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### President's Corner

I heard about a company selling tin cans to use as time capsules for \$5.00 recently. The idea being that they would register your number and when it was dug up in 2000 AD, the records would say who buried it. To me this is almost as poor a way to gain immortality as painting your name on a rock! The best way to be remembered is by helping people. What Ham could possibly forget the person who helped set them into Amateur Radio? The H.C.R.A has many Novices and hope to be hams in the club. Reach out a hand and lend some of your personal skills and talent. Put some time into making the club a little better. And gain new friends and a little immortality as a reward!

WA1SNJ  
Jeff

### ZERO BEAT Issue 11

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Next Meeting  
Friday, November 4, 1977 8:00 PM  
Feeding Hills Church  
North Westfield Street  
Feeding Hills, Ma.

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The November meetings will be dedicated to Ham radio satellite communications. Now you can learn all about satellites and satellite communications; how they set up there, where the program is going in the next few years, and how to listen and make QSOs through them. An excellent slide show on OSCAR 6 and 7, a technical talk by Art, W1KK, and hopefully, a listen in on an OSCAR pass. Formal meetings will begin at 8:00PM. From 7:30 to 8:00PM people with equipment problems can bring them in and get free advice. If the interest is there, we hope to keep this as a permanent thing, and have a meeting especially for sick equipment. Hope to see you there.

Drop a QSL card in the mail to Bruce Felper, WA1PUX, 111 Academy Dr., Lonsmeadow, Ma. 01106. Tell him why you're writing or else he'll think his log book is off

### December Meetings

Our December meetings will be a Spaghetti Supper at the Westfield YMCA, 67 Court Street, Westfield, Ma. 01085 on December 2nd. The menu will be salad, spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, coffee or tonic, and dessert. Cost for the supper is \$2.00 for tickets in advance and \$3.00 at the door. Supper will be served from 6:00 to 7:30PM. From 7:30PM to 8:00PM there will be a Judo demonstration. At 8:00PM the Ham Radio program will begin. You Do Not Have To Buy The Supper To Attend. There is no admission charge, just come by for 8:00 O'Clock.

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### Notice

Important - If you have not paid your club dues for 1978, and/or there is a red dot next to your name, this is the last Zero Beat you will receive. Don't miss out on the meetings and technical forums we have planned. The June banquet alone is worth joining. Dues are still only \$5.00 for 12 months. What a bargain! Send a check or money order today payable to the HCRA, in care of Steve Shore, Lonsmeadow, Ma.

25 Years? If you've been a member of the HCRA for 25 consecutive years, the club will present you with a nice plaque. Please let Jeff, WA1SNJ, know about it. Allow one month for us to dig through the records and one month to have the award engraved.

We need the club zips! The Zero Beat is going to computerize its mailing lists. If your address lacks a Zip Code, make sure we get one, because the Post Office won't deliver it to you if you don't. It certainly is an easier task for each of you to make sure we have your Zip Code correct than it is for us here at Zero Beat to sit down with the Zip Code directory and find out where you all are. If in doubt, please mail us the form in last month's Zero Beat. Thanks!

### December Supper

The Ham Radio Program will consist of 10 minute talks on various aspects of our great hobby. We need speakers! DX, SSTV, CW, FM, RTTY, Repeaters, Moon Bounce, and anything else you're interested in. There will be many non-Hams and family members attending. This is your big chance to finally let the wife and kids know why this hobby is so exciting. If you'd like to be a guest speaker, contact Jeff, WA1SNJ, at 569-6739. The HCRA will pay for your dinner.

*Spaghetti*

*Box 346*

*01077*

We are selling ad space in our program for the dinner. The rates were in the October issue of Zero Beat. If you'd like one, bring the money and ad copy to the November meeting or mail it to Bruce Felper, WA1PUX. A special Contributors List will contain call letters of everyone who donates \$1.00 to the dinner. Make sure you're on it. Contact Steve or Jeff WA1SNJ. Deadline will be about November 25th, so please send it in early.

