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Transcars each and every night 7258khz after MWARS closes down

FLIP

EDITORIAL

FLOP



SEP-OCT 1971

Where does the time go? Its already snowing in Wyoming and has threatened in Upper Michigan. Now is the time to get your antennas in shape for the winter blasts. Get that old mobile winterized two. You never know when you might need it and the mobile rig. If you are prepared you will be ready when the need arises and possibly save a life. Last winter gave MWARS a good test as one incident after another was handled quickly and effectively. Winter also brings more activity on the bands as weather keeps us in the shack. Lets observe courtesy and keep the three cars systems going as smoothly as possible. Remember to tune 5 or 6 khz up and then return to frequency. A good turn out at the Muskegon Picnic and alot of fun was had by all. Lake Michigan was a little two icy for swimming, but the air around the picnic area was hot as stories were swapped. W8KTJ Mike gave a tour of the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council Clubhouse in the woods near the picnic site. The 100' tower loaded with antennas and 4-1000 final on the end was the talk of the day. Last months Watch was late due to a new class starting at the college that hadnt used the equipment before. They have promised to do a good fast job for the rest of the year.



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MR. RAY WILSON. SEC'Y MIDCARS

AUG-24-1971

DEAR SIR; I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF INVITATION TO BECOME A MEMBER IN MID-CARS. AFTER YOU READ THIS NOTE I DOUBT THAT YOU OR OTHERS WOULD WANT ME IN. TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. I HAVE OVER 52 YEARS OF C.W. IN BOTH CODES. HAVE HANDLED THOUSANDS OF MESSAGES IN COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHY AS WELL AS IN AIRFORCE MARS. I AM A MEMBER OF TRANSCON-3- AIRFORCE TRAFFIC NET C.W. ONLY, AND ALMOST ALL THE MEMBERS ARE EXTRA CLASS MEN. THIS SHOULD GIVE ME AN IDEA OF NETS, HANDLING TRAFFIC, AND--OR--IDLE CHATTER.

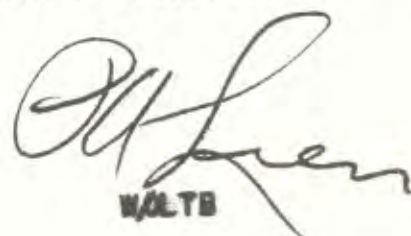
FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO CONGRATULATE W0WYJ ON THE WAY HE HANDLES MIDCARS. THINGS MOVE WITH HIM AT THE BOARD. NO IDLE CHATTER HERE, AND CERTAINLY AN EXAMPLE FOR THE YOUNG KIDS, WHO CAN NOT UNDERSTAND.

I HAVE LIVED IN CALIFORNIA 5 WINTERS, AND CHECKED INTO WESTCARS WHERE THINGS REALLY MOVE ALONG, AND A BIG JOY TO CHECK IN. NOT SO--HERE ON MIDCARS. WE HAVE BEGINNERS WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THEY THEMSELVES SHOULD NOT HAVE PERSONAL LONG VISITS, LOTS OF WHAT DID YOU SAY, AND WILL YOU REPEAT WHAT YOU JUST SAID--ETC, ETC, ETC, ETC. THEY DON'T REMEMBER THAT OTHERS ARE WAITING, AND THEY CAN NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE IMPOSING ON THE NET AS A WHOLE. THEY INFRINGE ON THE FEW MOMENTS LOTS OF US HAVE, PLUS THE FACT THAT THEY CAN NOT COPY MANY MID WEST STATES. YOU MEN AT THE TOP ARE MOST OF ALL GUILTY OF THE MANNER IN WHICH MIDCARS IS RUN, BECAUSE THRU YOUR JUDGEMENT OR LACK OF IT, COMES THE MESS WE FIND MOST EVERY DAY ON THIS NET. CAN I MAKE IT VERY VERY CLEAR--THAT MIDCARS IS THE ABBREVIATION FOR MIDSTATES, AND WAS CONCEIVED I AM SURE WITH THE THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD SERVE THE MIDWESTERN STATES WHO HAVE NO SUCH SERVICE HERETOFOR. NOW WE FIND SOME PUNK KID IN NORTH CAROLINA OFFERING TO TAKE THE NET, AND THE TIRED NET CONTROL COULD CARE LESS, JUST GIVES IT TO HIM. HOW IN HELL CAN THIS N.C. STATION HERE FARGO, NO. DAK. TRYING TO CHECK IN. THE NUMBER OF DIGUSTED STATIONS WILL NEVER BE KNOWN, BUT I WILL GUESS THAT THE NUMBER IS VERY LARGE. IMAGINE PENNSYLVANIA ACTING AS MIDCARS CONTROL, WHAT DEGREE OF INTELLEGEANCE DID IT TAKE TO CREATE THIS NET, AND KEEP IT FOR THE MIDWEST. WE HAVE EASTCARS FOR THESE BOYS, BUT IF THE N.C. LIVES IN KENTUCKY--ALL HE IS GOING TO DO, IS TO BRING IN QRM FOR US FROM THE EAST-COAST. YOU HAVE HEARD MY DISGUST ON MIDCARS. I KNOW THAT W0WYJ HAS, AND THAT HE SYMPATHIZES WITH MY EFFORTS TO CONTACT MY SON IN ILLINOIS OVER THE TWO SUMMERS SESSIONS THAT HE WAS STATIONED IN POST GRADUATE WORK.

