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W RADIO WATCH



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It's a job that requires long hours, as each duplicated copy is made individually. The tapes run approximately ½ to 1 hour in length.

Our thanks to Russ and Doris for their work and effort.

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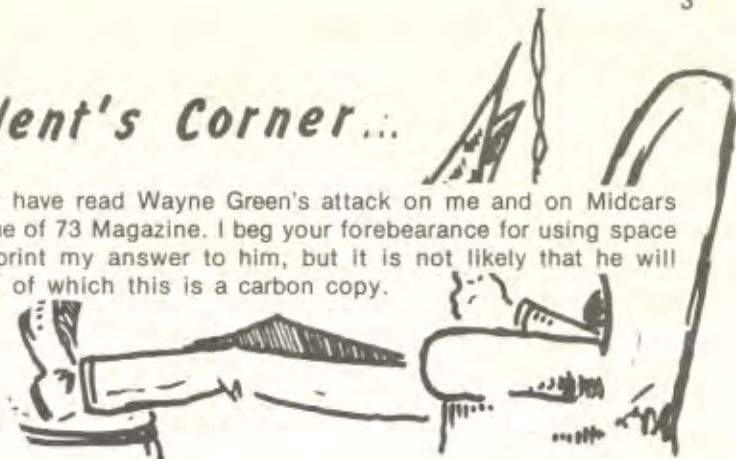
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President's Corner...

Some of you may have read Wayne Green's attack on me and on Midcars in the August issue of 73 Magazine. I beg your forbearance for using space in the Watch to print my answer to him, but it is not likely that he will publish the letter, of which this is a carbon copy.

73 - Bill, K4DLA

Mr. Wayne Green
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DEAR SIR:

Your vicious attack on me, and, by inference, on Midcars, in the article titled "Midcars Bad Guy" in the August issue of 73 has been quoted to me by a number of people. It is too ridiculous to be dignified with a reply and it would not be answered except that I do happen to be President of Midcars and feel that a reply should be made on behalf of the Service. I challenge you to print this letter verbatim.

In typical fashion, you have distorted the facts and have shown a complete disregard for the truth. You state that you "were practically thrown out of the Midcars meeting" by me. Not true. You also state that you were "asked to come to the Midcars meeting at Dayton to give a little pep talk to the group." If you were asked, it was without my knowledge or consent. If you were asked, without my knowledge, I would of course, had you mentioned the fact, have made a special effort to juggle the program to accommodate you, in deference to the person who asked you. You state that "He said flatly that he had no intention of permitting me to speak, even for a single minute." This is absolutely untrue.

As a matter of fact, I had never before seen you when you came up to me as the meeting was about to begin and asked for time on the program. My reply to you was that I was sorry but that there simply was no time available, the program having been arranged weeks in advance. My reply would have been the same to anyone who requested time at that moment. The fact that Midcars does not need a "pep talk" from Wayne Green is beside the point.

Midcars is fully aware of its potential in times of communications emergencies. At the time of the Rapid City disaster, I phoned FCC to ascertain the frequencies which had been set aside for emergency use and found that Midcars' usual frequency fell within the restricted portion of the band. I then contacted Rapid City to offer the services of Midcars and was advised that our services were not required at that time. We remained on a stand-by basis throughout the communications emergency.

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4 QUIPS FROM THE SEC/TREAS

- WB2LVW - My support of Midcars. You and the rest of the Midcars Officers, Directors, Co-ordinators, and of course, members help to make Midcars the fine team that it is, and the Radio Watch the excellent publication that it is.
- WB8LEA - The members of the Service that I have become acquainted with are fine and very helpful gentlemen.
- WB9CKG/9 - I am very glad to support an organization that has helped me so often to contact Milwaukee from my portable location.
- W9FBB - It's nice to know that the Midcars Service is there on 40 meters if needed.

The above are from the July Mail Bag. I did have one unfavorable quip with unprintable language! Keep the good one's coming.

73, Jim, W9GET/8

EDITOR:

I've been on 2M for the past few weeks using the local repeater and I'm having a ball. As I mentioned on the air to you the other day, I can see where 2M and Midcars could work very well together in the larger cities where limited calling is in effect on the telephone lines.

For example, I am on the Illinois/Mo state line, but it's a toll call for me into Illinois. But, through the repeater I can cover a 100 mile radius and if someone checks in Midcars with a request for a one-way to Granite City, Ill., which is just across the muddy Mississippi, I can kick on the 2 meter gear and make a contact with a station in or near Granite City who can handle the traffic without a toll charge.

If more Midcars' members, in the larger metro areas had 2M capabilities, we could render a greater service.

