

BULLETIN

HAMPDEN COUNTY RADIO CLUB

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our next club meeting is ~~this evening~~ Friday, October 1st, 7:30 P.M. at the Hampden County Improvement League Building, Eastern States Exposition Grounds. The principal event of the evening is to be announced at the ten meter net session Thursday evening (see NET TOPICS). Note that the Club's annual business meeting is Friday, November 5th at 7:30 P.M. The executive committee has appointed as a nominating committee to bring in a slate of new officers, Clarence Bordeau, 1IJT, Tom Barrett, 1KUE, Hank Baier, 1NY and Al Jackson, 1OBQ. Nominations will also be in order from the floor at the annual meeting. The grapevine says there will be refreshments. The executive committee at its last meeting regretfully accepted Tom Barrett's resignation as Secretary. Tom has matriculated at Northeastern University night school and has practically no time for pleasure, but he has assured us that he will come to as many meetings as possible. Clarence Bordeau has been appointed Secretary for the remainder of the year. Clarence volunteered for the job and we all appreciate it.

OUR FIRST ISSUE made mention of the fact that WLJYH was editor of our infant periodical but modestly refrained from mentioning that Bob Adolphson, 1NLE and Tom Barrett, 1KUE turned the whole thing out from the first word to the postage stamp while ye Ed. was vacationing in N.H. Thanks a lot, fellers, but now I've really got to work to keep up to your journalistic standards.

NET TOPICS: All the nets are in full swing now that the summer vacation season has passed. Those of you who would like to try a little traffic handling will find the boys as follows: Swing Shift Net, 7280 kc. Monday through Friday at 7:00 PM. Day Shift Net, 7280 kc. Monday through Saturday at 12:30 PM. Western Mass. CW Net, 3760 kc. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 PM. 10 Meter Phone Net, 29,250 kc. every Thursday at 9:00 PM. We're still expecting the two meter net will get underway soon and that the 1 1/4 net will be aborning.

NEXT MONTH THE ARRL will again sponsor their annual Sweepstakes contest. It would be pleasant to assume that every licensed amateur in our organization will make entry in this most enjoyable of activities, but a glance at the contest results for Western Mass. for the past few years shows that such an assumption would be indescribably naive. Apparently most of us feel that the development of good operating technique and a competitive spirit is less important than the development of complicated circuits and introverted personalities. Let's stop fluctuating between the sick-bed of total inactivity and the peripatetic state of self-centered operation or experimentation and go after this year's Western Mass. Sweepstakes award!

HOW WOULD YOU like to win a Collins 75A receiver? Well, you might, if you submit the winning name for this little paper of ours. And then too, you might only win a burned out UV199A. The prize hasn't been determined yet but there most certainly will be one, so send your suggestions along to WLJYH, 100 Oakland St., Springfield. So far Russ Hobbie, 1RHU and Gil Williams, 1APA, have been the only ones to come through with the ideas. The annual meeting in November will be the deadline.

ANY MEMBERS: who are planning to attend the Boston Hamfest and who are in need of a ride can contact Clarence Bordeau, 1IJT, our new Acting Secretary. The date in case you have forgotten is October 9th.

HEY, YOU YANKEE TRADERS!--Here's a way to beat the high cost of building and re-building in these troubled times. Quite a few of the boys have indicated that they have all kinds of gear to swap. To be explicit - Dick Stevens, 1QWJ has a 1000-1250-1500 volt (d.c.) plate transformer and some smaller items and wants??? Tom Barrett 1KUE has assorted parts and is open to proposition. Wes Thayer, 1LRE, is looking for an 829B or two and has a whole roomful of stuff to barter with. 1JYH has 813's, a National 1-10A or a p.p. 2A3 amp and speaker and wants a ten meter converter and an editor for this paper next year. I've also heard that Bob Lieson, 1KFV, would trade his right arm for a QSL from AC4YN.