YOU WILL NOT HEAR ME ON MIDCARS. LIKE MANY OTHERS I WILL LOOK FOR BETTER CONTACTS FOR WE WHO LIVE OUT HERE IN THE STICKS. PLEASE GREET KIRBY WA9CMY, AN OLD C.W. FRIEND.

I DO WISH YOU BETTER LUCK WITH MIDCARS.

C/C W0WYJ--W9YGF-- W9WNE--W9GET-



WALTB

A FEW AFTER-THOUGHTS. I HAVE HEARD THE SUGGESTION THAT AS LONG AS I AM NOT A MEMBER OF MIDCARS-I SHOULD QUIT BELLYACHING. THIS IS FAR BEYOND THE POINTS IN QUESTION. IF I HAVE NOT MADE MYSELF CLEAR SO FAR-HERE ARE A FEW MORE THOUGHTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. YOU MEN WHO WERE THE FORMATION OF THIS NET LACKED A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT GEORGRAPHY, IN-ASMUCH AS ILLINOIS IS NOT THE CENTER OF AMERICA. YOU MAY PREACH THAT THE POPULATION IS THERE, AND YOU ARE TRYING TO CENTER IT POPULATION WISE. THIS IS A SICKLY EXCUSE FOR YOUR MISTAKE. WHAT ABOUT THE BOYS THAT ARE MOBILE ACROSS NEBRASKA, WYOMING, MONTANA, UTAH, KANSAS ETC. MANY OF WHOM YOU NEVER HEAR-YET YOU PROFESS TO BE OF HELP TO THE MOBILES IN THE MIDWEST. MAYBE YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THE MAP AGAIN, AND SEE WHERE THE HELP COULD MEAN AN AWFUL LOT MORE TO A STRANDED MOBILE IN THE LONEEY PLAINS OF NO. DAKOTA THAN A DROP OUT, WHO LOST HIS TURN OFF IN CHICAGO. SOME THOUGHT ALSO MUST BE GIVEN TO A PROPER N.C.S. WHO CAN HEAR THE MIDWEST- INSTEAD OF THE EAST COAST, WHO NOW HAVE TWO SERVICES-NAMELY EASTCARS AND MIDCARS. BY LETTING SOME YOUNG PUNK IN NO. CAROLINA OR WEST VIRGINIA HANDLE THE NET YOU ARE BRINGING IN CALLS FROM THE EAST COAST, AND CAUSING IMPOSSIBLE QRM HERE IN THE M I D E S T ^{WEST}. DO SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING MIDWEST N.C.S. OR GIVE UP TRYING TO JUSTIFY BEING A NET, AND JUST FOLD UP. ANOTHER THING SHOULD I BE WORKING C.W. THROUGH A 400 CYCLE PASSBAND, AND MOVE NEAR YOUR NET- JUST REMEMBER THAT THIS IS PERMITTED BY THE F.C.C. AND DON'T GET UP TIGHT IT COULD HAPPEN WITHOUT MY TRYING, AND ITS STILL LEGAL, SO LOOK AT YOUR SETUP, AND SEE SOME OF YOUR MISTAKES OR LACK OF SUPERVISION. BETTER LOOK WEST FOR YOUR N.C.S. INSTEAD OF EAST- AND BE HONESTLY JUSTIFIED IN CALLING IT MID-CARS. IF YOU CAN NOT FIND AN N.C.S. IN THE WEST- JUST FOLD UP. YOU HAVE ASSUMED TOO MUCH ALREADY IN CALLING "ILLINOIS" MIDCARS.

FCC MONITORING STATION PHONE NUMBERS

WHY WE SAY IT**'Dog Days'**

The hottest days of summer are called "dog days" and it is often thought that this term is used because dogs are likely to go "mad" during these periods of extreme heat.

