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Transcars each and every night 7258khz after MWARS closes down



EDITORIAL

JULY 1971

Hi again, summer blues, lots of travel dont stay at home much now, and pretty much in the air. Also I goofed royally. I recently found this article in the very back of the file and decided I had better put it into print before I get shot. It is almost a year old, but most of the problems in the article are still present even if it isnt the ones mentioned. I'm refering to QRRR HELP QRRR on page TWO.

The Bloomington Picnic is over and now history. It was hot but everyone had a good time. A whole new slate of officers are ready to take over and help MIDCARS TO GROW. Enuf frum me, read on McDuff.

73, 99,

Ronn

WHY WE SAY IT

'Stool Pigeon'

Many centuries ago, British pigeon hunters started to trap the birds in nets because shooting them often damaged the meat.

In trapping the birds, hunters used tame pigeons trained to act as decoys. The hunters, who spent long hours in the field and carried a small stool on which to rest, tied the decoy to the stool with a long string.

When wild pigeons were attracted by the decoy, the hunter waited until the decoy led the other birds under a net. The hunter pulled a string on the net.

The primary definition of "stool pigeon" still is "a bird that lures other birds within a net." But the phrase is more commonly used to mean an informer or a criminal who betrays his fellow thieves.

QRRR-----QRRR
HELP!

On July 7, I took over service control from K5PGR at 1759Z. Things were going very smoothly until 1800. At that time I noticed an incredibly strong signal on EASTCARS and gradually moving up towards us. Thinking it was a ham not familiar with 7258 or 55, I asked if anyone would go down there and ask the AM station to please QSY. Fortunately, my neighbor K8UBK Larry tuned down and caught the call of the station.

The call was W8HRW; better known as HOT ROD WILLIE. Now for you new Midcars fellows like me, let me warn you now. This is an honest to goodness bootleg station, so beware. To make a long story short, thanks to Larry's forewarning, I ignored W8HRW, who was asking for a phone patch into HONG KONG. This was effective until he started calling CO and began going with a WB2. This was too much for some of the fellows on frequency, and they started arguing with him. Seizing the opportunity, I made a quick call to the FCC at Alegen, Michigan, and thanks to W8EH, who works there, a fix was put on W8HRW. But what does this have to do with you? How do we keep other HRW's off Midcars? Its simple if everyone will cooperate by a few simple rules.

1. DONT MENTION OR IN ANY WAY REFER TO QRM ON MIDCARS. There is a psychological unbalance in people which intentionally QRM others. They like to hurt people, but since they dont dare do it on the street for fear of being caught, they hide behind the mask of amateur radio for the exercise of their perverted pleasure. Dont give these warped persons the glee and satisfaction that they have hurt you. Make them think band conditions are such that you cannot hear them. I much to much have had QRM as S.C. and have kept my mouth shut, that is until....one chap mentioned that Midcars sounded like the National Tune Up Frequency. After that my S meter never went under S-9.

2. When service control, read the preamble often. It only takes 45 seconds to read. Also, ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. "During times of QRM, we ask that comments concerning it be kept to a minimum." However do not read this during QRM! I guarentee it will only worsen it.

3. When a bootlegger appears, do not, I repeat DO NOT transmit under any conditions. If these mental pygmies cant get a rise out of you through the use of qrm, they will try verbal confrontation. He's already putting his life in jeopardy (FCC regs 97.121) dont you break the law as well (97.89 sub-part D) read it. There is another reason for keeping quiet- the FCC will try to monitor as much as possible. Monitoring stations cannot get a fix or triangulation if half a dozen stations are in there all screaming at once. Ill admit the arguement that ensued did help our friend on the air hang himself.

4. Let monitor control handle it. Some of you would be suprised at the non members acting as S.C. A non member is better than no S.C. at all. Most of the time the SC is well versed in procedures. However, if the guy needs help, let him ask for it or offer to help him after you have made sure that there are no other operators on frequency that are more qualified than you. There is usually at least on Midcars officer on frequency.

