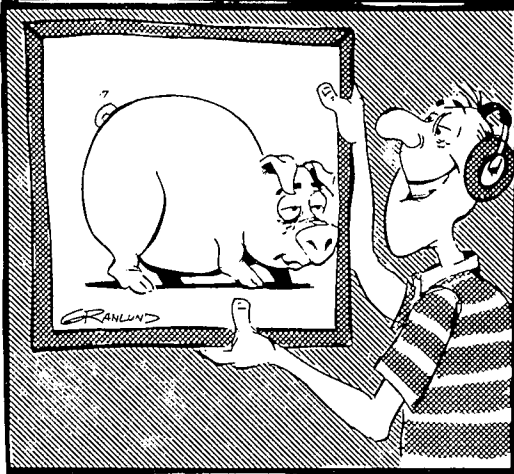


# The FRAMINGHAM

FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR  
RADIO ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER



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THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEETS  
THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 P.M.  
AT THE FRAMINGHAM CENTER LIBRARY. ALL AMATEURS  
AND PERSONS INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND.  
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THE FRAMINGHAM RADIO ASSOCIATION IS STARTING OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH A BANG. THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE AT THE FRAMINGHAM CENTER LIBRARY STARTING AT 7:30 P.M. ON JANUARY 4TH. THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO AT THIS MEETING THAT PROMPTNESS IS SUGGESTED. BOB CHIN WB1PHT WILL PRESENT A SOUND FILM ON C.P.R. ALSO GIVE A LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION ON THE PROPER WAY TO PERFORM THIS LIFE-SAVING MANEUVER. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER, A METHOD OF CLEARING THE AIRWAY OF A FOREIGN BODY OBSTRUCTION. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL LISTS BLOCKAGE OF THE BREATHING PASSAGES AS RANKING SIXTH AS A CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH. EVERY YEAR APPROXIMATELY 3000 PEOPLE DIE IN THIS NEEDLESS MANNER. A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME SPENT IN LEARNING C.P.R. AND THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER WILL PAY HEAVY DIVIDENDS IF YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE. THE SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER IS THROUGH THE COURTESY OF ENZO ROTATORI WA1PYF. THE NEXT AND LAST MEETING FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING ACCREDITED IN THE USE OF C.P.R. WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH. THE MEETING PLACE AND TIME OF THE MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE JANUARY 4TH MEETING. THE JANUARY 11TH MEETING WILL BE THE FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE C.P.R. COURSE. THERE WILL BE TWO ADULT AND ONE CHILD SIZED MANNIKIN TO TAKE THE TEST ON. BOB WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS AT THIS MEETING TO SPEED UP THE TEST.

OUR ANNUAL DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MARCONI'S RESTAURANT ON ROUTE 126 IN ASHLAND ON JANUARY 25TH. THE COCKTAIL HOUR IS FROM 7 TO 8 P.M. WITH A MOUTH WATERING FAMILY STYLE DINNER SERVED AT 8 P.M. THE MENU INCLUDES THESE DELECIOUS, TEMPTING DISHES. ANTI PASTO, RIGATONI, VEAL PARMESAN, ROAST CHICKEN, VEAL CACCITORE, POTATO, AND VEGATABLE FOLLOWED BY ICE CREAM, COFFEE, TEA OR

MILK. THOSE OF YOU THAT ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S DINNER REMEMBER THE EXCELLANCE AND QUANTITY OF THE FOOD SERVED. THE PRICE PER PERSON IS \$5.00 PER PERSON, INCLUDING TAX AND TIP. HOW CAN THE ASSOCIATION PUT ON SUCH A SPREAD FOR \$5.00? THE ANSWER IS, WE CAN'T, THE ASSOCIATION PAYS \$2.50 MORE FOR EACH MEAL SERVED, SO TO HELP KEEP OUR LOSSES AT A MINIMUM ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST. THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO TREAT YOUR XYL. YL, HARMONICS OR HAM FRIEND TO A WONDERFUL DINNER.

