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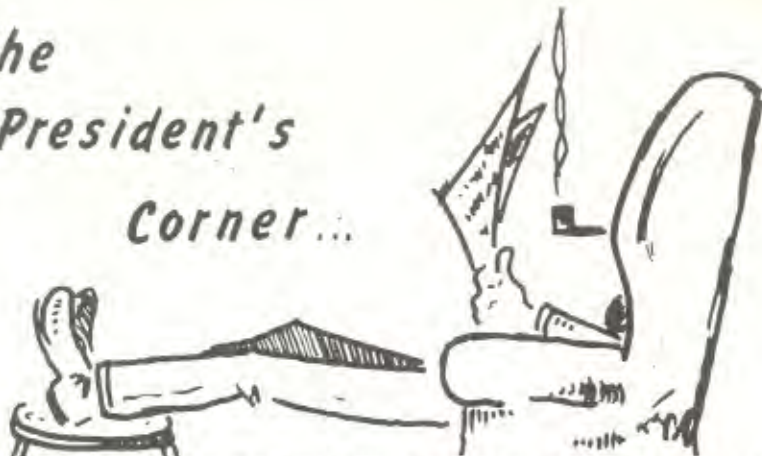
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DAYTON, O. - April 29. For the first time, I can make like a daily newspaper reporter - well, a weekly one anyway. I'm writing this while having breakfast in my room at the Imperial House and Bob, K8IKT, is waiting down the hall (breathlessly, no doubt) for me to deliver the copy to him so that he can rush back to Detroit and get it into print.

Seriously, it is nice to be able to write about an event so soon after it has occurred. The Dayton Hamvention, from all indications, was the largest in history. The Midcars meeting room was huge, with a sea of empty chairs a few minutes before the scheduled 1 p.m. starting time. At 12:55, we wondered where everybody was. At 1:05 we wondered where everybody came from. The room was jammed from front to back and several people were standing - adding up to the largest Midcars meeting ever. A head count, made about midway thru, totaled 230, with an undetermined number of stragglers filtering in later.

It was announced that a new tower and antenna was to be installed for John, WB4VIK (who was present) on May 18 and 19. This well-kept (we hope) secret was enthusiastically received by the audience and some willing workers will be welcome. The project was started by Glen and Betty, K9MKM and WB9GJJ. The funds for the tower, antenna, concrete, etc., were obtained thru contributions by individual members.

Some additional program highlights were the 40-odd prizes, obtained through a lot of effort by Frank, K8NLM; the signing up of Midcars member #1000; a show of hands overwhelmingly in favor of an increase in dues rather than reducing the Watch; numerous questions from the floor, and apparently a good time had by all.

The Operations Manual, which was distributed with the March issue of the Watch, has been well received and has generated a considerable amount of favorable comment from many sources. It is said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and the new Southcars asked permission to use our procedures. It was granted, of course, and they had our Manual reproduced, substituting the name of their Service for ours in the appropriate places. We wish them well. The Manual is often referred to on Midcars, by old and new members alike, and is apparently serving the purpose for which it was intended. A few of our regular controllers predictably choose to ignore it completely, of course.

The next gathering of the clan will be at the Annual Picnic. Be sure to circle July 8 on your calendar. As announced previously, the place will be Fowler Park in Terre Haute, Ind. Glen and Betty (K9MKM and WB9GJJ respectively), Lucy, my XYL and I inspected the park recently and it appears to be an excellent place for the picnic. There's a large lake, numerous picnic areas, an open-sided pavillion with fireplace, which is reserved for Midcars, ample parking space and even a covered bridge. It is within a few minutes drive of several motels, for those who plan to stay overnight.

73, Bill, K4DLA

#### 4 THE QSL CARD

Never let it be said that the QSL card has no other use except to tack on the wall of your shack. On 22 February I was operating mobile between Springfield, Ill. and Quincy, Ill. I checked into MIDCARS, Bob (K8IKT) was service control with Jim (WB8GEG) assisting him.

The following day in Springfield, my car was backed into by a person who did not care to leave his license number, but luckily a witness took his number and furnished it to my XYL when she returned to the car.

The police traced the driver down. The driver agreed he backed into my car but he disagreed that he destroyed the mobile mount when he hit the car. He and his insurance company claimed, due to the amount of rust on the mount, the damage had been done months ago.

To make the story short, Bob furnished verification by a QSL card that I was in mobile contact with him the day before. After the Insurance Company saw the verification and my log, they agreed to pay for the damage.

