

HAMPDEN COUNTY RADIO CLUB

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Friday, October 6, is the date and the Chalet in West Springfield is the place for the next get together when WLPYO, Bob Fairbrother, will give us an earful about two meter gear.

LAST MEETING: Nick Young, ABU, delivered an informally informative dissertation on mobile gear and operation. After the meeting Nick worked mobile to mobile with CJK on 10. OBQ very carefully wrapped up the Springfield Sound door prize and then proceeded to walk off with it. It is believed that the prize was a coil and swinging link in the vicinity of 20 meters - ask MOK, he made a deal with Al - - Hmmm, did we say wrapped up?

The Rover Boy noted the following shining faces:-

JYH, SIT, RZG, RHU, LJQ, MNG, NLE, IJT, RTV, CJK, AVK, BOB, QJN, MOK, SHX, RED, QWJ, RVW, AGM, PIR, MCK, IOL, RDR, RRW, PHU, MSN, ESA, SFU, SXJ, OBQ, KUE, SIB, BCI, NY, BH, Bill Parker, SWL, Al (Sweating it out) Haberman, SWL? and WLFHO, Harold Chase of Southbridge and don't forget ME2. Fine business Dave, PHU, on the identification badges.

TRAFFIC: Don't miss out on the slow speed net Monday & Friday at 1830 EST on 3725 kc. Several boys have tried it and have found that it's not so bad after all. What say, QFB? Isn't that right, Al?

EC NOTES: Each issue of QST, to say nothing of the more detailed info sent ARRL appointees, newspaper items, etc. shows the speed with which we're being rushed into organized civil defense. We already have a state director, Stokes, and locally many of the directors are appointed and are formulating CD plans. In all of them communications is a big item and every one includes amateur radio as one of the means. Two meters for local coverage seems indicated, partly because it is the band comparable to the 2½ meter WERS fq permitted during World War II; it is relatively free of QRM; most of the hams are familiar with it and have equipment; making a fair antenna is an easy job. (See Technical Topics) We understand Springfield will have need of equipping nearly 20 different spots and will want to tie in with surrounding communities, many of which have plans well underway.

Will those who have not already done so, be sure to register their two meter rigs - Xmitters, Receivers, Power Supplies fixed and emergency with their local EC? All those who still have any Springfield WERS equipment, please notify NLE.

Both Red Cross and Civil Defense are anxious to cooperate with Springfield Hams to make the Oct. 14-15 Simulated Emergency Test a success. A tie-in with Red Cross, CD headquarters and a net control in hi fq is indicated, with West. Mass. ten meter net alerted and traffic off on present lo fq channels to Hartford and the Red Cross net to Washington, D.C.

TRADING POST: Super Skyrider with speaker \$25. for information contact MNG

NETS: As usual the 80 cw nets are keeping up the good work. Besides the slow speed net Monday and Friday at 1830, the regular net goes on daily at 1900 EST and 2200 EST

Every Sunday at 0900 EST the 75 phone net is heard with NY crackling the whip.

The Western Mass. Emergency Phone Net holds forth every Thursday at 2100 EST again with NY keeping things in line.

JOTTINGS: SLB has gone South on a vacation trip with a newly installed TBS50 on 10 meters.

BH is looking for bricks, nails and odd pieces of lumber. Hank says that any Ham who puts his call on a brick and brings it over to his hole in the ground, that said brick will be placed in a prominent spot -- How about that?

RRW recently found out that his long delayed rating as Lieutenant Commander finally came through - bet that gold braid feels heavy, Glen. We also understand something in the ARRL appointments is coming up.

The suggestion has been made that 10 meter round tables could well be held at 29.4 megs. Need more be said?

The Holyoke Emergency Corps with MOK as EC held a get together at the American Legion Hall Post 325 in Holyoke. Doc Webb, HOD, of the Red Cross indicated that the War Memorial Building may be used as communications headquarters. Two meters is being stressed for local coverage. Those present were MOK, HOD, RDC, IUB, EVZ, QJN, CIZ, RRX, also visiting firemen NLE, UD, NY.

RRW has his TBS50 mobile cooking on 10. Sounded good on the Net Thursday.

10 meters has been coming back to life - Sixes have been heard - calling Africa.

SIT is leaving Hampden County to take a position at the Watertown Arsenal. Ken hopes to get back week-ends, but is not sure he'll be able to make many of the meetings. Best of Luck, Ken.

If you need any ARRL info, write to IJT, P.O. Box #1, West Hartford. See you soon, Clarence.

OJV recently moved into a new house on Oregon St. How's business Mel?

MSN has half a house so far - let us know when you move in, Ernie.