5. Should I call the FCC? If youre new in this business, chances are that it would be better if you dont. Its too bad that we couldnt use a code word to tell someone to call the FCC (reg 97.117.) There are a number of stations on that can call the FCC free of charge, and the OO or Intruder Watcher can make it.

6. Remember that you are the member of one of the largest amateur radio organizations providing one of the largest services in the history of ham radio. Just because you are a member, remember that there are over 600 other members who might be wanting to use the service so dont tie it up by rag chewing. These are but a few pointers. Anyone with a better idea, im all for it.

IM FINE-----THANKYOU!!!!

There is nothing the matter with me
I'm as healthy as I can be
I have arthritis in both knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch Supports I have for my feet, or I
wouldn't be able to be on the street.
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm alright.
My memory is failing, my heads in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this, as this tale I unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm Fine" with a grin,
Than to let folks know the shape I'm in.

How do I know my youth is all spent?
Well, my get up and go has got up and went!
But really I don't mind, when I think with a grin,
Of all the good places my get up has been.

Old age is gold, I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,
With my ears in the drawer and my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I get up.
Ere sleep comes o'er me, I say to myself,
Is there anything else, I should lay on the shelf?

When I was young, my slippers were red,
I would kick my heels clear over my head.
When I grew older, my slippers were blue,
But I could still dance the whole night through,
Now when I'm old, my slippers are black,
I walk to the store and puff my way back.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits.
Pick up the paper and read the "O-Bits"
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead,
So I get a good breakfast and go back to bed

(Anonymous)

The meeting went off as scheduled on June 27th at 11AM after the President announced the opening of the ballots and counted before the meeting. It took about 1½ hours to count the 390 ballots, 425 ballots were sent out. The new president with four write ins is K9GPM Ray Wilson for 1972. Vice president a very close race was won by W4WHP Harry Fairchild. There seven running for that office, 5 of the seven were write in candidates. The secretary treasurer was a close race at the start but W9YGF quickly walked away with the votes. There were 4 write in candidates for sec-treas. Director was WQWYJ with 10 write ins for the office.

August 15th Galchutt North Dakota, a corn boil, WAØZOG Gordy has the information.

August the 29th Vincinnes Indiana Picnic at Gregg Park.

July 23 24 25 Corn Boil Thompson Illinois WA9PSA Don has all the information on how to get there.

A reccommended change to the bylaws by W8QHW Don and seconded by W9CCB Bud a modification to SEC 8, will be run in the AUGUST ISSUE.

Membership growth was mentioned at the meeting. 1968-14, 1969-417, 1970-630, 1971-702 to date.

Presidents comments with 702 we should have more volunteer control stations than we do presently.

Another suggestion that 4 or 5 picnics be held simultaneously throughout the U.S. getting all members together at one time. Communications to be set up so information may be passed over air to all.

The board of directors had no problems, nor were any problems brought out by the 702 members.

9 prizes were given away, 5 SWR RF BRIDGES, 4 \$10 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO SEARS WERE AWARDED TO THE YLS AND XYLS

The Bloomington paper gave us good publicity on the picnic with a picture of W9WWE and K9ZIZ. We will have the picture to print shortly.

WA3KLO HERB FIESTER EAST MCKEESPORT PA, DIED MAY 17, 1971 BLIND OPERATOR

WB9BZF ED YECH STREETER, ILL 27 DIED FEB 5th 1971

An excellent time at the Bloomington Holiday Inn was had by all.

A suggestion was made that Bloomington be made the place of the National picnic. Comments on other areas?

I feel even though it is summer and everyone gets lazy, information should be sent in to Ronn for the Radio Watch as this is the only source or voice we have. Lets use it.

A new gavel was purchased and handed over to the new president elect. It was suggested that a more personal touch by controllers be given to those who call in. We are not a formal service, lets keep it that way.

Saturday morning TECHNICAL SESSION, you dont have to be technical minded to operate as control, everyone take their turn at it. If I can do it you can TOO!