TNX again to Bob and Jim, also MIDCARS.

73, Bill, WB9FJE

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...mobiles  
and mobiles  
only ...



The warm weather is upon us and time for all the "Weekend mobiles" to put the rig in the car for vacations, hamfests, and picnics. Of course many of us never take the rig out of the car, but do enjoy the extra mobile activity during the warmer months. Talk-in frequencies are quite helpful for hamfests and picnics and everyone who has a rig should put it in his car and discover the joys of mobiling. Of course, there are practical aspects to mobile operation I especially like. Mobiles always get to check into the Service first!

This month's technical note concerns the problem of noise, suppression in mobile operation. Static from the engine can be most annoying, especially under weak signal conditions. Ed, WØWYJ has some information which would be helpful to anyone who is trying to lick their particular noise problem. If interested send Ed 24 cents in stamps and he will send the information to you.

Yes, it's time again to present the "Midcars Mobile Of The Month" award. This month, Ralph, KØYTM, who always has an outstanding mobile signal, is the lucky recipient.

Well, that's it for this month and looking forward to seeing everyone in the next few months.

73, John, WA9ELV

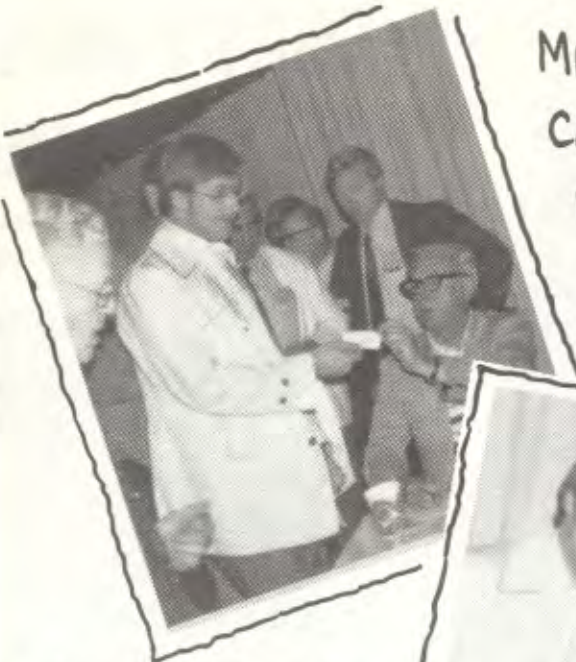
#### MWARS' MEMBERSHIP PASSES 1000!

During Midcars Dayton Meeting many new members joined the Service.

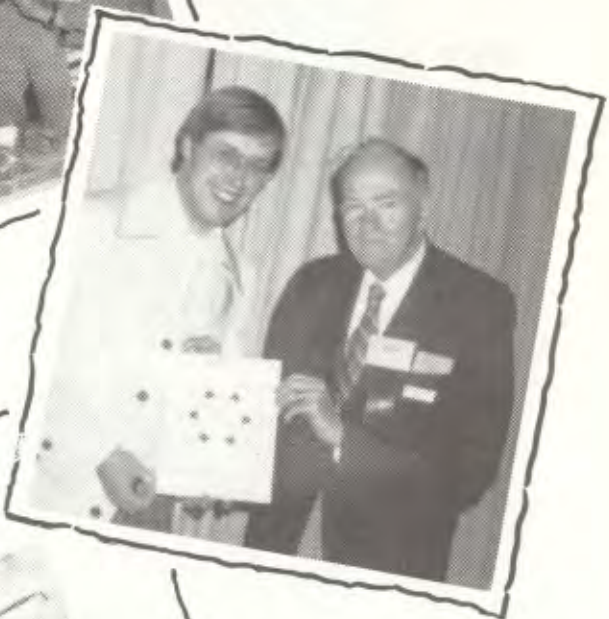
Carl Bubolz, WA9ODW/8 became member number 1000! Carl is from Ypsilanti, Mich., and came with Jeff, W8HST and their wives.

Midcars welcomes Carl to the Service and presented him with a low pass filter and a FREE year's membership.