* * * * *

VHF & UHF: Maybe we were too hopeful about two meter activity last month as it hasn't been too high hereabouts. But 1QXV reports at least two good nights during which he made some 12 contacts in the second district including one way down on the southern tip of New Jersey. Where's 1QCC been by the way? And with a 24 element beam too!

* * * * *

WE'VE KIBITZED on ten occasionally, and its really getting in good form. Dick at 1QWJ put his time to good use while recovering from his operation and now has a rig which rivals any commercially built job in appearance and performance. Jimmy Finnerty, 1LDE threw a bean raising party, the results of which coupled with his recent QRO should really provide us with another fb ten meter signal. Jimmy's rival had been getting too close for comfort in comparative signal reports. Not to be left in the cold, Bob Adolphson, 1NLE phenagled Al, 1OBQ into helping him with a new three element whirler and is now finding it hard to make people believe that he is only using 75 watts.

* * * * *

IN A DX WAY: twenty meters has been the old reliable with the asiatic countries plentiful about 6:30 to time-to-go-to-work every yawning. It's getting a little cool for local work and Bob, 1KFV can be found on 20 now, working such stuff as VR2BD, J9ADB, KB6AD, KP6AE, HL1BA, C7LY and others. Gil, 1APA tells us that J2AAL is a regular customer of his now and he has been swapping tales with HL1AE, PJØX, W4KV1/KX6 and a flock of KG6's. Clarence, 1IJT has been drooling over the early openings of ten meters and reports a few contacts with VK's and ZL's and has heard some asians and a KJ6 recently.

* * * * *

HOW DID YOU LIKE the auction last week? Or shouldn't we ask. Somebody went home with some nice bottles and if everyone isn't winding new coils, it's not for lack of coil forms. We understand that Gramp, 1AGM, is looking for a new wash-tub. The club is \$16.65 richer! Howard Converse, of the prize winning Converse's, 1IOL, that is, drew first prize of \$4.76 and 1IJT is looking over the banking situation with reference to putting his second prize money to work.

* * * * *

EXTRY: The club has had swell cooperation from the local radio houses. In addition to past donations, Springfield Sound, Springfield Radio and Springfield Hatry & Young are taking turns donating door prizes for coming monthly meetings. Murray Dressler, 1JTY tells us that Hatry & Young's taking care of the prize for the October meeting.

* * * * *

THIS AREA: has not fully backed up the Section Emergency Coordinator, W1UD, despite the plug last month publicity in QST and personal proddings. For those who hold EC membership, bring in your membership card for this year's endorsement. For those who don't, make it a point to see W1NLE for an application. We, in the river valley should be particularly cognizant of the possibility of a major flood disaster and another hurricane is not beyond the realm of imagination. Let's be serious for a moment and consider how desperately dependent we would be on an organized amateur communications system should our own families be endangered and normal communications fail. Anyone who has any form of insurance for the protection of their dependents cannot fail to realize that the investment of a little time in the AEC is one of

the best buys on the market today. Dust off those mobile and portable rigs and let Bob Adolphson know what you can do to participate. Incidentally, it's a whale of a lot of fun, too.

* * * * *

THE SECRETARY SAYS: Three more prospective members have CQ'd the club. The Executive Committee has acted favorable on the applications of WLMOK, Miles Brennan of Willimansett, WPIR, Joe Pieckarski of Westfield and ELLS Bostwick, WLGJJ of North Agawan. Ballots will be passed around at the meeting for action on these fellows.

* * * * *

DON'T FORGET: you'll soon be balloting for ARRL Directorship and Section Communications Manager. Perce Noble, 1BVR, has done a fine job for us as New England Division Director these past twelve years and certainly deserves every bit of support we can give him for re-election. We all know Hank Baier as one of the most conscientious and able operators in our section. Hank is up for election as SCLi this time and also rates the active support of every member. Be sure to exercise your privilege as an ARRL member by sending in your ballots promptly.

* * * * *