Any club officer or board member has dinner tickets. Bring the wife and kids, enjoy a good meal, and see a fun program dealing with Amateur Radio. [Remember, that's Friday, December 2nd, Dinner from 6:00 to 7:30PM, and Radio Program from 8:00 to about 9:30PM.]

*Box 346*

### Net News

The Hampden County Radio Association 10 Meter phone net is back on the air. After a summer of fun, sun and radio, here is your chance to tell others what you did. If you like informal get togethers, or need to ask a technical question or even if you want to talk about the club the HCRA 10 Meter phone net is for you.

What's that you're interested and want to know more?!

Date: Every Monday  
Time: 8:00PM Local Time  
Freq: 28.650 Mhz +/- QRM - QRN

The Hampden County Radio Club 10 Meter phone net is listed in this years ARRL net directory.

Lets increase QNI, please check in!

### Misc Notes

Misc Notes - Jimm Coll, son of Stan, K1CYG, recently passed his technician exam, and is waiting for his call letters. Maybe WB1CYG???.Amateur Radio Emergency Services patches are available from Bob, WA1DNE for only \$1.50. Catch him on 34/94 around 8:00AM or on the Western Mass Emergency Net on Sunday mornings at 8:30AM on 3.935 Mhz.....The FCC needs volunteers to

administer technician and higher exams to shut-ins. Send your name, license class, date of birth, expiration of your license and areas you would be willing to help out in to the Boston FCC office. Their address is FCC, 1600 Custom House, India and State Streets, Boston, Massachusetts.....W1BVR, Percy Noble, our SCM, is stepping down in January. Percy has been in office longer than anyone else in the U.S. We'll miss him and wish him the best.....You could have your article or series here in Zero Beat. If anyone of you would like to write something for Zero Beat on what ever please feel free to do so. There are a lot of you out there but the same few guys are always scratching their heads for some fillers. All you have to do is write once! So drop us a line at Zero Beat, P.O. Box 346, Southwick, Ma. 01077. Lets here what's on your mind. We would like to start a hints and kinks section of Zero Beat to also be compiled over a period of time. If you have any unique tips that might be usefull to others then drop us a line.....It looks as if the Auction went over so well that no one, and we mean NO ONE has anythings to sell in the want add section this month!.....See you at the meetings!

#### Auction Report

Our October Auction was a huge success. A capacity crowd kept bids high, with varied items offered for sale. A Harvey-Wells Bandmaster made the night for WA1SNJ a gift to be sent to a friend in Ohio who works the Clasic Exchange. Five oscilloscopes sold for about \$20.00 each, a good item at a low price. Tape players, Closed Circuit T.V. cameras, 2 Meter transceivers, Receivers, and other goodies kept the crowd's interest high. Auctioneers Bob McCormick, Chuck Duquette, Bill Sheedy, and Bruce Felper did a great job. Steve Shore was up to his neck keeping track of sales, signing up members, and paying out the money. Rich Melbourne wore himself out moving all those Boat Anchors up to the bidding block. Andy Bouchard sold out on the donuts and coffee early. Bob Stevens, W1MM, Stan Coll, K1CYG, Kevin WA1JUU, and to all other club members who brought in items for sale, many thanks. Kudos to everyone who helped with all the small tasks that made this Auction so much fun and a financial success!

#### Leftovers

WA1KFE, Bill Rensler, passed his Amateur Extra!.....And Bruce Felper and Steve Shore have moved their QTH to West Hartford. We wish them luck and many FB QSOs from their new QTH.

If you're address is listed incorrectly on this months Zero Beat then please send us this sheet with the necessary corrections so that next month we can start computerizing the mailings. It will be a lot easier for all those involved and it would guarentee timely delivery of your Zero Beat to you. If you have some sort of red dot next to your name or you just have not been heeding the warnins to pay your dues then this will definately be the last copy of Zero Beat that you will feast your eyes on.

So if you haven't payed yet then do so. Your membership lasts for 12 months from when you pay so you will not gain anythings by waitins. If your address is wrong then please make sure to send in this sheet as we will need to see which part of your address is in error.

Also if you have somethins you would like in Zero Beat this would be a good time to jot a few lines down and send it in.

73,

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