\*\*\*\*\*LAST MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

LEW K1AZE GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE FLEA MARKET, WE SOLD 45 TABLES THE ASSOCIATION USED THREE TABLES TO SELL DONATED GOODIES, INCIDENTLY EVERYTHING ON THE ASSOCIATION TABLE WAS SOLD, THANKS TO THE SUPER SALESMEN MANNING THE TABLE. WE ALSO DONATED A TABLE TO OUR SISTER ORGANIZATION, THE FRAMINGHAM REPEATER ASSOCIATION WHICH UNFORTUNATELY WAS UNDER UTILIZED DUE TO THE LATE ARRIVAL OF THEIR EQUIPMENT. I'LL BET THEY WILL BE ON TIME FOR OUR SPRING FLEA MARKET. THE BREAKDOWN OF INCOME FROM THE FLEA MARKET WAS AS FOLLOWS: RENTAL OF TABLES \$241.00, CLUB TABLE \$177.22, ADMISSIONS \$464.00. TOTAL INCOME \$882.22. THE EXPENSES TOTALED; POLICE OFFICER \$51.00, RENT \$12.00, FLIERS \$71.00, POSTAGE \$20.00, ADVERTISEMENT IN THE YELLOW SHEET \$17.00, DOOR PRIZES \$39.00, REFRESHMENTS FOR THE TABLE LUGGING CREW \$10.00. THE NET PROCEEDS FROM THE FLEA MARKET WERE \$662.22. THE COMMITTEE IS NOW AT WORK PLANNING THE SPRING FLEA MARKET WHICH TENTATIVELY WILL BE HELD IN LATE MARCH. SO START SAVING YOUR JUNQUE, YOUR JUNK IS SOMEONE'S TREASURE, AS WAS AMPLY DEMONSTRATED AT THE LAST FLEA MARKET.

TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR THE C.P.R. COURSE, UNFORTUNAELY BOB CHIN WB1FHT COULD NOT START THE COURSE AT THE MEETING, HE WAS CONFINED TO HIS HOME WITH A BAD CASE OF FLU. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE C.P.R. COURSE WAS HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT THE DRILL SHED. BOB IS A VERY INTERESTING AND KNOWLEDGEABLE INSTRUCTOR. THOSE OF YOU WHO COULD NOT MAKE THE FIRST MEETING CAN JOIN THE C.P.R. GROUP AT THE JANUARY 4TH MEETING. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS VALUABLE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION, ALL ADULTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE CLASSES.

A MOTION MADE BY JIM WA1UEH AND SECONDED BY RON K1YHM THAT ALL FULL MEMBERSHIPS IN THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION BE FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NICK MARTIN WA1VFH VERY GRACIOUSLY MADE AN OFFER TO ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, A PLASTIC NAME PLATE BADGE 3½" X 2" IN ANTIQUE GOLD WITH BLACK LETTERING. IN THE CENTER IS A MAP OF MASSACHUSETTS WITH YOUR CALLSIGN ENGRAVED IN IT. FRAMINGHAM A.R.A. ON THE TOP AND YOUR NAME ENGRAVED ON THE BOTTOM. THEY ARE REALLY GOOD LOOKING AND THE BEST PART IS THE PRICE, ONLY \$2.50 EACH TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG NICK WILL KEEP THE OFFER OPEN SO GRAB THEM WHILE YOU CAN. NICK WILL HAVE THE NAME PLATES YOU ORDERED AT THE LAST MEETING READY FOR YOU TO PICK UP AT THE JANUARY 4TH MEETING.

UNDER DISCUSSION WAS, SHOULD THE ASSOCIATION PURCHASE A PORTABLE GENERATOR, 'SCOPE, REPEATER OR OTHER TYPES OF EQUIPMENT FOR GENERAL USE BY THE MEMBERS. THE MOTION WAS TABLED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE DATE, WHEN THE ASSOCIATION HAS A MORE PERMANENT, SECURE MEETING PLACE AVAILABLE.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT THE UNION HOUSE WHERE BEER, SODA AND PIZZAS WERE ENJOYED BY THE 25 MEMBERS ATTENDING. THE VERY SIZABLE TAB WAS PAID FOR BY THE ASSOCIATION.