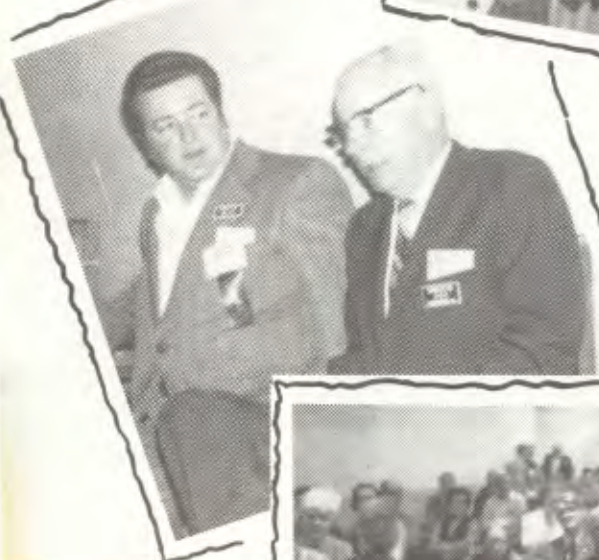
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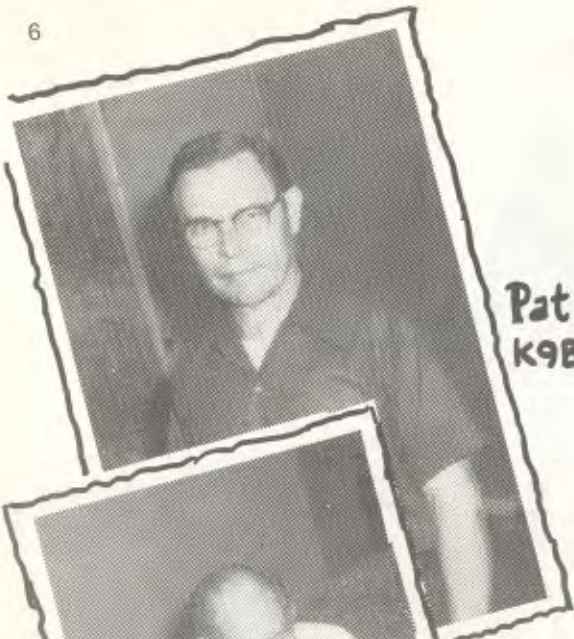
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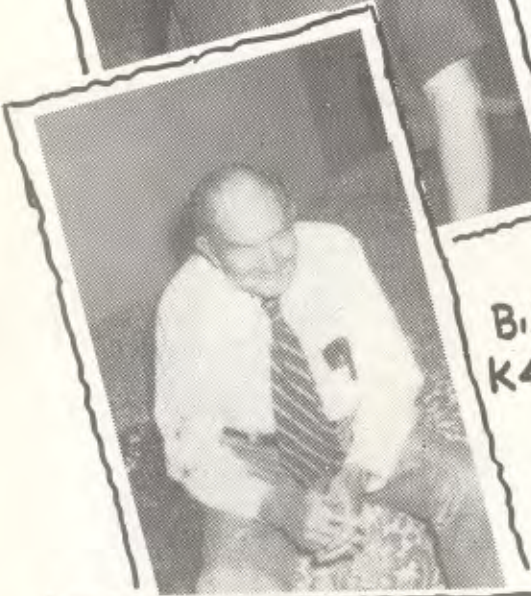
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THE CROWD!



