French towns my unit fought in."

This story was told to Mike Ludkiewicz, W1DGJ, by a fellow worker at Monsanto who'd served as an infantry captain.

Mike didn't really believe it, and the next day retold the story to a French ham he was working in the town of Rouen. Mike wanted to know if there was such a Plaque. The Frenchman became very excited and said it was just outside the door of his house!

Strange how things occur in this very interesting world of amateur radio!

P.S. I still shoot the M-1 carbine that the storyteller carried throughout Europe! (K1BE)

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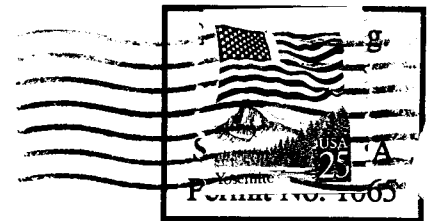
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VHF ∞ UHF ∞ SHF Contest Log

Call Used Grid² Log Sheet of

Date	Band	Time	Call Worked	Grid ²	Mult	Notes
<i>30 Contacts per page</i>			<i>Totals</i>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VHF Sweepstakes

Call Used

Grid²

ARRL Section

Station Categories

Multiple operator stations are not eligible for single-band awards.

Check Only One

Single Operator Station – Single Band

Single Operator Station – Multiple Bands

Multiple Operator Station

List multiple operator calls here:

Your ARRL Affiliated Club:

Hampden County Radio Association

Band	QSO's	QSO	Grid ²	Score	Band
6m	<input type="text"/>	X 1 = <input type="text"/>	X <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>	50mhz
	+				
2m	<input type="text"/>	X 1 = <input type="text"/>	X <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>	144mhz
	+				
125cm	<input type="text"/>	X 2 = <input type="text"/>	X <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>	220mhz
	+				
70cm	<input type="text"/>	X 2 = <input type="text"/>	X <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>	432mhz
	+				
33cm	<input type="text"/>	X 4 = <input type="text"/>	X <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>	902mhz
	+				
23cm	<input type="text"/>	X 4 = <input type="text"/>	X <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>	1296mhz
	+				
2.3ghz ↑	<input type="text"/>	X 8 = <input type="text"/>	X <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>	2.3ghz ↑
	=				
TOTAL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	X <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>	SCORE

I have observed all contest rules, as well as all regulations established for amateur radio in my country. This report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to be bound by the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Call: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

Your comments and soapbox are welcome! Please use the reverse side of this form for your feedback.

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