

Hampden County Radio Club

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Veep Art Zavarella MNG

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Scribe Ken Gurney SIT

Ye Ed. Bill Ham RRX

ANNOUNCEMENTS September 8, 1950 at the Chalet in West Springfield pins down the date and location of the regular monthly meeting. Nick Young, ABU, of H & Y will "gas" on, "Mobile Gear and Operation" — 100 Octane, Nick?

LAST MEETING As some of us still remember, by various moments, our last meeting was the Outing at Look Park, August 6, where JYH's BUGS edged out RDR's MIKES just before the whole gang was sent to the shower. More about such goings on later. The Outing Committee QFB, CJK & LJQ did a nice job. -- FB Boys.

NOTICES Two membership applications have been accepted by the Executive Committee for approval by vote at the Sept. 8th meeting, namely:-- Thurston ("ACK") Ackerman, WLSHX, of 283 Wildermere St., Springfield, and John Malone, WLSWK, of 41 Monroe St., Springfield.

TRAFFIC de WLBVR via USM to ØBEAT % WLRRX"Starting Monday, Sept. 11, 1950, there will be a SLOW SPEED. TRAFFIC NET on 3725 kc Mondays and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Won't you join us? 73 Perce.
Western Mass. Route Manager"

DX

By WLKfV There wasn't much to write about last month and the QSL manager came through with a batch of cards just in time for this month's column. Roger Corey, W1JYH, the club's leading DX man, goes over the 200 mark with cards from MS4FM, VP8AO, VP8AM, and EA9BB for a grand total of 202. That's a nice percentage of the 218 he has worked. Roger also gets on fone once in a while and cards from a VK and a VH6 brings his phone total up to 55 confirmed out of his 75 worked. He has a long way to go yet with no cards from G, PAØ, VE, ON etc. Gil, W1APA added FM7WF, FP8AC, and OQ5RA for his latest, bringing him up to 127 worked. Vic, W1EOB, went down to the league and picked up his DXCC with a total of 108 cards. He worked FQ8AC the other evening and the payoff was calling CQ DX (which every good DX man knows is strictly taboo) and who should come back but MD7TF. So, it's always worth a try anyhow ... As for myself -- no DX worked and with a new car and the call of the YL's who cares what 20 is like. But the mail did bring in SP1SJ and FO8AC to boost my total up to 156. That's all the info we have for now so how about a card to WLKfV and let me know just what you are doing in the line of DX.. 73, WLKfV.

ELECTION YEAR Every two years our members have a chance to go on a real vote casting spree — this is the year! In September come the ballots for election of a new Section Communications Manager. HCRC members will have a particular interest in this election since two of our members, Hank Baier, W1NY, and Vic Paounoff, W1EOB, have been nominated. Both are excellent men, and we believe that the Western Mass. Section will benefit by the election of either. At the present time we don't know if anyone from other parts of the section has been nominated. This election is important to us all, and in choosing the proper man, it should be kept in mind that the SCM's job requires an aggressive man with plenty of time and energy. He should be genuinely interested in all phases of amateur radio; a capable organizer as well as an active amateur.

October brings the Director's election for the New England Division. A petition is now in circulation for the nomination of the incumbent, Perce Noble, W1BVR, whose long record speaks for itself. Although Perce won two years ago by a tremendous majority, it would not be wise to underestimate any opponent he might have. Ask the nearest Republican!

In November we have our own club elections. Dick Stevens, W1QWJ, is chairman of the nominating committee and even though November seems a long way off, it is not too early to make suggestions to Dick or to jot down your choices on a slip of paper so that you may nominate them from the floor when the time comes.

ARRL ACTIVITIES Sept. 17, 13th ARRL Convention - Concord N. H.
and Hamfest
Sept. 23, 24, VHF Contest - 50 mc or higher
Oct. 14 Simulated Emergency Test

Here's your chance to try out your VHF gear, boys, and don't forget that 5 points for each contact on 220 mc and up!

Dust off your emergency equipment or get something going for the S.E. Test Oct. 14th - - it was almost necessary the day of the heavy dew, Aug. 29!

TRADING POST FOR SALE OR SWAP:- Pre-war Mac Key 3" 0-200 Triplett Milliammeter, BC457 converted for 80 & 40 meter output with 6.3v tubes. New HK54 with fil. xformer. New 3" CR Tube.

Rog. Corey, JYH

FOR SALE OR SWAP:- KW Final - 304 TLs with spares. Art Zavarella, MNG. 6-9132 Spfld.

FOR QUICK SALE:- RME 45 - \$50. cash.
Chester Ward, SWL, % Belmont Laundry
(should be a clean deal)

AEC NEWS At this writing, Springfield is knee deep in the political angles of the mayor's proposed powers relative to our Civilian Defense set-up. Consequently, we do not yet know whether Bill Forrest will be director as the papers believe. Bill knows the part amateur radio played in World War II Civilian Defense and presumably, if appointed would look to us for communications assistance.