United States Civilian Emergency
Communications Network

In the March, 1971, issue of Radio Watch, Forrest Miller recommended that the MWARS Board of Directors consider creating an organization having the above name. Members of this organization would have emergency AC power available, perhaps also have CB equipment, would conduct drills in emergency communications, would have audio oscillators to transmit MCW, and would use ruled tablets and carbon paper to write down official messages.

This is basically an excellent idea. We need to have an organized system of providing emergency communications via amateur radio. Fortunately such an organization already exists, known as the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps. (AREC). Members of the AREC have emergency power available, conduct regular drills in emergency communications, have CW built into their equipment (doesn't everyone?), write their messages on standard ARRL message pads, and obey FCC regulations by keeping copies of all messages for at least a year. Possession of CB equipment is of course not an AREC requirement, but in many cities there is coordination with CB organizations.

Therefore it would seem more logical and useful that the MWARS Board of Directors establish a working relationship with the AREC, which could be of great benefit to both organizations. In addition, MWARS members can individually participate in AREC activities by contacting their respective Section Communications Manager whose address is on page 6 of any QST issue.

Robert S. Dixon
W8ERD/W9OKN
MWARS #421
Columbus, Ohio



HOW!! HEAP BIG THINGS
ARE HAPPENING. DON'T
MISS THEM BY NOT PAY-
ING YOUR DUES OR ME
SCALPUM!!!



My thanks to Dave Flinn W2CFP for insertion of my editorial from the Radio Watch into the ECARS Monitor. Dave is doing a terrific job of editing with all of the other responsibilities he has. A decal committee has been appointed to study designs for the new ECARS decal.

AUGUST 29TH PICNIC MUSKEGON PIONEER PARK. All camping facilities available, free parking, swimming in Lake Michigan, pin ball machines and games for the kids, enough room to get lost in and have a good time for everyone. Beautiful surroundings. A pavilion is there if the weather gets bad. The picnic has been moved from Benton Harbor because of the better facilities and no cost and you can swim, hike on the beach, climb the dunes or just sleep in the shade. Only three hours drive from Chicago, 2½ if you drive faster. Fly into the Muskegon County airport and well meet you. See you there.

AREA

AMATEUR RADIO EDITORS ASSOCIATION

JULY 10 1971

Dear Ronn:

Thankyou for sending me a copy of MID CARS- RADIO WATCH, JUNE 1971.

Another fine paper, professional quality.

Layout page 2 and 3 excellent presentation of article by AREA member Pat Shreve W8GRG with an important message.

I may use this article in one of my Plain Dealer columns.

Thank you for being a member of AREA, 73-76

Harry A. Tummonds, W8BAH, AREA 2,

MEMBERS OF AREA

#257 MIDCARS RONN MANN SR W8NXX
 #262 ECARS DAVID FLINN W2CFP
 #286 WCARS Tom Eavenson K5BWZ

Harry

DEAR ANN LANDERS: A few years ago my husband used to play a lot of cards. Harry was gone five nights a week. The only time I saw him was when he'd have the card game at our house. I got fed up making sandwiches, emptying ashtrays and cutting my way through cigar smoke. One day a friend told me how she cured her husband of the same thing. She got him interested in a ham radio.

This is not a cheap hobby, but I decided it was worth it. I bought Harry a set as a surprise birthday gift. Within weeks he gave up the cards to stay home and ham it up. Now he has started a short-wave romance with some woman who lives in San Antonio, Texas. She has a voice like Lady Bird Johnson. Their three-hour conversations are making me sick. Harry rushes home from work, bolts his dinner and makes a beeline for the radio.

Last week he couldn't contact the lady for three days and he was a wreck. When he finally reached her she explained she'd been out of town. He scolded her for not letting him know she was leaving . . . said he was "worried sick." The whole thing was so cozy I felt like belting him one. Furthermore, this ham thing is interfering with our sex life because Harry stays up until 2:00 a.m. most nights. (I think she does it on purpose.)

Now I wish he were back playing cards. What should I do? — DUMMY

DEAR DUMMY: Keep quiet. These two will probably talk themselves out. A woman who can't lure her man away from a piece of machinery has no imagination, Toots.



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