\*\*\*\*GUEST EDITORIAL\*\*\*\*

SINCE IT APPEARS THAT THE ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE TWO FUND RAISING EVENTS EACH YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A PROPOSAL TO THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS FOR A VOTE THAT WE ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF \$500.00 FOR A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PLANNING TO ATTEND COLLEGE. THE AWARD COULD BE ALTERNATED BETWEEN FRAMINGHAM NORTH AND THE FRAMINGHAM SOUTH HIGH SCHOOLS EVERY OTHER YEAR. THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION. (EXAMPLE, SOMEONE PURSUING THE ELECTRONICS OR ENGINEERING COURSE IN COLLEGE, OR A LOW OR MIDDLE INCOME PERSON, WITH NO COURSE REQUIREMENT.) THE BENEFITS FOR THE ASSOCIATION IN THE FORM OF LOCAL AND PERHAPS NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS SHOULD HELP IN BUILDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND ELEVATE THE PRESTIGE OF OUR AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION TO A NEW LEVEL.- ENZO ROTATORI WA1PYF.

IN YOUR EDITORS OPINION THIS IS A VERY WORTH-WHILE IDEA, AND IT IS MY SUGGESTION THAT A SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO REFINE AND ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BODY WHEN THE DETAILS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT. THE COMMITTEE COULD POSSIBLY MEET WITH THE GUIDANCE COUNCILORS OF THE SCHOOLS FOR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUGGESTION.

WE RECEIVED A NICE CARD FROM TOM FRASER WELZZA A FORMER MEMBER WHO HAS RETIRED TO FLORIDA. HE WRITES, I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION TO YOU AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FRAMINGHAM NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH WITH THIS SMALL TOKEN. IT WILL HELP DEFRAY COSTS, BECAUSE I WANT TO REMAIN ON YOUR MAILING LIST. I MAY BE AWAY FROM MASSACHUSETTS, BUT MY ROOTS ARE STILL IN FRAMINGHAM. I AM YET TO GET ON THE AIR, A NEIGHBOR, WLES, IS QUITE ACTIVE AND I USE HIS RIG QUITE OFTEN. USUALLY ON WEDNESDAYS AT 8P.M. I EXPECT MY OWN RIG AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. I HAVE ORDERED AN OMNI-D. -- ENCLOSED WAS A CHECK FOR \$5.00 AND GREETINGS TO EVERYONE AND TOM'S WISH THAT WE ALL HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

IT IS PLEASANT TO HEAR FROM THE OLD-TIMERS, AFTER ALL, THERE WOULD BE NO FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION IF THEY HADN'T STARTED IT AND KEPT IT RUNNING THROUGH THE YEARS. YOUR EDITOR WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE HEARING FROM MORE OF THE OLD-TIMERS. JUST DROP US A LINE. JIM WA1UEH.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH THE GROUP MET AT THE FRAMINGHAM CENTER LIBRARY AND FORMED A CAR-CARAVAN TO THE FAA CENTER IN NASHUA, N.H. COMMUNICATIONS WERE MAINTAINED ON 146.52 SO THAT WE ALL ARRIVED TOGETHER. THE FAA CENTER IS ALMOST MIND BOGGLING IN IT'S COMPLEXITY OF RADAR, RADIO, TELEPHONE, COMPUTER AND OTHER SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT. A FILM AND LECTURE STARTED THE TOUR, EXPLAINING HOW, WHEN AN AIRCRAFT HAS LEFT THE IMMEDIATE PERIMETER OF THE AIRPORT THE FAA CENTERS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TAKE OVER THE AIRCRAFT AND PASS IT SAFELY FROM SECTOR TO SECTOR. IF SOMETIMES, WHEN YOU WERE IN A AIRLINES PLANE AND SEEMED TO BY FLYING IN A CIRCLE, THE REASON WAS THAT THE CONTROLLER IN THE NEXT SECTOR YOU WERE TO FLY IN COULD NOT SAFELY TAKE THE AIRCRAFT DUE TO CROWDED OR OTHER CONDITIONS. THE CONTROLLER HAS COMPLETE CONTROL OF EVERYTHING FLYING IN HIS SECTOR AND AS QUOTED BY ONE OF THE CONTROLLERS, "THE JOB IS TOTAL BOREDOM FOLLOWED BY COMPLETE CHAOS". THE COMPLEXITY OF THE INTERFACES BETWEEN RADAR STATIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE 144,000 SQUARE MILES OF AREA CONTROLLED BY THIS CENTER AND THE TWO LARGE ROOMS FULL OF COMPUTERS HAS TO BE SEEN TO BE APPRECIATED, THE CONTROLLERS HAVE TO HAVE NERVES OF STEEL, MAKE INSTANTANEOUS AND CORRECT DECISIONS IN SECONDS. MY HAT IS OFF TO THEM AND THE MANY SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN THIS FACILITY, TO KEEP OUR AIR LANES SAFE. THIS IS ONE AREA I DON'T WANT TO SEE BUDGET CUTS, THE LIFE THEY KEEP SAFE MAY BE MINE OR YOURS. IF YOU MISSED THIS TRIP MAYBE NEXT YEAR WE WILL SCHEDULE ANOTHER. THE EXPERTISE OF THE GUIDES AND THE SIMPLE EXPLANATIONS OF A VERY COMPLEX, SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT IS WORTH THE TRIP. UNFORTUNATELY I DID NOT GET THE NAMES OF OUR GUIDES

