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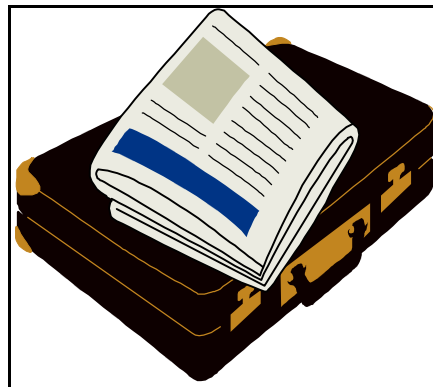
Elections Looming Close- Time to Elect new officers

A nomination committee has been appointed to nominate officers for the upcoming year.

If you have someone in mind that you would like to nominate for next year's officer team, you may get your nominations to Dave, KBØWEY, or to Jack, KBØWFE. Nominations will be taken at the first meeting in November, and voting will take place at the second meeting of the month.

Also, for the remainder of 1996, the meeting time has been changed to 7:30PM, instead of 7:00 PM. Please note the change accordingly. Just as the clocks fall back, so do our meeting times, for now.

Another event to put on the calendar comes up in December, but we want to give you plenty of advance notice, as



Time to elect a new slate; both nationally and for JARC as well! Time for arm-twisting and all of that...

we know December is a busy month. The club Christmas party will be held at Luby's Cafeteria (where Wyatt's

Elections will be held at the second meeting in November. Be sure to be there, or you could get nominated (hi, hi)

was formerly located) between 6-8PM on Tuesday, December 3rd, 1996. A room will be reserved.

New Home for Saturday Morning Gabfests

Granny Shaeffer's place, on North Rangeline Road in Joplin (which many of you will know as the old Chicken Mary's) is the site the crew has chosen for their breakfasts on Saturday mornings. They are known for their breakfast specialties and they have been given the official "nod". Be sure to join the club when you can. Many of the group gets there ahead of time to catch up on the latest news, but the formal time is around 9:00 AM on Saturdays, until whenever.

Also, during the week, many of the Joplin club members meet at Hardee's restaurant on Rangeline, at about 8th street, from around 8:00 AM forward. As with many ham gatherings, one only need look for a parking lot with cars full of antennas to show that you have arrived!

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Two Meter Sideband Activity Grows

by WØJRP

More Joplin and area hams are getting all-mode two meter rigs.

KBØWEY and KBØWPQ are the latest. Bill, KBØWPQ has not put up a horizontal antenna as of yet, but was

Leave town, and the band will open up... WØJRP says he will vouch for this old ham saying.... never fails.

still able to check in to the Monday Night Northwest Oklahoma S.W.O.T. (Side Winders on Two) net. The net control station is WB5GVP, who is located 150 miles away in Henryetta,

No Carthage Hamfest this year

From Andy Gabbert, KAØTUD

Andy Gabbert, KAØTUD, Joplin Club Hamfest Coordinator (and keep-tracker of other hamfests) tells the newsletter that there will *not* be a hamfest in Carthage this year in November.

So if you were looking forward to that one, mark it off.

There will be a hamfest in Neosho on November 17th,

Oklahoma. A horizontal antenna would have produced a much stronger signal, however.

There is an old saying- "Leave town, and the band will open". We recently took a trip to New Mexico to visit my wife's sister. A few days before we left, Don, WØPW, told me "We will have a great two-meter tropo opening!", and he was right, I missed it!

On the weekend of October 5th, Don worked as far away as Virginia and North Carolina on tropo. He reported that signals from Tennessee and Kentucky were very

on their regular third Sunday, at the Community Center in Neosho.

Andy has a complete and exhaustive listing of hamfests he gets from ARRL, and he will be sharing those with us shortly. Look for those dates in upcoming issues of the newsletter

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Thanks to Andy for the information.

strong.

Sporadic "E" skip returned the evening of October 15th. I was hearing some South Texas stations on ten meters, and I called Jay, KØETC, on the phone to alert him of a possible six-meter opening. I could not get on six at the time as I had my hamshack torn up for some remodeling. Jay later told me he worked many stations in Florida, Texas and New Mexico. At the same time, I turned on Channel 2 on my TV set (Editors Note: Channel 2 runs between 54-60 MHz, which is very close to the six-meter band) and I received a clear picture from a TV station in *Monterrey, Mexico*. Their signal was so strong it was taking out Channel 2 in Tulsa!