Well, it's 9 P.M. Bob and I've got to grab some chow, shower and head to work. So until next time, keep up the good work on the Watch, as we are receiving nothing but good remarks on the job you are doing.

73, Ed, WØWYJ

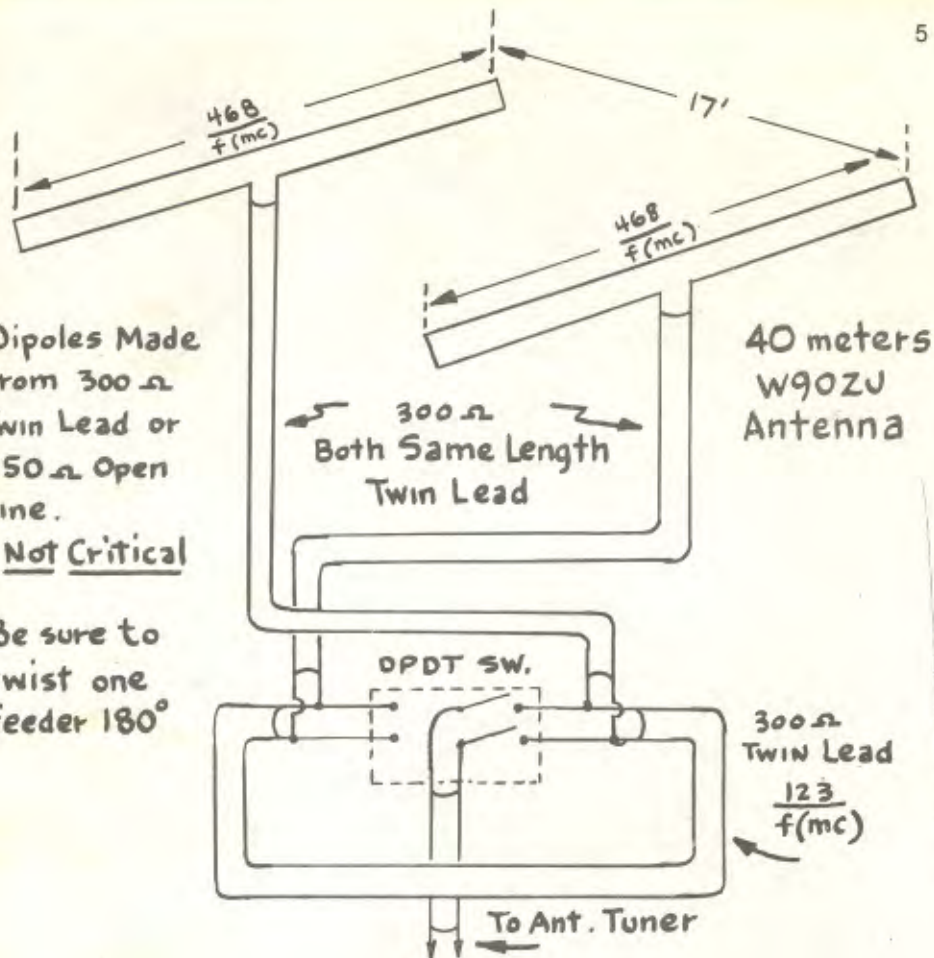
HELLO EDITOR:

I have been trying to get ahold of you on Midcars, but I guess I haven't been getting up early enough. HI.

I want to thank Midcars' members for all my new radio equipment. As you know the new antenna is up and I came home one Sunday and there was a new amplifier on my table.

Again, I want to thank everyone concerned and certainly appreciate all the effort that went in my behalf.

73, John, WB4VIK



WB9KUZ CALLED CQ

I called CQ most patiently and awaited my reply
A ham came and told me I QRMed him nearby.

I told him I was sorry and I didn't mean a thing
And please don't take the attitude of a ding-a-ling.

He said he didn't mean it and not to get upset
These idiots who put the bands together have no regrets.