BUT THE ASSOCIATION IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

THE NOVICE CLASSES HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR. FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF THE CLASS ARE NOW HAPPY NOVICES. THE AVERAGE CODE SPEED OF THE GROUP IS NOW UP TO 10 WPM. THE NEXT PHASE OF THE CLASSES WILL BE TO BRING OUR STUDENTS UP TO THE GENERAL CLASS, WHEN WE RECONVENE IN JANUARY. JULIE HOFFER W1DL, BAD BACK AND ALL, LUGGED IN BOXES OF EQUIPMENT AT A RECENT CLASS MEETING AND GAVE A LECTURE ON ANTENNAS, RELATIVE STRENGTH METERS, SWR BRIDGES, AND RF AMMETERS, FOLLOWED BY DEMONSTRATIONS OF ANTENNA LOBES AND DIRECTIVITY OF VARIOUS ANTENNA ARRAYS. HE ALSO DEMONSTRATED A SIMPLE "HOW TO" METHOD OF ERECTING SIMPLE ANTENNAS COVERING THE NOVICE BANDS. THE CLASS AND INSTRUCTORS THANK YOU, JULIE, I THINK WE ALL LEARNED SOMETHING FROM YOUR DEMONSTRATION AND LECTURE. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO UPGRADE TO A GENERAL LICENSE PLEASE CONTACT JIM WA1UEH AT 653-6398, IF THEY CAN PASS OUR ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, THEY WILL BE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CLASS.

JIM ROBBINS N1JR, A MEMBER OF THE ELITE HAM-AID SOCIETY, HAS AN ARTICLE IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF HAM RADIO MAGAZINE. AN ADJUSTABLE 5-AMPERE POWER SUPPLY USING THE NEW FAIRCHILD HYBRID VOLTAGE REGULATOR. CONGRATULATIONS JIM, THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SIMPLE, THRIFTY POWER SUPPLY THAT COULD, UNDER JIM'S DIRECTION, BE BUILT AS A CLUB PROJECT, AS HE SUGGESTED SEVERAL MEETINGS AGO.

\*\*\*\* HAM-AID SOCIETY \*\*\*\*

ANTENNAS, LINEARS ETC	JULIE W1DL	872-5084
RTTY	JON K1VVC	877-7166
" "	RON K1YHM	877-4520
NETS, TRAFFIC HANDLING	MAC WA1IGL	877-2717
HAM ORIENTED LEGAL PROBLEMS	MARTY WA1WHU	877-1768
DITTO	JIM N1JR	653-3844
METEOROLOGY, WEATHER	ROLLIE K1OIS	653-2072
CONSTRUCTION, TESTS, REPAIR ETC.	JIM N1JR	653-3844
CALIBRATING 'SCOPES, METERS ETC.	GARY WA1UZF	879-7884
REPEATERS, PHONE PATCHES ETC.	JERRY K1AIU	620-0688
DX INFO, QSLs ETC	KEN WA1KUL	879-0591
DITTO	RON K1YHM	877-4520

IF YOU NEED HELP IN THE SPECIALTIES LISTED PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE VERY ELITE HAM-AID SOCIETY. IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIALTY AND WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY. CALL JIM WA1UEH AT 653-6398.

\*\*\*\*\* SWAP AND SHOP \*\*\*\*\*

WANTED - A SIGNAL GENERATOR FROM 0 TO 50 MHZ, MUST BE OF FIRST QUALITY AND IN EXCELLANT SHAPE. ALSO A DEFUNCT MAG MOUNT, ONLY THE MAGNET REQUIRED, THE ANTENNA PORTION IS NOT REQUIRED. OR ANY STRONG MAGNET TO MAKE A LIGHT HOLDER FOR A SNOWMOBILE. CONTACT JIM AT 653-3844.