RHU, RZG, and Bob Sabin are contemplating conversion of an SCR522 this winter.

The well-known tower on Wilbraham Mountain is available for general ham activity after October 15th. There are many who remember what a natural VHF spot this is since even before HDQ's tenancy and up to RFU's occupancy this summer, to say nothing of several Field days.

The A.C. power is on; the place is otherwise entirely closed for season; f/b oil heater keeps shack plenty warm; roads are plowed in winter; antenna experimentation is permitted.

This would be ideal for a group of VHF enthusiasts to get together and keep the location available the year round at low per capita cost. RFU or NLE would like to hear from those interested.

ARRL NEWS: Two Club Members, EOB and NY are the only nominees for Western Mass SCM. It looks like we're bound to get a good man for the job whoever wins. If your ballot has not been marked and mailed, make it a point to do so now. Talk it up on QSOs and persuade other Western Mass. ARRL members to get in their votes. **FLASH!** The incumbent ARRL director, Perce Noble, BVR, being the sole nominee for the office next term, has been automatically re-elected to that office. Congratulations, Perce!

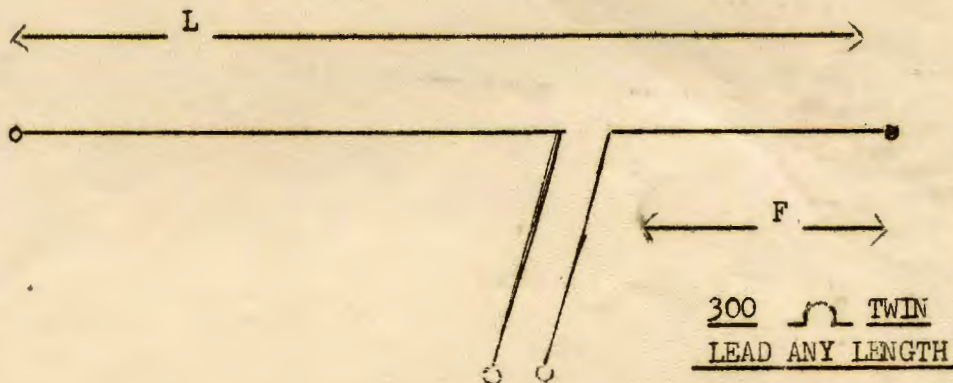
Remember our own Club elections, Nov. 3rd. The Nominating Committee is working already and welcomes suggestions. The last page has a handy space to jot down your preferences. Fill it out, with any appropriate comments and get it to NLE, vice-chairman.

Quite a few HCRC members were active on the Sept. 24th VHF contest. Conditions were very poor and only the boys on the mountain tops and those working multiband could hope for a score. Hats off to those who, by being on, gave contacts to the serious participants. We hear NY's National 1-10 receiver was in use up on Mt. Greylock with WLOSA and Sunday afternoon his SCR522 bailed out WIRFU on Wilbraham Mountain. The scores for your interest follow

CALL	CONTACTS	POINTS	SECTIONS	MULTIPHER	BANDS	SCORE
RRX	9	9	1	1	2	9
NLE	19	27	3	4	2 & 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	108
RFU	48	64	10	16	6 & 2 & 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1024
QXV	10	18	3	4	2 & 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	72
JWV	4	4	2	2	2	8
NY	7	7	2	2	2	14
RVW	14	14	4	4	6	64
QFB	7	7	3	3	2	21
OBQ	8	8	3	3	2	24

TECHNICAL While Dick takes over a teaching job for N.E. Tel., we thought this dept. TOPICS would be QRT. But meanwhile Ike calls our attention to an antenna WLUD shown in Practical Wireless Sept. - Oct. '50 contributed by G3BHJ and credited to WØWO. It's a two band matched impedance job which might be tried out for our next field day and Emergency occasions. Pre-cut, it may be stashed away to be brought out for the occasion:-

TWO-BAND MATCHED IMPEDANCE AERIAL



BANDS	L	F
160/80	272 FEET	90 FT. 8 IN.
80/40	136 FEET	45 FT. 4 IN.
40/20	68 FEET	22 FT. 8 IN.
20/10	34 FEET	11 FT. 4 IN.

We were interested in the stacked dipole shown in Sept. QST,, page 48. For you who are expecting to do things on 2 meter Emergency Communication including civil defense participation, we recommend this be made up for general local coverage. From the EC article in this issue, you'll need it.

T.V.I. WLRDR suggests we follow-through on the growing proposal that when other methods fail, TVI might be minimized by operating in the 10 meter band above 29400 kc. Let's give it a try both for general evening work and particularly for the Western Mass. Net Thursday nights. See you all Thursday, then, at 2100 on 29400 kc.