But the early Romans, who coined the term, didn't mean that at all.

Ancient Roman stargazers observed that in the summer sky, a dog-shaped constellation appeared, which they called "Canicula."

The hot periods became known as "dies Caniculares," meaning "days of the Dog Star."



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This list of FCC Monitoring Stations was received by W2PQG directly from the FCC. It is being reproduced here for your information and with the suggestion that you post it by your telephone.

Anchorage, Alaska
907-344-1011

Livermore, California
415-447-3614

Powder Springs, Georgia
404-943-5420

Laurel, Maryland
301-725-3474

Canandaigua, New York
315-394-4240

Kingsville, Texas
512-592-2531

Spokane, Washington
509-244-2141

Douglas, Arizona
602-364-2133

Santa Ana, California
714-545-1333

Waipahu, Hawaii
808-673-954

Allegan, Michigan
616-673-2063

Chillicothe, Ohio
614-775-6523

Denison, Texas
214-965-7281

Wahiawa, Hawaii
808-622-1515

Coronado, California
714-435-0048

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
305-583-2511

Prospect Harbor, Maine
207-963-5857

Grand Island, Nebraska
308-382-4296

Sahana Seea, Puerto Rico
809-783-2424

Bellingham, Washington
206-734-4196

Washington, D.C.
Watch Officer
202-632-6975

THE NEED ARISES

Local Hams Help in Disaster Communications

By JIM MAURER
Daily Report Staff Writer

ALTA LOMA — A thousand voices keep communication lines open during disasters in the western United States.

Members of the West Coast Amateur Radio Service, Inc., spread from Washington state to the California-Mexican border, go on the air the moment trouble strikes.

"And we've had a lot of air time lately," says Howard Lakey, a long-time member of the amateur network.

Thursday afternoon Lakey was acting as the net control station from the Southland area as calls came in from hams all over the nation seeking information about Tuesday's earthquake.

"Anyone in Newhall?" comes a voice, clear and loud, from Reno.

"ANG, Newhall."

"Would you check . . ." and a name and telephone number is relayed to the Newhall radio operator.

Within minutes the Newhall

station calls back. "... says everything is okay with them."

"Roger, Newhall. Thanks." Throughout the day calls filter into Southern California as relatives around the country have amateur stations in their cities call.

Jammed long distance telephone lines have made personal contact impossible for many scattered families.

Lakey, whose station is in the den of his Alta Loma home, 8785 Avalon St., said, "During emergencies like this we don't patch through telephone conversations, since it would tie up our lines too much. But we do carry health and welfare messages through relays so people can find out about their relatives — at least to know if they are all right."

The conversation was constantly interrupted by incoming calls as Lakey assigned requests to the various stations on the air.

As the net controller, he was responsible for completion of all contacts, and for getting the information back and forth between the inquirer and the station with the answers.

"I've been on the air about 10 hours a day ever since Tuesday morning when the quake hit," Lakey said Thursday.

"Most of our stations around the San Fernando Valley area have more time than that," he added.

Lakey said he wants people to know about this service provided by WCARS, and he extends an open invitation for people to use this service.

"We don't want to be used every week for personal calls," he said, "but when the need arises, we can contact people almost anywhere in the world."

Lakey can be contacted through local Red Cross offices or by calling 987-5457.

Pilot 'Curses' Earthlings

LONDON (AP) — Heathrow Airport officials went scurrying for their Bibles today when a Royal Air Force pilot brought down an Old Testament curse from the mid-Atlantic skies.

The VC10 pilot was on a planned nonstop flight from Newfoundland to London when he was asked to stop in Keflavik, Iceland, to pick up equipment.

"Deuteronomy, Chapter 27, Verse 18," the pilot radioed back.

Airport thumbs flicked through the pages and got the message:

"Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way."

All members of midcars should take an interest in the article in August 1971 QST "League News" pertaining to the INTRUDER WATCH. ARRL is asking for help from all amateurs and intends to do something about cleaning up the bands. Send for your reporting forms and instructions.

W9WWE Marv

DONT BLOW YOUR SET BY K8WGI DARA

If you have wall to wall carpet, don't walk across the room and touch an FM radio or TV set ant. Thick rugs and solid state circuits do not mix. You may build up a static charge and if you touch the antenna you may blow up the front end transistor. Ground yourself before touching the set.

From the Dayton RF Carrier



SEE YOU ON 7258? I MISS YOU!!