FOR SALE - A 2 METER MOBILE ANTENNA 5.2 DB GAIN COLINEAR, TRUNK LIP MOUNT, QUICK RELEASE FITTING. 85" IN HEIGHT. \$25.00 CALL KEN AT 879-0591.

FOR SALE - A HEATH 32A 20 METER SINGLEBANDER WITH A/C SUPPLY INCLUDED. THIS RIG IS IN MINT CONDITION, EQUAL TO NEW. CALL JIM AT 653-3844.

FOR SALE - A YAESU 620B 6 METER ALL MODE TRANSCEIVER, 10 WATTS OUT. SSB, CW, AND AM. BRAND NEW STILL IN THE CARTON, USED LESS THAN 10 MINUTES, COMPLETE WITH POWER SUPPLY AND CABLES. \$325.00 IS THE ASKING PRICE. CALL STEVE AT 444-4977 FOR MORE INFO.

WANTED - A 6 METER LINEAR AMPLIFIER, 70 WATTS OR BETTER OUTPUT, IF YOU HAVE ONE AND WANT TO SELL PLEASE CONTACT STEVE AT 444-4977.

FOR SALE - A HALLICRAFTER SX 99 RECIEVER WITH MATCHING SPEAKER. A GREAT RIG FOR A NOVICE OR FOR A SECOND RECIEVER FOR YOUR SHACK. THE PRICE FOR THIS CLASSIC AMATEUR RECIEVER IS ONLY \$65.00 CALL JULIE AT 872-5084.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THAT RARE TUBE, RESISTOR, CAPACITOR OR OTHER SMALL COMPONENT, GIVE JULIE A CALL AT 872-5084, HE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

FOR SALE - A TRIPLETT 630NA VOM IN EXCELLANT CONDITION COMPLETE WITH MANUAL. THIS METER IS THE STANDARD OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY AND IS BUILT TO MILITARY SPECS. AT \$45.00 THIS WON'T LAST LONG. CONTACT JULIE AT 872-5084.

FOR SALE- A HENRY 2KW LINEAR AMPLIFIER COVERING 10 THROUGH 80 METERS, THIS AMPLIFIER IS IN EQUAL TO NEW CONDITION. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT DICK AT 879-6404.

FOR SALE - A HALLICRAFTER HA6 6 METER TRANSVERTER, ALL BRAND NEW TUBES IN MINT CONDITION COMPLETE WITH POWER SUPPLY AND CABLES. A REAL CHEAP WAY TO WORK THE FACINATING 6 METER BAND. THE ASKING PRICE IS ONLY \$125.00 FOR MORE INFO CALL DICK AT 879-6404.

FOR SALE - A DRAKE MOBILE POWER SUPPLY DC-4 MODEL. A GREAT WAY TO PUT YOUR DRAKE RIG IN THE MOBILE MODE, OR AS A SOURCE OF POWER IN THE EVENT OF A POWER FAILURE. IN GOOD CONDITION, CAN'T BE TOLD FROM NEW. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ROLLIE AT 653-2072. THE ASKING PRICE IS ONLY \$95.00

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ANTENNA HOME BREWERS SHOULD CONTACT GL ENTERPRISES FOR DETAILS ON THEIR COMPLETE LINE OF STAINLESS-STEEL, ALUMINUM, AND FIBERGLASS ANTENNA HARDWARE. GL ENTERPRISES, ROUTE 1, BOX 10G, BROWNSVILLE, WISCONSIN 53006.

HL9 QSL BUREAU IS OUT OF BUSINESS, SO HL9 CARDS SHOULD NOW GO DIRECT OR VIA SPECIFIED MANAGERS. TNX W9JUV.

AMATEURS WHO CONTACTED JONESTOWN, GEORGETOWN, (GUYANA) OR THE SAN FRANCISCO PEOPLE'S TEMPLE STATIONS ON NOVEMBER 17 OR 18 HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONTACT THE SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. INVESTIGATORS THERE ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO LEARN OF ANY CULT COMMUNICATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE JUST BEFORE OR DURING CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S MURDER OR THE MASS SUICIDE. THE DESIRE OF ANY INFORMANT TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS WILL BE REPECTED. CALL THE DA'S OFFICE COLLECT AT 415-553-1009 OR 553-1505.

