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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

On behalf of MIDCARS and myself I wish to gratefully acknowledge the many letters and long distance phone calls I have received regarding the senseless take-over, by a handful of "amateurs", of the frequency on which the Service has operated for more than seven years. These letters and calls have come from all over the country -- from MIDCARS members, non-members, and even SWLs, all deploring the existing state of affairs and all offering their strong support of MIDCARS and myself and pledging their full cooperation. I have tried to answer each letter individually. In the event that I have failed to reply personally to anyone, my humble apology, for each letter is nonetheless greatly appreciated.

The reason for the radical behavior of a few individuals escapes the understanding of all amateurs of good will. At the moment, it may seem that the good name of amateur radio is being besmudged. Nothing could be further from the truth because these few individuals, who are a disgrace to amateur radio, are hurting only themselves. In this connection, I strongly urge that all MIDCARS members and participants refrain completely from attempting to interfere with any station who is using the frequency on which the Service normally operates. To attempt such interference is descending to their level.

Finally, if I ever had any doubts (which I didn't) of the solidarity of MIDCARS and its friends, which are legion, those doubts would have been dispelled during the past several weeks by the outpouring of expressions of friendship and support from all across this great country.

73, Bill, K4DLA

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Dayton Hamvention April 25-26-27

LASER BEAM DEMO

Interested in communication systems of the future? Frank/W8LRO will present a short talk on laser communication techniques at the Midcar Forum in Dayton on April 26th. He will discuss how information is transmitted on a laser light beam and methods of detection. Advantages and disadvantages of this unique system will also be covered. Present plans include a live demonstration with laser equipment.

DAYTON PRIZE LIST GROWS

Midcar members who attend our meeting in Dayton on April 26 (2 PM) may go away with more than tired ears. Several vendors have donated door prizes and the list is still growing. As of the 1st of March the following prizes had been contributed.

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donor</u>
RF Power Meter	Heath Co.
Dual 40 meter Hustler	New-Tronics Corp.
W-4 Watt Meter	R. L. Drake
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MWARS: Alive, well and kicking. But, BYOB

Our heaviest months for membership renewals are December and January. The Secretary's latest report indicates that a large number of renewals for these months have not been received. If your membership has not been renewed, please do so at once. The continued production of the Radio Watch and associated expenses depends upon it. Please take a moment right now and send your check to WBØGNL.

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It has recently come to our attention that apparently some MIDCARS members have the impression that the Service is not operating, due to the take-over of 7258 by the two stations in the Detroit area. This is not true. MIDCARS operates daily, if not on 7258 then on any clear alternate frequency. Just look for the Service, anywhere between 7240 and 7270. You'll find it operating as usual and it will continue to do so.

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Following our long-established policy, no liquor will be served in the MIDCARS hospitality room at the Dayton Hamvention. Soft drinks and snacks will be available. If you wish to have beer with your snacks, it will be necessary that you bring your own. Ice for cooling will be available at the motel.

FOR SALE: Hustler Super-40 Resonator - first reasonable offer. WAØCAE, Bruce Frederickson, Mount Ayr, Iowa 50854.

Hope you can get the WATCH out more often. I don't know as I have much to say to help you. Would like to see the QRM cleared up on the band - but hear many members QRM-ing others already using 7258. Let's live-and-let-live fellows!

73, Bruce, WAØCAE

Dear Editor:

What's so special about April 3? Is it a holiday? Is it election day?

No April 3, 1975 will mark one year since the Xenia, Ohio tornado. But I've had memories of what happened about a year ago. I don't have to wait until the 3rd.

And what do I remember? Absolutely no success in obtaining a QSO that evening on any band 15-75. The messages going out, not many in. Phones inoperative. "We don't want your help," coming from "fellow" hams and the Red Cross. A chaotic list of people who were well. The blank faces of the injured, the homeless. The lack of a warning system, although one existed. Then April 4, MIDCARS. W8EDP, W8KAG, W8EDP's neighbor. The search for homes, people, etc. And the communication via MIDCARS.

Would anybody know if any efforts are being directed at future events like this? The tornado season is coming, and around here it's no joke. Would anybody be interested in writing an article in the Radio Watch?

Has a technical question section of the Watch been tried? I have some questions. For example, what about the length of feedlines? What is the service like on a brand XYZ rig?

Keep up the good work Bob!

73, E.P. Rolek, K9SQG/8

EDITORIAL

Last call for the Dayton Hamvention being held the end of this month. Generally it's attended by more MWARS members than any other meeting. The Midcar Forum is shaping up. Frank, W8LRO and Bill, K4DLA have put together an interesting meeting (Saturday, April 26 at 2 PM). A laser beam demonstration, prizes and now confirmation that A. Prose Walker, W4BW, of the FCC will speak to our group.

In addition, a MWARS hospitality suite at the Imperial House North along with all the other goodies the Dayton Hamvention offers. Come to the meeting and express your views. Hope to eye-ball you there.

Arrangements with our printer are being made to go offset in printing the Watch. (Possibly with this issue). When we go offset, we'll go back to the original format and jazz it up a bit. Pictures, more art, etc.

I need your help! Send me an article, photographs (I'll return them), a QSL card - or anything. It's your Watch and should reflect your interests.

See you in Dayton.

73, Bob, K8IKT

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