DRELLES

SANDWICH SHOP — 244 Western Avenue
 RESTAURANT & COCKTAIL LOUNGE — 388 Western Avenue
 MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

Tear Drop .06 Sparkling Water .02
 Citrate .04 Quinac .02 (Thimbles)

LOW CALORIE DIET

MONDAY

Breakfast: Weak Tea
 Lunch: One Bouillon Cube in One-Half Cup Diluted Water
 Dinner: One Pigeon Thigh; Three Ounces Prune Juice (gargle only)

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Scraped Crumbs from Burnt Toast
 Lunch: One Doughnut Hole (without sugar).
 One Glass Dehydrated Water
 Dinner: Three Grains Cornmeal, Broiled

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Shredded Egg Shell Skin
 Lunch: One-Half Dozen Poppy Seeds
 Dinner: Bee's Knees and Mosquito Knuckles Sauted in Vinegar

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Boiled-Out Stains of Old Table Cloth
 Lunch: Belly Button of Naval Orange
 Dinner: Three Eyes from Irish Potato (diced)

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Two Lobster Antennas
 Lunch: One Tail Joint of Sea Horse
 Dinner: Rotisserie Broiled Guppy Filet

SATURDAY

Breakfast: Four Chopped Banana Seeds
 Lunch: Broiled Butterfly Liver
 Dinner: Jelly Vertebrae a la Centipede

SUNDAY

Breakfast: Pickled Humming Bird Tongue
 Lunch: Prime Rib of Tadpole; Aroma of Empty Custard Pie Plate
 Dinner: Tossed Paprika and Clover Leaf Salad

NOTE: A seven-ounce glass of steam may be consumed on alternate days to help in having something to blow off.

*The Principia College
 Elmhurst, Illinois*

JULY 29 1971

Dear Ray,

In a few short days my family and I will start our long trip to stay in England for a year, returning in August 1972. I'll be doing some research in physics at the University of Warwick Coventry. We want to thank all of our dear friends in MWARS for their selfless service.

Our radio gear has been packed for several weeks in hopes of taking it along and applying for a G call sign.

Our British address will be—
 Dave Cornell
 The Laurels
 North Lindsey
 Warwickshire, England

Thanks,
 WA9NLD Dave



WB4VIK John 39 was born a victim of cerebral palsy and confined to a wheel chair for many years. John has never been able to walk.

As you can see from the pictures, his arms are tied behind him since he has no control over them or his head

His only usable limb is his left foot, which he uses to operate the dial on his Duo Bander. He also keeps his log with an electric typewriter, typing with his foot.

He reads constantly. He has and asks more questions than a dog has fleas. John hasnt had any formal schooling, but has managed to come up with a pretty good education. His determination makes up for his deficiencies.

C.B. ceased to be enough about 6 months after he got it. His ambition was getting a ham license.

John has a pony and cart that he drives by himself, by tying the ends of the reins together, looped around his stiff leg, guides him with the reins in his good toes

WAQYRP Betty



Mary

Kit

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MUSKEGON PICNIC AUGUST 29 1971
IN ATTENDANCE 52



KOWKS

W5APC

- W8NXD RONN MANN & FAMILY
- W8MZS SAUNDERS JONES & FAMILY
- W88GFJ BLAIR FAMILY & RAY
- W88CCT GEO OOM
- W8GSA DUKE & ERMAL REED
- W88YYY AL LANE & FAMILY
- W88BRE IVAN HOVEY & FAMILY
- W9GET JIM MOORE & FAMILY
- W88CKZ MARK SCHMIDO
- W9JTH SUE STRICKLAND
- W8KTJ MIKE BARLOW & FAMILY
- W99CMY KIRBY STRICKLAND
- W88WXX ED MARTIN
- K8GMO LARRY ENGLUND & FAMILY
- W88NWU JOSEPH CZERNIAK & FAMILY
- W88EXJ VERN PAGE & FAMILY

By ALAN MARKFIELD

Two orphans in Ecuador who ate deadly poison are alive today because Wayne Keelin just happened to be the right man in the right place at the right time.

Keelin, an amateur radio hobbyist was at home in Riviera Beach, Fla., idly turning the knobs of his shortwave set about 10 p.m. on April 19 when, he said, he "heard this man speaking desperately in Spanish."

"I answered," Keelin told *The ENQUIRER*, "and he introduced himself as an army colonel in Quito, Ecuador."

"The colonel said, 'Five children in an orphanage here got into some lead sulphate from an old electric battery. Two are dead already and three others are dying. We need 22 ampuls of an antidote known as EDTA. There is none available in Ecuador.'"