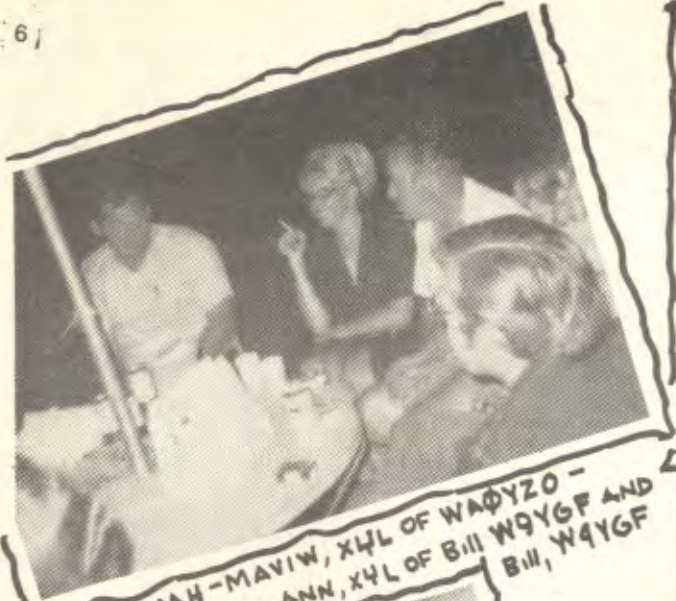
Old FCC does not think too kindly of thee when acting like a fool
And yet if we really always thought we'd always keep our cool.

Old friend please take some time, to lend some courtesy
And do not act like that nut who was QRMed by me.

The Poet Laureate of Midcars, WB9KUZ

FOR SALE

Drake R4A receiver for \$300 or best offer. Sideband Engineers SB21A linear for \$135 or best offer. Nine Element homemade beam for \$90 or best offer. The beam is for 20, 15 and 10. I'm looking for a good Drake TR4. Contact Charles Schneider, WA8YRU, 4701 Greentree Rd., Lebanon, Ohio 45036.



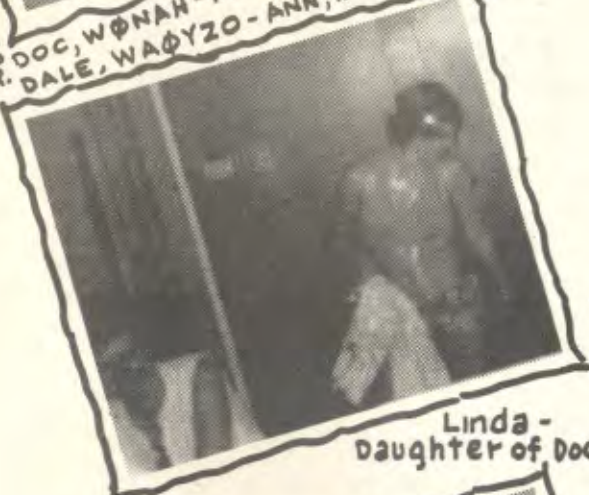
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L. To R. Bill, W9YGF - Bill, K4DLA - Bud, W9CCB



Terre Haute Prize winners



Linda - Daughter of Doc, WΦNAH



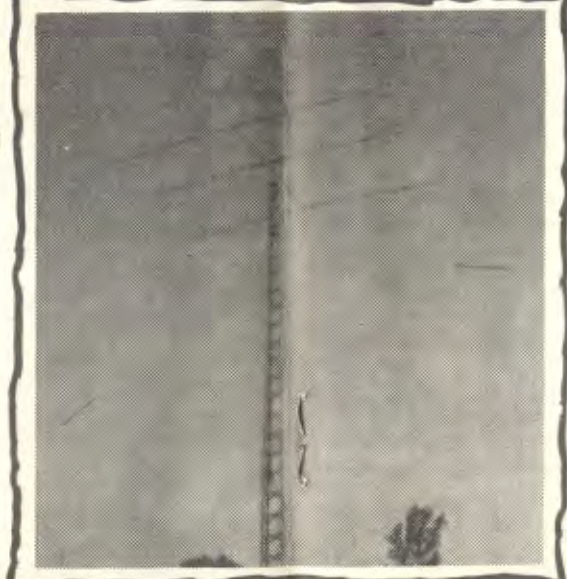
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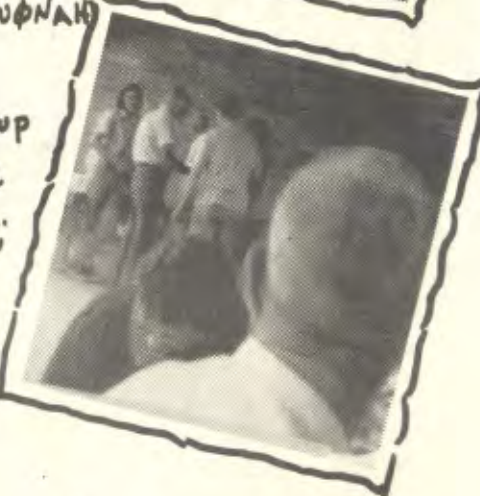
Gas Shortage Foot Power By Doc, WΦNAH



L. To R. Myrtle, XYL Ed, WΦWYJ Margie, XYL Doc, WΦNAH Ann, XYL Bill, W9YGF



Reason For Bill, K4DLA'S Strong Signal



The Group At Terre Haute... Who's ol' Baldy? Is it W9C--?