# DAYTON HAMVENTION PICTURE GALLERY



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K9BTR



Bill,  
K4DLA



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SUSIE, W9JTH

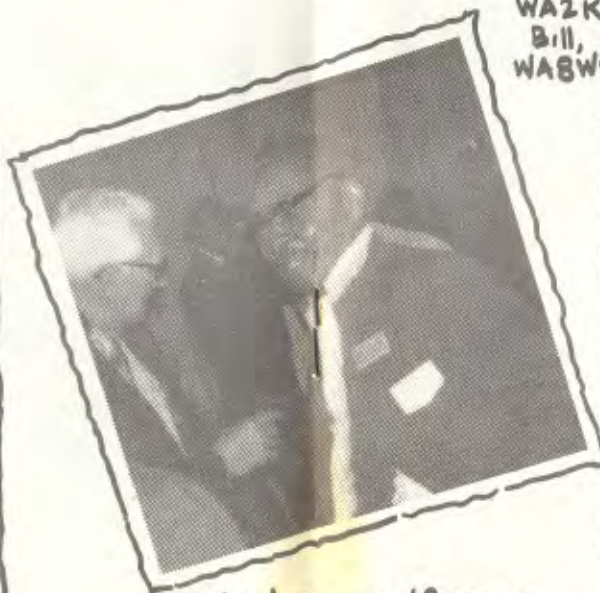
Geo,  
W9CFZ



Vic,  
W2K00/B  
Bill,  
W8WWM



ART, W8FPZ WITH A WINNER



JONESY, W8MZ5

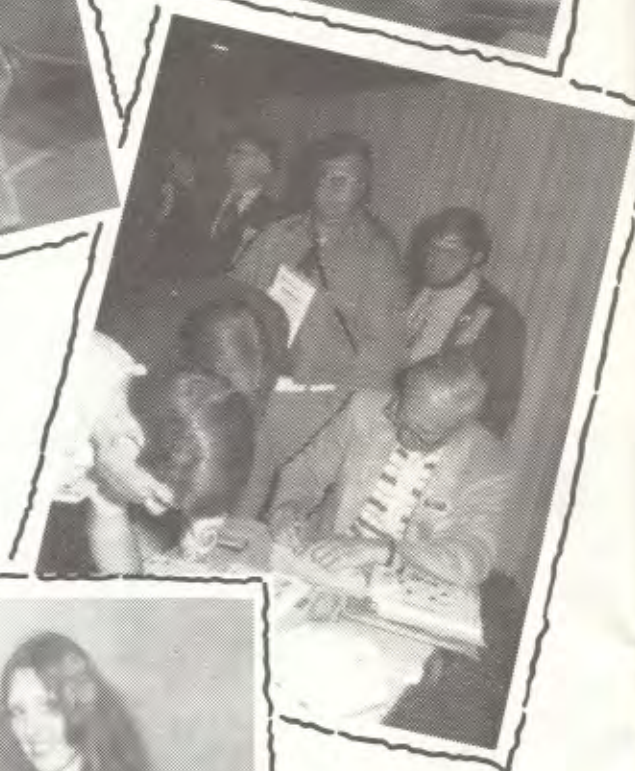


BILL, W8WWM - BOB, K8IKT - BUD, W9CCB

SUSIE, W9JTH  
KIRBY, WA9CMY



BILL, K4DLA  
RAY, W9HGJ  
collecting dues



JIM, WB2REM  
BECKY, WB8ONH

Here is a nifty narrative that repeats itself frequently on the CARS services that can be readily avoided with a minimum of concentration:

Service Control: ". . . .Are there anymore checkins, call now."

WA9XAB: "CONTACT"

Service Control: "Contact, call your station."

WA9XAB: "Roger, WB8XYZ, WB8XYZ, this is WA9XAB, WA9XAB, go ahead."

WB8XYZ: "Roger, roger, WA9XAB, this is WB8XYZ, go ahead."

WA9XAB: "Can you go up or down?"

WB8XYZ: "Yes, I can, old man."

WA9XAB: "How about up in frequency?"

WB8XYZ: "OK, fine."

WA9XAB: "What frequency do you want to go to?"

WB8XYZ: "Oh, I don't care. I can go anywhere that you can."

WA9XAB: "How about 7290 plus or minus 5 kc.?"

WB8XYZ: "Let's try 7200 plus or minus 5."

WA9XAB: "OK, I don't care."

WB8XYZ: "OK, I'll call you at 7210, OK?"

WA9XAB: "Roger, Roger."

WB8XYZ: "Who is going to call who?"

WA9XAB: "I don't care."

WB8XYZ: "Fine, I'll call you. By the way what is your handle?"

WA9XAB: "My handle is Bob, what's your?"

WB8XYZ: "My handle is Fred."

WA9XAB: "OK, I'll see you down frequency, Fred, QSY."

WB8XYZ: "Roger, roger QSY, frequency clear, Service Control."

WA9XAB: "Frequency clear."

Service Control: ". . . .Midcars on 7258, WBØAAA by for checkins,  
AND SPACE THEM!!"

Some of the confusion and impatience of Service operations of this sort can be at least partially eliminated when a more adequate alternative such as the following is used:

Service Control: "Are there anymore check-ins, call now."

WA9XAB: "Contact, WA9XAB."

Service Control: "Contact, call you station."

WA9XAB: "Thank you, WB8XYZ, WA9XAB."

WB8XYZ: "Roger, WA9XAB from WB8XYZ, where to?"

WA9XAB: "7230 plus or minus, I'll call you."

WB8XYZ: "OK, frequency clear, Service Control, WB8XYZ."

Of course, there are an infinite number of variations of the above suggested alternative, varying with the circumstances, but one thing is clear. That is, to make transmissions as short as possible, and avoid useless rag-chewing on the Service frequency. Following this suggestion reduces the strain on the patience of other stations trying to check in, and in turn reduces QRM of several varieties, to say nothing of helping Service Control retain his sanity.