Luckily not only is Keelin a ham radio operator who just happened to hear the colonel's call for help but he also:

- Speaks Spanish fluently.
- Is chief pharmacist at Palm Beach Gardens Hospital, which means he fully understood the orphans' medical plight and knew how to obtain the drugs quickly at night.
- Has a wife, Hilda, who is a pharmacist at West Palm Beach's Good Samaritan Hospital, which had on hand 12

In a Fantastic Series of Coincidences . . .

Amateur Radio Operator in Florida Saves Lives of 2 Poisoned Children in Ecuador



AMATEUR RADIOMAN Wayne Keelin and wife Hilda at radio that saved children's lives.

ampuls of the scarce antidote, slightly more than half the amount needed.

But the chain of luck and coincidence didn't end there.

Said Keelin: "At the colonel's request I called Miami for the home of the Ecuadoran consul general, Gonzalo Jacome. Miraculously, he just happened to be right by the phone when it rang."

"My wife in the meantime called Miami to make arrange-

ments for Jacome to pick up the antidote from a poison control center there.

"We already knew that a plane was scheduled to leave Miami International Airport at 2 a.m. for Ecuador."

"By a further coincidence, Jacome had a houseguest who was booked to take the plane and could take the drugs with her."

"Again fortunately, the houseguest knew the exact location of the orphanage and could get the drugs there quickly."

But then Jacome learned that the Miami poison control

center had only 10 ampuls of the antidote EDTA in stock. Keelin and his wife dashed for their car to drive 75 miles to Miami with the 12 ampuls from the West Palm Beach hospital.

"I prayed that nothing would go wrong on the road," said Keelin.

"I knew we'd have only minutes to spare."

"We reached Miami International Airport just as passengers were being called aboard the flight. Jacome and his guest met us at the ticket counter."

"The antidote reached Ecuador in time to save two of the children."

The Keelins' deed earned them the gratitude of the Ecuadoran government. The *ENQUIRER* was told by Maria Teresa Jacome, daughter of the consul general. Her father is currently on vacation in Europe.

She said, "My father was very impressed at the Keelins' willingness to become involved, especially their driving down to Miami after midnight."

"Thanks to Mr. Keelin and his radio, two young children are alive today in Ecuador," said Miss Jacome.

Marketplace

Gonset GSB-100, GSB-101 Linear, HQ-170C rcvr HQ-110C rcvr. Sale or Trade for Duo Bander Swan 260, 270, or 270B. D.C. power also. Herbert Peery W0GQR Box 313 Trenton, Mo. 64683 MWARS #46

SR150 xcvr 80-10 150 watts AC supply complete \$350.00 WA2K00/8 Victor Stauder 18 Dean Pl. Apt D Dayton, Ohio 45420

SB101-400cycle filter, sensitivity modifications (SB102) added with speaker and console. 8 mos old, factory built serial plate \$350.00 TR106 6 meter xcvr 12vdc or 115ac, 3 hours use. Cost \$130 will sell for \$65.00. No 6 activity here in mv town. W90ZJ F.R. Powell Rt 3 Box 424 Connersville, Indiana 47331

Hey Larry K8URK! Sell some SILOS.

W9WWE Marv Cook has a hair raising story to tell these days. Seems he was talking on 2 meters when lightning took a liking to his antenna farm.



WB8CCT

W0WYJ

"LET'S FACE IT ED--WE'VE GOT CANCER!"

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
M W A R S

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY.....

CALL.....

ANNUAL DUES \$3.00 INCLOSED

I hereby apply for membership in the Midwest Amateur Radio Service. I understand that this application is subject to the approval of the Officers, and I agree to abide by the Constitution and bylaws of the organization.

SIGNED.....

Mail to K9GPM Ray Wilson
25W013 Lacey Ave
Naperville, Illinois 60540

The last word ...



LEFT HANDED

I heard that 10% of the population are left handed, so 10% of the hams must send with left handed keys. Also that left handed people are considered to be much more artistic and smarter than the run of the mill, majority right handers. As to the weather maps on your local tv station, ever notice the H and the L, well that reminds me of my first name Harry Tummonds and my xyl's name Lydia Tummonds. There you are H&L and which one is the good buy? Anyhow before I go to bed at night, I always point my slippers and shoes-North. How about you?

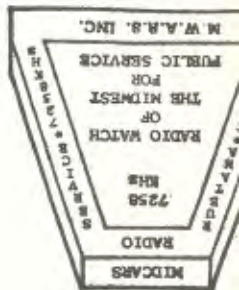
AREA BULLITEN

K9GPM Ray has been running around his back yard with boots on. Getting DEEP Ray?

If only a short note write to the EDITOR with some information for the WATCH. Any thing is welcome. Humorous or otherwise. If you don't like something let us know. Its hard to write about nothing.

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