Midcars' Annual Picnic At Terre Haute - July 1973 Photos By Ed, WΦWYJ - Bill, K4DLA

I urge you to do the following:

1. Read the complete text of FCC's Docket 19759 (page 88 of August QST).
2. Read "It Seems To Us" on page 9 of August QST.
3. Prepare a response to the docket, using factual and logical arguments. (The editorial in August QST and some discussion with fellow hams will help)
4. Make 14 copies for FCC and one for ARRL Hq (I'd appreciate one, too.) Banks, libraries and some drug stores can make copies for you.
5. Talk it up.....at club meetings.....whenever you talk to another ham.

Remember that EIA and other proponents will be making a monumental pitch in favor of the docket. It will require the dedicated effort of each and every one of us to prevent loss of part of 220 MHz. And if we lose this one, which band will be next? Perhaps your favorite band will soon be populated by CBers!

Please.....ACT NOW. Amateur Radio needs YOUR help.

The filing deadline is September 20, 1973.

U.S. AMATEUR FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS

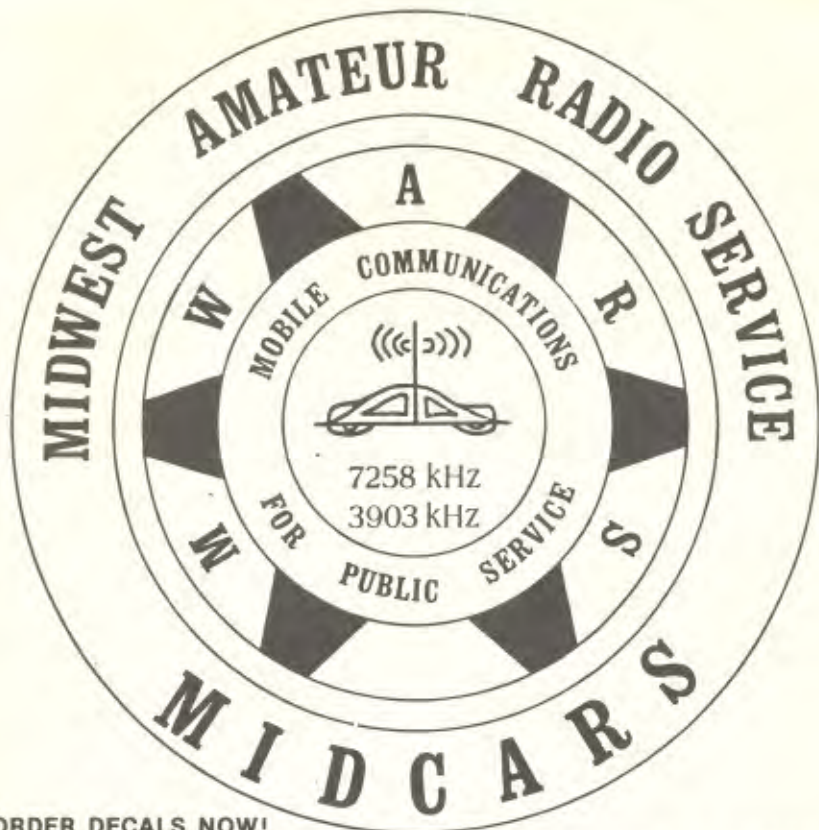
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| | 14,000-14,200 | 14,200-14,350 |
| | 21,000-21,250 | 21,250-21,450 |
| | 28,000-28,500 | 28,500-29,700 |
| | 50,000-50,100 | 50,100-54,000 |
| Advanced Class | 3,525-3,775 | 3,800-4,000 |
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| | 50,000-50,100 | 50,100-54,000 |
| General Class | 3,525-3,775 | 3,890-4,000 |
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| | 50,100-54,000 | |

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| Modification | \$ 4 |
| Special Call Sign | \$25 |

Use FCC Form 610 and mail with appropriate fee to:

Federal Communications Commission
Gettysburg PA 17325



ORDER DECALS NOW!

The supply of Midcars decals is now exhausted and our newer members have not received one. A deposit on an order for a new supply was placed last year but was held up for financial reasons. A new decal has been designed and approved by the Board. A rough reproduction of the new design appears above.

The production cost will be about the same as the old one. It will be 5" in diameter and will be printed in four colors - red, white, blue and black. We still do not have the funds to confirm the order, so the Board proposes that each member who wishes a new decal send 50 cents to Jim Moore, the Secretary. Hopefully, the response will be large enough so that we can place an order for a quantity that will supply all old members and enough extras in reserve to send one to each new member when he joins. LET'S ALL PITCH IN!