There will be more skip openings in the month to come, although not as frequent as the summer months. That's why they call six-meters the "magic band"! So long until next time.

'73 John WØJRP

Mass Market Sales of Ham Gear KD9LA

Hams in and around Virginia's Shenandoah Valley have been plagued with unlicensed operation on the 2-meter ham band coming from hunters and poachers in the George Washington national Forest and Shenandoah National Park. Every fall, these people can be heard for miles on many ham frequencies, including repeater inputs, as they coordinate their activities. These unlicensed operators admit having obtained their radios through mass-marketing channels.

One of them even bragged that he had read the licensing requirement, and was advised of the requirement by the store salesperson. But in his words, "it was there and it fit my purposes, so I bought it. Heck, I even got one for my wife. The only one who cares if you get a license is that jerk who comes on and asks for our callsign."

According to David Fordham, KD9LA, editor of the Massanutten and Valley Amateur Radio Associations newsletter, *The Monitor*, these hunters (and several other unlicensed operators in the area) are not the kind who frequent Ham Radio Outlet or would go to the trouble of ordering from Amateur Electronic Supply. No, these fellows bought the radios because they were readily available, with no hard questions, such as "can I have your callsign?" coming from the sales people.

Fordham is convinced that if these operators had not seen the radios

setting on the shelf of the mass-merchandising outlets, they would have never thought of using the 2-meter band for their communications needs. They didn't go to the trouble of contacting Motorola to get their radios — why would they go to the trouble of contacting a ham dealer?

In the late 1970's Sears sold a 2M ham radio through its general catalog. Fordham, who worked at the Sears catalog distribution center at the time, reported that a spot check of seven orders for the radio indicated that buyers of the rigs were not hams, in spite of boldfaced warnings in the catalog that the radio required a license involving an FCC test.

Not **one** of the seven orders had been placed by a ham. One had even been placed by a business owner intending to use them to keep in touch with his employees. Several of the buyers indicated, honestly or not, that they believed the "application" for the license would come with the radio. They had apparently overlooked or ignored the wording about the examination.

Fordham points out that the CB radio service was, in his words, "a half-way decent radio service" requiring a license, back before you could get a CB from almost any electronics store. He points out that mass availability of transmitters eventually overwhelmed the FCC's ability to police the service, resulting in the demise of what had been a useful communications

service. Can the sale of thousands (or hundreds of thousands) of ham radios be good for an already overcrowded band, especially making them easily (the operative word is "easily") available to persons who have not demonstrated

A spot check at Sears in the late 1970's, when they sold a 2m rig—showed not a single ham was among those placing orders in that particular sampling...

knowledge of rules and regulations?...

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President's Corner

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REPEATER ANTENNA INSTALLATION

We have hired Jack Garrison (WØTA) to install the repeater antennas as soon as he has an available date. After talking with him, it appears that they may be installed by the time you read this newsletter. Basically, Jack has volunteered his time, offering to do the job for half of the commercial rate, which will hardly pay the insurance premium required by the tower owner. Thank you Jack, for your support of the amateur community.

We have the antennas for both 2m and 70 cm. assembled and ready to install. KBØTKL and NØQLT are working with me to get a controller ready for the 70 cm. machine. The club still needs a set of duplexers and a cross band coupler to tie both repeaters to the same feedline. Presently, we are watching for some used cans to become available.

POSITION NOT AVAILABLE

Guess what? T-Bird, NØNFZ, has volunteered to take the new position of "Club Historian". When Clyde announced at the meeting that he was offering to take the position, everyone was taken by surprise. I even offered to buy him a camera if he didn't have one. He is assembling the SCRAPBOOK that will contain items of interest significant to HAM RADIO and JARC membership. Let's help make this job a great success by volunteering any photos or old club related

news and documents to T-Bird, so that he will have some stuff to sort through. You can mail these items to him directly, or via the club mailbox. Better yet, bring them with you to any meeting.

ELECTIONS

Plan to attend the next two meetings so that you can participate in the elections for the coming year. The nominations will take place along with any regular club business November 12th, while the elections are scheduled for November 26th.

POTPOURRI

Post your calendar, and mark December 3rd for an evening out. The Annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled to be held at LUBY's Restaurant at 6 PM. Please come if you can.

As President this year, I have built a long list. Here are some things that I think the club should consider in '97:

- A home for the club. You know, a place where



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