REVALATIONS THAT AMATEUR RADIO WAS A PRINCIPAL COMMUNICATIONS TOOL OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE HAVE HEIGHTENED AMATEUR SENSITIVITY TO ABUSES OF THE AMATEUR BANDS. FBI AGENTS, CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE VIOLENT AFTERMATHS OF THE CARNAGE IN GUYANA, HAVE BEEN TALKING TO A NUMBER OF AMATEURS WHO HAVE WORKED OR MONITORED TEMPLE STATIONS. THE FBI WOULD LIKE TAPES OR TRANSCRIPTS OF ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THOSE STATIONS. ANY AMATEUR ABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE. LEGITIMATE AMATEUR OPERATIONS BY MISSIONARIES ARE SURE TO SUFFER FROM THE TRAGIC EVENTS, AS GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL AMATEURS PAY MORE CRITICAL ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY HEAR IN THE AMATEUR BANDS. AMATEURS IN THE CARIBBEAN HAD BEEN DISTURBED BY THE LOWER FREQUENCY AMATEUR OPERATIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE FOR SOME TIME, WITH A NUMBER OF FORMAL PROTESTS FILED ABOUT THOSE ACTIVITIES. IT'S NO SECRET THAT AMATEUR FREQUENCIES AND EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN USED BY DOPE TRAFFICKERS, AND UNLICENSED OR IMPROPER USE OF THE AMATEUR BANDS BY BOATERS HAS ALSO BEEN A CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN.

~~AMATEUR RADIO USE AND MISUSE BY RELIGIOUS CULTS AND SIMILAR GROUPS IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY REPORTER MIKE WENDLAND, K8ZRH, OF THE DETROIT NEWS. MIKE, WHO WRITES THE SYNDICATED "RADIO TALK" COLUMN ON AMATEUR AND CB RADIO THAT APPEARS IN A NUMBER OF PAPERS, HAS A COPY OF A MEMO FROM ONE SUCH GROUP URGING THE RECRUITMENT OF AMATEURS TO SET UP A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. HE'S SOLICITING FURTHER INFORMATION C/O THE DETROIT NEWS, 615 WEST LAFAYETTE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48231. (TNX HRR)~~

ARRL'S FIRST 1979 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 24 AND 25 IN MIAMI, SO ITS TIME FOR LEAGUE MEMBERS TO CONSIDER TOPICS TO SEND ALONG TO THEIR DIRECTORS. (EDITORS COMMENT) WHAT THE HELL DID THEY SPEND A FEW MEGABUCKS TO BUILD OFFICES IN CONNECTICUT FOR? ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHERE OUR DUES GO...

RELAXATION OF CW REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDICAPPED AMATEUR RADIO APPLICANTS SEEMS TO HAVE BROUGHT MORE NEGATIVE THAN POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM THE HANDICAPPED. COMMENT ON THE DUE DATE ON THE DOCKET HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 30 AT THE REQUEST OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.

UNUSUAL REPEATER INTERFERENCE IN WYANDOTTEM MICH. 147.84-24 SYSTEM WAS TRACED TO SUPER-REGENERATIVE RECEIVERS IN A NEARBY DOOR OPENER. QUENCH FREQUENCY OF THE RECEIVER DETECTOR WAS 600 KHZ, AND ANY STRONG NEARBY SIGNAL WOULD CAUSE THE RECEIVER TO TRANSMIT SIGNAL + 600 KHZ FROM THAT SIGNAL THAT COULD BE HEARD FOR SEVERAL BLOCKS. THE DOOR-OPENER MANUFACTURER HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE, WORKING WITH AREA AMATEURS TO DETERMINE WHAT'S CAUSING THE PROBLEM.

JON K1VVC AND RON K1YHM HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED WORK ON THEIR RTTY AUTO-START MONITORING STATION. THE STATION IS OPERATING ON 147.42 SIMPLEX AND ACCEPTS RTTY AT 60 WPM AT 170 CYCLE SHIFT. THE NEW STATION WENT ON THE AIR FOR THE FIRST TIME ON DECEMBER 23. GOOD LUCK LADS.

CONFUSION SAY: A PESSIMIST IS A MARRIED OPTIMIST . . . . .