We need a few more orders before the decals can be made. Send your 50 cents in now!

EDITOR:

Holy cow! I guess that "JUL" indicates that I am 'due' this month . . . so I better get this in to you before "AUG" rolls around!!

Enjoy getting the Watch -- would like to see some more technical topics included, such as the metal locator, antenna ideas, etc., which used to be a regular monthly feature.

73 es CUL on '58' - Nick, WB9ELP

Your personal opinion of me, whom you have met once, for perhaps thirty seconds, is of no consequence to me. However, for the benefit of those persons who may think that if something is printed in a magazine, even your rantings, it automatically assumes some validity, it may be well to point out a few facts of which you are obviously unaware. You apparently assume yourself to be clairvoyant, to be able to make a public attack on the activities of a person whom you know not at all.

I have been keenly aware of the role that amateur radio can and must play in times of local or national emergency for probably longer than you have. The difference is that I have done something besides talk about it.

I note that you did not fail to take a slap at ARRL, even though you did not know of my affiliation with the League. I am proud to have been a member of ARRL for twenty-five years. I have held many ARRL appointments. While living in New England I was President of the Hampden County Radio Association and was honored to serve as General Chairman of one of the largest ARRL New England Division Conventions in history. I have never sought office in any organization, including Midcars. It must be my "frozen thinking" that led the Governor of Massachusetts to appoint me to his Operational Communications Committee, which controlled all emergency communications in the State. The committee was composed of persons in high positions (except myself) in the fields of electronics, education, communications, public utilities and law enforcement, each with authority to act for his company or agency, with the backing of the Governor. I was just a lowly little amateur but I was appointed Chairman of Amateur Communications for the State C.D. Agency, responsible for all amateur communications on a State-wide basis. Simultaneously, I served as Radio Officer for my C.D. region, comprising nine counties and several major cities; ARRL Emergency Coordinator and Phone Activities Manager.

I have devoted countless hours to emergency preparedness and training large groups of people in efficient net procedures. I have appeared on TV to help acquaint the public with amateur radio and to demonstrate the effectiveness of mobile communications in time of emergency.

Since it is doubtful that this will ever be published by you, be advised that an exact copy of this letter will be published in the next issue of the Radio Watch, official publication of Midcars. At least all Midcars members, plus numerous clubs, publications and other organizations, some members of which may have read your unprovoked attack, will have an opportunity to gauge the irresponsibility of your reporting, as if they didn't know already.

Yours very truly,

William G. Blankenship, Jr. K4DLA-W1RDR-AFA4DLA
President, Midcars

P.S. I wonder if it could have been my "frozen thinking" that led you to write to me, upon reading articles of mine in other amateur magazines, asking why I did not submit articles to you.

...from the shack



EDITORIAL

I usually leave this editorial for the last. Our typesetter is waiting for it now - so here goes.

You're all aware this is the election month for Midcars' 1974 Officers. Your ballot and envelope are enclosed. Use it, please. Enough said!

I exchange ham publications with many similar organizations and clubs around the country. We editors like to see how other publications are put together, etc. Sometimes we can use their material in ours.

I thought you'd be interested in knowing that many articles and stories that have appeared in the Watch have been picked up by other magazines. Before the end of the year, I'll make a note of those that have run elsewhere.

I feel it's a great honor for those members that have submitted articles to the Watch and they have been published in other ham magazines.

Next month, we'll announce how the vote came out on the dues increase. I moved my business office this week and Marcia (secretary who really gets the Watch out each month) and I have had our hands full with that - so if this issue of the Watch is a few days late, you'll understand.

For many reasons (mostly business) I feel we should be looking for a new editor to take over the Watch next January. If anyone wants to get involved, let me know and we can begin an orderly transfer of responsibilities.

DOES YOUR CALL APPEAR HERE?

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| W0SGY | K2RSK | WB4GLD | WA5OPP | WB8AWY |
| WB0DUM | K3TVO | W4NHH | W7PBV | W9ANG |

If so you were selected as the result of a "raffle" for a very important assignment.

So that we may find out more about you and your ham activities, we're asking you to send the editor anything you wish about yourself.

It can be a picture and a few words about you, an article or story about you, your experiences with Midcars, a QSL card (altho, some I can't publish due to mechanics), a technical article, etc.

Preferably, it should be about yourself, thoughts you have about Midcars or anything pertaining to amateur radio. Deadline is the 15th of the month.

This, of course, does not mean that other members can't submit an article or picture. As I indicate in all issues of The Watch - any member is encouraged to send me material for publication.

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