Page 10 of Sept. QST shows possible FCC allocation of 1750-1800 kc for Disaster Communications Service, not necessarily Civilian Defense, while page 25 shows the planning along civilian defense lines.

Our records of equipment are not up to scratch and I suspect our emergency equipment is not either. With vacations now about over, consider these points; Emphasis is on having your rig portable and if possible mobile. Find out what your locality is doing on frequencies. Get an Xmitter to work dependably on at least one of the bands used. Keep it Low power-compact-easily operated. Command sets are ideal when properly converted, also 522s. Try to have a matching receiver. Make your power supply compact and adaptable. It's fine to have an output connector that matches your own transmitter and receiver requirements, but it has much more emergency value if it has a terminal strip somewhere to take off power for other equipment. Try to acquire some kind of emergency power supply that will at least run your rig independent of AC mains. Make up a spare simple antenna for your freq. that can be easily stored, but set up quickly, using light but strong rope to anchor it.

For those who can go mobile:-

Keep your rig in condition even if you don't choose to use it often. If you have changed cars, see that the old rig can be set up in your present car.

Take a look at the battery and if you use a spare too, keep it charged and handy.

See your EC for your special AEC mobile membership card and get your "Emergency Radio Unit" windshield sticker.

TELL YOUR EC what equipment you now have, and keep him up-to-date on changes. It's hinted Spfld and vicinity may have a private pre-ARRL EC test with an alert Sept. 30 or Oct. 1. You've got a month to get ready. Make it pay off as on Oct. 14 comes the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test.

FROM OUR ROVING REPORTER, PHU The HCRC picnic at Look Park a few Sundays ago made up in spirit what it lacked in numbers. A large measure of the spirit manifested itself in the softball game of which here are a few comments --- sides were chosen along the lines of CW-Phone men, that is it started out that way. Rog. Corey and Bill Blankenship vied with each other as new members appeared on the

field. Even the XYLs were drafted. Mrs. RDR was scorekeeper. Roger's team got 19 runs and RDR got 18 BUT Bill's team was at bat and had already pushed a 4 run rally across the plate when the skies opened up and a deluge of torrential proportions soaked everyone. So the game was called on account of rain. Al Purseglove was umpire and the balls and strikes were either CW or Phone variety. One other feature was that the team at bat provided the catcher -- no wonder so many runs scored! Rog. Corey belted the long ball twice for homers, MSN walloped one for the circuit. PHU was content with Texas leaguers,

All in all, a lot of fun was had, but a very candid observation would be that a person who once was a flashy star suddenly and embarrassingly found that he or she needed a bushel basket to snare easy pop-ups. Also, the old wind wasn't what it used to be. A suggestion for another picnic would be to give them all toy airplanes for recreation -- committee please note! Better yet, the lineup for future softball teams at the HCRC picnics should be found on the back page of the July, 1950 issue of Zero Beat. What say, brass pounders and ear benders?

Hank, NY, brought along his sister and brother-in-law from the British West Indies. At last reports their enthusiasm for the picnic was one of the high-lights of their stay at Hank's.

Hey, Ike, (UD) how did you know it was going to rain? The first anyone saw of Ike was under an umbrella! On field day he brought the chairs, and at the picnic, an umbrella. Snowshoes or a sled next time, Ike?

PHU and NY call themselves dirt farmers. PHU has had tomatoes for 2 weeks now, but Hank's crop of peas enens up the score.

NET NOTES The New England Emergency Phone Net with NY at the helm sails forth every Sunday A.M. 9-10 on 3867.5. A Baker's dozen regularly call in: W1-ABZ-DPY-CPE-MBT-MNG-IZN-HAZ-IHI-LKP, Maine - RYL-BVR-Perce-PHU and NY.

MWE, Larry, up there in Dalton, was in a unique spot a few weeks back. His rcvr was in the car and the xmtr in the house. A hundred yard dash between send and receive highlighted the net proceedings. Why doesn't he use a long pole or maybe a Rube Goldberg contraption?

BVR broke through the wall of CW and put himself together a modulator. Nice voice over the air, Perce.

RYL, on vacation in New Jersey, operated a strange rig, but hooked up with the net, anyway.

PHU, with his Harvey Wells TBS50, is the new addition and Springfield outlet for the net.

QJN, John up in Holyoke, has a new Harvey-Wells Bandmaster on the net. Sounds FB over her, John.

JOTTINGS JYH is in line for the Honor Roll on DXCC with over 200 countries now confirmed.

QFB spent his vacation building gear such as 829 final, NBFM, two dip meters and finally persuaded his 2 meter receiver to function.

SIB has been heard from again on 10, sure thought that you were in SIBeria, Doug.

Thanks for the contributions PHU, KFV, NLE, JYH, MNG.

See you all South of 197 Whitney, Sept. 8; we expect a distinguished visitor and prospective member to be with us at the Chalet. We hope to have identification tags at the entrance to the gathering place - don't forget yours.