73, Bryant, WB2LVW

#### EDITOR RADIO WATCH:                   ♦♦♦

My opinion of the RADIO WATCH is as follows: I read every word--twice. I have never been associated with a finer group of gentlemen.

73, Mike, WA4BKB

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## 10 QUIPS FROM THE SEC/TREAS

- W4WHP - I am thankful for Midcars and all you fellows who work so hard to keep it going. Keep up the good work.
- WA8AWJ - Here's my three dollars - you all deserve it.
- WB8EEU - The Watch has been looking good - great job Bob's doing.
- W8HST - Figured if I wanted to continue receiving the excellent issues of the Watch, I had better be getting my dues to you. Keep up the good work.
- W8UBI - Enjoy reading the Radio Watch each month. It sure has come a long way in 5 years.
- W9DLX - 73 from God's 73 acres - welcome, but don't make it look like hell.
- WB9GIW - Keep up the good work. I hope I can do half the job that the others do.
- K9WVL - The Watch is better all the time.
- WOSGY - I enjoy the Service and appreciated the help while on my vacation in Memphis and Hot Springs.

This is from the March mail bag! Thanks for the record breaking renewals and new members. Keep on writing me.

73, Jim, W9GET/8

### EDITOR, RADIO WATCH:

On April 2nd at 1634 CST I was monitoring 7258 with WAØYZO as Service Control when a station called emergency. Service Control could not copy the station and I broke in to handle the relay.

The emergency was from W9BXB (or WA9BXB) as he only signed his call once. BXB needed a phone call to the Palos Community Hospital in Palos Park, Ill., to notify the emergency room he was bringing in an injured child and his ETA. I make the call and relayed the information to Service Control.

I am not a MWARS member, but do monitor and check in frequently. I plan to join Midcars today.

73, Joel, WB9GMV

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### MWARS MEMBERS ATTEND ARRL CONVENTION

The following Midcar members attended the March ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention in Muskegon, Michigan.

WB8CRG, WB8CCT, WB8GUD, WA8WNX, WB8LZA, WB8MKR, WA8YYY, W8ELM, WA8OXL, WB8MJI, W8LAQ, WA8AWJ, K9HSK and W9GET/8.

Jim, W9GET/8 reports the Convention was interesting, informative and a lot of fun.

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### DAYTON HAMVENTION PICTURE GALLERY

Your editor (not photographer) attempted to take pictures. However, Ray, W9HGJ; Bill, K4DLA and Art, W8FPZ took most of the pictures printed in this issue.

A special thanks to Ray for his valuable help at the meeting and hospitality suite. Ray issued new membership cards and collected dues for our Sec/Treas Jim, W9GET/8, who was unable to attend.

Several other members took pictures at the meeting and have promised to send them to me for printing in future issues.

...from the shack

of K8IKT



## EDITORIAL

This month's editorial seems to be a struggle to write. Since it's being written just prior to the Dayton Hamvention - and you won't be reading it till after the Hamvention many of us will have had an opportunity to meet by then. I'm looking forward to seeing you next week and would have liked to include in this month's column, tid-bits of what went on. But, that's the publishing business!!!

Also, this issue was put together before the Hamvention, with the exception of the picture pages - the pictures that I hope will be taken at our meeting and hospitality suite. At this writing, I plan 4 pages of pictures and hope you enjoy them.

Jim, W9GET/8, our secretary/treasurer, tells me we are renewing members and increasing membership at a good clip. Your membership is important to the Service!

The officers, directors and coordinators of the Service spend a lot of time running (and improving) the Service and the membership, generally, appreciates this effort.

The mail bag reflects your appreciation and it's surprising the little criticism that comes along. However, nothing is perfect - and if you've got a constructive criticism, pass it along.

Ham operators are a diverse group. Different operating techniques. Different thoughts about the function of the Service. We all think and act differently, as it should be. The one fact is the overall effect of the Service is certainly greater than the individual's effort.

MWARS is truly a synergistic organization - that is, the Service is a cooperative action of separate individuals such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the individual's actions.

How's that for a definition of Midcars' efforts?

As I said, this was a tough column to write. Next month I hope to have both feet on the ground and will have several humorous and serious antidotes to tell you regarding the Dayton meeting!

73, Bob, K8IKT

### ONE SAD NOTE . . .

During Midcars Dayton Meeting, Frank, K8NLM slipped and injured himself. He was taken home and at this writing the extent of his injury is unknown.

Frank handled many of Midcars Dayton Meeting preparations and we want to thank him for all his work.

MWARS extends its appreciation and wishes him a fast recovery.

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